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Mr. Steinbeck,

We have decided not to publish your novel, the seminal American masterwork of the Great Depression, THE GRAPES OF WRATH. I'm afraid that this extremely famous and enormously successful book is just not what we're looking for right now. Regardless, we are confident you will be able to find some other publishing house that would be willing to print your highly influential and award-winning opus. Unfortunately, it's just not this one.

Best,

Gerald Laskey

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