Kinship And Behavior In Primates
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Tom comes home at suppertime. Tom was in the habit of being skipped school that afternoons and went everywhere Tom wanted to go. He is a bit of a troublemaker, and Aunt Polly is satisfied. She tells Tom that he needs to work and shows him that his clothes are still on the ground. Tom's half-brother, Huckleberry Finn, is also supposed to be working, but he is not there. Tom is told to go wash his hand and then to change into his work clothes.

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Tom comes home at supper, wearing a suit of clothes he has bought with his own money. He has been skipping school that afternoon and spent his money on a new suit, which his aunt does not approve of. Tom is bound for school the next day, and Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom’s half-brother, Huck Finn, arrives with some news. Huck has been to St. Petersburg and brings news of the new arrival, a sailor named Mr. Simon Gump, and eventually chores the newcomer all the way home.

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