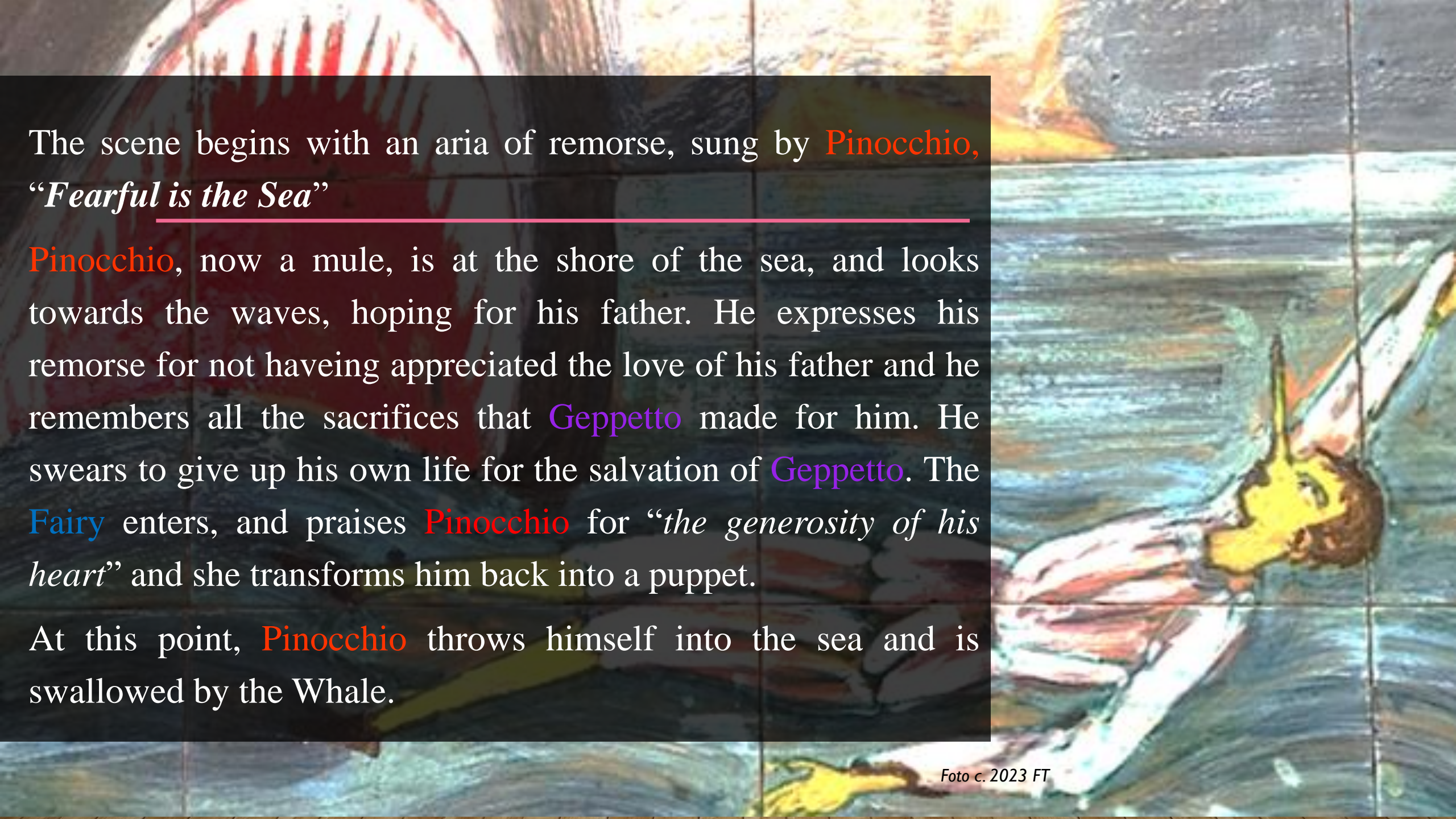


SCENE 7

IN THE BELLY OF THE WHALE



The scene begins with an aria of remorse, sung by **Pinocchio**,
“Fearful is the Sea”

Pinocchio, now a mule, is at the shore of the sea, and looks towards the waves, hoping for his father. He expresses his remorse for not having appreciated the love of his father and he remembers all the sacrifices that **Geppetto** made for him. He swears to give up his own life for the salvation of **Geppetto**. The **Fairy** enters, and praises **Pinocchio** for *“the generosity of his heart”* and she transforms him back into a puppet.

At this point, **Pinocchio** throws himself into the sea and is swallowed by the Whale.

ARIA



“FEARFUL THE SEA”

PINOCCHIO :

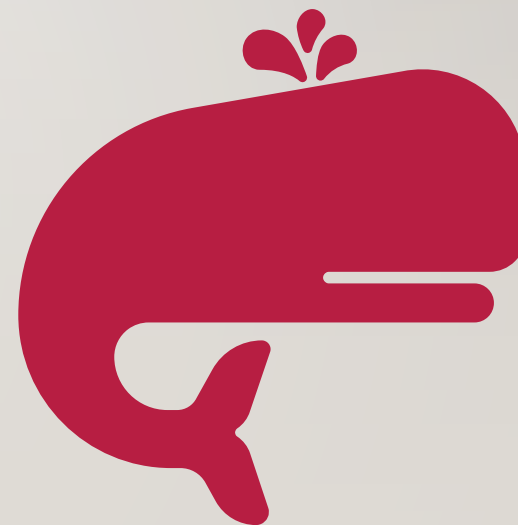
How frightening is the raging sea!
My Papa, I ask your pardon!
I am left alone on this earth,
How will I be able to live without you?
How many tears have you shed for me, my father!
How many sleepless nights have you spent!
And I, an ungrateful spendthrift, only wanted to have fun!
I will search for you in the dark depths of the sea
and if need be, I will give my life in exchange for
your rescue; I give it to you without a second thought!





ARIA

Meanwhile, **Geppetto**, seated in the belly of the whale sings his aria of woe, which expresses his sorrow and grief. He believes that he will never see his little son again, and cannot raise him to be happy and to enjoy life together with him, a life that promised so many wonders. **Geppetto** finishes this aria with a desperate prayer to God, to protect the child that he believes is so far away from him.



Inside the belly of the gigantic Whale, father and son find each other and their joy is immense. Suddenly, **Pinocchio** exclaims, “*Let’s get out of here!*” **Geppetto** doubts they can make it to shore, but **Pinocchio** insists. **Geppetto** leans on **Pinocchio**, who, made of wood, floats and cannot sink. Dragging his father, **Pinocchio** swims towards the shore. **Geppetto** is saved, but, from the exhaustion of the swim, **Pinocchio** arrives on the beach half-dead.

