

***Machinal* by Sophie Treadwell**

YOUNG WOMAN

I've always thought I'd find somebody – somebody young – and – and attractive – that I'd like – that I'd love – But I haven't found anybody like that yet – I haven't found anybody – I've hardly known anybody – you'd never let me go with anybody and – No. Let me finish, Ma! No – let me finish! I just mean I've never found anybody – anybody – nobody's ever asked me – till now – he's the only man that's ever asked me – And I suppose I got to marry somebody – all girls do – But, I can't go on like this, Ma – I don't know why – but I can't – it's like I'm all tight inside – sometimes I feel like I'm stifling – You don't know – stifling. I can't go on like this much longer – going to work – coming home – going to work – coming home – I can't – Ma – if you tell me that again I'll kill you! I'll kill you – Maybe I am crazy – I don't know.