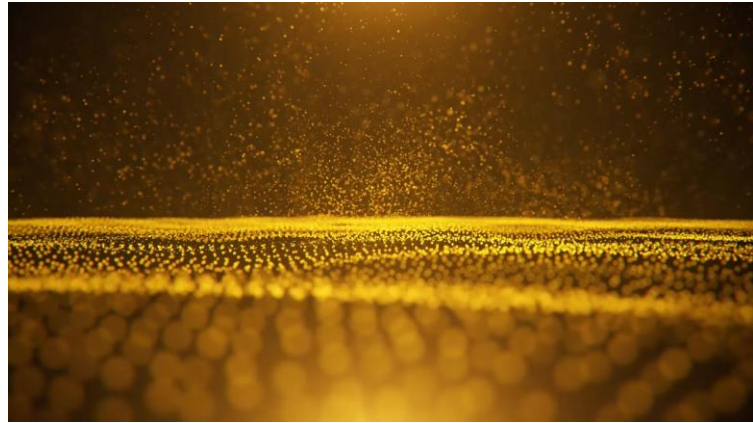


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Cricket: My good
Pinocchio,
money doesn't grow
on trees,
You have to earn it,
remember this,
Pinocchio.

The **Cricket's** visit is brief.
Pinocchio is left alone again.
Robbed of his money, he can
no longer buy either the new
jacket for his father, or a new
ABC book for himself.

How would you feel if you were in the
same position?

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- **Pinocchio** has learned the importance of honesty from the **Fairy**. Now he must learn to recognize the falseness of bad persons. The author Carlo Collodi and the librettist/composer of the opera, Natalia Valli, have highlighted the fact that money or wealth is not something that is obtained quickly or easily – “money doesn’t grow on trees...” We will see that for Pinocchio, there is something further still to learn...

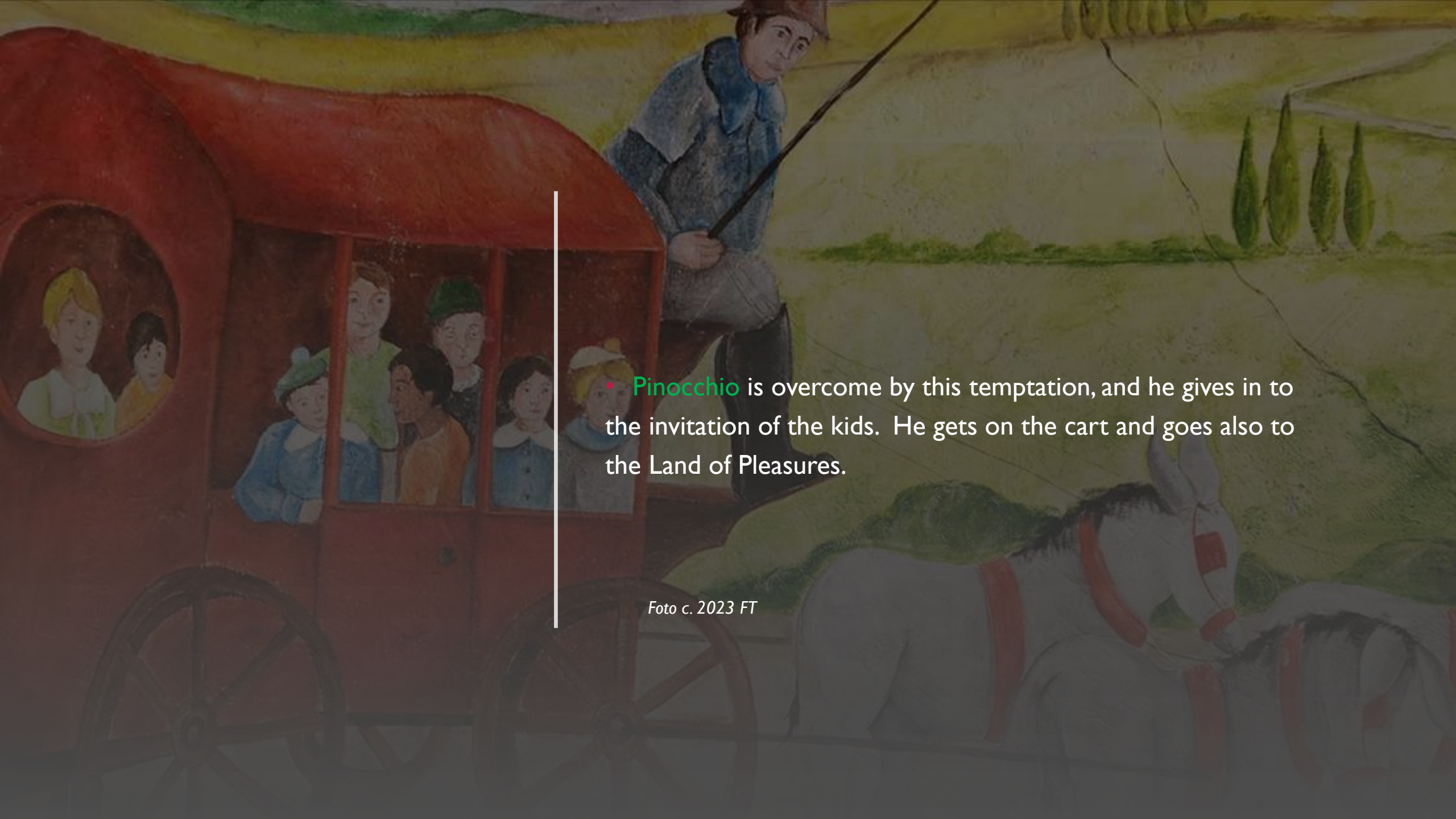




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- After the departure of the Cricket, Omino enters with his cart full of sleeping children. Omino is a thief of a different type, and in his aria “All the Lazy Kids” he proclaims his own evil stratagem: he attracts children to the Land of Pleasures where they eventually transform into donkeys. He then takes them to market to sell, and makes a lot of money thereby.

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- Suddenly the children wake up and entreat Pinocchio to go with them to the Land of Pleasures in the cart of Omino. They shout excitedly that in the Land of Pleasures “schools don’t exist, and that there you are always on vacation, you do whatever you want; no work, no studying!”





- **Pinocchio** is overcome by this temptation, and he gives in to the invitation of the kids. He gets on the cart and goes also to the Land of Pleasures.

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