

CHAPTER 3

There was a big thunderstorm. The river **rose**. It went right over its banks. A lot of wood came down stream.

We made a raft. We stayed inside the cave to keep dry. We went out at night.

One night, we found a farm house. Nobody was there. We climbed in through a window. It had a bed, a table, clothes and two chairs. We saw a man in the corner. He was dead. He was shot. We took the clothes and lots of other things from the house.

The days passed by and finally the river went down.

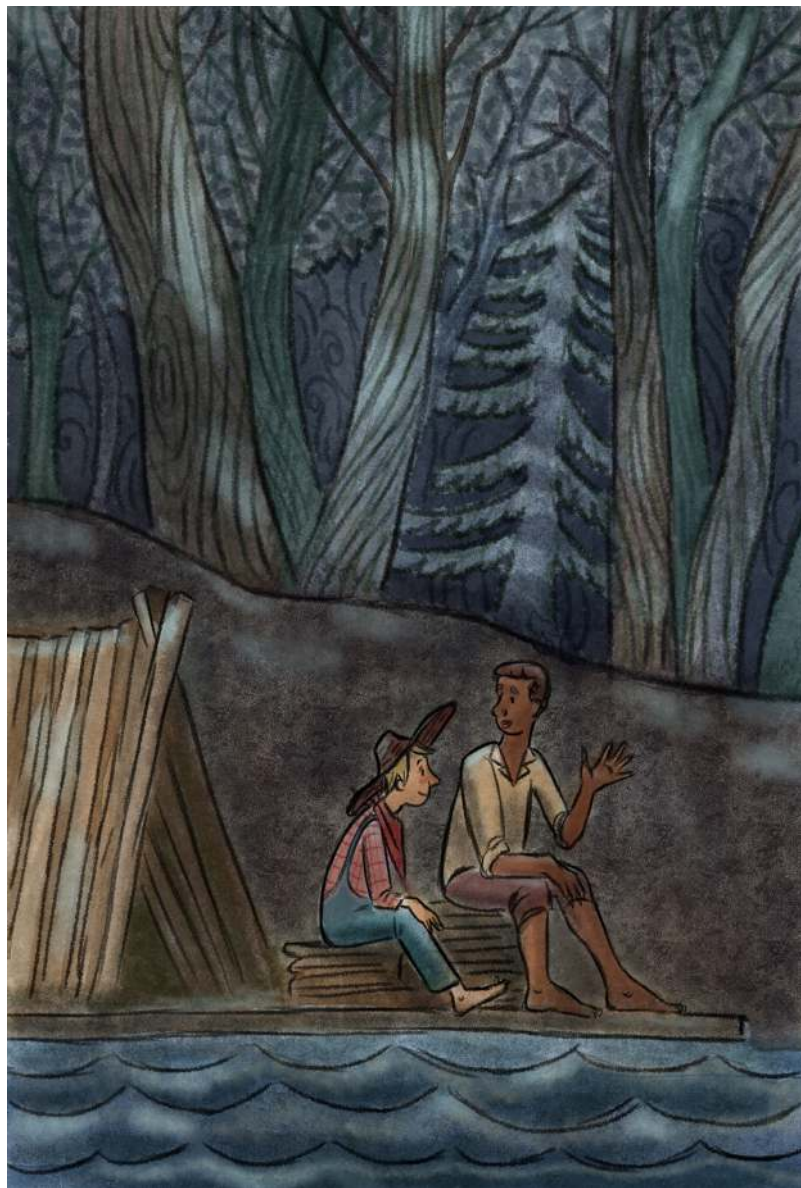
“I want to go into town and find out what’s going on,” I said to Jim.

I put on some girls’ clothes. I didn’t want anyone to know me. I rowed across the river to the town. There was a small hut. Inside there was a woman. I didn’t recognize her.

“Good. She doesn’t know me. She must be new in this town. I can find out what’s happening,” I thought. I knocked on her door.

The woman knew all about Huck and the murder, “People think a nigger called Jim killed Huck. He ran away the night he was killed. There’s a reward for Jim and also Huck. Everyone is looking for them. Huck’s dad wants to find them to get the money,” she told Huck.

rise (v) to go up



*We made a tent on the raft.
We floated down river to St. Louis.*

I was scared. I went back to the island. I woke Jim up. “They’re coming to the island to find us. We should float to St. Louis on the raft,” I said to Jim. We put all our things on the raft. We tied the canoe to it. We made a tent on the raft.

We floated slowly down river toward St. Louis. We caught fish. We swam and we talked. We floated for five days. Each night I went ashore and bought some food.

Just before St. Louis, there was a big storm. We saw a riverboat **wrecked**. Jim and I paddled over to it. Then we climbed onto it.

We heard voices on the ship. Jim was scared and went back to the raft. I wanted to find out what they were doing. There were three men: Bill, Jake and Jim Turner.

Bill wanted to kill Jim Turner. Jake didn’t want Jim dead. They argued about it.

“Don’t shoot him, Bill. Leave him here. The ship will break up and he will drown,” Jake said.

“I need to get off the ship,” I thought.

I found Jim who was still on the boat, and said “Let’s get off quickly, back to the raft,” but the raft wasn’t there. Jim and I were trapped.

We need to find the men’s boat before Bill and Jake escaped on it. We found it, but Bill and Jake were climbing into it.

wrecked (n) badly damaged or ruined

CHAPTER 4

“Have you got Jim’s money?” Bill asked. “No,” said Jake.

The two men got out of their boat and went back onto the ship to get Jim’s money.

While they were gone, Jim the slave and I quickly got into their boat and cut the ropes. We went down river. We tried to find our raft.

The storm started again and it was difficult, but finally we saw our raft. We were very happy to see it. We climbed onto it and into the wigwam.

We found the men’s money in the boat. We took it onto the raft with us. We were rich.

We saw a light on the shore. I took the canoe and went over to the shore. I found the ferryboat watchman.

“My dad, mother, sister and Miss Hooker are on the wreck,” I said. “Can you go and help them?”

“You mean the Walter Scott?” he asked. “Yes,” I said.

He went to his boat and went up river. I hid in the reeds and watched him go. Before he got there, the wreck sank. I got in my canoe and went back to the raft. We went down river to Cairo.

The free States was on the other side of the town. We wanted to be free men. There was fog in the night. It was very thick. The river was rough.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test 1

Are the following sentences **TRUE (T)** or **FALSE (F)**?

1. Huckleberry Finn is Tom Sawyer's friend. T / F
2. Huckleberry Finn was an orphan. T / F
3. Huckleberry Finn's father was a good person. T / F
4. Huckleberry Finn ran away from his father. T / F
5. The court judge kept Huckleberry's father away from him. T / F
6. Huckleberry Finn faked his own death to escape the judge. T / F
7. Jim ran away from Miss Watson. T / F
8. Huckleberry hid on an island with Jim. T / F
9. Jim wanted to go to the free states to find a job. T / F
10. Huckleberry Finn pretended to be Tom Sawyer. T / F

Test-2

Who said this in the story?

*Jim, Huckleberry Finn, Aunt Sally,
Tom Sawyer or Sally Phelps*

1. "What about Miss Watson? I can kill her."

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2. "I want to go into town and find out what is going on."

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3. "I'll buy my wife. She's a slave on a farm."

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4. "I must steal the money back."

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5. "They're not a real duke and king."

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6. "Tom Sawyer! You're here!"

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7. "No. You must leave your sisters here."

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8. "I'm going to make you a good boy."

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9. "How are we going to dig him out?"

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10. "It's silly but it's the right way."

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Test-3

Answer the following questions.

1. Who are the fake William and Harvey?
2. Who does Huckleberry Finn live with at the start of the story?
3. What do Jim and Huckleberry Finn build on the raft?
4. What is the name of the robber club?
5. Who is Huckleberry Finn's best friend?
6. What does Huckleberry Finn give the judge?
7. Who does Huckleberry Finn find on the island?
8. What is the name of the wrecked steamboat?
9. What are the names of Peter's daughters?
10. Huckleberry Finn stole gold from the king and the duke. Where did he hide it?

Test-4

Put the list in order by entering 1 to 10 in the green circles.

- a. Huckleberry Finn fakes his own death.
- b. Huckleberry Finn and Jim take a raft down river.
- c. Jim and Huckleberry Finn meet the king and the duke
- d. Huckleberry Finn goes to live with Widow Douglas.
- e. The king and the duke pretend to be Peter and Harvey.
- f. Huckleberry Finn meets Jim on the island.
- g. Huckleberry Finn meets the Shepherdsons and the Grangerfords.
- h. Tom Sawyer meets Huckleberry Finn. He thinks he is a ghost.
- i. Huckleberry Finn's father takes him away from Widow Douglas.
- j. Huckleberry Finn finds out about his father's death.