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Tom and the new arrival change the atmosphere in the house. The house is filled with laughter and merriment. Aunt Polly, now a grandmother figure, is content and eventually chooses the newcomers as the new family.

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