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The novel opens with Aunt Polly scrounging the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with mud, 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. He tells his mother about his adventure. During supper, Aunt Polly is not pleased with Tom’s report. She orders him to be skipped school that afternoon and work on the wharf where he has often been forbidden to go. Tom is sad, but he is also excited. He has always dreamed of working on the wharf and eventually chances the newscome all the way home.

When he returns 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, a Saturday, as punishment.

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