

FADE IN:

INT. ATTIC BEDROOM - ST. PETERSBERG - MORNING

SID is dressed and ready for school, but TOM is just pulling on his pants when a loud "YEOWL" is heard, O.S. Tom moves quickly to the open window, returns the signal with a hushed "MEOW", then calls down.

TOM
 (loud whisper)
 Huck?
 (no answer)
 Joe?...

EXT. AUNT POLLY'S HOUSE - ST. PETERSBERG - MORNING

ON A AUNT POLLY'S WEARY FACE, standing in the kitchen below, calling to the boys. With the VOICE OF THE AGING TWAIN OVER, we see

MARK TWAIN (V.O.)
 His name is Tom. Tom Sawyer.
 And he lived in this small
 house by the river with his
 widowed Aunt Polly and his
 half-brother Sid.

AUNT POLLY
 You-u-u Tom! Sid! Time for
 school!

SID obediently hurries downstairs. Another "YEOWL" is heard. Hurrying to get his clothes on, Tom starts to answer with another "MEOW" but Aunt Polly's voice stops him.

AUNT POLLY
 Tom! What on earth are you up
 to?

TOM
 (Calling down to her)
 Nothing.

Another "YEOWL", more insistent. Tom grabs his fishing pole and starts to climb out the window and down.

AUNT POLLY
 Well get a move on then!

