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Tom comes home at supper, but Aunt Polly is satisfied. She has heard about Tom’s adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that he will not be skipped school that afternoon and must reimburse his sister Mary for the bread and shows him that his collar is still away from his mouth. Tom’s half-brother, Joe Harper, plays a prank on Tom, but Tom gets even. Tom goes out of the house to make a little noise and to drown out the sound of snoring. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom meets Huckleberry Finn and Governor Clay. Tom and the new arrival exchange greetings and eventually catch a rowboat all the way home.

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Tom comes home at supper time, and his aunt scolds him about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that he will be skipped school that afternoon and won't be allowed to go to the river bank and shows him that his collar is still open from the day before, but still, Tom's half brother, Joe Harper, is away, and Tom is despondent. Tom's aunt eventually decides to let Tom go to the river bank. Tom goes out of the house and sees the river bank, which is a place of wonder and amusement. He sees boys playing and eventually decides to go there.

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Like Freudian psychoanalysis, analytical psychology believes in the idea of the complex. A complex, here, is a way of organizing thought, often around an archetype, that can prevent a person from achieving wholeness. For example, a person might have a superiority complex, structured around the archetype of the hero.