

GOING PLACES

Q1. Why did Sophie like her brother Geoff more than any other person?

Or

Mention the incident when Geoff plays the role of the protective elder brother to Sophie?

Answer. Geoff was really a protective brother for Sophie. She shared all her imaginary stories and he always kept them a secret. He was very surprised to know about her meeting with Danny. When the father was told about it, he was a little angry and did not believe her. But Geoff came for her rescue.

Q2. ‘and she was jealous of his silence.’ Why was Sophie Jealous of Geoff’s silence?

Answer. Geoff was an apprentice Mechanic and he used to visit different cities for his work. But he was also an introvert who hardly shares his experience with Sophie. She thought that he visit difference places and met different people, but he never told her about them. So she, sometime, felt jealous of him.

Q3. What did Sophie tell Geoff about her meeting with Danny Casey?

Answer. Sophie told Geoff that she had met Danny Casey at Royace Window. She further told him that Danny’s eyes were green and gentle and he was not so tall. She told Geoff that she had requested him for an autograph but neither of them had any pen and paper. But Danny promised her for the autograph when he would meet him at the arcade.

Q4. Why did Sophie want to keep her meeting with Danny a secret from Jansie?

Or

“Damn that Geoff, this was a Geoff thing not a Jansie thing.” Why did Sophie say so?

Answer. One day after the football match, Jansie enquired about Sophie’s upcoming meeting with Danny. Sophie was really afraid to hear that. She thought that Geoff had leaked her little secret to Jansie. Now she would tell the whole neighbourhood and they would make stories about them. Her mother might create a row.

Q5. How did Sophie’s father react when Geoff told him about her meeting with Danny Casey?

Answer. Sophie's father was a realistic man who never believed the wild imaginary stories of Sophie. When Geoff told him about the meeting of Sophie with Danny, He refused to believe it. On the other hand Sophie wriggled with fear as she might be rebuked by the father.

Q6. Pick two instances from the text to prove that Danny Cassey was a Celebrity.

Answer. Danny was a famous Irish football player who was favourite in England. There were many posters of Danny Cassey and United's first team. More than fifty thousand spectators gathered at the stadium to see the match in which Danny scored the winning goal.

Q7. Why did Sophie like to walk by the canal?

Answer. Sophie liked to walk with the canal. She had many memories connected to Canal where she used to play there when she was a child. She had often played there when she was a child. Moreover it was a secluded/peaceful place. There was a wooden bench beneath under a solitary elm tree. So it was a perfect meeting place of lovers.

Q8. Why was Sophie relieved to see her father's bicycle outside the pub?

Answer. Sophie was in a great fear when she was coming back from the arcade. She had waited for Danny Cassey for a long time but he did not come. She thought that the father would get angry on him. But when she saw her father's bicycle standing outside the pub, she got a great relief. Now she did not have to face him at home.

Q9. Did Sophie really meet Danny Casey?

Answer. No, Sophie did not meet Danny Casey. She was living in the world of fantasy and imagination. She thought too much about Danny Casey and imagined that she had met Danny. She developed a make belief world in which she started loving the Irish Football player.

Q10. Bring out the various aspects of the brother sister relationship with illustration from the text.

Or

Why did Sophie like her brother Geoff more than any other person?

Answer. Sophie and her brother Geoff had a relation of faith and deep understanding. She did not have a stable mind and lived in the world of imagination and fantasy. She had some big and wild dreams like becoming a fashion designer, Manager of showroom and actress like Mary Quant or to start her own boutique.

Geoff was an apprentice mechanic who visited different places and met people for his work. These exotic places and people had special affection for Sophie a girl from a mediocre family but had dreams of a luxurious life. Sophie had full faith on him and shared all her feelings. She told him about her meeting with Danney Cassey. On the other hand, Geoff was an introvert who hardly shared his experience with her. Some time she felt jealous of this silence. When he was not speaking to anybody, she thought he was away to these beautiful places.

Geoff was also a protective brother who always came to rescue/save. He told the father about Sophie's meeting with Danny Casey.

Q11. Bring out the difference in the character of Sophie and Jansie.

Answer. Sophie and Jansie are classmates and close friends. Both belong to mediocre families. Still they have a big contrast in their personalities. Sophie live in a world of imagination and fantasy while Jansie is a practical girl who knows her limitations. Sophie is an over ambitious girl and has got some wild dreams. She aspires/wishes to start a big boutique in the city. But Jansie tells her that it takes (she needs) a lot of money to start a boutique. Now she wishes to become a manager to get enough money to have a descent life but Jansie explains her that being young and inexperienced, they can not become a manager right away. Sophie says that she may become an actress like marry quant as there is a lot of money in that. But Jansie tells her that if she gets so much money, she will arrange a beautiful and blessed house for her family. All this show that Jansie is a practical girl and she knows her limitations. She tells Sophie that they were destined to work for the biscuit factory after the school. She tries to make her understand the bitter realities of life.

Q12. "Going places" is the story that borders on fantasy and reality" elaborate.

Answer. The story "Going places" brings out the difference between the world of imagination and reality. Sophie was an over-ambitious girl and did not have a stable mind. She had some wild dreams like becoming a fashion designer, Manager of showroom and actress like Mary Quant or to start her own boutique. The poor girl did not realize that she did not have enough money and experience to accomplish these dreams. She was also fascinated with the life of her brother Geoff who visited exotic places and people about whom he told nothing.. She
She was living in a make belief world (imaginative world) in which she developed a close relation with Danny Casey the young and talented Irish football player. Driven by her passion, she went to arcade to meet him. She pictured him coming out of the shadow but it was her illusion. Thusthe poor girl could not come out of her imagination.

On the other hand, Sophie's father, Jansie and Geoff lived a practical life. Jansie tried to make her understand the bitter realities of life. She told her that she needs a lot money and experience to accomplish her dreams. Even the father did not believe her baseless stories.

Q13. Dreams should be practical: 'Going places'. (Value based)

Answer. Dreams are strange phenomenon of life. Every single person has some dream for his career, family and society. In fact our dreams are our inspiration. Dreams are necessary for us as they motivate us to do something innovative and worthwhile. Great people saw great dreams that benefited the society. But dreams should be practical that can be achieved with sheer hard work and dedication. In the story, 'Going Places' Sophie came from a mediocre family but had dreams for a luxurious life. This make belief world was in direct contrast of her real life. She was an ambitious girl who belonged to a poor socio-economical background. She dreamed of starting her own boutique, becoming the manager of a big firm and a famous actress like Mary Quant. She was living in a make belief world (imaginative world) where she imagined of a fantastic future. She also fantasized about her meeting with Danny Casey. The girl should realize that she come from a middle class working family. She needs to raise herself from these difficulties and prove her mettle. With an excellent planning, hard work and dedication she can realize these dreams. There is no short cut to success. If she keeps her patience and works with dedication, she will certainly see her luck shining upon her.