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The novel opens with Aunt Polly scouring 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 ruefully on Tom’s mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at suppertime and finds that he has been skipped school that afternoon and must work the next two days. When Aunt Polly sees his clothes still wet from his drenching, she is satisfied. Tom’s half-brother, Jim, has already left the house for a “whale of a time.” Tom and the new arrival, Joe Harper, and Ben一本, and eventually choose the newcomers of the way house.

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. Jan passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “whale of a time.” Tom almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
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