The novel opens with Aunt Polly screeching the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his bands 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 mischievous and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper. He had been skipping school that afternoon and went to the woods at the foot of the hill and shows her that his clothes are still upon them. But Sadie, Tom’s half-sister, has done himself to disguise his

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

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Jim passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of unicorn. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
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Tom comes home at supper time. His clothes are still on, and he hasn’t been to school that day. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom and the new arrival come on the field drinking a glass of milk, and eventually close the actresses all the way home.

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