PINOCCHIO

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Characters: Don Gepetto – baritone Pinocchio – mezzo Cricket – tenor Blue Fairy – soprano Fox- tenor Cat – soprano Viking Lady - Baritone

Themes - honesty, right from wrong, loyalty, responsibility, education, caring

Scenes- interior of Gepetto's house, street/outdoors, inside of whale

Props- carving tool for Gepetto, book, backscratcher, gold coins, Viking doll, Puppet show sign, rubber dagger, paper for Video Island flyer, giant toothbrush, Inflatable swimming ring, cardboard waves

EXCERPT:

Pinocchio: I want to be in a puppet show. I want to be an opera singer.

Viking Lady: Ah, it's a rough business, kiddo. You need to go to school first.

Pinocchio: (guiltily) School???

Viking Lady: I'll tell you what. Since you saved the show today, I'll share my pay with You. I get 10 gold coins, so if I give you half, how many will that be?

Pinocchio: Uh.....three???

Viking Lady: (Sigh) Here, kiddo, take five and go to math class, okay?

Pinocchio: Okay! Gee, thanks a lot lady...or mister ...whatever. (runs out)

Viking Lady exits. Cat and Fox enter.

Cat: That old guy sure paid us a lot for that book.

Fox: Yeah. (dumb chuckle)

Cat: And look who comes our way, AGAIN...(seeing Pinocchio's money) Amigo!!

Pinocchio: I want to buy back my book now.

Fox: You can't. We sold...

Cat: (interrupting) We so loved it that we took it to.....a bank vault to keep it safe.

Fox: But, we...

Cat:have missed our dear puppet friend. Are those gold coins???

Pinocchio: Yup! FIVE!! I'm going to buy my book and buy a coat for Papa!!

Cat: Oh, dear. That's not enough money for a coat.

Fox: It's not?

Pinocchio: Well, how do I get more?

Music begins. Magic Flute-Man and Wife. Hole is dug and coins buried toward end of song

| Cat: (singing) | WE'LL SHARE A SECRET WITH YOU, DEAR FRIEND, |
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| | IF YOU WILL PROMISE N <mark>EVER TO</mark> TELL, |
| Fox: | WE'LL BURY YOUR COINS IN THE FIELD OF DREAMS, |
| | WE'LL HAVE TO B <mark>URY THEM</mark> WELL, |
| Both: | WE'LL DIG A HOLE THAT'S DEEP AND ROUND, |
| | WE PLEDGE OUR WORD, THEY'LL BE SAFE AND SOUND, |
| Pinocchio: (speaking) That doesn't make sense. | |
| Cat and Fox: | DURING TH <mark>E NIGHT</mark> , AND DURING THE NIGHT, |
| | YOUR GOLD COINS WILL MULTIPLY |
| | BY TOMORROW, FIVE TIMES FIVE |
| (Pinocchio scratches head and tries to do math) | |
| YOUR GOLD COINS WILL MULTIPLY, | |
| | BY TOMORROW, FIVE TIMES FIVE! |
| Pinocchio: (m | attering) Five times fiveBy tomorrow, I'll haveNINE!!! |

Cat escorts him out and signals to Fox. As they exit, fox digs up coins and puts them in his pocket and runs off.

Scene-Gepetto's house-Pinocchio enters.

Pinocchio: Papa? Papa? (looking) Conscience? Oh, Cricket! Conscience! Where are they?

- Blue Fairy: They are out looking for you, Pinocchio. They're worried sick. Where have you been? Didn't you go to school?
- Pinocchio: School? Oh, yeah, school. Sure, I was there. (Pinocchio turns away from audience, so nose can grow.)
- Blue Fairy: And did you learn a lot at school?
- Pinocchio: Oh, yes! Lots and lots! (Turns to face audience with big nose)
- Blue Fairy: Really, Pinocchio??

Pinocchio: My nose!!!

Blue Fairy: Your nose knows, Pinocchio.

2, (singing) OH, YOUR WORD IS YOUR BOND, SO HONOR JT, DO NOT THROW-IT-A-WAY LIKE TRASH, WHEN YOU TELL A LIE, KISS YOUR WORTH GOODBYE, FOR YOUR WORD- IS WORTH- MORE THAN CASH! (speaking) And when you lie... THAT NOSE WILL KNOW, THAT NOSE WILL GROW, THAT NOSE WILL SHOW, WHAT THAT NOSE KNOWS, TELLING- A LIE MEANS TELLING ANOTHER, SOON YOU'VE TOLD SO MANY YOU CAN'T TELL ONE FROM THE OTHER, THOSE LIES KEEP GROWING, ENDLESSLY FLOWING, THOSE LIES KEEP GROWING, NO ONE WILL TRUST YOU, YOUR WORD MEANS NOTHING, LOST IN THE SWAMPLAND, LOST IN YOUR LIES! Pinocchio: NO ONE WILL TRUST YOU, LOST IN THE SWAMPLAND, LOST IN YOUR LIES! Blue Fairy: NOW LET US GO-, TEND TO THAT NOSE, WE WILL DISPOSE OF, THAT CHARMING NOSE. MAYBE WE'LL YANK IT OFF WITH A KERPLOP!

Music. Despina's aria.

Pinocchio: (yelling) OW!
Blue Fairy: MAYBE WE'LL TWIST IT OR PULL IT OR CHOP, MAYBE WE'LL TWIST IT OR PULL IT OR CHOP!
Pinocchio: (speaking) I hope you're kidding...
Blue Fairy laughs.

Fairy and Pinocchio exit during last line of song. Scene-street/outdoors Pinocchio and Fox enter from opposite sides. Fox is carrying stack of papers.

Pinocchio: (rapping/humming) Go to school. Do what is right. (Gets somewhat distracted by imaginary things.) Go..to school. Do... Go..

Fox: Well, whaddya know? It's Woody.

- Pinocchio: Hi, there! I'm going to dig up all my money and then I'm going to school.
- Fox: Ah, that's too bad. I guess you won't be interested in one of these then. (Holds out flyer)

Pinocchio: What is it?

Fox: I'm passing them out to all the kids who want to have fun. Pinocchio: Fun? What does it say?

Fox: (reading) Come one, come all! Come to Video Island! Watch TV morning, noon and night. No one will tell you you've watched too much. Play Dopiemon---all kinds of video games! Stay up as late as you want! You won't have to get up for school. Be a couch potato, be a slouch! Be all that you can be! You'll never have homework or healthy food again. (to Pinocchio) All the fun kids will be there.

Pinocchio: It sure sounds like fun. Does it say anything else?

- Fox: Well, there does seem to be some teeny tiny print at the bottom, but why bother with details?
- Pinocchio: (Fox puts arm around him as they leave) Yeah, why bother with details. I can't read, anyway. (Laughing, they exit) (Pinocchio throws down flyer)

Offstage voice: All aboard for Video Island! The boat is now departing!









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