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Chapter 1

Aunt Polly

‘Tom! Tom!’

No answer.

The old lady, Aunt Polly is her name, looked over her glasses angrily.

‘Tom! Tom! Where are you?’

There was still no answer. She opened the door and looked out with a broom in her hand.

‘Tom! Tom! Where are you?’ she shouted again.

Tom was just behind her. She turned quickly and held Tom’s arm tightly.

‘What are you doing here, you naughty boy?’ she said angrily.

‘Nothing.’

‘Nothing! Look at your hands. And look at your mouth. What is it?’ Aunt Polly said.

‘It’s jam, aunt,’ said Tom.

‘Did you ask me if you can eat jam?’

‘No.’

Tom ran away quickly before Aunt Polly hit him with the broom. He jumped over the fence and disappeared.

‘What a fool I am,’ said Aunt Polly after Tom ran. ‘I should beat the boy. He always plays tricks on me, the little devil. Enough is enough. Oh, but he’s my own dead sister’s boy. When I beat him, I feel bad.’ Aunt Polly felt sad and did not know what to do.



Tom ran away before Aunt Polly hit him.

Tom didn't like school so he always played truant. He hated studying. He hated school. He preferred to spend his day running and playing in the fields, and he played by himself and with other children his age.

It was evening. Tom ate his supper quietly. Aunt Polly came and asked him some questions about school.

'Tom, it was very hot in school, wasn't it?'

'Yes.'

'Didn't you go swimming?'

'No, I didn't'

Aunt Polly touched his shirt to see if it was still wet. The shirt was dry but Aunt Polly wasn't convinced.

'Did you change your shirt Tom?'

'No aunt, look it's the same shirt.'

Aunt Polly was surprised because that day Tom didn't play truant and he didn't go swimming. Tom left the house and went out after supper. He forgot all his troubles because he had a new interest. This new interest was whistling. He learnt it from a black man. He felt very happy because that. It was like discovering a new place to go fishing.