Becoming Japanese Colonial Taiwan And The Politics Of Identity Formation
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Tom comes home at suppertime and his uncle says, “Well, Tom, how was school?” Tom mumbles, “I was skipped school that afternoon and went over to the house of a friend.” Tom’s uncle asks, “Did you pass the friend’s house without looking in?” Tom’s uncle goes on to tell Tom that he must not be skipped school that afternoon and does not mention his other activities or his friend’s house. Tom says nothing.

Aunt Polly is satisfied. She sends Tom to fetch the horse. When Tom gets back, he finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices Tom’s dirty clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

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Tom comes home at supper. The sun has set, and Tom's face is dirty. He tells all about his adventures. During supper, Aunty Polly discovers that Tom was not in school that morning and was instead in a nearby orchard and garden. She is shocked and sees that his clothes are still covered with jam, but she is happy. Tom's half-brother, Ben, has returned from the war and will be visiting soon. Tom has sworn to himself to despise his military medals and try to be a simple, honest boy.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunty Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirty clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunty Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Tom passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a "whale's belly," a kind of money. Aunty Polly agrees, but Aunty Polly appears and clears him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.