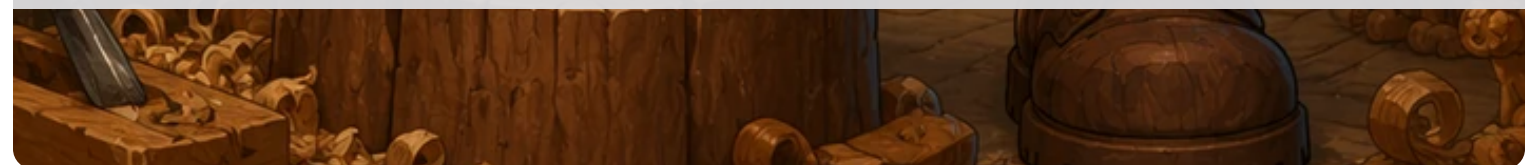


Pinobufflo: The Wooden Warrior

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In a cozy workshop filled with the scent of pine, Geppetto carefully carved a puppet from a uniquely dense piece of ironwood. Instead of a slender boy, his chisel shaped a puppet with bulging wooden biceps and a chest as solid as an anvil. When the Blue Fairy brought him to life, Pinobufflo immediately flexed, shattering his workbench with an accidental, enthusiastic fist bump.



On his first day of school, Pinobufflo tried to fit in, but his sheer mass made it difficult. He accidentally crushed his wooden desk into splinters just by sitting down, drawing gasps from his classmates. Despite his intimidating physique, he offered a warm, gentle smile, offering to carry the entire classroom's heavy textbooks on his broad shoulders.



On his way home, the Fox and the Cat intercepted Pinobufflo, hoping to trick him into going to Pleasure Island. However, when the devious duo tried to corner him, Pinobufflo casually picked up a massive boulder to practice his shoulder presses. Sweating with fear, the scammers quickly realized they couldn't bully this puppet and scrambled away into the bushes.



When Pinobufflo finally made it to school the next day, a giant runaway carriage lost its brakes and hurtled toward a group of terrified children. Without a second thought, the wooden powerhouse sprinted forward and dug his boots into the cobblestones. He caught the massive iron carriage with his bare hands, lifting it over his head as the crowd erupted into cheers.



Despite his heroism, Pinobufflo struggled with the pressure of being a perfect boy and told a small lie to Geppetto about where he had been. Instantly, his nose didn't just grow longer; it grew thicker and heavier like a massive tree trunk, throwing off his center of balance. He tipped over backward, realizing that dishonesty was a weight even he couldn't lift.



Determined to make amends, Pinobufflo confessed the truth to Geppetto, and his nose instantly shrunk back to its normal size. Before they could celebrate, a massive storm battered the coast, and news arrived that Geppetto's fishing boat had been swallowed by a giant sea monster. Pinobufflo sprinted toward the roaring ocean, ready to put his strength to the ultimate test.



Pinobufflo dove into the churning waves, swimming with powerful strokes that parted the violent sea like a speed boat. He dived deep into the dark water until he saw the towering silhouette of the Monstro whale. With a mighty breath of air, the wooden warrior swam straight into the beast's gaping mouth to find his father.



Inside the whale's belly, Pinobufflo found Geppetto trapped on his wrecked boat, shivering and hopeless. The giant puppet hugged his father gently, promising to get them out of there. Looking up at the whale's massive ribs, Pinobufflo braced his feet against the floor and prepared to execute the ultimate deadlift.



With a roar of pure determination, Pinobufflo pushed against the whale's jaws, prying them open with his incredible wooden strength. The sheer force of his lift forced the monster to sneeze violently, launching the puppet and Geppetto high into the air and safely onto the sandy shore.



As they washed ashore, the Blue Fairy appeared once more, deeply moved by Pinobufflo's courage, honesty, and protective heart. With a flash of magic, she transformed him into a real, flesh-and-blood boy—who still retained his impressively athletic build. Geppetto hugged his son tightly, proud of the true hero he had become from the inside out.