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 sadly on Tom’s misconduct and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper time, and Aunt Polly, who has heard all about his adventures, is delighted. During supper, Aunt Polly tells the boys about the丢失s and events that have occurred in town. Tom’s brother, Huck, happens to be skipped school that afternoon and was found dead. Aunt Polly’s heart and shows her that Tom’s life is still open for improvement and eventually chased the newsmen 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 whitewash the fence. Jim passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “whaleelay,” a kind of match. 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 suppertime with a black mark on his face and a haggard look. He has spent the day in the woods and missed school. When Aunt Polly asks him why he was not at school, Tom says he was playing the fiddle at an auction and that no one noticed. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom goes out of the house in a huff, and Aunt Polly watches him go. Tom has sworn the boy to keep his mouth shut about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks Tom if he has been to school. He says no. She asks him if he has been to the woods. He says no. She asks him if he has been to the auction. He says yes. Aunt Polly tells him that if he ever tells another lie, she will not believe him. Tom groans.

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