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The novel opens with Aunt Polly searching the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically, “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sadly on Tom’s mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at suppertime, dried and dirty with mud, and Aunt Polly announces that he will be skipped school that afternoon and next morning. Aunt Polly is satisfied, but sad. Tom’s half-brother, Randy, has just been taken away to a distant school.

Tom goes out of the house in the rain and begins to make a whistle. While walking the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom finds the new arrival, a man in a green coat and monocle, and eventually chooses him as a new brother.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirtied clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Ian passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of marble. Ian almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
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