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- Through the protagonist's change, the author seems to suggest that loneliness can only be overcome through the personal connection with other people. The lesson that the main character learns is that holding on to the past means that one continues to suffer in the present. When the character encounters empathy, he begins to heal from the tragic past. This is the true change that he begins: Loneliness to openness.

Through the protagonist's change, the author seems to suggest that loneliness can only be countered through a personal connection with other people. The narrator looks to the man with hooks for understanding and empathy. Through this personal connection, the main character learns a lesson that people cannot change on their own. The author indicates that dealing with the past requires us to live in the present.