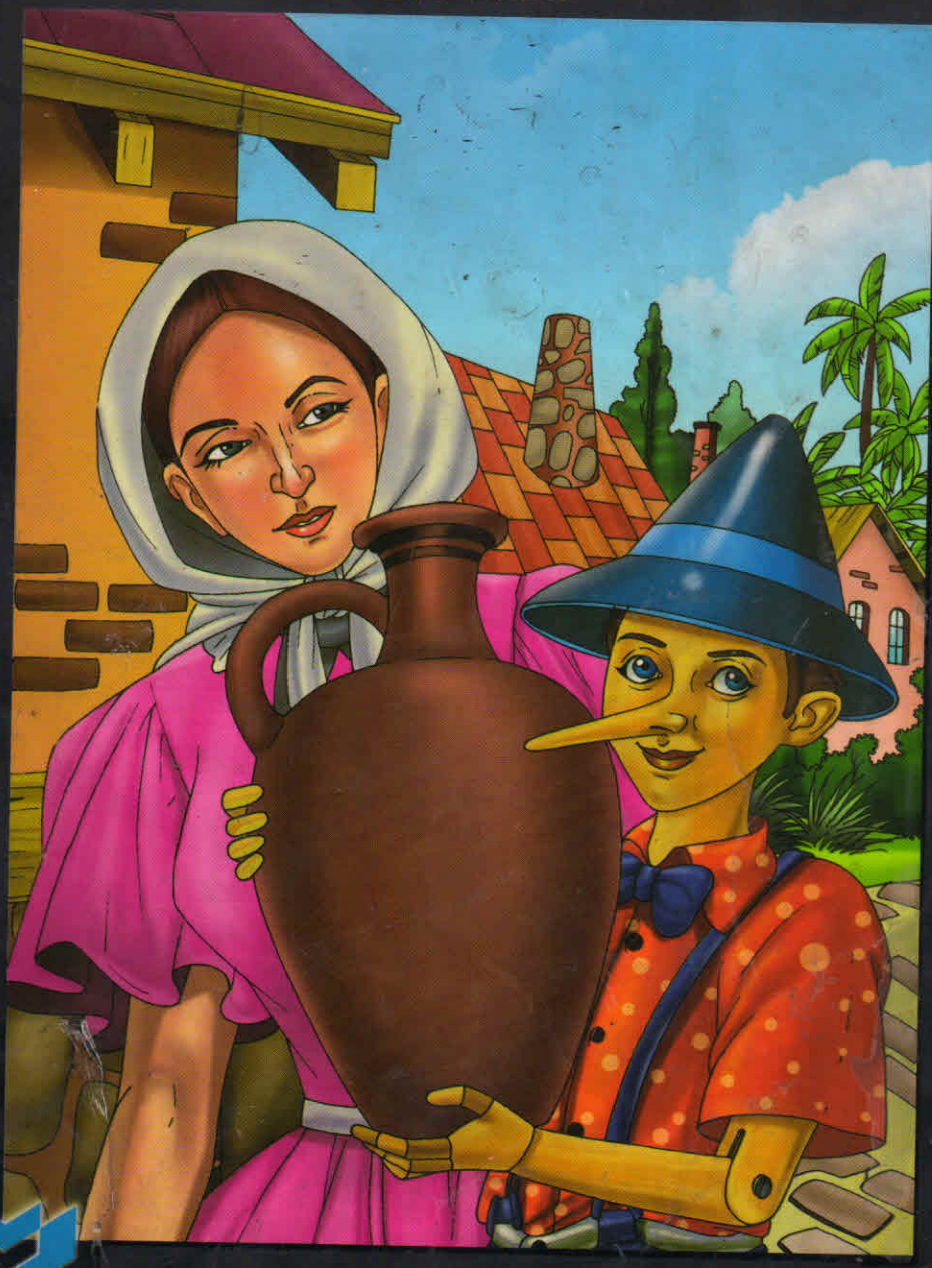


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PINOCCHIO

Carlo Collodi




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Introduction

The Adventures of Pinocchio was written by **Carlo Lorenzini**, better known by his penname, Carlo Collodi. He was an Italian writer, who lived in the nineteenth century. He was born on November 24, 1826, in Florence, Italy.



As a young volunteer with the Tuscan Army, he served in the Italian Wars of Independence in 1848 and 1860, respectively. Soon after, his interest inclined towards journalism, as the dynamics of politics and literature greatly intrigued him. Among his earliest works was *Il Lampione*, a newspaper that he had founded as a youth. The paper featured political news, presenting facts in a very sarcastic and satirical manner, because of which it was put under censorship in 1849 by an order of the Grand Duke of Tuscany.

Collodi's early literary works include a satirical novel called *Un Romanzo In Vapore*, which was published in 1856. This was also the time when he actively wrote for numerous political newspapers, including *Il Fanfulla*, along with working for the Censorship Commission for the Theatre. In 1860, he restarted *Il Lampione*.

Although Collodi is best remembered for *The Adventures of Pinocchio*—a fairytale, he did not begin writing for children until 1875, when he translated French fairytales originally written by the writer Perrault. Collodi, then, continued writing original fairytales for children. Finally, in 1880, he began writing a series of stories about a marionette, for children. The series was called *The Adventures of Pinocchio*, or *The Story of a Marionette*. It was published in an Italian newspaper for a few years, before being published as a book in 1883.

Carlo Collodi died in 1890 in Florence. It was only after his death that *The Adventures of Pinocchio* gained its fame and popularity, and is remembered today after more than a hundred years of its initial publication.

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Chapter



The Wooden Boy

Antonio was a carpenter. He was a meek old man, who liked his life to be normal. Anything out of the normal frightened him.

One day as Antonio was working with a piece of wood, his eyes fell on a log of wood – thick and solid. Antonio decided to make the leg of a table with it. However, the moment he



Characters in the story



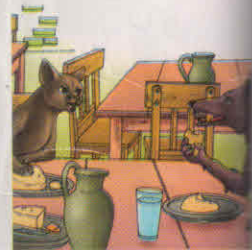
Pinocchio—He is a marionette and the protagonist of the story. He is a small boy, who is essentially good at heart, but is easily fooled by temptation.

Geppetto—He is the carpenter who carved Pinocchio. He is a good old man, who loves Pinocchio unconditionally as his son, always forgiving and believing him.



Fire-Eater—He is the owner of the Marionette Theatre, has crude features and a rather scary and strict regime for the performer marionettes. However, he turns out to be a nice and kind man at heart.

Cat and Fox—They are evil accomplices who engage in trickery and fraud to steal money from others. Pinocchio, more than once, becomes their victim in the story.



Fairy—She is kind and benign, who helps Pinocchio throughout the book. She eventually becomes his fairy godmother, encouraging him to learn good habits and to go to school.

Farmer—He is a decent man, who initially mistakes Pinocchio for a thief, but later employs him. Pinocchio impresses him soon after, by catching the actual thieves.



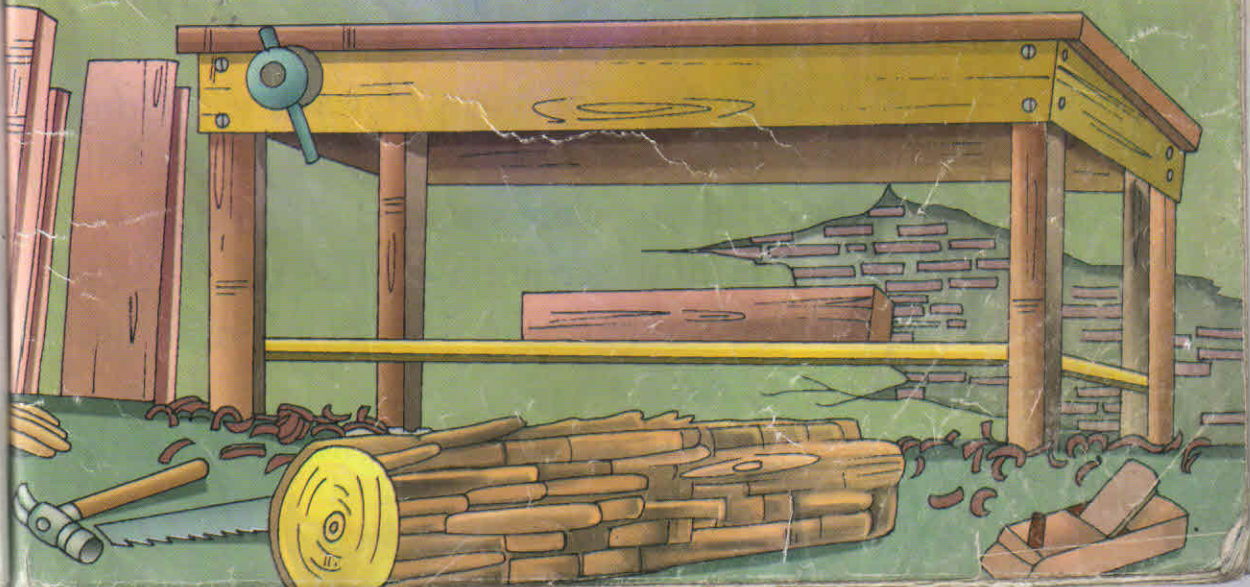
struck the log with his hammer, he heard a loud cry. The log was crying! This was anything but normal. Antonio fainted and fell on the floor.

Hours later, he opened his eyes to find his friend, Geppetto, standing before him. Geppetto was also a carpenter. He said, "Ah, you are conscious!" Then, his eyes fell on the log. "Is that log useful to you? If not, I can make a Marionette out of it," he asked Antonio. Happy to be rid of the **wretched** log, Antonio gave it to Geppetto.

Geppetto took the log to his house and carved a Marionette out of it. Little did he know what surprises were to follow. As he carved his Marionette's eyes, they started moving, looking all around. When his nose was done, it started growing longer and longer.

Geppetto was amazed. This also made him happy – he was an old, lonely man. Now he had a son! So what if he

Geppetto asks for the log from Antonio.



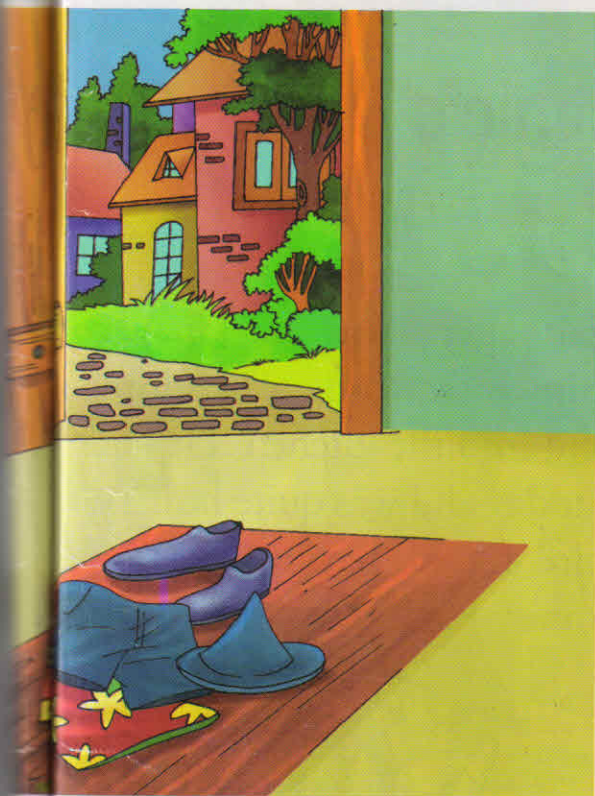


Geppetto works on the log.

was made of wood? Geppetto named his son Pinocchio. But Pinocchio was not finished just yet, for he had no limbs. Geppetto made little arms for him. However, no sooner had he made his legs, Pinocchio stood up and started running. He ran out of the house.

Geppetto ran after his son, annoyed by his mischief. "Come here, you silly boy. Come here." he **yelled**. The people who saw the wooden boy running were stunned. Then they saw Geppetto running after him, screaming. "Tsk, tsk. The old man wants to kill the Marionette. No wonder he's running," they murmured.

Finally, a policeman spotted them. He heard what the



people were saying. He grabbed Geppetto's legs and then arrested him for trying to kill Pinocchio.

Meanwhile, Pinocchio was back home. He was happy at having the house all to himself! As he started towards the kitchen, he heard a creaking sound from the windowsill. Pinocchio turned to the windowsill and saw a Cricket.

"And what are you **creaking** at me for?" he demanded.

"To tell you that your wicked **prank** was not funny," replied the wise Cricket. Pinocchio stuck out his tongue at the Cricket.

"Look, Pinocchio. You sent your poor old father to prison. That was very bad. You should help him," the Cricket told him.

"O wise one, you may leave now, thank you very much," Pinocchio said and threw his father's hammer at the windowsill.

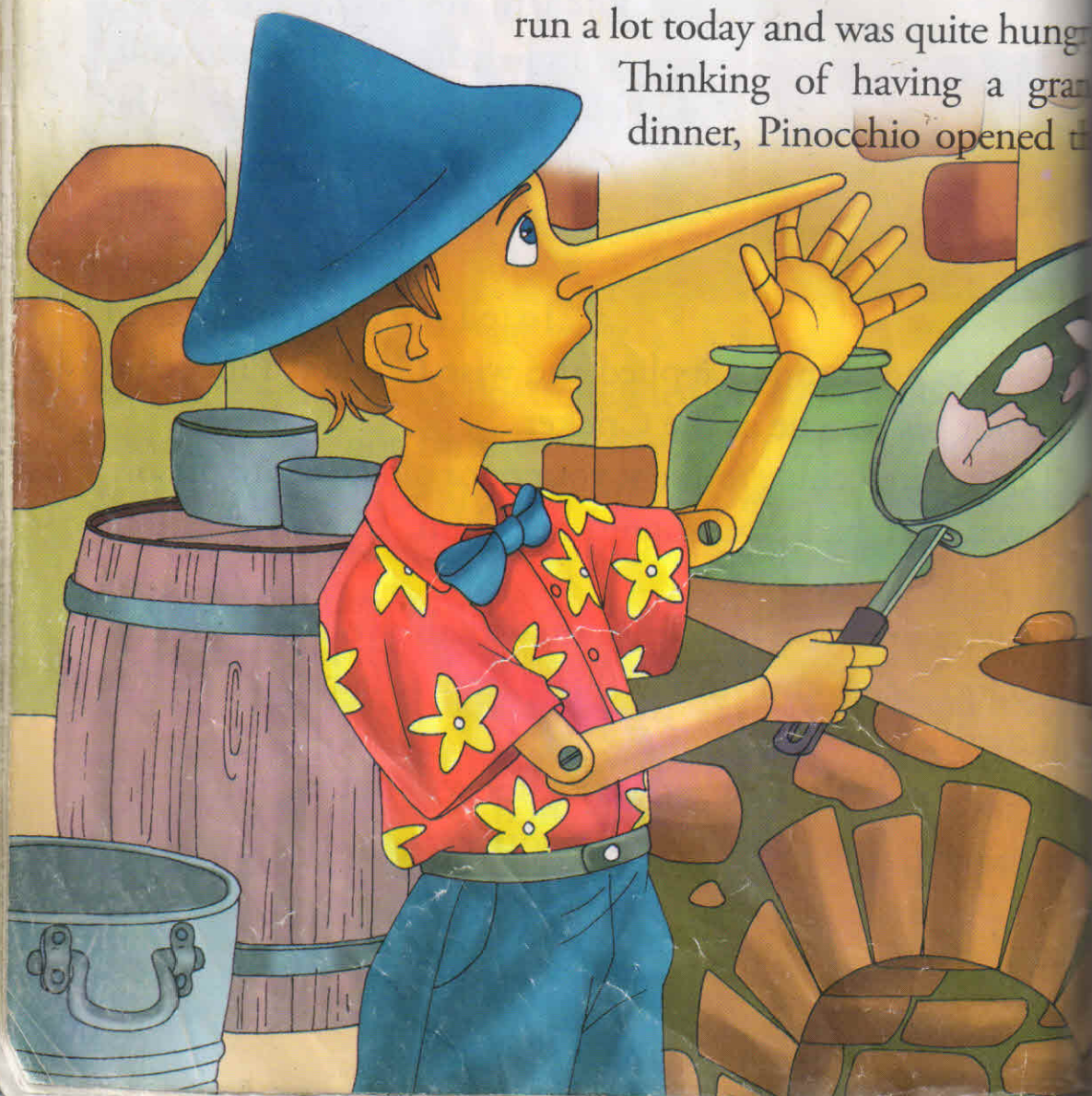
The poor little Cricket was knocked out at once, but troublesome Pinocchio took no notice.

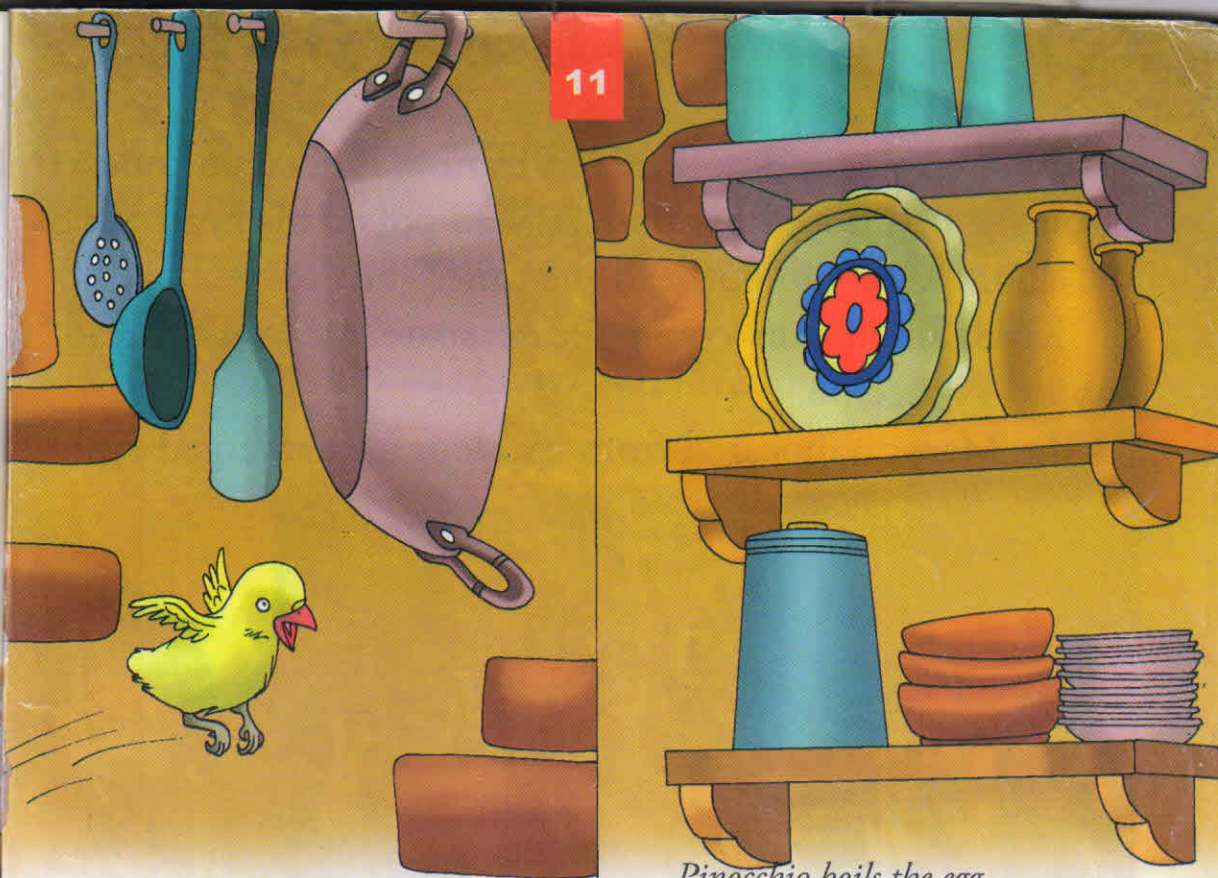
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Pinocchio's Night Alone

Happy that there was no one to pester him with words of wisdom, Pinocchio went into the kitchen. He had run a lot today and was quite hungry. Thinking of having a grand dinner, Pinocchio opened the





Pinocchio boils the egg.

kitchen cupboards. But alas, all the pots were empty!

Pinocchio was thoroughly upset. His stomach **grumbled**. After frantically searching the kitchen, Pinocchio finally found an egg in a basket. How happy the sight of this small egg made him.

Pinocchio eagerly placed the egg in a pan to fry it. But he knew nothing of cooking. Instead of oil, he poured water in the pan! As the stove's fire heated the water in the pan, the eggshell cracked and out flew a chick. It tweeted and merrily flew away.

Pinocchio's disappointment was **indescribable**. His stomach was churning, as if screaming for food. Helpless and weak, he started crying. Out of sheer desperation, Pinocchio once again ran out into the street.

The street was dark and **spooky** by now. Pinocchio knocked upon the first door he found. A Man poked his head out of the door. "Can you not read the time?" he **growled**.

"Kind Sir, if you could please spare me some bread," sobbed Pinocchio.

The Man disappeared from his door and emerged again



carrying a bowl. However, this bowl contained not food, but water, which the Man emptied on Pinocchio's head. "This should teach you a lesson for disturbing people at midnight." he **snapped**.

Now, Pinocchio was hungry and wet. He dragged himself

The man pours water on Pinocchio.





Pinocchio asks Geppetto for his coat.

back to his house. "The Cricket was right. If only I had been nice to my father." He **moaned** and fell asleep by the fire.

In the morning, Pinocchio woke up to find that his feet were gone. The fire had not only dried them, but burned them, too. Pinocchio screamed and wept for his father.

Geppetto entered the house after a while. He was furious at Pinocchio. However, his pitiful sight melted Geppetto's kind heart. Besides, Pinocchio seemed really sorry for his prank. Thus, Geppetto cooked breakfast for him and made new legs for him.

Pinocchio now decided to go to school and learn. However, he needed an ABC book for school. He asked his father to buy him the book.



"I have no money. I spent what little I had on your food," Geppetto said. Pinocchio hung his head. Geppetto felt upset at his son's sorrow and went out of the house.

When he returned, Geppetto had the ABC book in his hands. "Oh! You bought the book." Pinocchio exclaimed upon seeing him. However, when he noticed that Geppetto's warm coat was gone, he asked, "Where's your coat, Father? It's so cold."

"I sold my coat for your book, son," Geppetto replied, without a trace of sorrow.

Pinocchio couldn't help crying as he **hugged** his father.



Marionettes and Animals

Pinocchio woke up in high spirits the next morning. He **clutched** his ABC book under his arm and set out for school. As he approached the plaza, he heard whoops and cheers. There was a merry crowd. The noise made Pinocchio most curious.



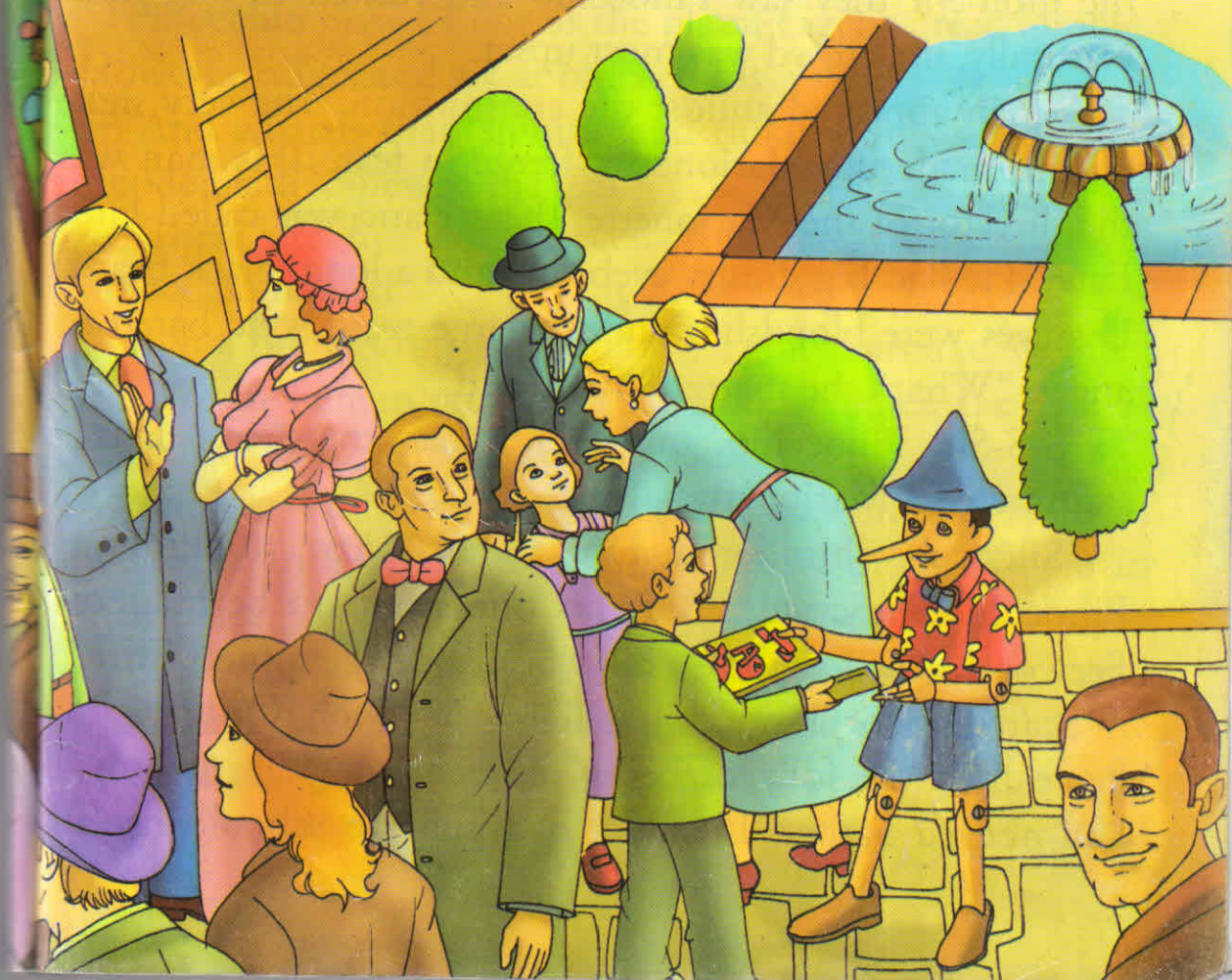
"What's going on?" he asked a boy.

"Why, it's the Marionette Theatre, good fella! Five pennies is all it will cost you," he told him.

Pinocchio was **tempted**. He thought about the money and suddenly had an idea. He asked the boy, "Will you give me five pennies for this book?"

In a few seconds, Pinocchio sold his ABC book. Not once did he think of his poor father, who was coatless in the cold so that his son could go to school. Instead, Pinocchio went into the Marionette Theatre. A play was going on inside. However, the Marionettes stopped their play mid-act,

Pinocchio at Marionette Theatre.





Fire Eater addresses Pinocchio.

the moment they saw Pinocchio and rushed to hug him. Naturally, the crowd was most upset.

A man appeared amidst the **commotion**. The very sight of him made the Marionettes freeze in fear. This man was the director of the Marionette Theatre and was called Fire Eater. He had big, bushy eyebrows and a long, black beard. His eyes were bloodshot and his large teeth were bared in anger. "What's the matter?" he roared.

"S-S-Sir, Pinocchio, our friend, has come to see us," stammered a Marionette.

"Silence!" thundered Fire Eater. Then, looking at Pinocchio, he cried, "But this one seems to be made of firewood. Ah, I shall use his wood to make a merry fire."

Scared, poor Pinocchio fell to the floor. Once again he realised the folly of being disobedient. "Oh, if only I had obeyed Father! If only I had gone to school, instead

of stopping for this wretched theatre." he wailed loudly, banging his fists on the floor.

Fire Eater asked Pinocchio, "Who is your father?"

"Geppetto, the carpenter. He sold his coat to buy my ABC book. And I sold it to get inside this unfortunate theatre," Pinocchio answered through sobs.

Now, despite his cruel looks, Fire-Eater was a nice man, really. He said, "Listen here, boy. You have indeed been very bad to your poor father. Here, take five gold pieces."

Pinocchio stared at Fire-Eater, hardly believing his luck. "Give them to Geppetto. You may go now," Fire-Eater said kindly.

Pinocchio **hurried** out of the plaza, eager to reach home. However, a Fox and a Cat blocked his way.

"And what is that, shining and tinkling in your pocket, wooden lad?", mewed the Cat.

"These are five gold pieces. You may clear off now," Pinocchio replied.

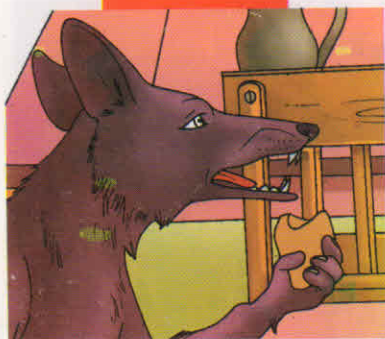
"Ooh! But clearing off would be a grave mistake, wooden lad. We are here to multiply your gold," chimed the Fox.

"How?", Pinocchio asked, curiously.

The Cat said, "Sow your gold pieces in the Field of Wonders. In a short while, you will find a tree of gold in their place."

"Lead the way. I shall go with you, nice people," said Pinocchio. He did not notice the wicked glances that the Fox and the Cat exchanged with each other.

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Another Night Alone

The sky was red with the glow of the setting sun. Pinocchio **merrily** followed the Cat and the Fox, dreaming of riches. They were walking through a forest.

The Cat, Fox and Pinocchio enjoy hearty meal.



"We must stop for a while at an Inn now," the Fox said, as the evening turned dark.

Thus, the three went to an Inn and had a **hearty** meal of cheesecakes and buttered corn. After that, the Fox and the Cat said, "We must leave your company for a while, for we have important business to attend to," and hurried away.

Pinocchio waited a long time for his friends. At last, he asked the Innkeeper, "Dear Sir, have you seen my two companions?"

The Innkeeper replied in surprise, "They left a long while back. Oh, you owe me my bill, too!"

Poor Pinocchio had to pay one gold piece for the large meal. 'Maybe I have to go on my own now,' he thought. When he set out into the forest, it was pitch dark. Pinocchio walked on, his gold pieces clinking in his pocket as he ran.



'The clinks are too loud - thieves might rob me by the noise,' Pinocchio worried. Thus, he put the remaining few gold pieces in his mouth.

As he continued in the forest, Pinocchio suddenly spotted a speck of soft, golden

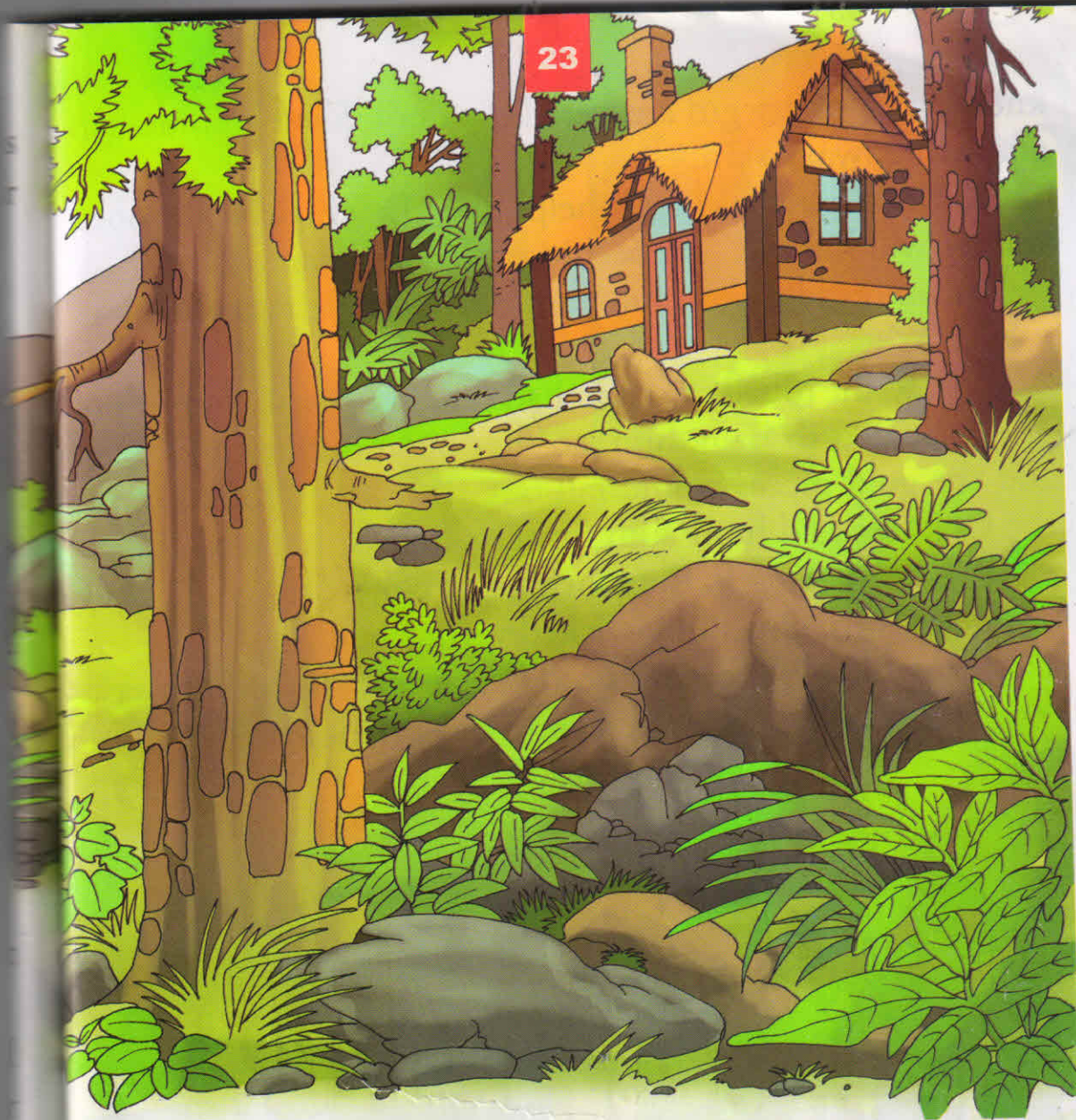


light floating ahead of him. Pinocchio stopped short. "What is that, now?" he **murmured**.

"I am the Ghost of the Cricket you killed, Pinocchio. I am here to warn you. Turn around and return home. Your father weeps so. Don't break his heart again," the light said.

"Not the wisdom again! I am going forward, towards the Field of Wonders, where I will grow trees of gold for Father," Pinocchio **snapped**.

The Ghost vanished and Pinocchio walked on. Suddenly he spotted black shadows emerging from behind a huge Oak tree. Before he could understand anything, two robed figures



Pinocchio sees a white hut.

were in front of him, ready to **pounce**. Pinocchio jumped in surprise and started running. However, he was tired and could not run very fast. The two figures saw Pinocchio swallow gold pieces hurriedly.

Just as Pinocchio thought he would collapse, he saw a small white hut a little distance away. He ran to the hut and

knocked. A pretty girl answered the door. She had blue hair and white, waxy skin.

"K-Kind girl, please h-help me. Th-Those evil robed thieves will kill me." Pinocchio puffed and panted.

"I cannot help you, for I am dead," the girl replied and **vanished**.

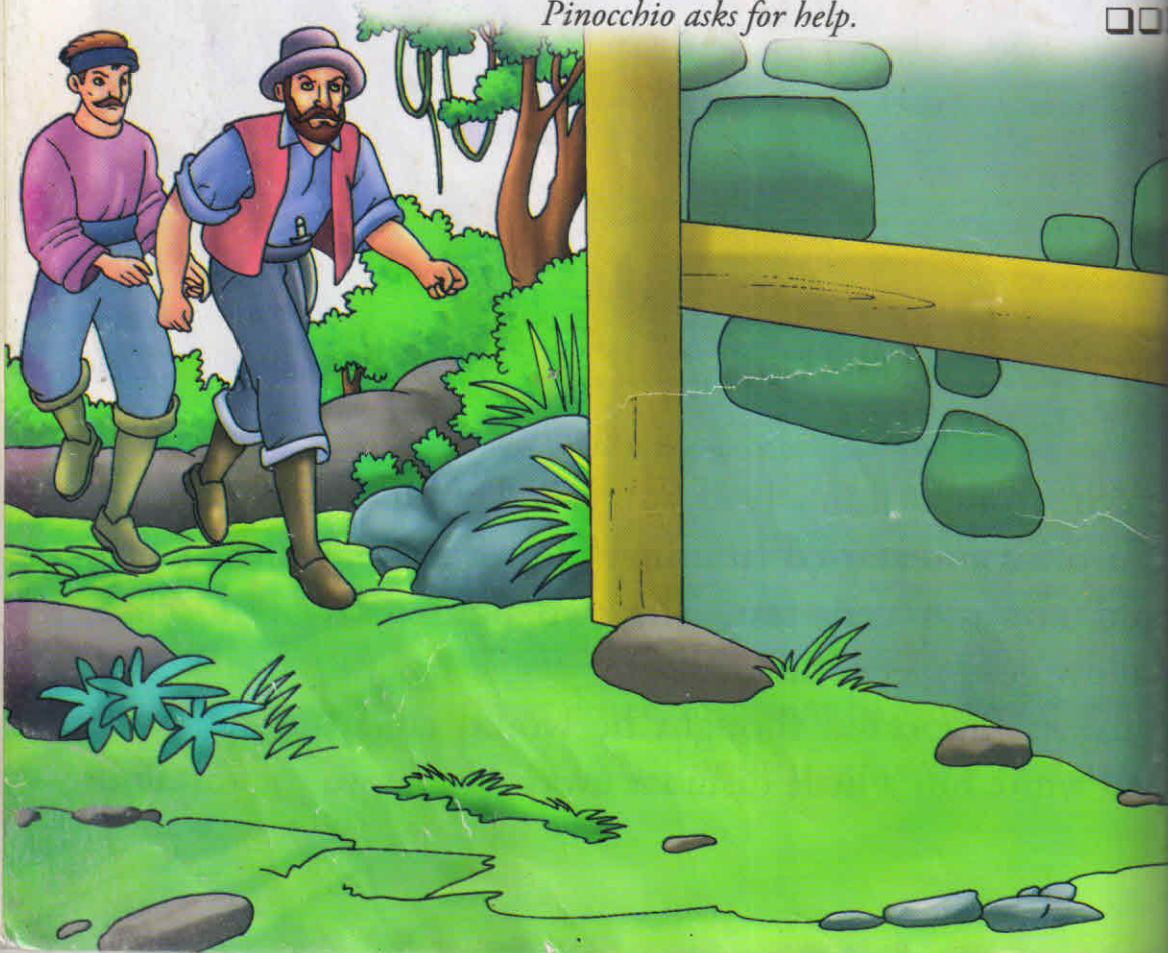
By now, the robed creatures had caught up with Pinocchio. They decided to hang him, so that his mouth would open and the gold pieces would fall out. Thus, they took him to the Oak tree and hung him from its highest branch.

"We shall come in the morning to collect his gold," they decided. Thus, chuckling wickedly, they left.

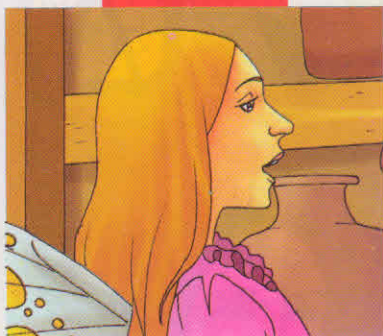
Meanwhile, Pinocchio's head began to swim and his eyes started drooping. Soon, the world went dark.

Pinocchio asks for help.

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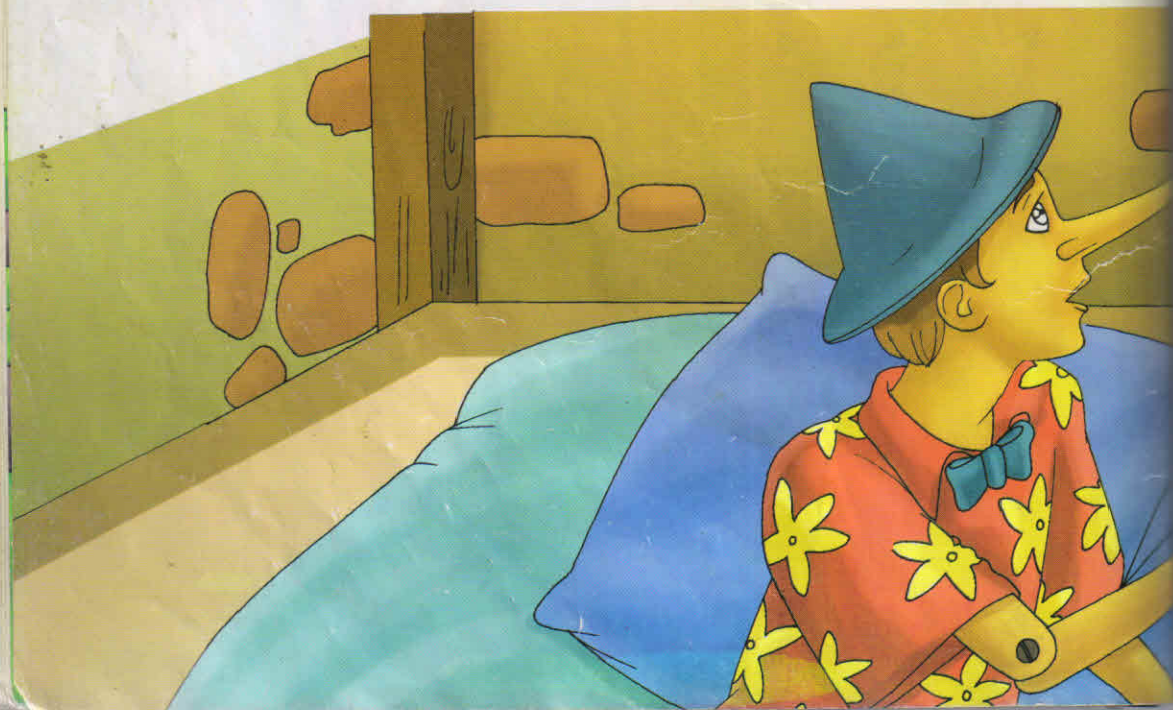


The Misadventure

It so happened that the pretty girl with blonde hair was looking out of her window as Pinocchio was being hanged. Now, she was no dead girl, but the most kind Fairy. She waved her **wand**. Voila! Pinocchio was off the Oak branch and was resting on a large bed. The Fairy waved her wand once again and Pinocchio was covered in warm blankets, his head resting on the softest feather pillow.

The Fairy nursed the wooden creature for two more days before he opened his eyes. Upon seeing the Fairy and finding himself alive, Pinocchio jumped with joy. "Oh, this is

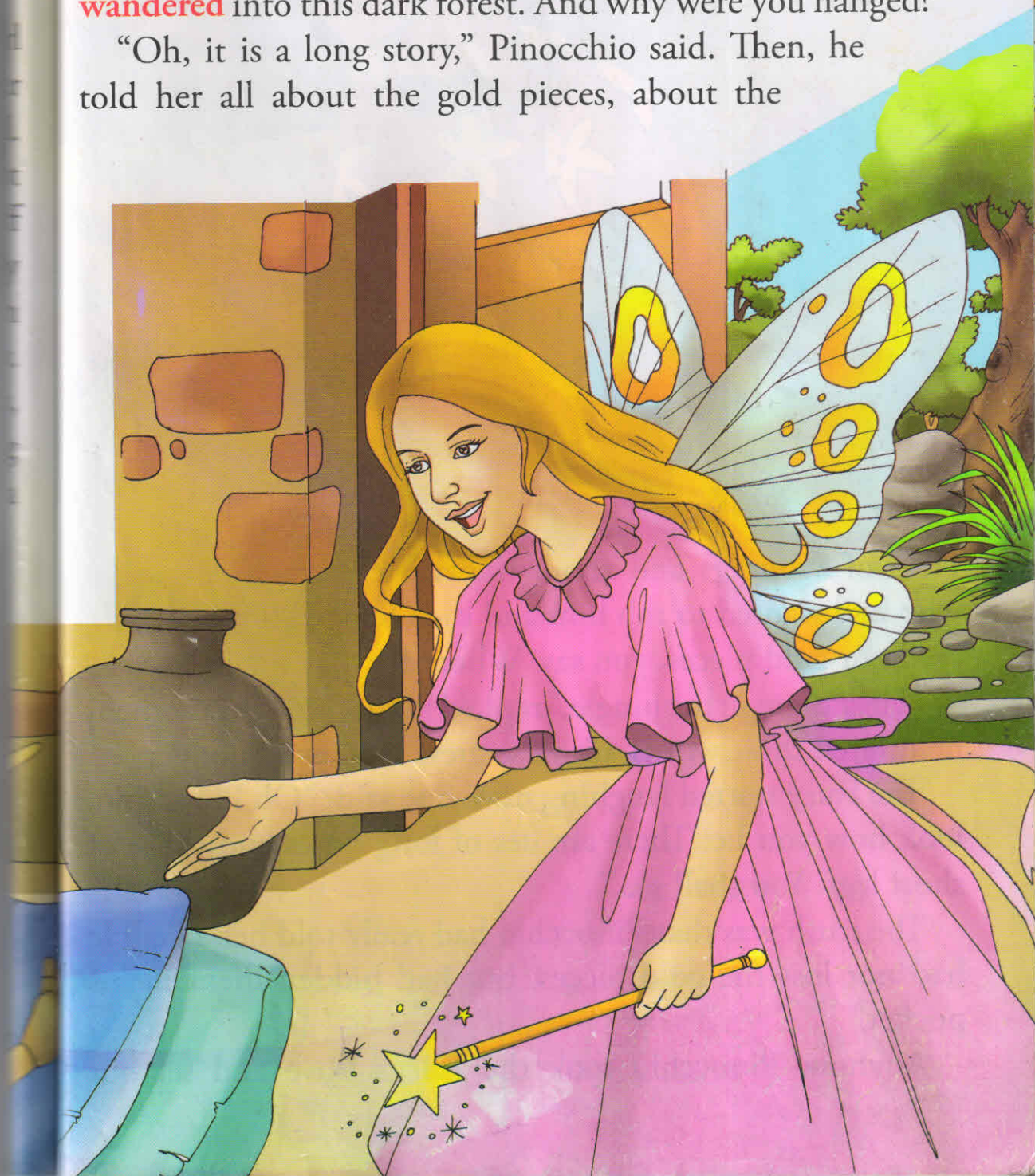
The Fairy helps Pinocchio.



miracle! I am well and alive. Dear Fairy, you are the kindest creature in the whole world!" he exclaimed.

The Fairy smiled and asked, "But, do tell me how you **wandered** into this dark forest. And why were you hanged?"

"Oh, it is a long story," Pinocchio said. Then, he told her all about the gold pieces, about the





The Fairy laughs at Pinocchio's lie.

Field of Wonders and about the two evil, robed creatures who had wanted to rob him and then hang him.

"Four gold pieces, you say. Where are they now?"

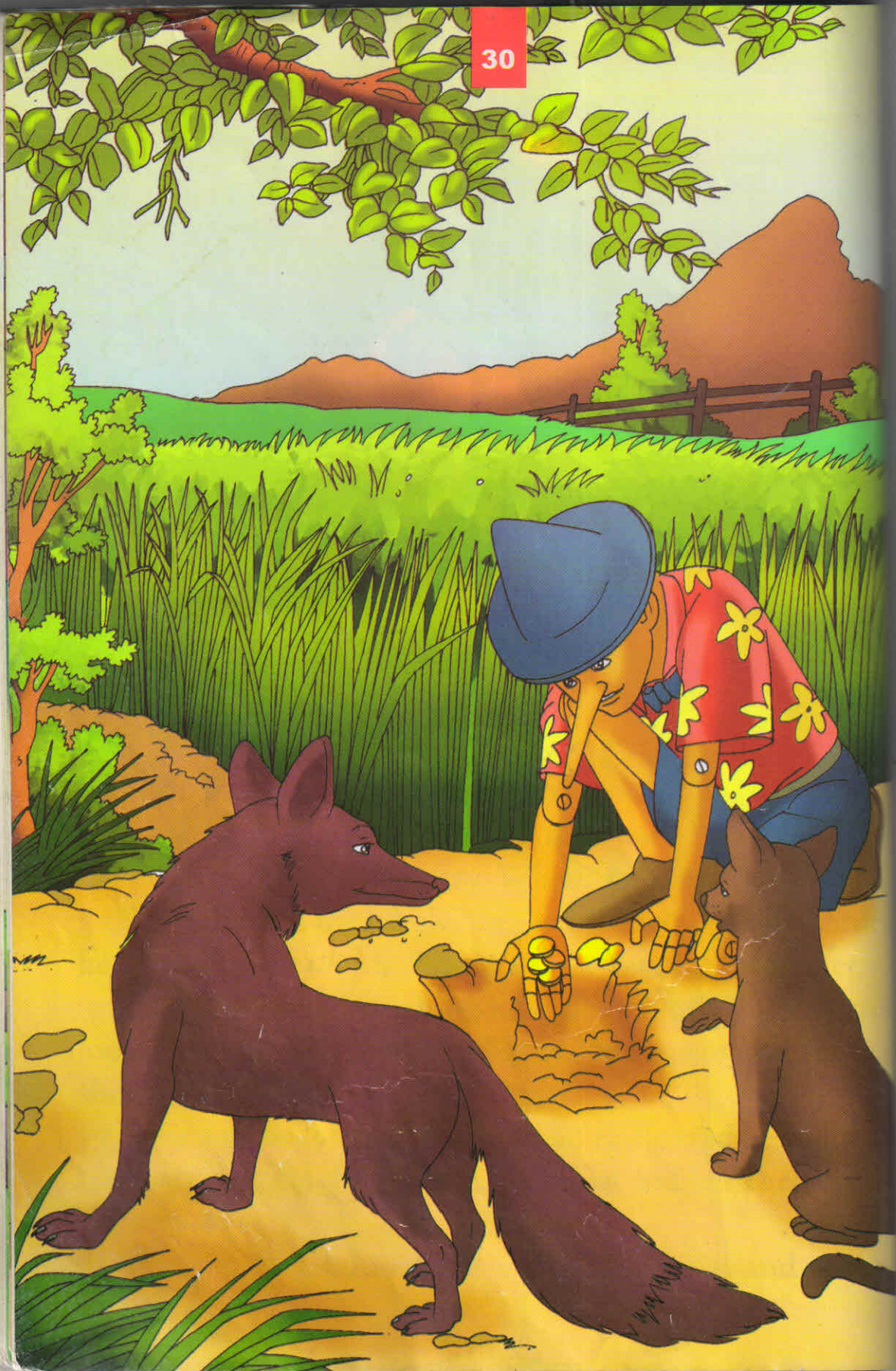
"I lost them in the jungle," replied Pinocchio. The moment he uttered these words, his nose grew two inches longer.

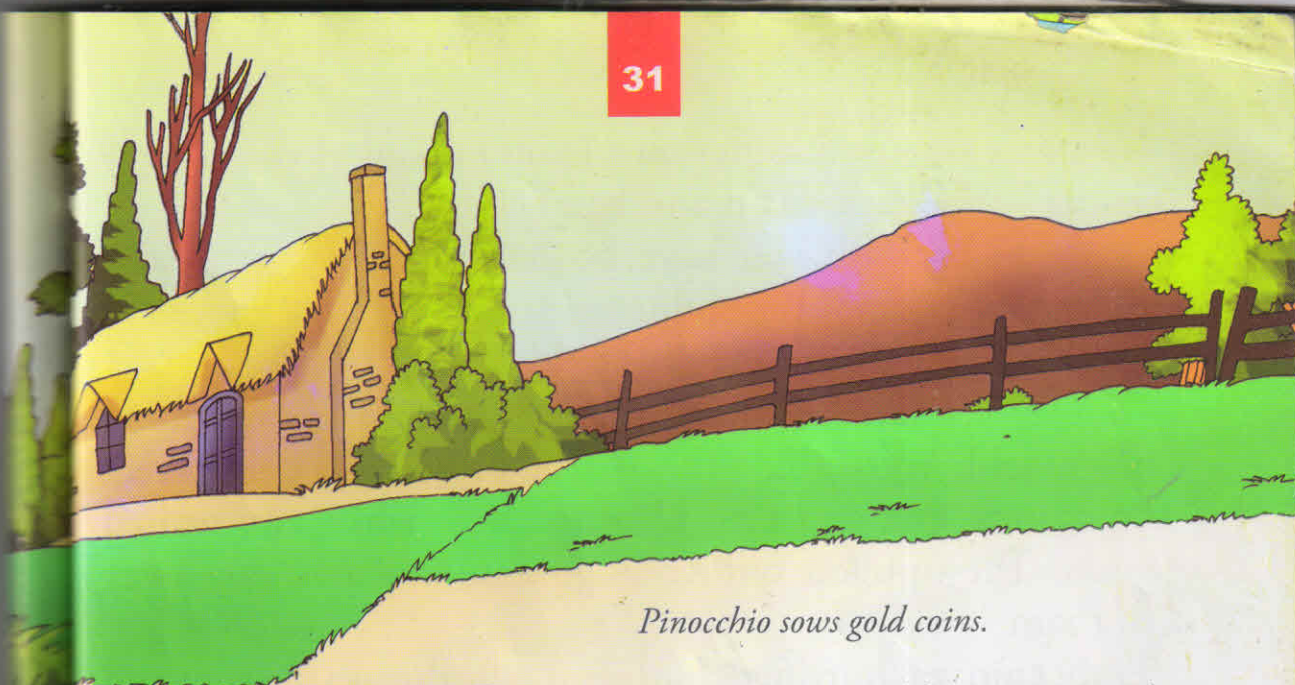
The Fairy started laughing now. She said, "Oh Pinocchio, look how you lie! There are lies of long noses and those of short legs. You shall see."

The truth was that Pinocchio had really told her a lie. He had not lost the gold pieces, but had hidden them in his pocket.

Anyhow, Pinocchio took the Fairy's leave and set out







Pinocchio sows gold coins.

towards the Field of Wonders, to grow gold trees. On his way, he met the Fox and the Cat again.

"We have been looking for you all this while," the Fox screamed upon spotting Pinocchio, "Come, let us go to the Field of Wonders."

Thus, the three companions reached the Field of Wonders. There, Pinocchio sowed his gold pieces. The Cat said, "There! Return to this spot in an hour. Your fortune awaits you, my wooden friend." Then, the two animals said goodbye to Pinocchio and went their way.

Pinocchio waited outside the Field of Wonders, feeling greatly impatient. He was so restless that he returned to the spot before an hour had passed. Upon reaching there, he heard a **chuckle** from above. He looked upwards and saw a Parrot perched upon a tree.

"What makes me so funny to you?" Pinocchio demanded.

"Ah, you are just another one! I still find all of you so very amusing." The Parrot said and laughed louder.

"Look mister, do you have no brains? Either way, stop bothering me now," Pinocchio said irritably and looked at the spot where he had sown his gold pieces.

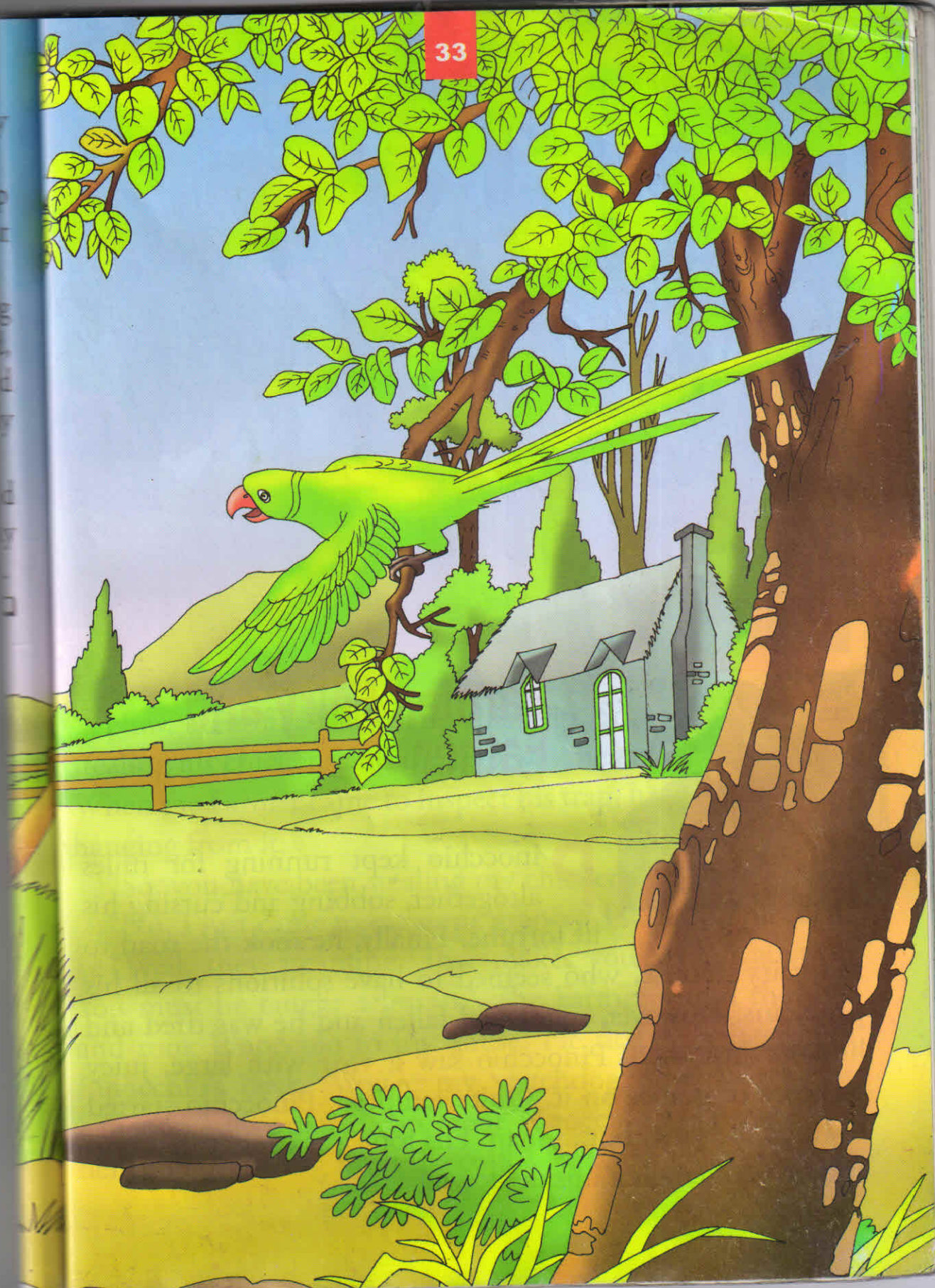
"You won't find anything there. You believe everything you are told, you fool." The Parrot piped. He continued, "The crooks, Fox and Cat, returned here while you waited outside. They pulled out your gold pieces and ran away with them."

Pinocchio was horrified. He **frantically** dug up the spot and found nothing there. Blinded with tears, Pinocchio ran away from the Field of Wonders, without giving it another look.

Pinocchio talks to the parrot.

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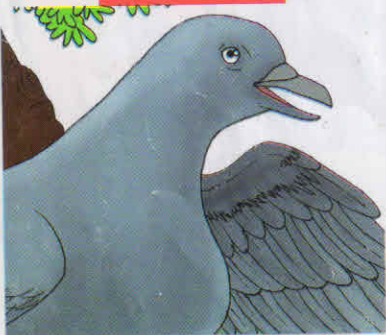




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Farmer catches Pinocchio in a trap.

Farmer, Fairy and Father



Pinocchio kept running for miles altogether, sobbing and cursing his ill fortune. Finally, he took the road to the Fairy's house, who seemed to have solutions to all his problems. However, night had fallen and he was tired and hungry. Just then, Pinocchio saw a **vine** with large, juicy bunches of grapes on it. Quite tempted, Pinocchio started towards the vine, but... Snap. His foot was caught in a trap and he was hanging upside down.



Now, a Farmer had set up this trap. Someone had been stealing his chickens and the trap was meant for the thieves. When the Farmer came to inspect his trap, he saw Pinocchio hanging from it.

"So, you have been stealing my chickens," he yelled.

"No, I just came to eat some grapes," Pinocchio pleaded.

"Well, they are mine. That makes you a thief anyway. You must be taught a lesson." The Farmer undid the trap and took Pinocchio to his house. He tied a **leash** around Pinocchio's neck. "You're my watchdog now. Watch my hencoop," he ordered. So, poor Pinocchio sat behind the hencoop, shivering from the cold.



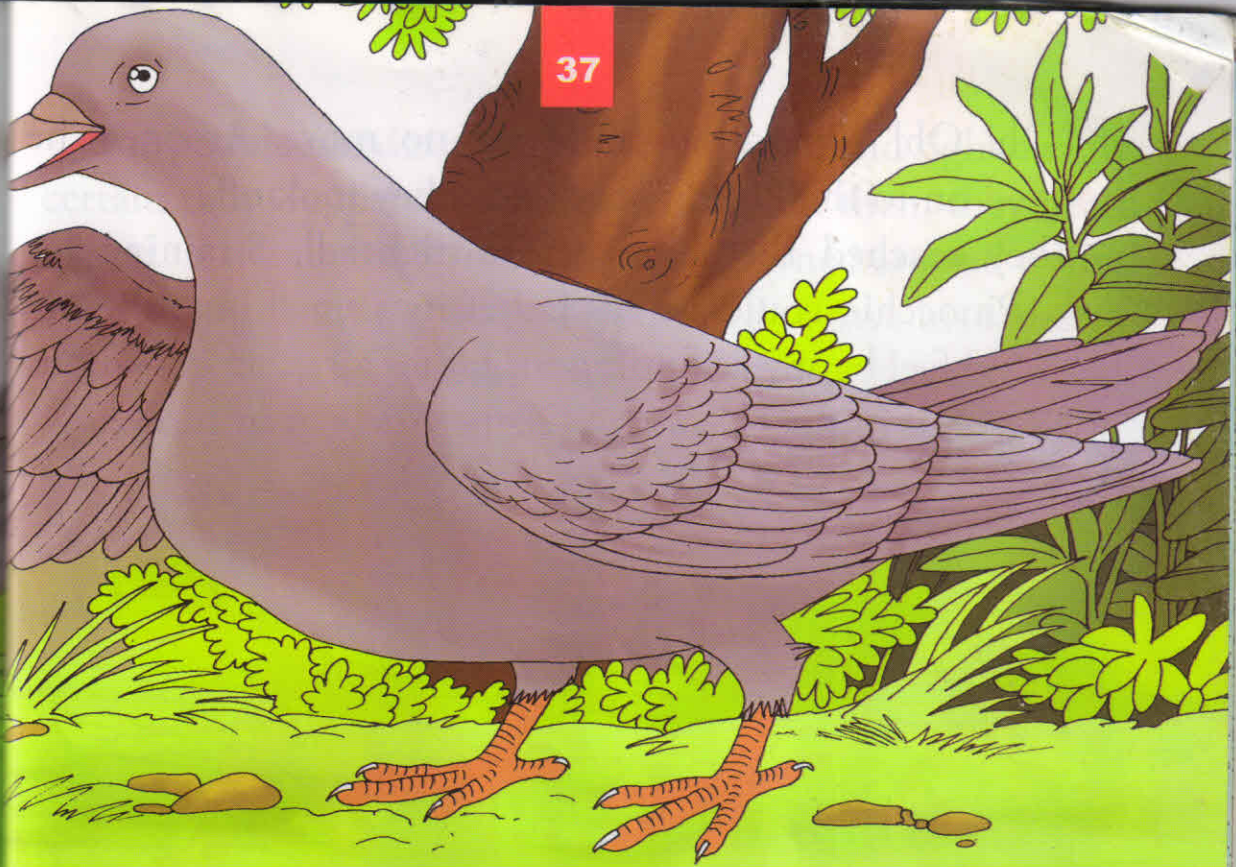
Pinocchio meets the Pigeon.

Soon, four Weasels crept near the hencoop and went inside. Little did they know that someone was sitting hidden behind it. When Pinocchio heard them, he shouted for the Farmer. At once, the Farmer came and caught the Weasels. He was so happy with Pinocchio that he set him free.

Thus, Pinocchio continued towards the Fairy's house. There, he saw that her white hut was gone. Instead, a marble slab was placed there. It read:

'Here lies the Fairy who died of grief when **abandoned** by Pinocchio.'

Pinocchio was shocked. He fell to the ground, crying bitterly. He was so sad that he thought his tears would never



stop. How long he cried at the Fairy's grave, he knew not. However, a while later, a large Pigeon **landed** beside him.

"Mister Pinocchio? Do you happen to know a Geppetto?" he asked.

"Know him? Of course! He's my dear father." Pinocchio answered. He was so surprised that this Pigeon knew his father and him, that he stopped crying.

"Then you must come with me. Your father was very, very sad, for he had not seen you for months. So, he built a boat for himself to cross the ocean, in order to find you. They say that his boat might drown." The Pigeon explained.

“Oh! Oh!” Pinocchio could say no more. At once, he **hopped** on to the Pigeon’s back and they took off.

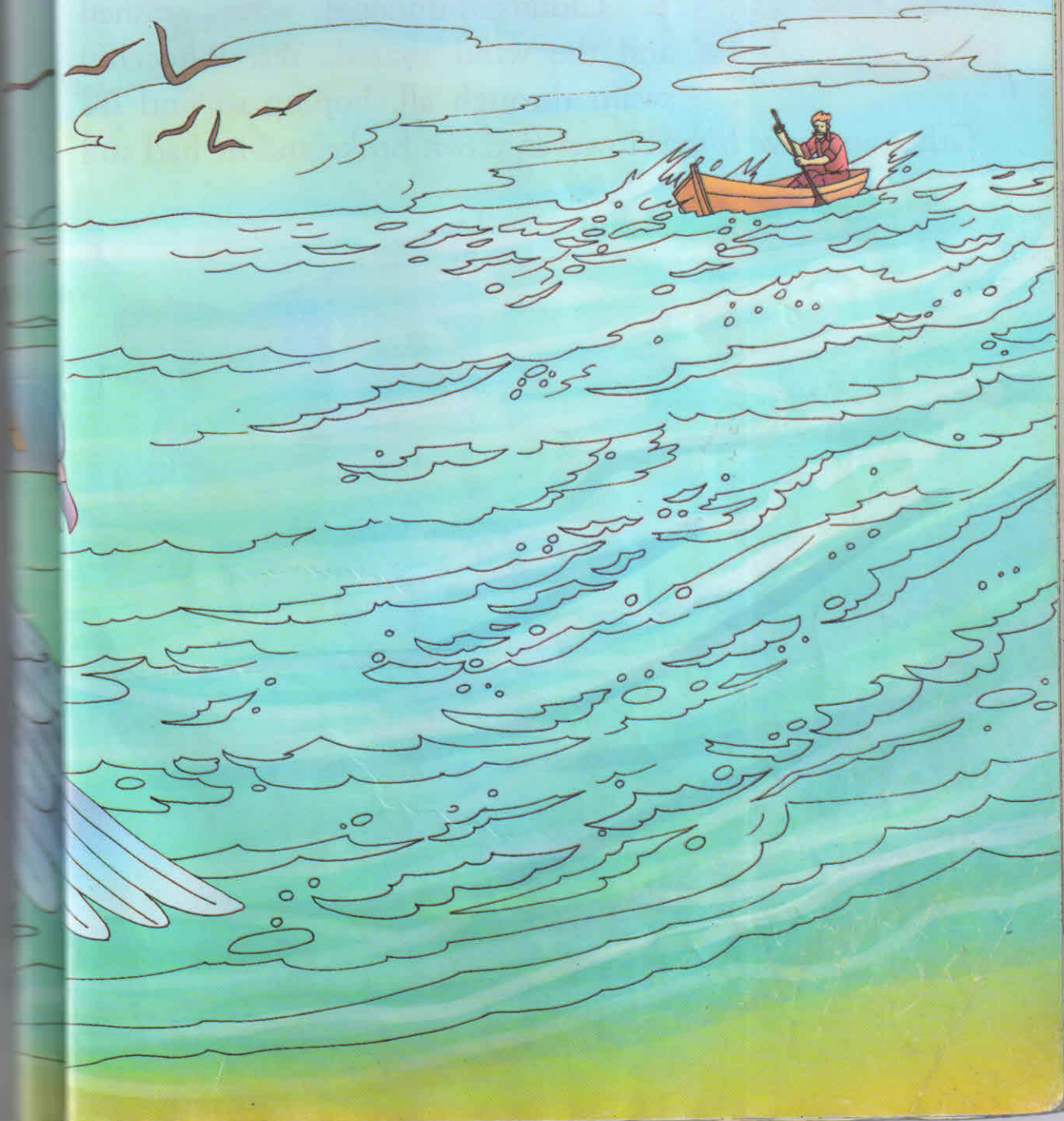
They reached the shore before nightfall. Straining his eyes, Pinocchio could see his father in a small boat. Before he could feel happy at finding his father alive, an enormous wave roared in the ocean and Geppetto’s boat upturned.



The people standing on the shore gasped and sighed sadly, certain that Geppetto had drowned. Right then, they heard a loud **splash** in the water. The crowd turned around to find Pinocchio swimming away, determined to save his father.

Pinocchio sees his father in a boat.

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The Mysterious Island



Pinocchio swam all night long. Clouds thundered, waves crashed and the wind **roared**. Yet, Pinocchio swam through all, hoping to find his father and save him. However, dawn broke and he had still

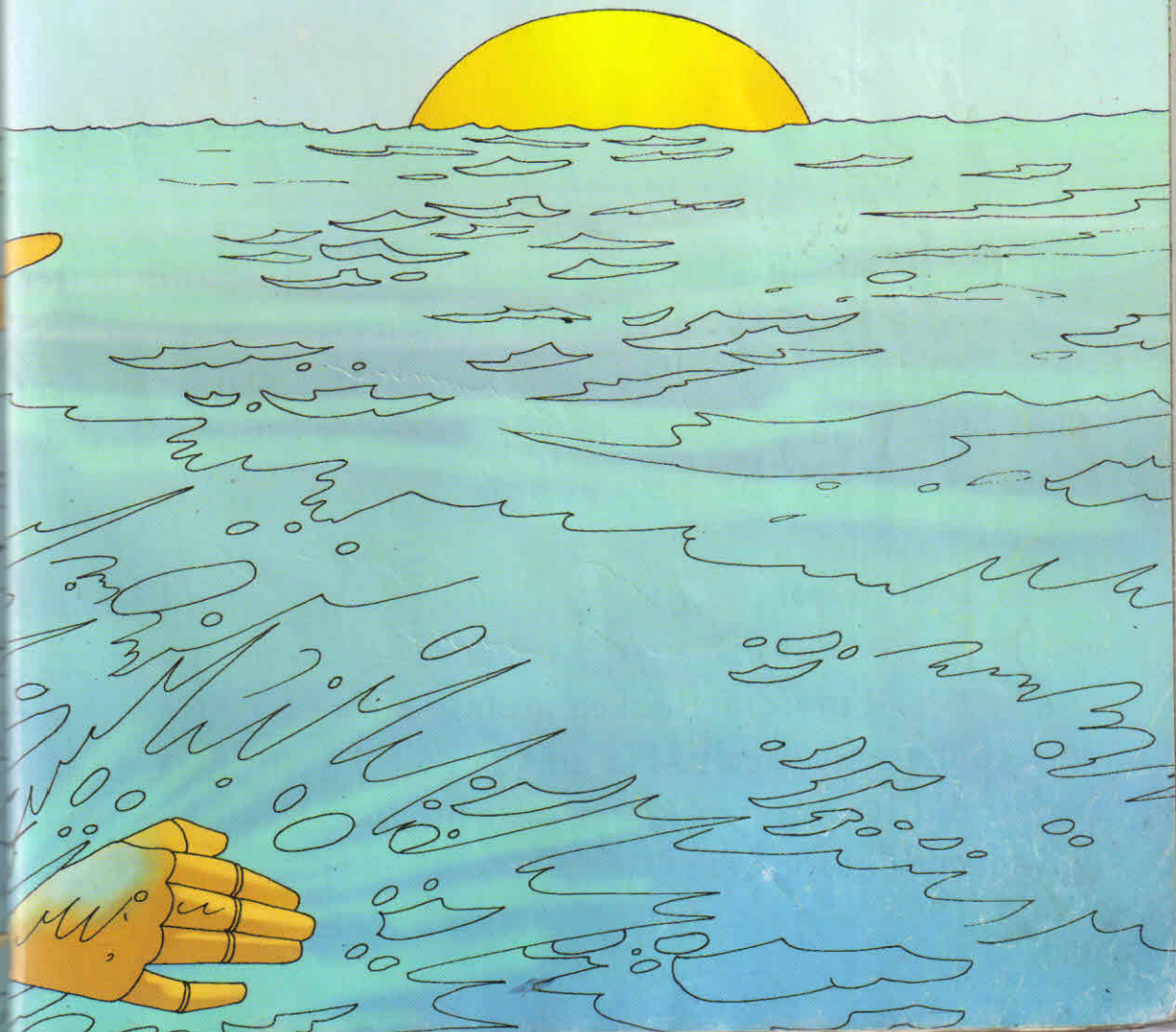


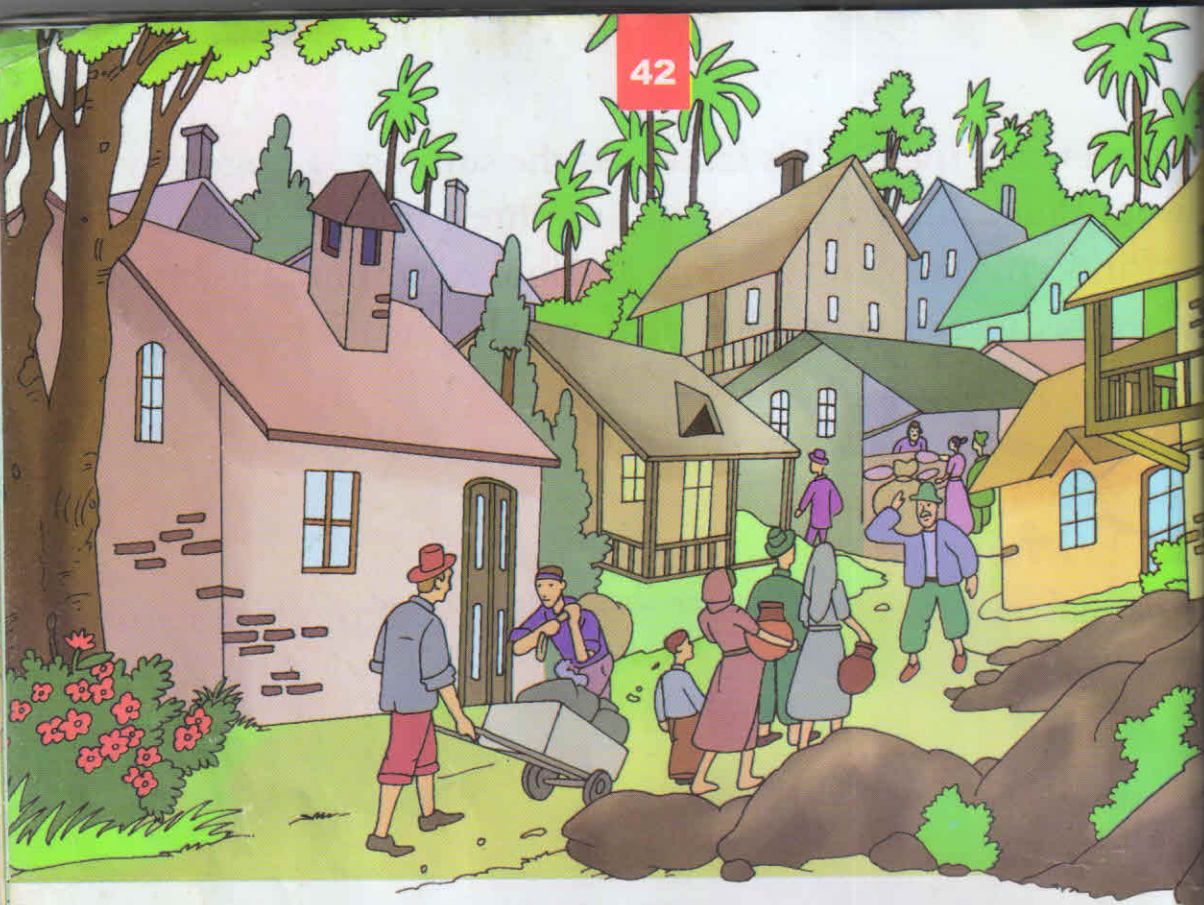
not seen any trace of his father. As the sun rose, a huge wave swept Pinocchio off the course and threw him on an island.

Pinocchio stood up **gingerly** and looked around. His limbs ached because of swimming all night. Despite the pain, when



Pinocchio lands upon an Island.

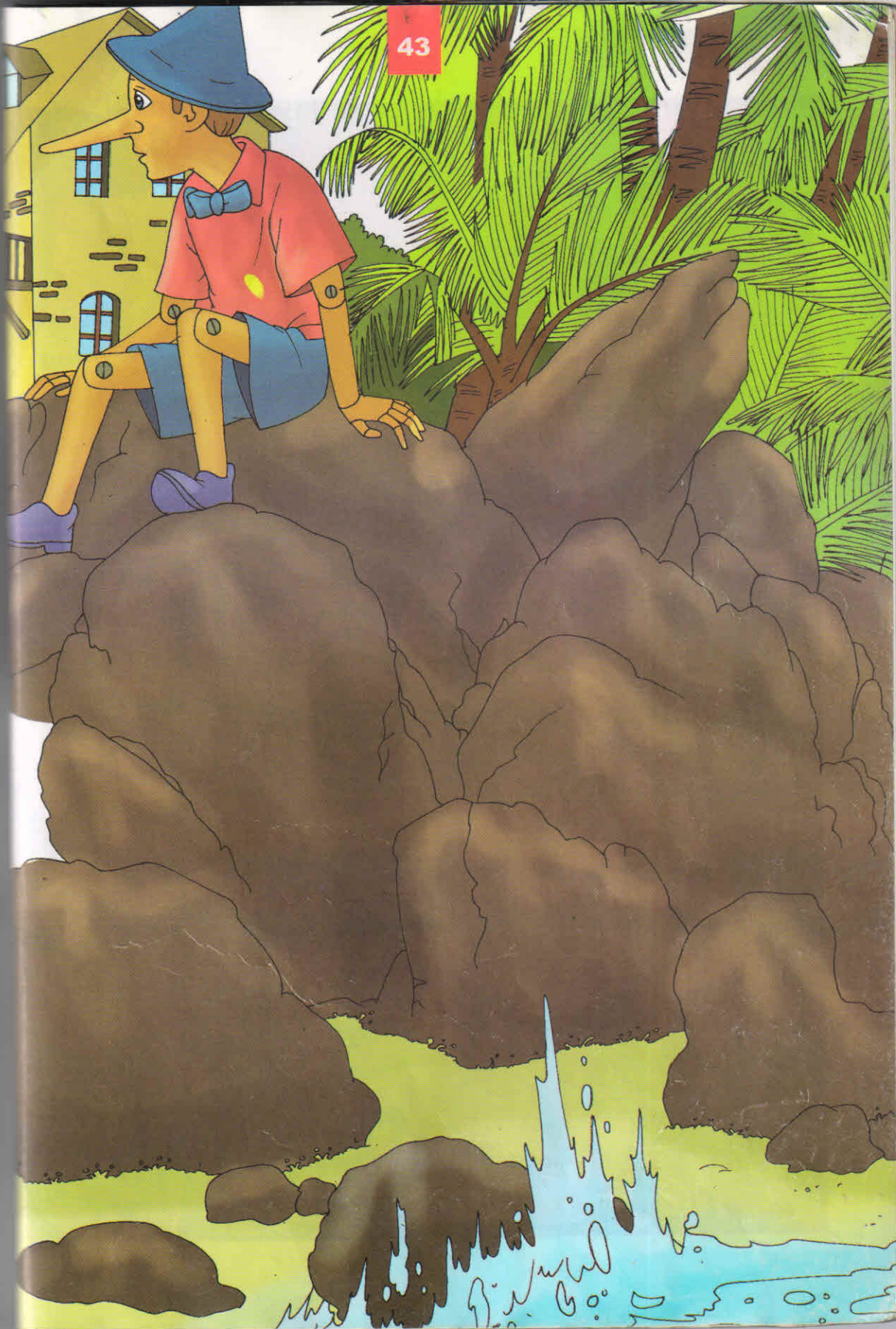




Pinocchio in a beautiful Island.

he looked around, Pinocchio could not help feeling better. He was on a most beautiful island - one with tall green trees and beautiful flowers. The water around this island was clear and blue. Pinocchio saw that this island was full of people. There were small houses and little shops. It was like a small country.

Pinocchio noticed that everybody on this island seemed to know some work or the other. There were no beggars or **tramps**. Pinocchio looked around curiously, his stomach grumbling once again. He understood that in this country, he would have to work and earn his food. Nobody would give it to him for free.



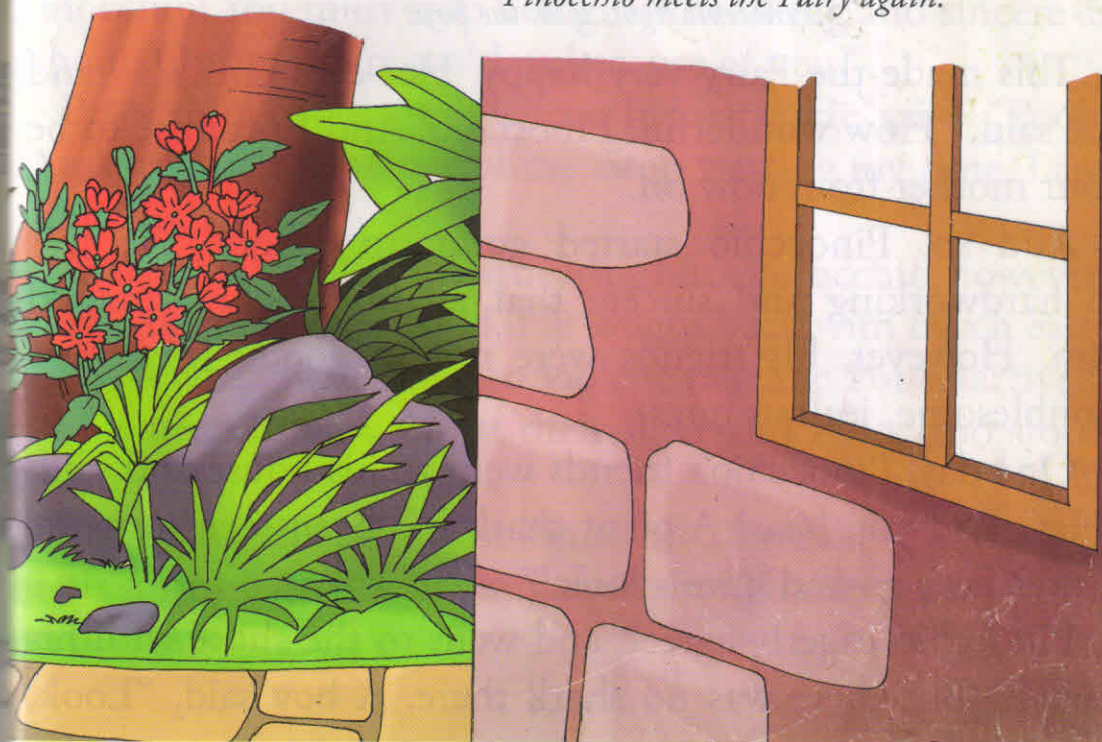


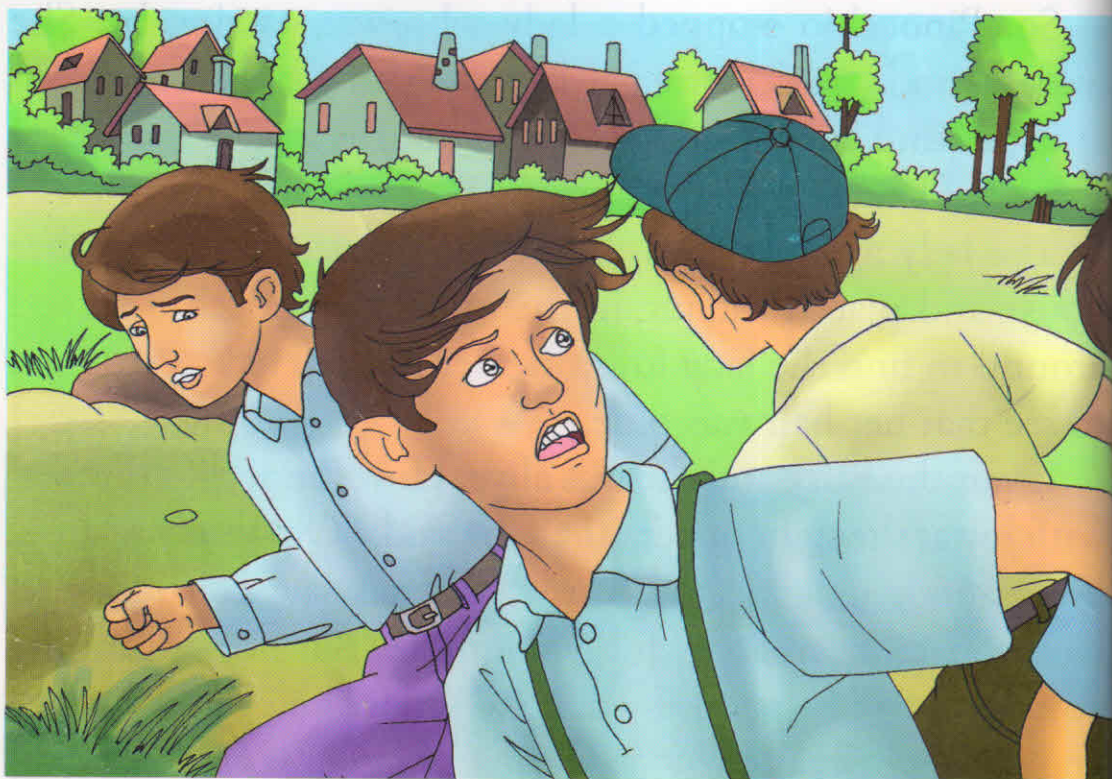
So, Pinocchio stopped a lady who was passing by. She wore a hood and carried a large jug of water. Pinocchio asked, "Kind lady, would you be so kind as to give me a little **supper** if I carried this jug for you?"

The lady agreed. Thus, Pinocchio carried her jug to her house and placed the jug in the kitchen. Pinocchio turned around to find the lady lowering her hood. He was stunned to see that her hair was blue.

It was the Fairy and she was alive. How Pinocchio jumped with joy at the sight of her. Then, he said, "Oh, kind creature! You cannot imagine my sorrow when I saw your grave. I have indeed been an awful Marionette. But now I promise you that I will be good. I will go to school and learn to work and earn money."

Pinocchio meets the Fairy again.





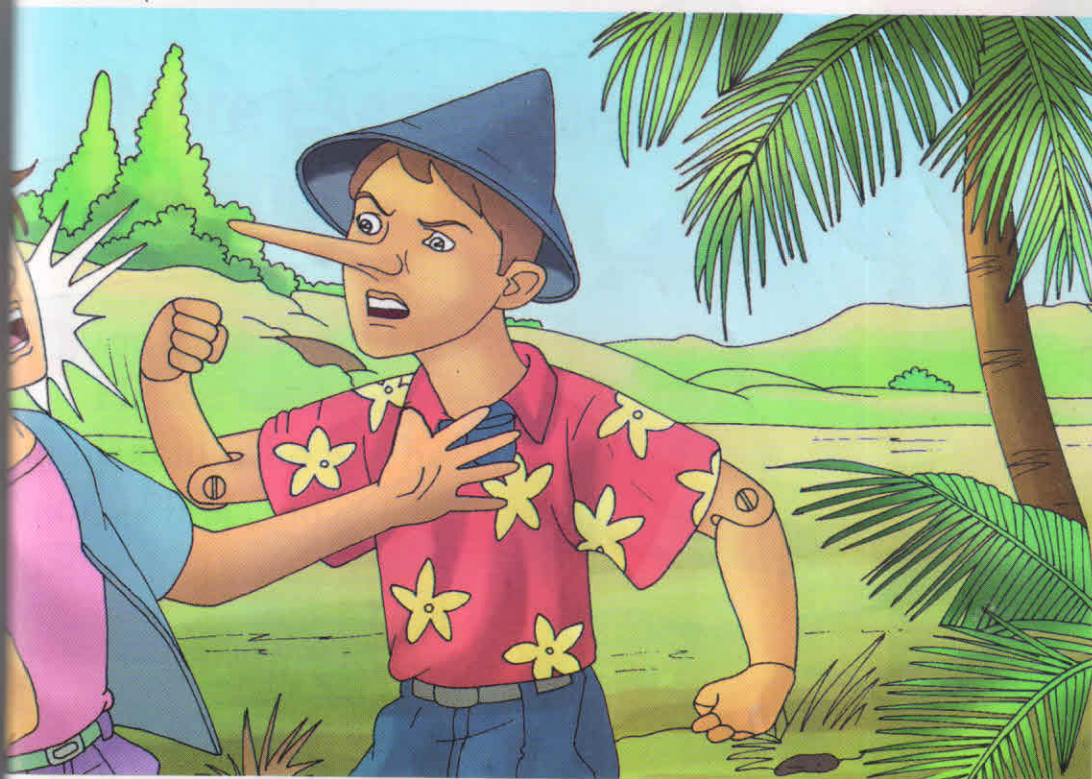
Pinocchio fights with the boys.

This made the Fairy very happy. Her eyes **twinkled** and she said, "How wonderful, Pinocchio! And I promise to be your mother from now on."

And so, Pinocchio started going to school. He was so hardworking and sincere that all his teachers praised him. However, his friends were not so good. They were troublesome, jealous boys.

One day, Pinocchio's friends went to his house and said, "Hey! Did you hear? A giant shark has been seen near the shore? Let's go and have a look."

Pinocchio eagerly agreed and went to the shore with his friends. But there was no shark there. A boy said, "Look,



Pinocchio! You must stop being hardworking and sincere at school. Our mothers scold us because of you.”

Pinocchio could not believe his ears. He said, “Pooh! Don’t ask such nonsense of me. Stop wasting my time. I am going home.”

At this, his friends started beating him. Pinocchio, however, was made of fine firewood. He fought back with much ease. Soon, their fight became so violent that the Police arrived. All his friends ran away at their sight and Pinocchio stood all alone.

The Police tried to arrest Pinocchio, but taking advantage of his strong legs, he ran away, even though they set a **Mastiff** on his trail.



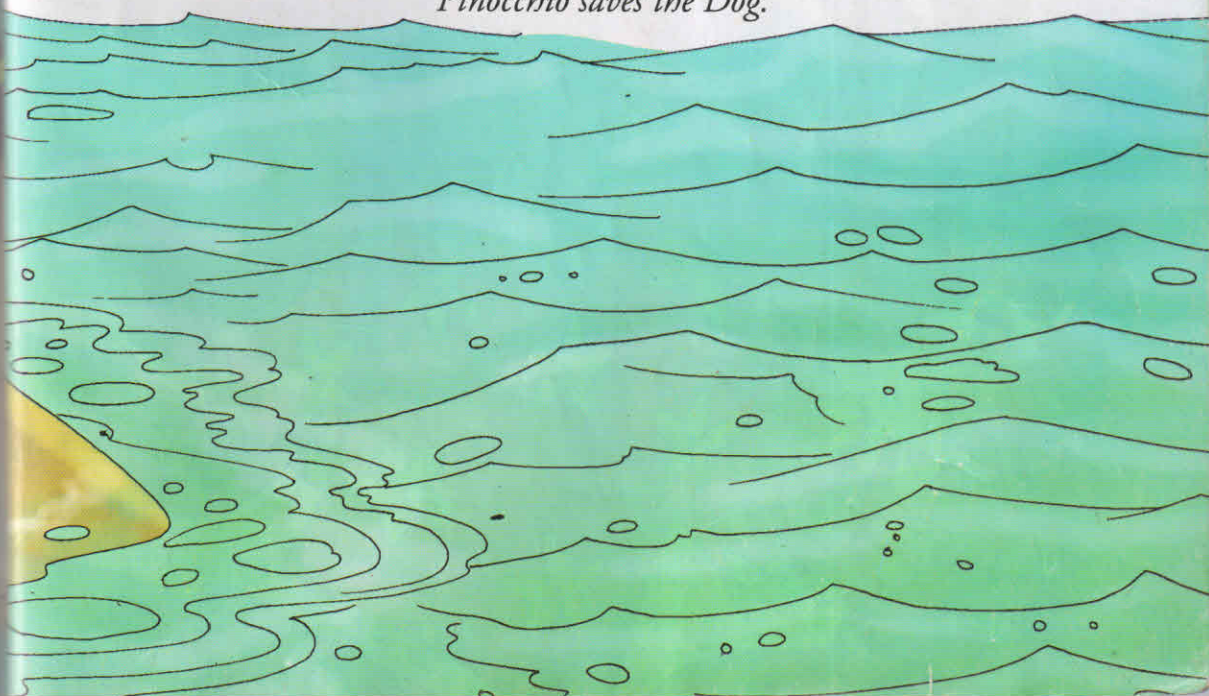
More Escapes and Disobedience



Pinocchio ran faster than the wind. He was much faster than the Mastiff on his trail, who was heavier and slower. Soon, Pinocchio reached the shore and could go on no longer. So, he **skidded** to a sudden halt. The Mastiff, on the other hand, could not stop so quickly and fell right into the sea.

Now, the Mastiff was a strange one, for he was a dog that could not swim. So, within seconds, he was gasping for breath and barking for help. His pitiful sight melted Pinocchio's heart. He dived into the water and saved his chaser.

Pinocchio saves the Dog.

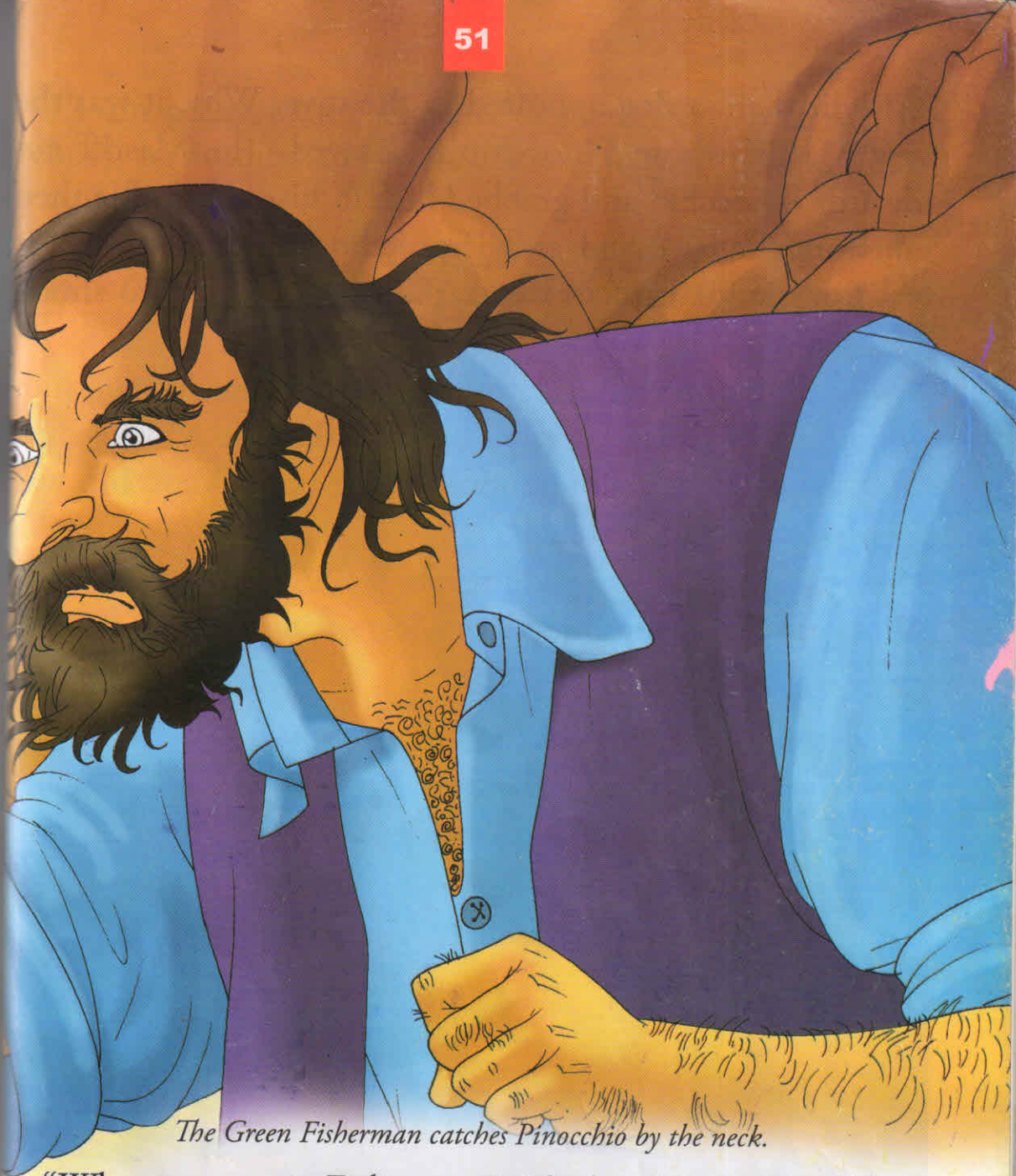


Now safe on the shore, the Mastiff couldn't stop thanking Pinocchio. He promised to help Pinocchio whenever he needed him. Pinocchio accepted his thanks and went on swimming. Soon, he came across a cave made of rocks.

'Good, I can rest and dry myself here. Then I shall return home,' Pinocchio thought. However, no sooner had he climbed the rocky cave did he realise his folly. As he peered inside, he saw a man. This man was large and very **scary**, for his skin was green in colour. He grabbed Pinocchio by the neck and took him inside the cave.

"Hah! What a nice day for fishermen. So many fish, at once. I shall have a grand dinner today," he shouted with glee.





The Green Fisherman catches Pinocchio by the neck.

“What, you are a Fisherman? Oh, but I am not a fish! I am a Marionette.” Pinocchio said, but the green Fisherman did not listen. He placed Pinocchio in a pot, on fire. “Are you out of your mind, you foolish green man? Can you not see that I am not a fish?” Pinocchio **yelled** angrily, in vain.

Right then, a dog appeared in the cave. Why, it was the very Mastiff whom Pinocchio had saved. The Mastiff ran towards Pinocchio and grabbed him in his mouth. He then ran from the cave and away from the Fisherman. Now, it was Pinocchio's turn to thank the Mastiff. The two shook hands and **parted** ways.

Pinocchio then returned to the Fairy's house. "Pinocchio, tomorrow you shall cease to be a Marionette and become a real boy," she exclaimed upon seeing him. Pinocchio was very happy at this news.

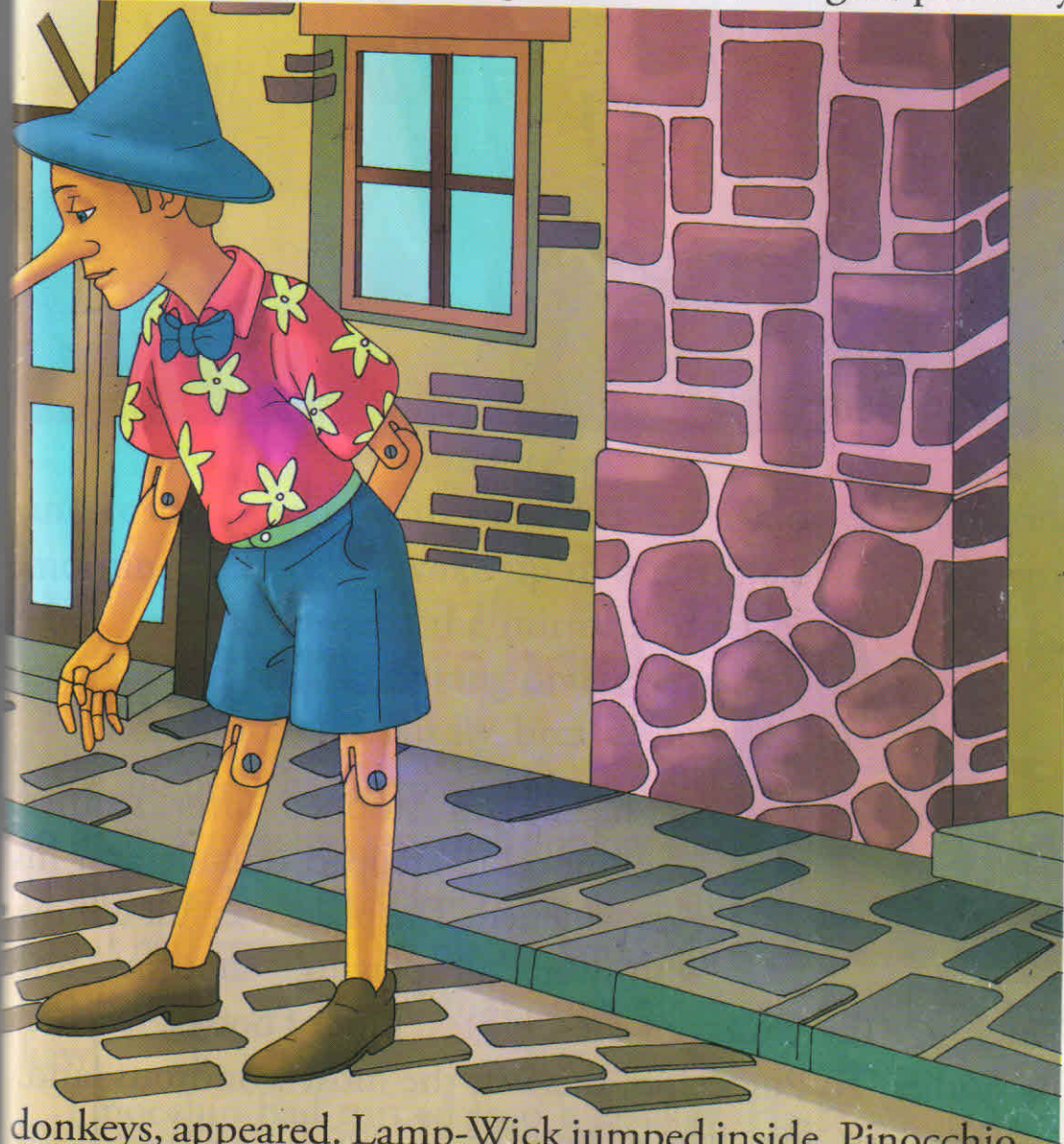
He skipped through the street to see his friend, the Lamp-Wick. He found him in a dark alley, sitting still.

Pinocchio meets Lamp-Wick.



"I am going to the Land of Toys tonight. Imagine, no school, no studies! You must come with me," he said, upon seeing Pinocchio.

At that very moment, a light started glowing out of nowhere. Slowly, it grew larger, and soon, a wagon, pulled by



donkeys, appeared. Lamp-Wick jumped inside. Pinocchio thought of the land full of toys. He **hopped** inside the wagon, too.



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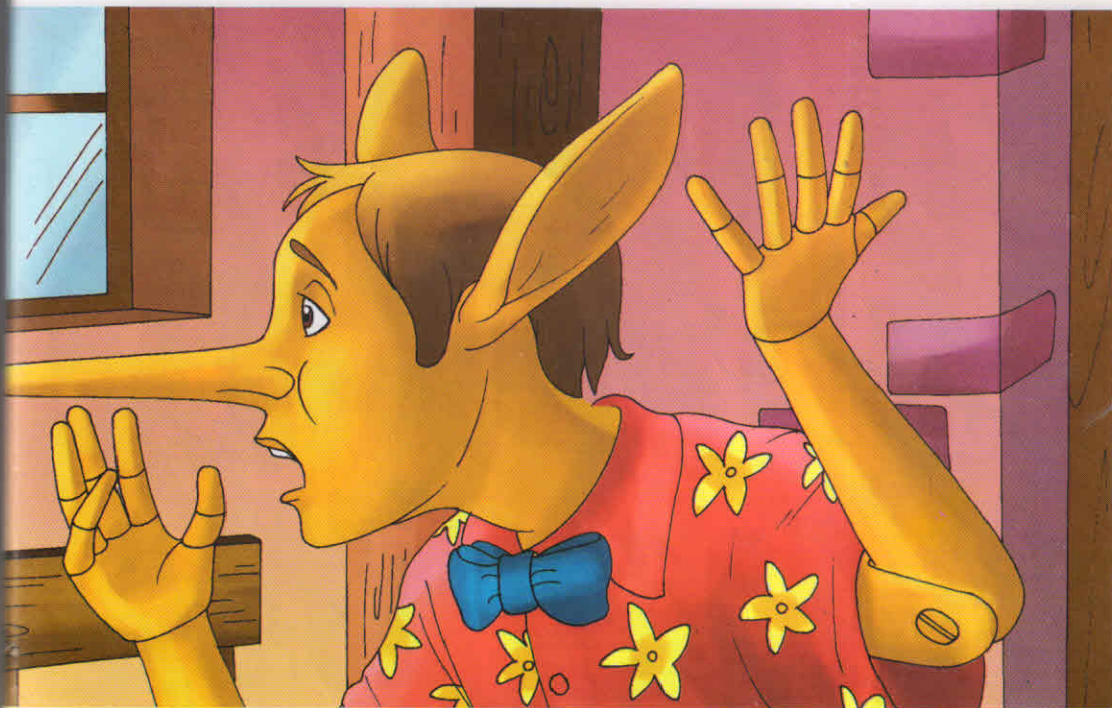
Chapter



Land of Surprises!

The wagon stopped after sunrise. Pinocchio stepped outside and his eyes widened. The place was full of boys who were all playing, shouting and laughing. There was not the **slightest** hint of books, teachers or studies. To Pinocchio, this was the most wondrous land.

Thus, for five whole months, Pinocchio did nothing but play. He rode the merry-go-round, climbed the slides



Pinocchio gets shock.

and made a racket with the other boys. However, one fine morning, Pinocchio woke up to a terrible pain in his ears. He **staggered** towards the mirror and let out a scream, for now he had ten inches long donkey ears.

Pinocchio could hardly breathe for fright. Then, all at once, his body began to tremble and he fell down. Screaming in pain, Pinocchio saw that donkey feet were sprouting out of him. He tried to feel his long nose, but it was gone, too. A snout had grown in its place. Pinocchio screamed in horror, but instead, the sound that came out was, "Hee haw! Hee haw!"

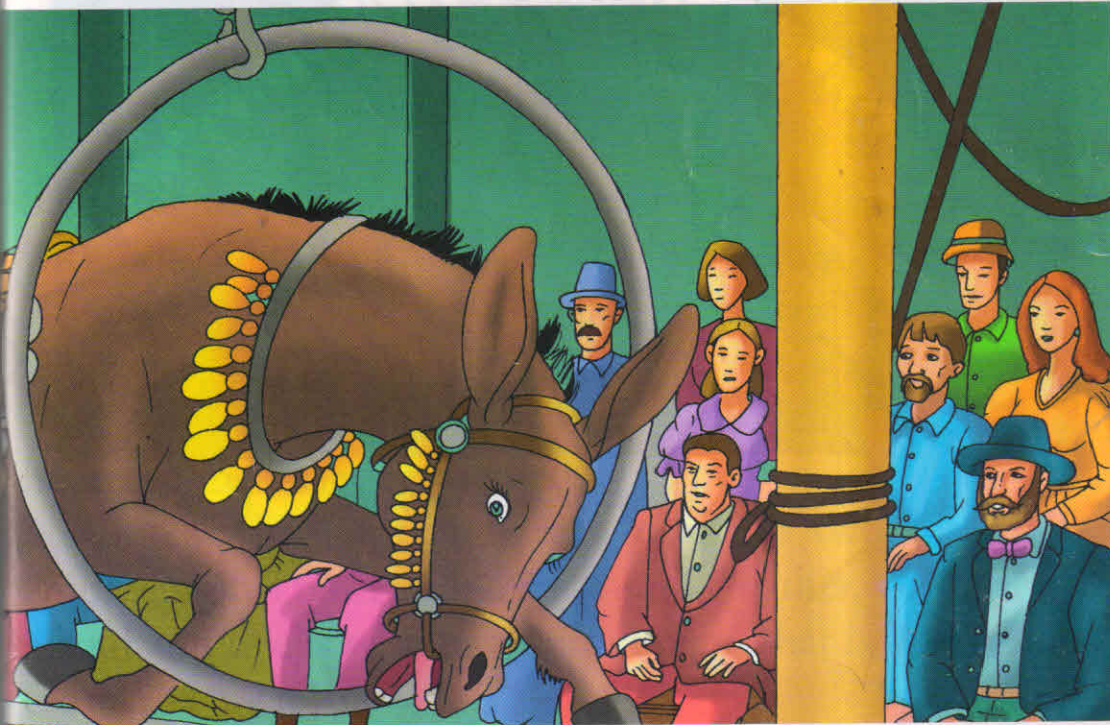
Pinocchio had turned into a donkey. He **scrambled** out of the house on four legs and started running on the streets. However, he tripped on a stone and fell down. When he



stood up, he saw a man standing in front of him. “Ah, just what I need!” he said. The man tied a rope around Pinocchio’s neck and **dragged** him inside a stable.

This man was the Ringmaster of a circus. He was looking for a donkey to do some stunts. So, without delay, he began training Pinocchio, the donkey, to perform stunts. He fed him very less and flogged him until he learnt the tricks.

Finally, the night came for Pinocchio, the donkey, to perform in the circus. The Ringmaster made him gallop and do a little tap-dance. The crowd cheered and applauded. Next, the Ringmaster ordered Pinocchio to jump through a large ring. But Pinocchio was scared and could not gather the courage to obey. The angry Ringmaster **cracked** his whip.



Pinocchio, the donkey, shows stunts in circus.

This **scared** Pinocchio even more and he ran towards the ring. As he jumped, his hind legs got caught in the ring and he fell with a huge crash. The crowd gasped.

Pinocchio had to be carried away from the circus into the stables. A Vet came and examined him. He said, "I am afraid this leg cannot be cured. This donkey is lame now."

Having no use for a lame donkey, the Ringmaster sold Pinocchio, the donkey, to a man for four cents. This man decided to kill Pinocchio, so that he could skin him. Thus, he tied a heavy stone around his middle. Then, he took Pinocchio to a cliff and pushed him off it, into the deep sea.





Pinocchio meets Geppetto.

10 Chapter



Under the Water

Tied with the heavy stone, Pinocchio started drowning. He could not breathe. Just then, numerous fish came zooming towards him. They were large fish, eager to have a hearty meal. They **gnawed** and clawed at Pinocchio's donkey skin. However, they could not go beyond that. Underneath the donkey skin, the Marionette was still alive. The big fish, who had no taste for wood, went away. Pinocchio, again a Marionette, began swimming away from the miserable Land of Toys.

However, a short while later, a large, black wall appeared in front him. As it got closer, Pinocchio saw a huge jaw, full of large, knife-sharp teeth. It was the Shark that haunted the

sea. The Shark's jaws closed around Pinocchio and he fell into the depths of its long throat.

Pinocchio kept falling, until he fell with a thud inside the Shark's stomach. What he saw there nearly made him faint with disbelief! There sat Geppetto, his dear father.

"Oh, oh! My dear Father!" Pinocchio said, half laughing, half crying with joy.

"Son! Is that really you? Oh, the Shark **swallowed** my boat and me!" Geppetto cried.

The two had not seen each other in two years. After embracing his father, Pinocchio said, "Father, the Shark has a cold and sleeps with its mouth open. That is when we can escape."

Thus, when the Shark fell asleep, Geppetto climbed on his son's back and the two swam out from the Shark's mouth. In a few hours, they were back on the shore. Geppetto, however, was running high fever.

Pinocchio was very sad now. He went to a Farmer and said, "Sir, will you be so kind as to give me some work? I need the money for my sick father."

The Farmer said, "Draw a hundred buckets of water from the well for me. I shall give you some food then."

Thus, Pinocchio, who had never done any work in his life, began working for the Farmer. He worked very hard to earn for his ill father. Pinocchio also learnt to make straw baskets. After working for the Farmer, Pinocchio would go to the market-square and sell the baskets.

After the day's hard work, Pinocchio slept soundly at night.

One such night, many months later, the Fairy with the blue hair appeared in his dream. "My dear Pinocchio, look how good you have become! You surely deserve a reward," she said.

The next morning, Pinocchio went to the basin to wash his face. However, when he looked at the mirror, he **gasped**. Instead of a Marionette, a real boy with sparkling blue eyes looked back at him. This boy was dressed in smart clothes and looked very handsome indeed.

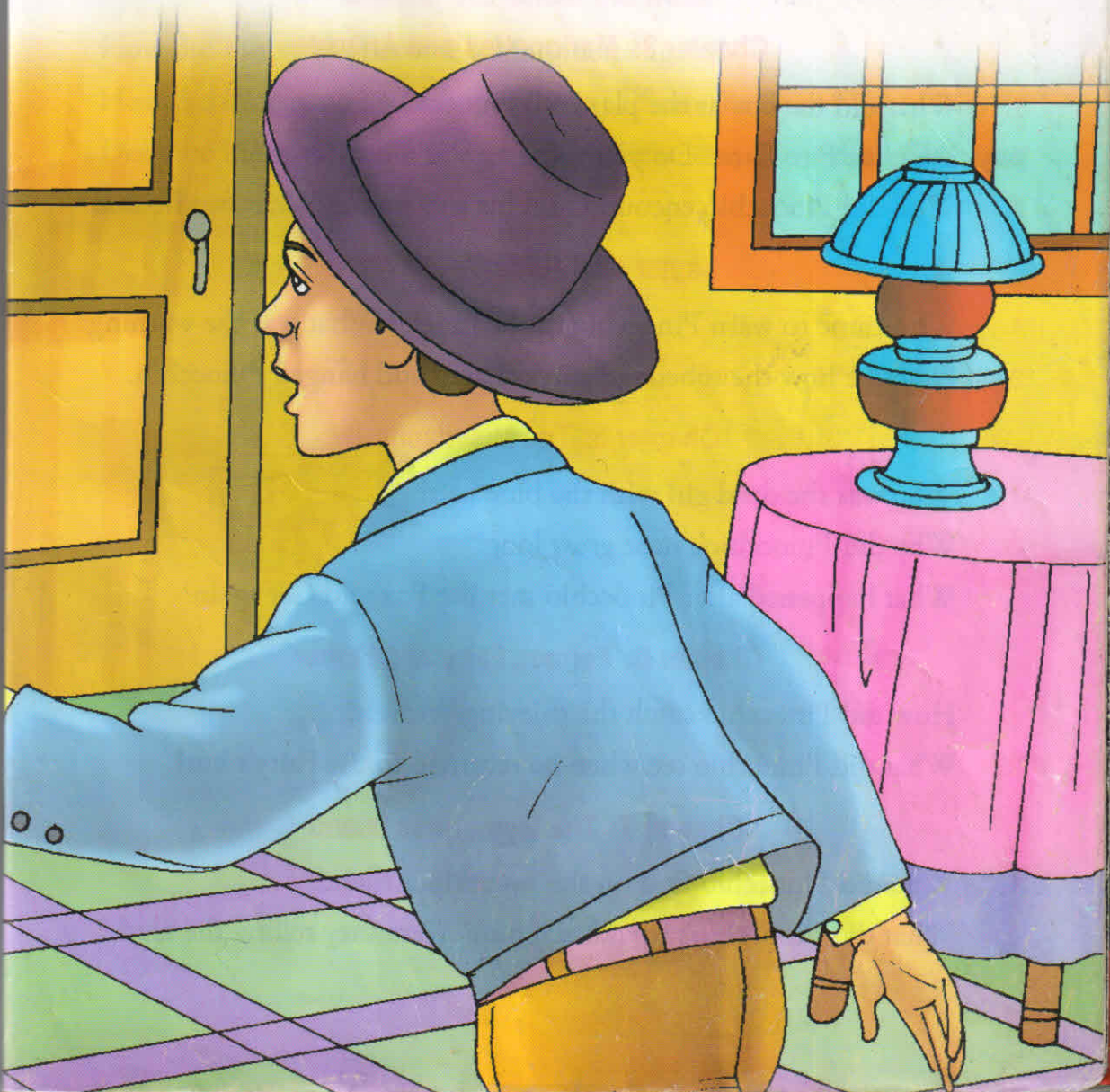


As Pinocchio ran to awaken his father, he saw that their house was no longer a cottage, but a grand mansion. He saw Geppetto coming down the stairs, looking well and healthy. He winked at Pinocchio, who knew that his dream was real.

The father and son **beamed** at each other, as a fine life awaited them.

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A new life awaits Pinocchio.



Chapter 1: The Wooden Boy

1. What was it about the log of wood that made Antonio faint?
2. What happened when Geppetto was making his Marionette?
3. Did the Marionette turn out exactly as Geppetto thought?

Chapter 2: Pinocchio's Night Alone

1. Describe Pinocchio's attempt to fry an egg.
2. What happened when Pinocchio tried to get food outside, in the streets?
3. How did Geppetto buy an ABC book for Pinocchio?

Chapter 3: Marionettes and Animals

1. What did the boy at the plaza tell Pinocchio?
2. Describe Fire-Eater. Do you think he was a good man?
3. Who did Pinocchio encounter on his way home? What was he told?

Chapter 4: Another Night Alone

1. Who came to warn Pinocchio in the jungle? What was the warning?
2. Describe how the robed creatures chased and hanged Pinocchio.

Chapter 5: The Misadventure

1. Who was the dead girl with the blue hair?
2. Why did Pinocchio's nose grow long?
3. What happened after Pinocchio met the Fox and Cat again?

Chapter 6: Farmer, Fairy and Father

1. How did Pinocchio catch the thieving Weasels?
2. What did Pinocchio see when he returned to the Fairy's hut?

Chapter 7: The Mysterious Island

1. Who did Pinocchio find on the mysterious island?
2. What did Pinocchio's friends tell him? Were they telling the truth?

Chapter 8: More Escapes and Disobedience

1. Did Pinocchio save the Mastiff on his trail or did he let him drown?
2. What did Pinocchio see when he entered the rocky cave?
3. How was Pinocchio saved from the green Fisherman?

Chapter 9: Land of Surprises!

1. Describe the Land of Toys.
2. What happened to Pinocchio after five months of play?

Chapter 10: Under the Water

1. How did Pinocchio become a Marionette again?
2. How did Pinocchio and Geppetto escape from the Shark?
3. Describe Pinocchio's life as a working Marionette. How did he become a real boy?



Chapterwise Difficult Words and their Meanings

CHAPTER 1: **meek** - having a gentle temperament; **wretched** - worthless; **yelled** - a loud shout or cry; **creaking** - shrill squaking noise; **prank** - joke

CHAPTER 2: **pester** - annoy constantly; **grumbled** - rumbling sound; **indescribable** - that could not be explained; **spooky** - suggestive of supernatural; **growled** - showing hostility; **snapped** - to speak in irritation; **moaned** - a low prolonged sound of grief; **hugged** - hold tightly in one's arms

CHAPTER 3: **clutched** - grabbed; **tempted** - allured, attracted; **commotion** - disturbance; **hurried** - to hastily come out

CHAPTER 4: **merrily** - happily; **hearty** - large; **murmured** - subdued complaint; **snapped** - to speak sharply; **pounce** - to leap forward to catch hold of; **vanished** - disappeared

CHAPTER 5: **wand** - a rod used by magicians, fairies etc.; **wandered** - roamed; **uttered** - said; **chuckle** - to laugh quietly; **frantically** - desperately

CHAPTER 6: **vine** - climbing plants producing grapes; **leash** - a strip of leather used to hold animal; **abandoned** - left alone; **landed** - came forward; **hopped** - jump over; **splash** - something dropping suddenly in water

CHAPTER 7: **roared** - loud sound of waves or wind; **gingerly** - very cautious or wary; **tramps** - someone who has no fixed home or job; **supper** - meal; **twinkled** - glittered; **mastiff** - a powerful dog used for hunting

CHAPTER 8: **skidded** - slipped; **scary** - dreadful; **yelled** - a loud shout or cry; **parted** - got separated; **hopped** - jumped

CHAPTER 9: **slightest** - remotest; **staggered** - to walk or move unsteadily; **scrambled** - crawled; **dragged** - to pull someone violently; **cracked** - to strike sharply; **scared** - frightened

CHAPTER 10: **gnawed** - bite at or nibble; **swallowed** - to engulf or absorb something; **gasped** - surprised; **beamed** - to smile broadly with pleasure



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