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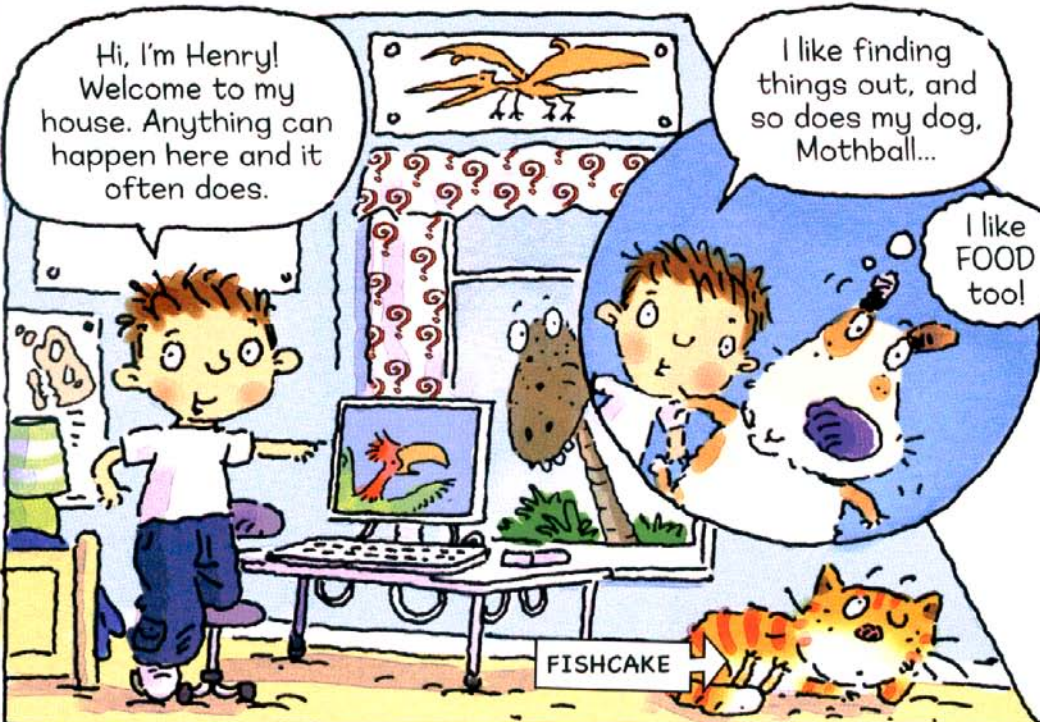
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Welcome to Henry's House!


A cartoon illustration of a boy named Henry in his house. He is standing in a room with a computer desk, a window with curtains, and a dog named Mothball. A speech bubble from Henry says, "Hi, I'm Henry! Welcome to my house. Anything can happen here and it often does." A framed picture of a pterosaur is on the wall. A thought bubble shows Henry and Mothball eating a large fishcake, with a speech bubble from Mothball saying, "I like FOOD too!". A sign on the desk says "FISHCAKE".

Hi, I'm Henry!
Welcome to my
house. Anything can
happen here and it
often does.

I like finding
things out, and
so does my dog,
Mothball...

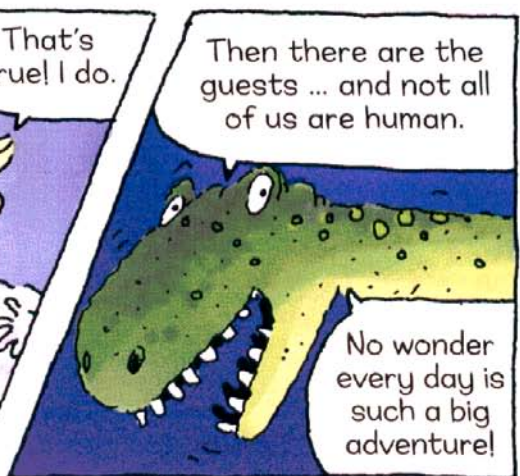
I like
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too!

FISHCAKE

Henry is talking to a man in a white lab coat and glasses, identified as the caretaker. Henry says, "You never know what's behind the next door or just around the corner, but Jagers the caretaker usually keeps an eye on things." The caretaker replies, "That's true! I do."

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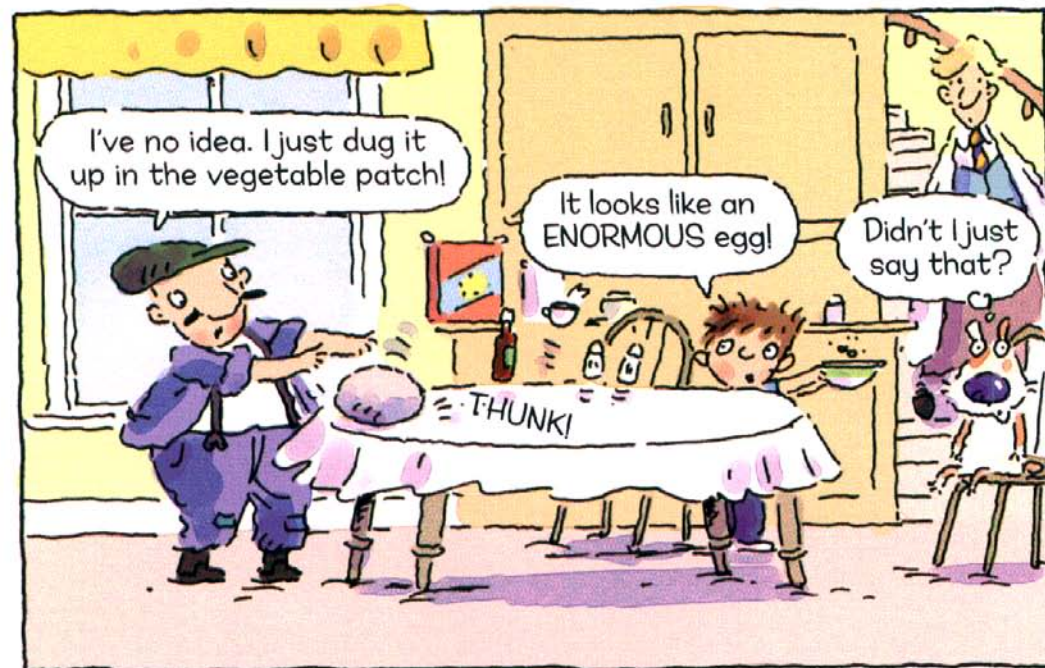
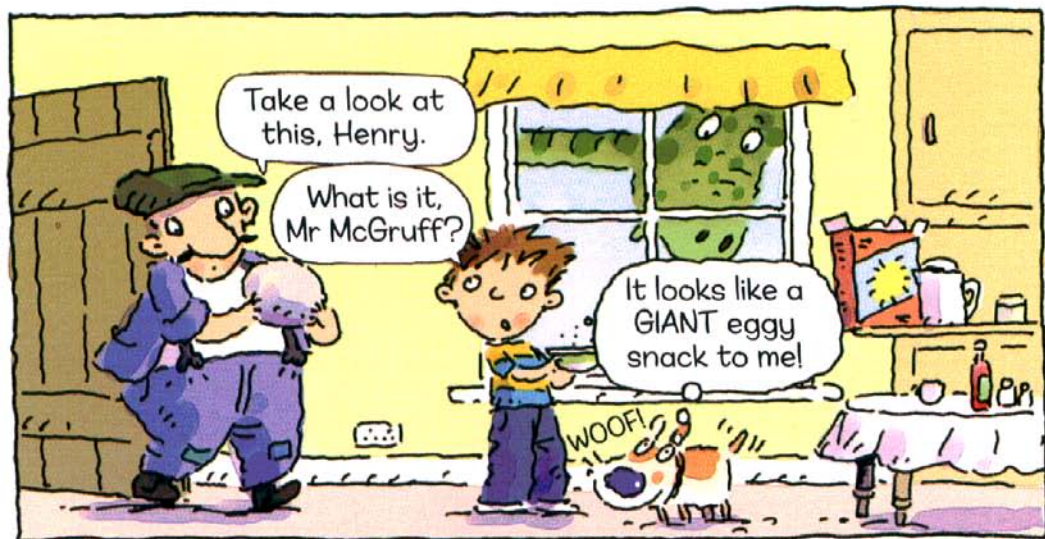
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A large green dinosaur with a yellow underbelly and sharp teeth is shown. A speech bubble from the dinosaur says, "Then there are the guests ... and not all of us are human." Another speech bubble says, "No wonder every day is such a big adventure!"

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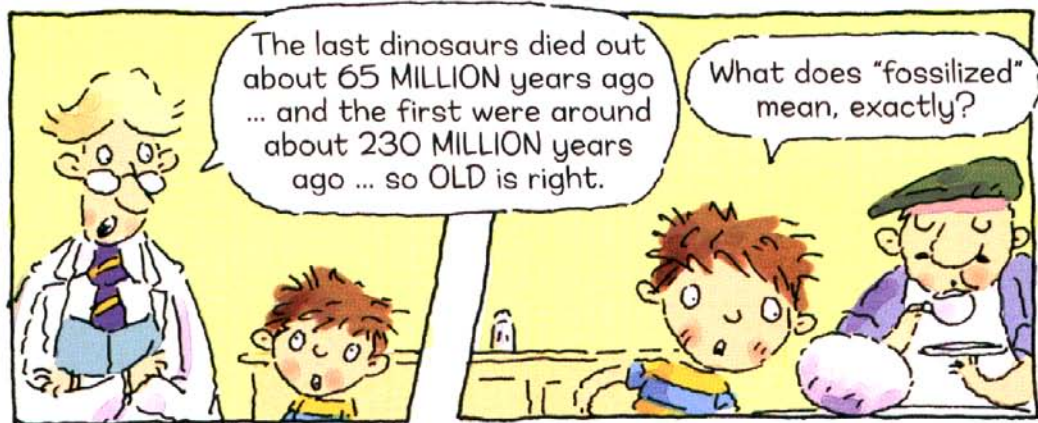
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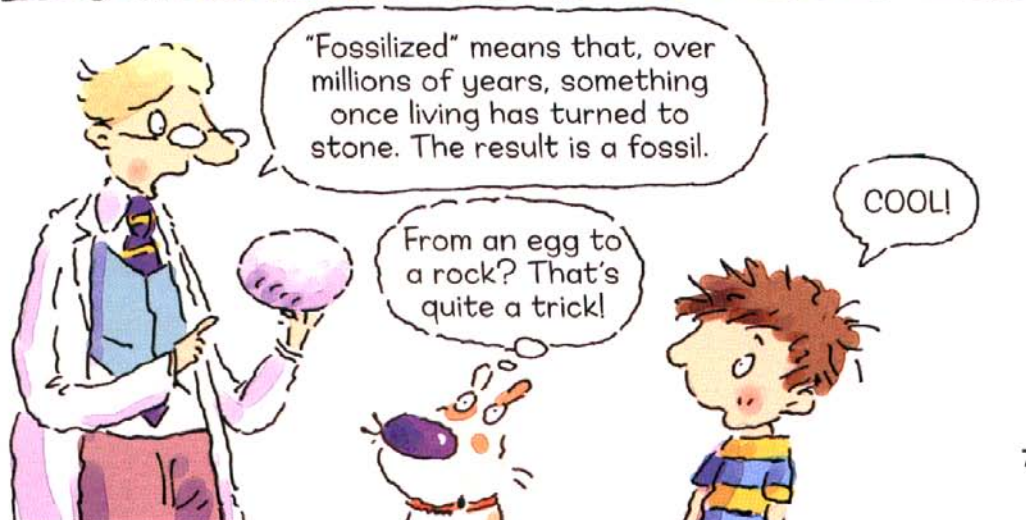
That's probably because it IS an egg... A fossilized dinosaur egg!

WOW! That's AMAZING!!! It must be really old, Jagers!



The last dinosaurs died out about 65 MILLION years ago ... and the first were around about 230 MILLION years ago ... so OLD is right.

What does "fossilized" mean, exactly?

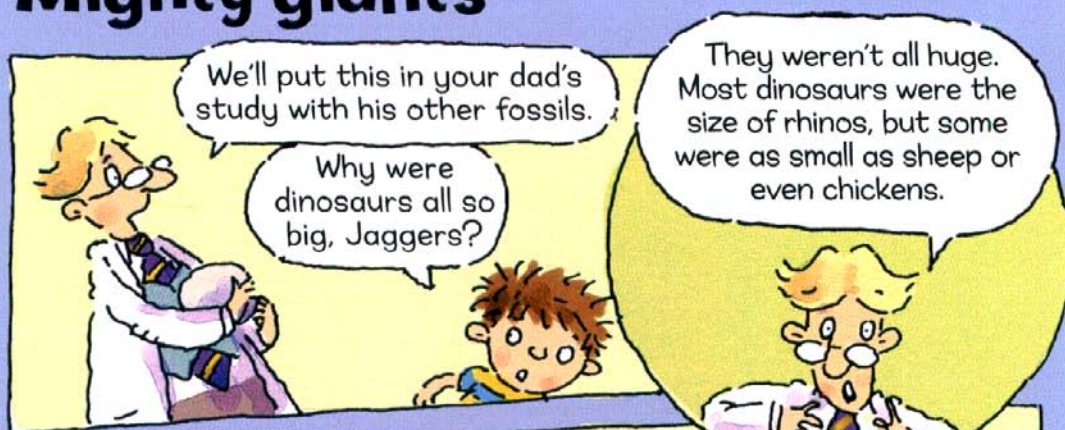


"Fossilized" means that, over millions of years, something once living has turned to stone. The result is a fossil.

From an egg to a rock? That's quite a trick!

COOL!

Mighty giants



They weren't all huge. Most dinosaurs were the size of rhinos, but some were as small as sheep or even chickens.



The biggest dinosaurs were some plant-eaters. They needed to be big to reach high up into the trees to eat the leaves ... and to fight off the meat-eating dinosaurs—

Who wanted to eat THEM!



The word "dinosaur" means "terrible lizard". But dinosaurs weren't lizards and lots of them weren't terrible. They just ate plants for about 20 hours a day!



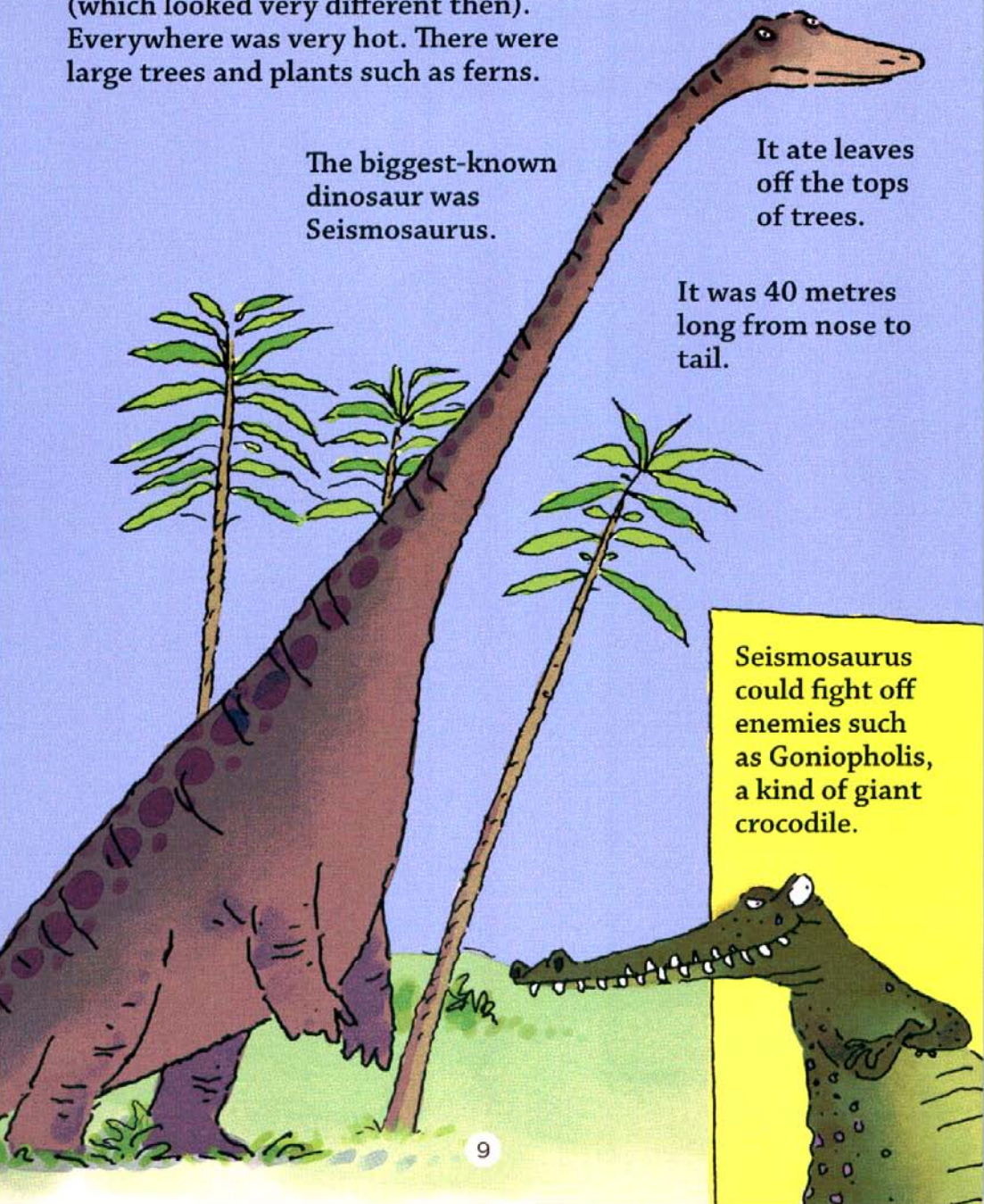
Dinosaurs lived all over the world (which looked very different then). Everywhere was very hot. There were large trees and plants such as ferns.

The biggest-known dinosaur was Seismosaurus.

It ate leaves off the tops of trees.

It was 40 metres long from nose to tail.

Seismosaurus could fight off enemies such as Goniopholis, a kind of giant crocodile.



Defence



Even the eyelids of the Ankylosaurus were armour plated. They were made of thick bone as well as tough skin!

