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A speech

MAGGIE: The auctions would go on even if I sacrificed all my people.

TRAIN: But what if you could end them?

MAGGIE: **If I could end the auctions by allowing one of my people to die alone, with nobody's hand to hold on to, I would say, let the auctions go on, the price of stopping them is too great.** (pp. 129-30)

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*I think I see a couple of values here: Maggie thinks that human companionship - a "hand to hold on to" - is a basic, fundamental value: she thinks dying abandoned and alone is as bad as things get. I also think Maggie values individuals more than abstractions: she doesn't think you can count up people suffering and make it worse. She doesn't add up suffering: one at a time is all she wants to think about.*