## Children's Stories

## Pinocchio

IT WAS ONCE A man named Geppetto who made beautiful wooden dolls. He lived alone and his dream was to have a son with whom to share all his love and affection. One day, Geppetto made a little boy of wood. When he had finished, Gepeto sighed: "I wish this wooden boy were real and could live here with me ...". Suddenly it happened! The little wooden boy came to life! Geppetto shouted with joy and, with laughter of happiness, said: "Welcome! I'll call you Pinocchio. Geppetto helped Pinocchio dress, gave him some books, kissed him on the cheek, and sent him to school to learn to read and write. But he warned him: "As soon as school is finished, Pinocchio will come home." Pinocchio said yes and happily walked towards the school.

On the way, Without knowing what to do, Pinocchio began to walk, until he found a lady dressed in blue, whom he asked for help. What he did not know was that you were the blue fairy. The fairy said she would help him and asked him who his parents were and where he lived. To which Pinocchio answered: "I have no house and no one to live with."

The blue fairy realized that Pinocchio was lying and her nose began to grow! The blue fairy replied, "Go home to your father. Be a good boy and do not lie anymore. "Pinocchio promised that he would, and his nose returned to normal size. Back at home. Pinocchio stopped at an amusement park and his nose began to grow again. In the park, they told him that he could eat all the ice cream he wanted ... what they did not tell him was that the ice cream would turn him into a donkey! Pinocchio ate until he could no longer, and as soon as he became a donkey, he was sold to a circus. In the circus he was forced to work hard and was so mistreated that, shortly thereafter, he could not even walk. Since it no longer served to work in the circus, the owner had him thrown into the sea. As soon as he fell into the sea, he became a wooden boy again. A whale that passed by saw Pinocchio and swallowed it, thinking it was food. Inside the whale, what was not Pinocchio's surprise when he met Gepeto! This one had gone to look for Pinocchio and ended up going to the belly of the whale. He was very weak and sick, and a fish that was also there said:

"Come up both of you behind my back and I'll take you home!" They did so, and when they reached the house, Pinocchio took very good care of Geppetto until he was well. The blue fairy appeared again and, seeing that Pinocchio had been so good to Geppetto, said: "As you are now a good boy, I'm going to turn you into a real boy. " And so it was. Geppetto had finally had the son he had longed for and the two of them were happy forever!

The grasshopper and the ant

Once upon a time there was a cicada that lived by skipping and singing through the woods, without worrying about the future. Bumping into an ant that carried a heavy leaf, he asked: "Hey, little ant, why all this work?" Summer is for people to enjoy! Summer is for people having fun! "No, no, no! We ants do not have time for fun. We must work now to store food for the winter. During the summer, the cicada continued to enjoy itself and strolled through the woods. When he was hungry, he would just get a leaf and eat. One fine day, he passed again near the little ant carrying another heavy leaf. The cicada then advised: Leave it to the others! Let's have fun. Come on, little girl, let's sing! Let's Dance! The little ant liked the suggestion. She decided to see the life that the cicada carried and was delighted. She decided to live as her friend. morning, the queen of the ant hill appeared, and when she saw it amusing, she glared at her and ordered her to return to work. The good life had ended. The queen of the ants then spoke to the cicada: "If you do not change your life, you'll regret it in the winter, Cicada!" You will go hungry and cold. The cicada did not even

call, bowed to the queen and said, - Hmm!! Winter is For cicada, what mattered was to enjoy life, and enjoy still far away, my dear! today, without thinking about tomorrow. Why build a shelter? Why store food? Pure waste of time. One winter came, and the cicada began to shiver with cold. Her body felt cold and she had nothing to eat. Desperate, she hit the ant's house. Opening the door, the ant saw in front of him the cicada almost dead with cold. He pulled her inside, wrapped it up, and gave her a hot, delicious soup. At that moment the queen of the ants appeared and said to the cicada: "In the ant world, everyone works and if you want to stay with us, do your duty: play and sing to us. For cicada and ants, that was the happiest winter of their lives.

## The cat of boots

Once upon a time there was an old miller who had three children. Before he died, he gathered his children together, and divided his goods for them by the three. To the eldest son, the miller gave him the mill. The middle son left the donkey to him. And the youngest gave him a cat. The younger son, with the cat in his lap, commented disillusionedly: "What am I to do with a simple cat?" Which was not to his surprise when he heard the cat respond to him: "If you give me some black boots, a suit and a bag, I'll make you a rich man!" So did the boy and the cat, all ready, left leaving his new owner very shuffled. The boot cat went into the woods and hunted two partridges, which he thrust into the sack. He went to the king's castle and offered them to the king, in the name of his master, the Marquis of Carabas. Day after day the cat continued to offer gifts to the king in the name of the marguis, which made the king curious to know who the Marquis of Carabás was. One fine afternoon, while the boy and his cat were resting by the river, the king's chariot was approaching. The cat quickly wakes up his master and tells

him to undress and throw himself into the river. The boy, somewhat confused, does what the cat tells him. Then the cat with the boots rushes toward the carriage, with distressed air, and shouts: - Help, majesty! They robbed the clothes of my master, the Marquis of Carabás! The king, recognizing the name of the marquis, stops promptly and lends the young nobleman clothes, offering him a lift to his house. The young man enters the carriage, half embarrassed and distressed, for he did not know what to say, sitting between the king and his beautiful daughter, who accompanied him. The cat promptly indicates the way to the king's coachman and, after the chariot pulls out, runs rampant to the grounds next to the ogre's castle. When he arrived, he saw the peasants, to whom he said: "If they want to get rid of the evil Ogre, when the King passes they say that all these lands belong to the Marquis of Carabás." And he continued to run, toward the castle. When he arrived, he found the ogre, who was the owner of all those lands, sitting down to rest. When the ogre saw him, he asked: - Who are you? And what are you doing in my castle? To which the cat replied:

"I am the cat of boots, a humble servant of yours ... I have heard that you possess magical powers. It is true? Would you be able to become a lion? Upon hearing this, the ogre immediately becomes a huge lion! The cat, full of fear, responds: "How wonderful ... but could you turn yourself into a tiny mouse?" And the ogre, proud and reckless, soon becomes a little mouse. The cat in the boots, without wasting time, jumps toward the mouse and eats it. At that time, the king's carriage arrives at the gates of the castle, and the bogeyman addresses them to receive them: "Welcome to my master's castle, the Marquis of Carabás!" The king, impressed by the simplicity of the young man, who stood at the door of the astonishment, invites the now Marquis of Carabas to marry his beautiful daughter. The boy accepts and lives happily ever after accompanied by his beautiful princess and his faithful cat.