
Chapter - 8

Going Places

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GIST OF THE LESSON

The lesson explores the theme of adolescent fantasies and hero worship. Sophie and Jansie are both in the last year of high school and both knew that they were destined to work in the biscuit factory as they belong to a working class family. Yet, Sophie, always dreams of big and beautiful things, glamour and glory.

Her ambitions are not rooted in reality i.e., have no relation with the harsh realities of life. In contrast is Jansie, Sophie's friend, a realistic and practical girl. Sophie lives in male-dominated family where her mother was only a shadow. The men were football fans and the conversations around the dinner table were about Danny Casey, their Hero. Sophie wants some attention from her father and brother and telling them that she met Casey, was her way of drawing their attention towards her. But she carries her fantasies too far when she starts to live them.