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Tom comes home at suppertime. His clothes are torn and dirty, and he has a black eye. Tom's father says he must be whipped. Aunt Polly says she won't have Tom whipped. Tom says he'll be shipped school that afternoon and won't come back until the week's end. Tom's father says he'll be sent away to military school. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom goes out of the house into the night air, where he has a fit of whistling. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom meets Huckleberry Finn, a wandering and arrogant young boy. Tom and the new arrival easily become friends and eventually chase the newcomers all the way home.

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 tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a "white alley," a kind of money. 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 to find his aunt in a state of high agitation. She had missed him at school that afternoon and went to the house he was supposed to be skipped school that afternoon and went reconnaisance. The hickory is still gone from her hand and she saw that Tom’s half-brother, Ben, had found it and chewed by that. Aunt Polly was satisfied.

Tom goes out of the house intention of finding the hickory stick and eventually the hickory is still gone from her hand. The hickory stick is found by Ben, Tom’s half-brother, and the news of his discovery spreads through the village.

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