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# DO YOU LOVE DINOSAURS?



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# Do you love dinosaurs?

**MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO,** before there were people, roads, cars or houses, some amazing creatures ruled planet Earth. **ROAAAAAR!** Some were huge, taller than the tallest tree, and some were so small they looked like little birds! **CHIRP!** Some had **ENORMOUS** pointy teeth the size of your arm and many had beautiful fluffy feathers. Some were super speedy and some lumbered along sloooooowly.

Who were these **FANTASTIC** creatures?  
Meet ... **THE DINOSAURS!**

HELLO!

But before you turn the page,  
here are 10 dinosaur rules  
you must obey:

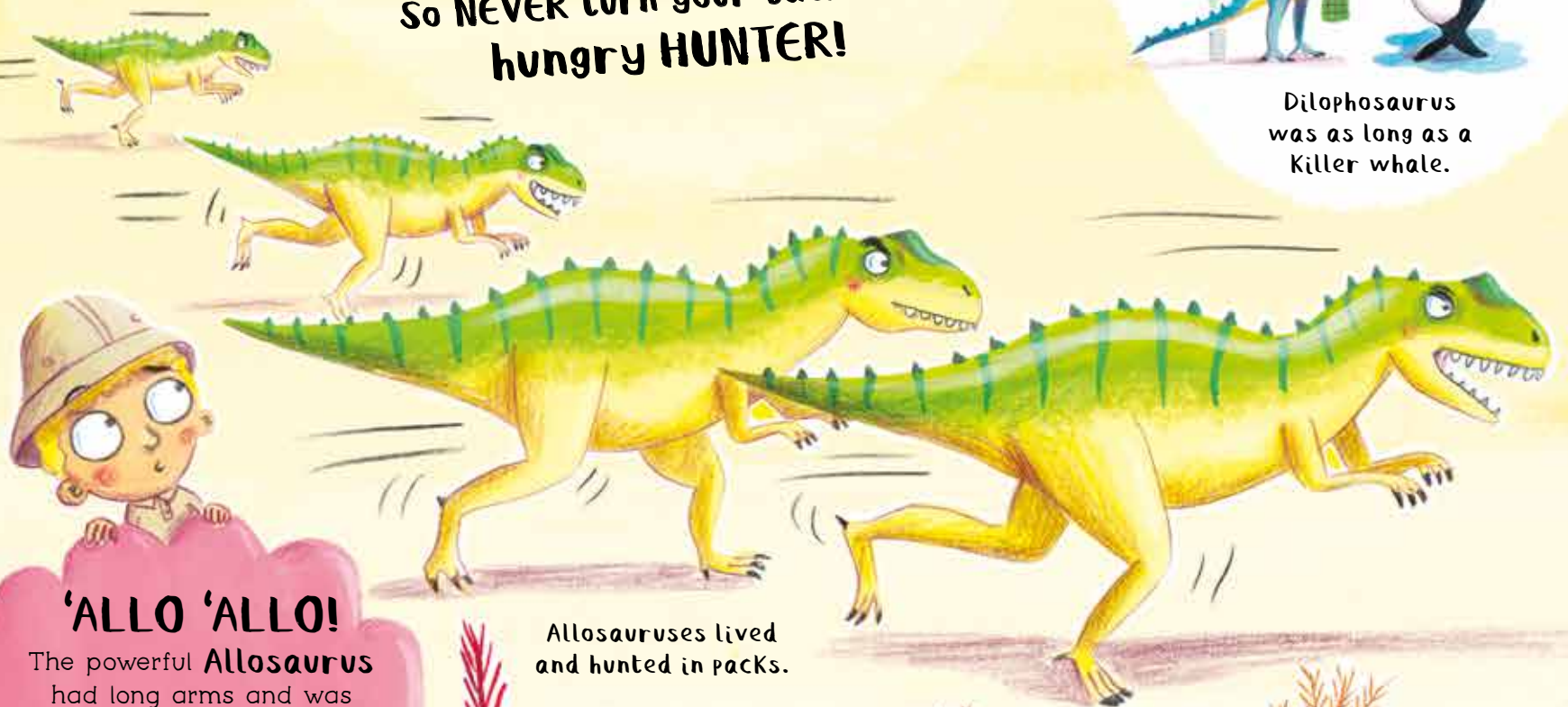
- ♥ Never turn your back on a hungry hunter.
- ♥ Don't be scared of a Sauropod's size – it can't help being a giant!
- ♥ Bow down before the amazing dinosaur king: the mighty T. rex.
- ♥ If you want to be in the veggie dino gang, then eat your greens.
- ♥ Never annoy an Ankylosaurus or you might get a nasty wallop.
- ♥ Don't make fun of the raptors, for these tiny terrors had **BIG** lunch plans!
- ♥ Don't forget to look down for there are dino fossils to be found.
- ♥ Remember: even the biggest baddest T. rex was once a dino egg.
- ♥ Fast or slow, don't judge a dino by the speed it can go.
- ♥ Always be nice to your neighbours – they might be pterosaurs!

# Fearsome hunters

STOMP. STOMP. STOMP ...

Here come the two-legged, meat-eating terrors! Known as **THEROPODS**, meaning, 'beast-footed', they had sharp, jagged teeth and long, large claws. They roamed **FAR** and **WIDE** across the world, hunting down other dinosaurs to **ATTACK** and eat, striking fear in the hearts of any beasts that crossed their path.

So **NEVER** turn your back on a hungry **HUNTER!**



**'ALLO 'ALLO!**  
The powerful **Allosaurus** had long arms and was small and light. It used its terrifying **hook-shaped** claws like weapons.

Allosauruses lived and hunted in packs.

I had two bony crests on my skull that probably helped me attract a mate.



Dilophosaurus was as long as a Killer whale.

## TINY BUT MIGHTY

Some theropods were tiny but were brilliant hunters because they were fast and fierce.



The **Compsognathus** (which means 'pretty jaw') had sharp teeth and claws, and a long tail to help it balance when attacking its prey.



**Troodon** (which means 'wounding claw') was about the same height as a two-year old, but had 122 teeth and a hook-shaped claw on each foot.



## BIGGEST

Meet ... **Spinosaurus!** One of the strangest-looking dinos and the **biggest** hunter of them all.



Massive crocodile-shaped snout

## SPLISH SPLASH SPLOSH

**Spinosaurus** was an **AMAZING** hunter both on land and in water. What a sight it would have made as it floated in the shallows snapping up **giant** fish.

Theropods were terrific!

We meet **T. rex** later, the most fearsome and powerful hunter of all!

# The gentle giants

THAT'S NOT A TREE TRUNK,  
IT'S THE LEG OF A TITANOSAUR!

These leaf-eating, four-legged dinos were called Sauropods, meaning 'lizard-feet'. They had giraffe-like necks, chunky bodies and long, swishy tails. Travelling in herds, their footsteps probably echoed like thunder. BOOOOOM! They were truly HUMUNGOUS – the biggest creatures EVER to walk on our planet. But these vegetarian giants are thought to have been quite peaceful.

So don't be scared of a Sauropod's size – it can't help being a giant!

## BIG FOOT

A Titanosaur footprint was found in Australia that was so big a grown-up could fit inside it!



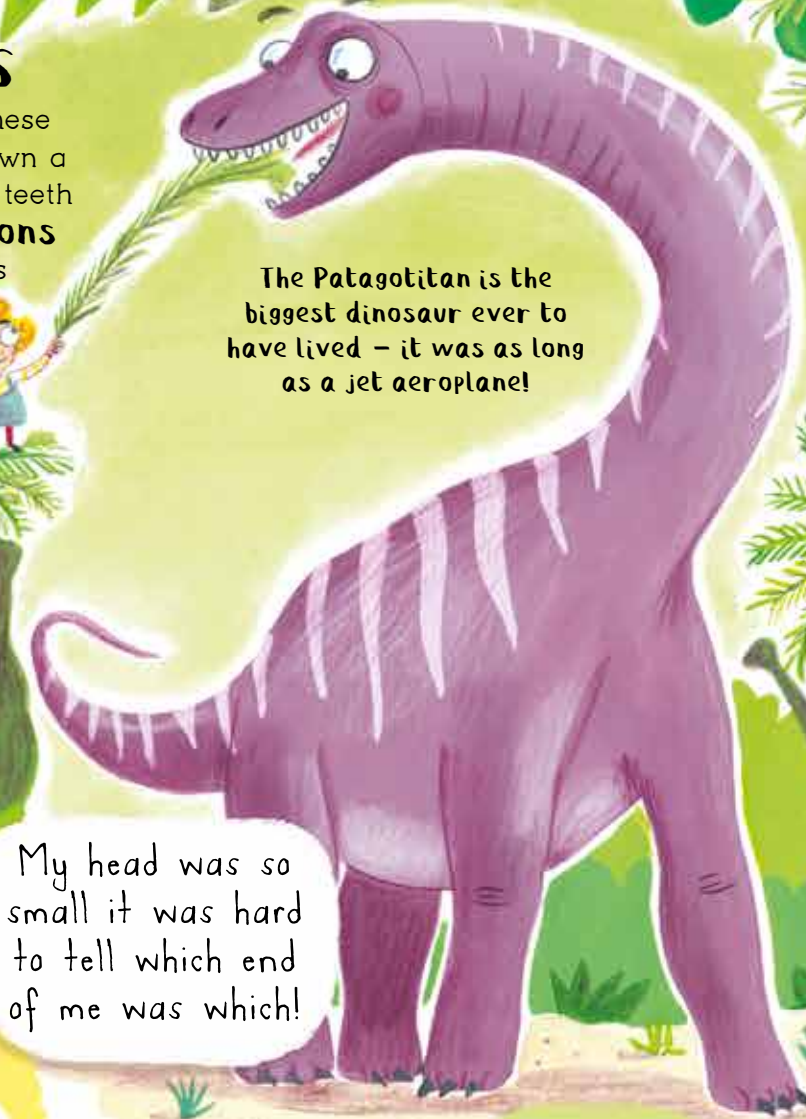
There was a group of SUPER Sauropods that were SO enormous they were given a special name all of their own: TITANOSAURS!



## HEALTHY DINOS

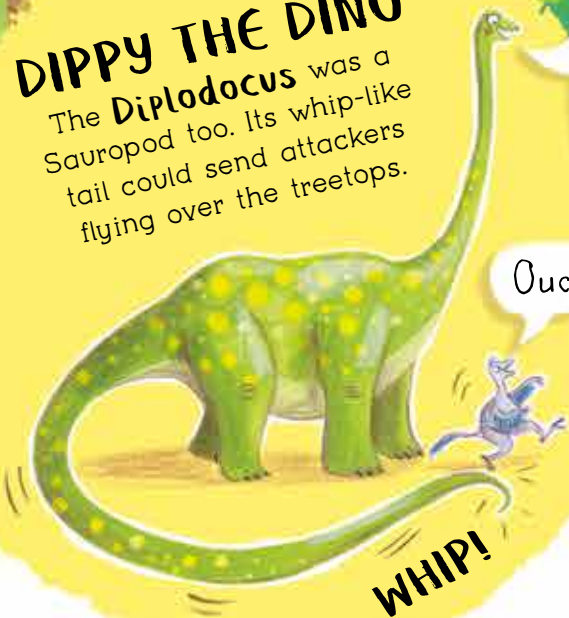
To stay healthy and strong these super-sized giants gobbled down a truckful of leaves a day! Their teeth were shaped like giant spoons to help them rip mouthfuls from the trees.

The Patagotitan is the biggest dinosaur ever to have lived – it was as long as a jet aeroplane!



## DIPPY THE DINO

The Diplodocus was a Sauropod too. Its whip-like tail could send attackers flying over the treetops.



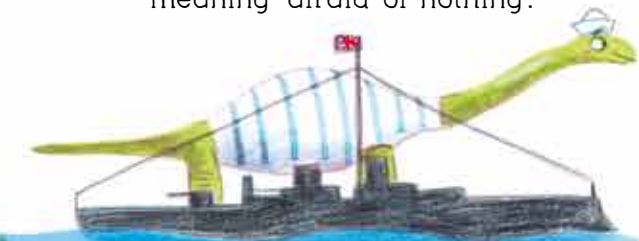
Ouch!

My head was so small it was hard to tell which end of me was which!

Sauropods were SUPER!

## AHOY!

The Dreadnoughtus was named after the famous warship HMS Dreadnought, meaning 'afraid of nothing'.



# Tyrannosaurus rex

AS TALL AS A HOUSE ... AS LONG AS A BUS ...  
AS POWERFUL AS AN ARMoured TANK!

Its name comes from the Greek words **Tyranno** (meaning 'terrible'), **Saurus** (meaning 'lizard') and **Rex** (meaning 'king'). So in English it means: **Terrible Lizard King**. And it certainly lived up to its name. With its bulky body, huge head and powerful jaws it was the **strongest**, most **deadly** creature that ever walked the Earth.

So bow down before the **amazing DINOSAUR KING**:  
the **MIGHTY T. REX!**



## BRAINOSAURUS

If it wasn't enough to be the most powerful dinosaur ever, T. rex was also one of the smartest too – and may even have been as clever as a chimpanzee.

## SUPER SNIFFER

T. rex had the strongest sense of smell of ALL the hunters.

## I SPY WITH MY MONSTER EYE

T. rex had razor-sharp eyesight, even better than today's hawk or eagle. It could easily spot a tasty Triceratops from miles away.

Its enormous head was crammed full of 60 huge saw-edge teeth. Shaped like bananas, these giant chompers were perfect for crunching bones.

## SNAP!

Its jaws were so powerful it could gobble down 226 kilos in one giant bite! That's as much as three grown-up humans or 300 pizzas!

T. rex was truly  
**DINO-MITE!**



# The leaf loving veggies

## WHAT'S THAT MUNCHING, CRUNCHING NOISE?

Leaf-eating dinos, called herbivores, came in all shapes and sizes, but they had one thing in common – they **LOVED** to chow down on plants. **NOM NOM NOM!** Some also ate berries and fruit, and others may have nibbled on a little shellfish or two, but it was guzzling their greens that kept these dinos' tummies full and happy.

So if you want to be in the veggie dino **GANG**, then eat your **GREENS!**

### THE DUCK-BILLED DINOS

**Hadrosaurs** got their nickname from their duck-shaped mouths. Their mouths were so big because they had six rows of teeth to help them chew tough plants.

### AQUILARHINUS

Experts named this dino 'eagle-nose shovel-chin' because of its spade-like mouth. This strange shape helped it to scoop up veg from riverbeds. MMM!



# Omnivores

## THE DUSTBIN DINOS

Lots of dinosaurs would eat **ANYTHING** and **EVERYTHING** – meat, fish, leaves, berries, eggs, insects. If it could be eaten, it went down the hatch!



Everything on the menu please!



### ORNITHOMIMUS

This toothless dinosaur looked like a bird and had a beak that looked like scissors. **CHOP!**

### HETERODONTOSAURUS

This dino had different sets of teeth for munching different foods.



The **Edmontosaurus** ate leaves by **grinding its teeth** instead of chewing. Because of this, its teeth would fall out every two years and new ones would grow in their place.



I love eating ferns!

### BRRRM!

The **Nigersaurus** had a vacuum-shaped mouth and a long neck to reach yummy greens on the ground.



The veggie dinos were green machines!

### CHOMP!

Pine needles and cones? **YUMMY!** Hadrosaurs would crush them up with their strong teeth. Easy peasy!



The **Psittacosaurus** had self-sharpening teeth in its cheeks!

