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OF TOM SAWYER**

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Sid Tells About Tom's Mischief.

CHAPTER 1

The Great Whitewash

Tom Sawyer was always getting into trouble. He was the kind of boy who just could not resist adventure.

Tom lived with his Aunt Polly, his cousin Mary and his half-brother Sid. Everyone was used to Tom's mischief, but Sid never missed a chance to tell Aunt Polly when he thought Tom was up to no good. That's how she found out that Tom was playing hooky from school and going swimming.

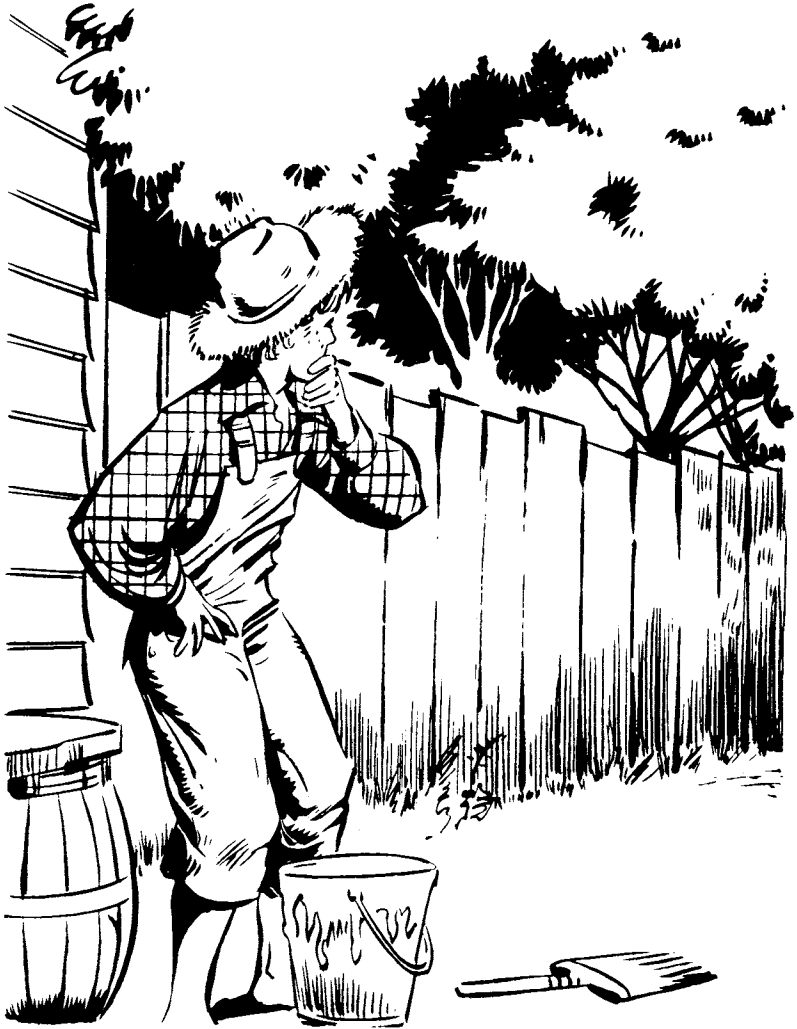
Now, as a punishment for his behavior, Tom found himself faced with the chore of

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whitewashing 30 yards of fence on a sunny Saturday afternoon. And what was worse—it was one of those warm summer days when everyone else was out playing ball or swimming. And there was Tom, all alone on the sidewalk with a long-handled brush and a bucket of whitewash.

He looked at the fence. It seemed enormous, and he knew it would take all day to give it only one coat. Tom began to think of all the fun he had planned for this day, and his sorrows multiplied. Soon his friends would come down the street, and he shuddered to think of how they would laugh to see him whitewashing a fence on such a beautiful day. There must be a way out of this situation.

Tom emptied his pockets and looked at his worldly wealth—bits of toys, marbles, and trash. He might be able to bribe someone else to help him for a while, but there wasn't



A Fence to Be Whitewashed