

6. Going Places

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Points to Remember

Sophie's ambition and unrealistic dreams

- wants to start a boutique
- wants to earn money by becoming a manager an actress or even a fashion designer
- She comes from a weak socio-economic background
- Her friend Jansie - simply wants Sophie to be happy.
- realistic
- can't keep information or secrets to herself.

Sophie's Dad

- is strong, sweaty and hardworking
- loves to watch football matches
- does not believe in Sophie's imaginary stories

Sophie's brother – Goeff

- is an apprentice machanic
- speaks less
- Sophie trusts him, shares her secrets with him

Sophie lives in 'a world of her own fantasy

- Sophie is fond of hero worshipping and fantisizing.
- Sophie's hero is an Irish player, Danny Casey
- dreams of meeting him
- obsessed about meeting him, makes up stories about her meeting with him
- starts believing her imagination as real.
- nobody believes her, feels disappointed
- still believes that she has met Danny Casey.

Short Answer Type Question

1. What were the future plans of Sophie?

Ans. Sophie lives in a world of dreams. She aspired to have a boutique after leaving school. She told her friend Jansie that in order to save money, she would work as a manager. She also toyed with the idea of working as an actress.

2. How did Sophie react when Geoff told her father that she had met Daney Casey?

Ans. Sophie had shared her secret of meeting Daney Casey with her brother Geoff. When Geoff told his father about this, Sophie wriggled because of the possible contempt of his father. She was afraid that her father would never believe about it.

3. Did Sophie's father believe her Story?

Ans. No, Sophie's father did not believe her story. When Geoff told him about the meeting, his expression was one of disdain. He also felt that she would take herself into a load of trouble and said that Geoff should not believe her even though he would like to.

4. Why did Sophie not want Jansie to know about her story with Danny.

Ans. Sophie did not want that Jansie should know about her story with Danny because she was afraid that Jansie would tell about the story to the whole neighbourhood. She feared that her father might get to hear it and would create a row.

Questions for Practice

1. How did Jansie discourage Sophie from having day dreams?

2. How is Geoff different from Sophie?

3. Why did Sophie go to a lonely arcade at night.

4. Why did Danny Casey not come to meet Sophie though he had promised to meet her?

5. Did Sophie really meet Daney Casey?

6. What made Daney Casey a popular Celebrity?

LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Compare and contrast the character of Sophie and Jansie.

Ans. **Key Points**

- Both were friends
- but different in their personalities.
- Sophie romantic, who seemed to do nothing in the realistic world.
- lives in the world of dreams.
- dreams of starting a boutique.
- Jansie - lives in the world of reality
- more practical than Sophie
- knows that both were earmarked for biscuit factory.
- Sophie - childish enough to live in the world where Daney Casey meets her.

Questions for Practice

1. Give the Character Sketch of Sophie.

Value Based Questions:

1. Like all other teenagers, Sophie lived in the world of fantasy and worshipped her soul's hero Daney Casey. She goes to the extent of imagining a date and feels disappointed – when the realization dawns upon her that it was a waking dream. Write an article based on the story of Sophie – "Self-deception leads to Depression.

Key Points

- Unrealistic dreams – distract from goals.
- Self deception leads to frustrated personality
- cause of failure
- creates complexes
- leave excuses
- Immature thinking
- Need to line in realistic world.