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Tom goes out of the house in a bus and around the corner to the theatre. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom meets Huckleberry Finn, a boy who is also going to school and eventually comes to the conclusion that Tom is the one who is better off.

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