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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 worriedly on Tom’s mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom goes out of the house on horseback to look for his sisters. He is bound to have a story about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks Tom what he did that day. Tom says he skipped school that afternoon and went swimming in the river, and when Aunt Polly says she has heard that his collar is still wet from the river, Tom tells her that it isn’t true. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom and the new arrival of his cousin, the Mock Turtle, go to the graveyard and eventually choose the new cemetery on the other side of town.

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. Jim passes by, and Tom lies to get Jim to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of muzzle. Jim agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.
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