

The Adventures of Pinocchio

'Make me!' the log shouts. The unruly log is impatient, kicking **Geppetto** while he carves it into a puppet, which he calls **Pinocchio**.

Geppetto, who is very poor, explains that money is earned only by honest hard work and that Pinocchio must go to school and learn - the horriblest words Pinocchio has ever heard.

All Pinocchio does is laze around. A **Cricket** has been watching him and tells him to change his ways or he'll come to no good. Pinocchio squashes the Cricket flat, and burns his feet dozing in front of the fire. Geppetto agrees to make him a new pair but only after Pinocchio has promised to be good.

On the way to school Pinocchio sees a puppet show and sells his new school book to buy a ticket. **The Fire-Eater** is furious when Pinocchio ruins his show but takes pity on him and gives him five gold coins to give to his father. Pinocchio promises to be good from now on.

Pinocchio meets a **Cat and a Fox** who convince him that if he plants his five gold coins in the Field of Miracles, five thousand coins will grow and he and Geppetto will be rich. Then, disguised as assassins, the Cat and the Fox try to rob him. He swallows the coins so they hang him from a tree but the **Blue Fairy** sends some birds to peck him down.

The **Owl Doctor**, the **Crow Doctor** and the **Cricket Doctor** give Pinocchio some medicine at the Blue Fairy's house. Pinocchio says he fought off ten bold assassins, no twelve, or was it fifteen, about fifty assassins, but he doesn't see his nose growing with every lie. The Blue Fairy laughs and sends Woodpeckers to peck it back down to size.

Pinocchio can't wait to see Geppetto again but the Cat and the Fox get the better of him at last and trick him out of his five gold coins. A **Parrot** teases him and he calls the police but the **Ape-Judge** sends him to jail for stupidity.



Geppetto



The Fox



The Fire Eater



The Ape Judge



The Cricket



The Cat



The Owl Doctor



The Parrot



The Blue Fairy



The Pigeon

Pinocchio goes back to the Blue Fairy's house but finds only a tombstone. He is discovered by a Pigeon who tells him that Geppetto is sailing the world to find him. Pinocchio climbs on the Pigeon's back and they fly off to the sea. Geppetto is old now and his dilapidated boat is tipped over by a huge wave. Pinocchio dives in to save him, but is washed up on shore alone.

In Drudgeland Pinocchio is begging for money but doesn't want to do any work, until a lady with blue hair offers him food in return for carrying her jugs home. When he gets there she turns out to be the Blue Fairy, and Pinocchio begs her to tell him how to grow. She says he must learn, so he goes to school where he makes friends with **Lampwick**.



Lampwick

Lampwick persuades Pinocchio to skip school to see a **Monster Fish** and he ends up being caught in the **Big Green Fisherman's** net. Pinocchio just manages to escape being eaten and rushes back to the Blue Fairy's house seeking forgiveness. She says that because he has worked hard at school he will become a real boy tomorrow, with a real party to celebrate.

But Lampwick is going to Funland, where there are parties every day and Pinocchio can't resist going with him. When they arrive, they are turned into donkeys and Pinocchio is forced to join the circus. A **Drum Maker** throws him in the sea so he can turn his skin into a drum but the Blue Fairy sends little fish to nibble and chew off the donkey's hide and set Pinocchio free.

No sooner has Pinocchio swum away than he is swallowed by a **Monster Fish**, but as he pours out his sorrows he hears a voice - it's Geppetto who has been swallowed up too. Pinocchio is overjoyed and they hug each other tightly. The fish falls asleep and as it opens its mouth to snore, Pinocchio pulls Geppetto to safety and they swim free.

They make it to dry land but Geppetto is ill and Pinocchio sets to work to earn some milk and money. Geppetto starts to get better but they hear that the Blue Fairy is terribly ill. Pinocchio offers all that he has to buy her medicine and food and she suddenly appears in a blaze of blue light, saying "Now you can grow. You love. You feel. Now you are real." Pinocchio has become a real boy.



Circus Performers



Ringmaster



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