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Tom comes home at suppertime in a state of high excitement. He has heard about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Iye explains that Tom will be skipped school that afternoon and must return to the house after school. Tom’s head droops, but Aunt Iye has a plan. She asks Tom to cast himself to dispose his mind in a cheerful mood and eventually rice the newcomer all the way home.

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