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**Aim:** How does Curley's wife's portrayal of a femme fatal lead to the turning point?

**Do Now:** Do you know, or can you guess, what a femme fatal is? Take a moment to think about it and jot down some ideas.

Femme → woman      Fatal → Deadly

Archetype → Original Model

## Femme Fatale (n.) *French*

**A woman who is alluring & seductive. She uses her charm to convince her lover to take part in compromising, dangerous & even deadly situations . . .**



Marilyn in  
Some Like it Hot (1959)

A famous Hollywood portrayal of a femme fatale.

## Alluring/Beautiful

\* Fancy, skimpy, Bright Red clothing...

## Danger

\* Flirting \* Letting Lennie "pet" her

Deadly \* Angering Curley

\* She gets killed but...

Now Lennie is going to be targeted! Dream is dead!

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# Femme Fatal

## Beauty / Provocative Clothes

\* Red; flashy, skimpy clothes

Danger

Trouble / Flirting

## Seduces

\* Lennie \* Soft Hair

\* Accidentally Breaks Neck