

huck finn /3/ store policy

When I got to Hannibal, I saw many businesses, one next to the other, in a row _____ the main road. There was Huck Finn Inn, Tom's Treasure Box, Huck's Best Buck and a lot of other places like that. I stopped at the **Huckleberry Burger joint** and got a large ice water and a burger. The first thing I ordered was the ice water and the guy _____ the counter said, „I can't give you an ice water _____ you buy something else. Sorry, it's store policy.“

I had planned to buy a burger _____ , but the idea _____ me. I said, „You mean, if I had no money and I came in here _____ dying of thirst, ready to **collapse on your floor**, and I asked for a cup of water, you'd tell me you cannot give me water?“. The son of a bitch smiled and said, „That's right.“. I ordered the burger. I was hungry — and thirsty.

I _____ walking in the hot sun, all those tourists driving by and frowning at me. I passed more souvenir shops and restaurants and hotels and swimming pools, and I never felt any sense of Huck or Tom's Hannibal. I started **talking to Huck** again. I said, „Huck, I know I haven't talked to you _____ a long time, but do you see what they have done _____ you and Tom?“ Huck said, „Hell, Sidney, it doesn't _____ , me and Tom left this town a long time ago. We've been _____ with you, Sidney. Let's get out of this town and head down this river,“ then he pointed to the road before us. We walked out of town together, talking like we _____ to in the old times.

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