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Get the facts





What really
killed the
dinosaurs?

When did they live?

Millions of years ago the Earth was very different.

It was much hotter.

Most animals were dinosaurs.



Some lived in the sea.

Some lived on the land.



Killer dinosaurs

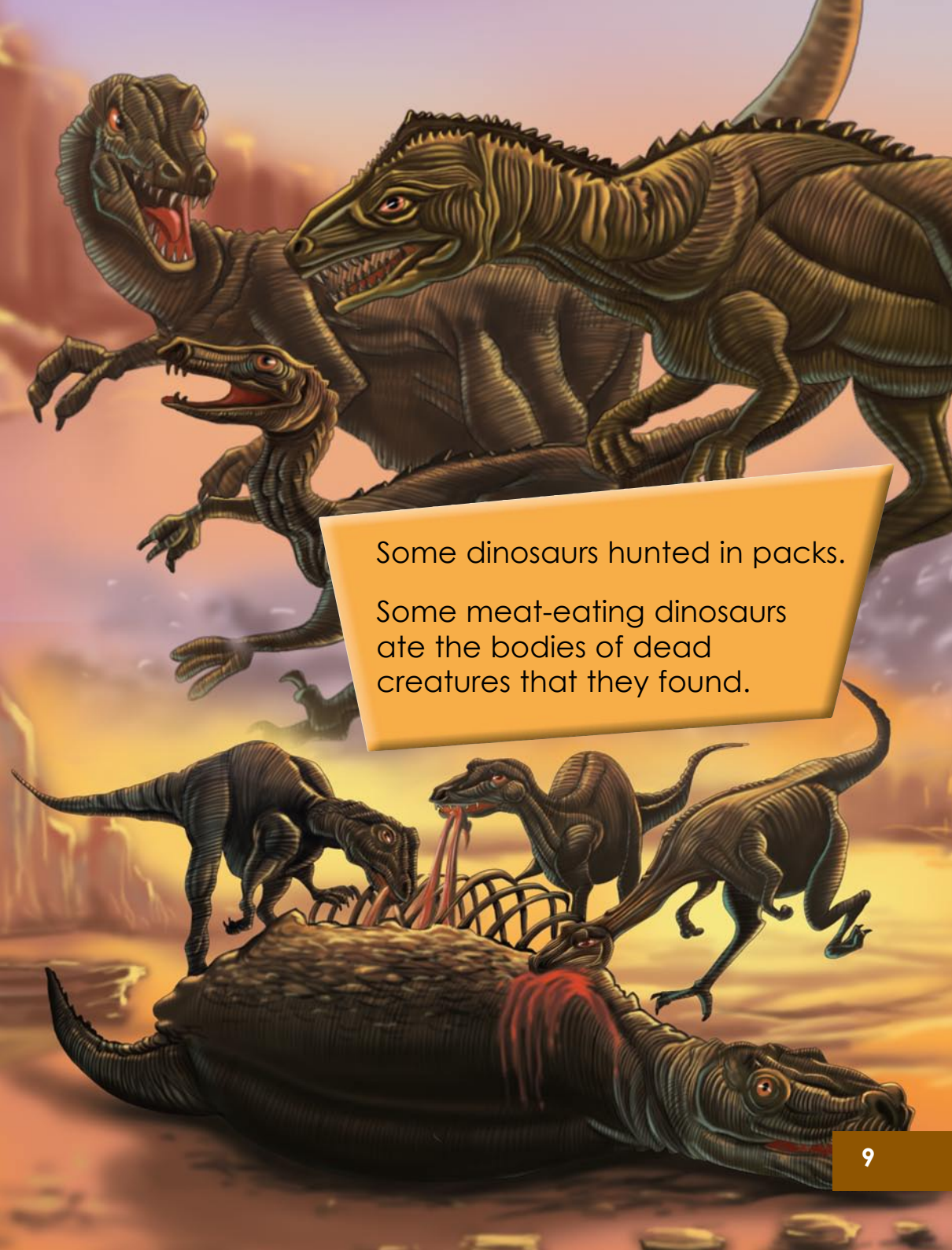
Some dinosaurs were meat eaters. They had huge teeth and claws.

These dinosaurs hunted and killed other dinosaurs.



T. rex was a meat-eating dinosaur.



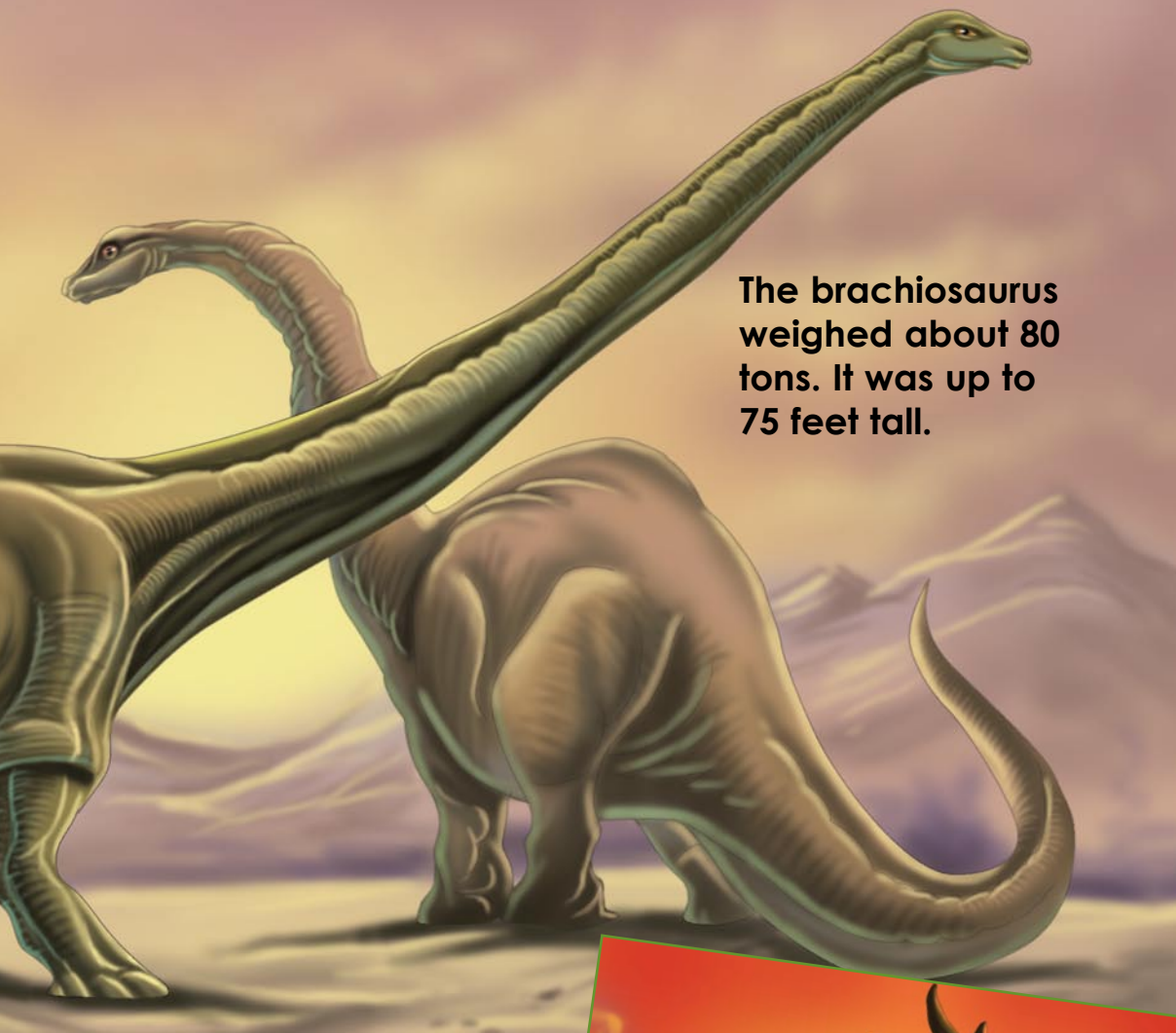


Some dinosaurs hunted in packs.
Some meat-eating dinosaurs ate the bodies of dead creatures that they found.

Giant dinosaurs

The biggest dinosaurs that ever lived were plant eaters. These dinosaurs grew so big because they had plenty of food.





The brachiosaurus weighed about 80 tons. It was up to 75 feet tall.

Plant-eating dinosaurs had special ways to keep safe.

Some had spikes on their tails.

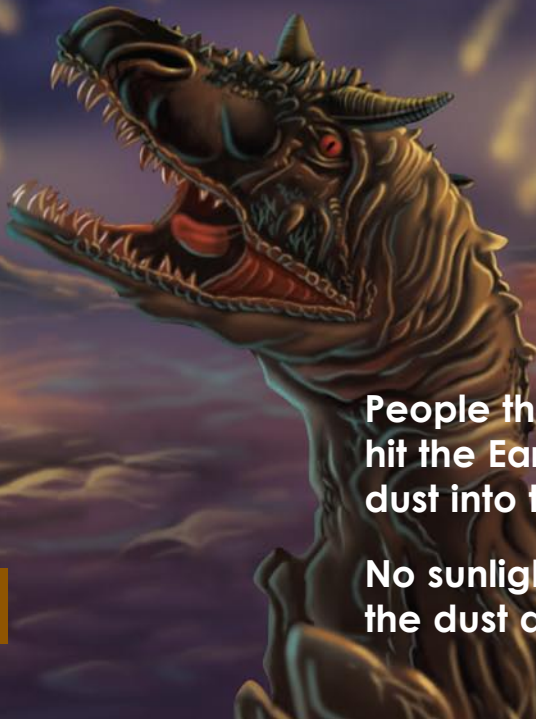
Some had horns and skin patterns that made them look fierce.



The end of the dinosaurs



The dinosaurs were all killed off 65 million years ago.



People think a huge meteorite hit the Earth. It sent clouds of dust into the sky.

No sunlight could get through the dust and all the plants died.



The plant-eating dinosaurs died,
so the meat-eating dinosaurs
died too.

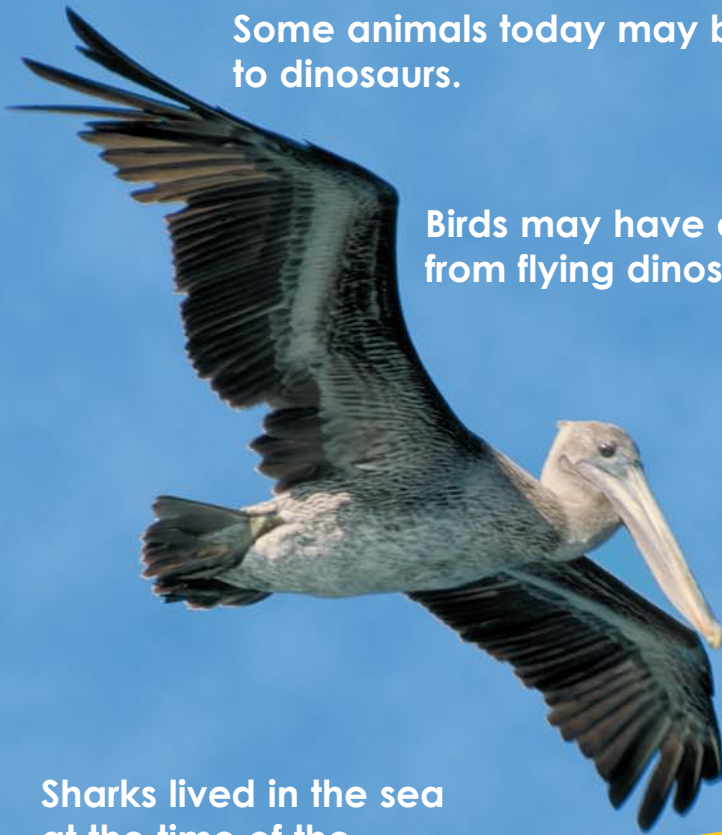
The only animals that lived
were in the sea or under
the ground.



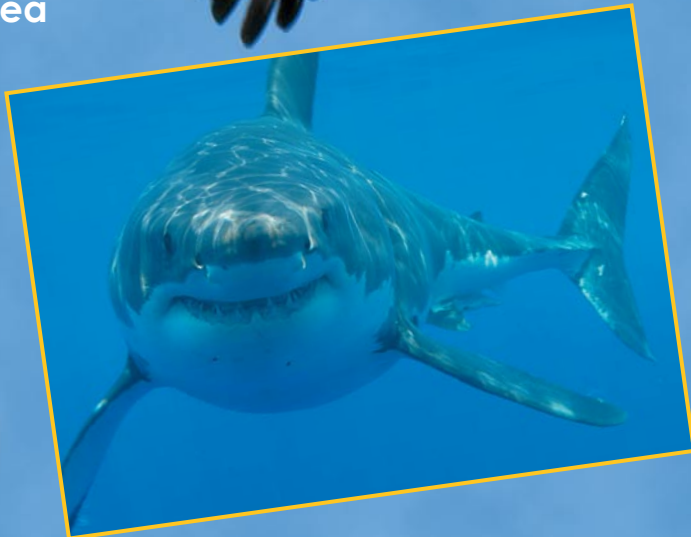
Living dinosaurs

Some animals today may be related to dinosaurs.

Birds may have developed from flying dinosaurs.

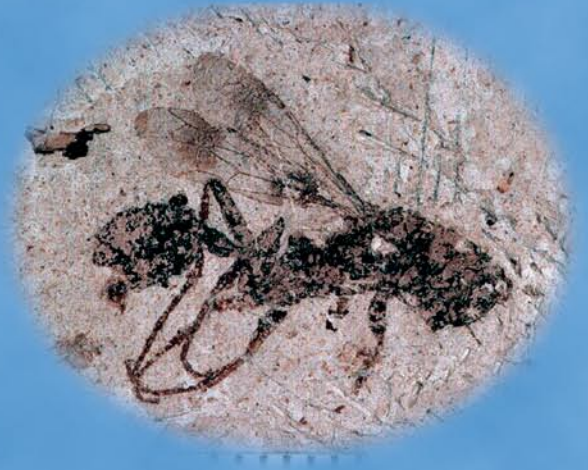


Sharks lived in the sea at the time of the dinosaurs.



Many insects lived at the time of the dinosaurs. Most were like modern insects, though some were a lot bigger.

A fossil wasp



A modern wasp

Dinosaur hunting

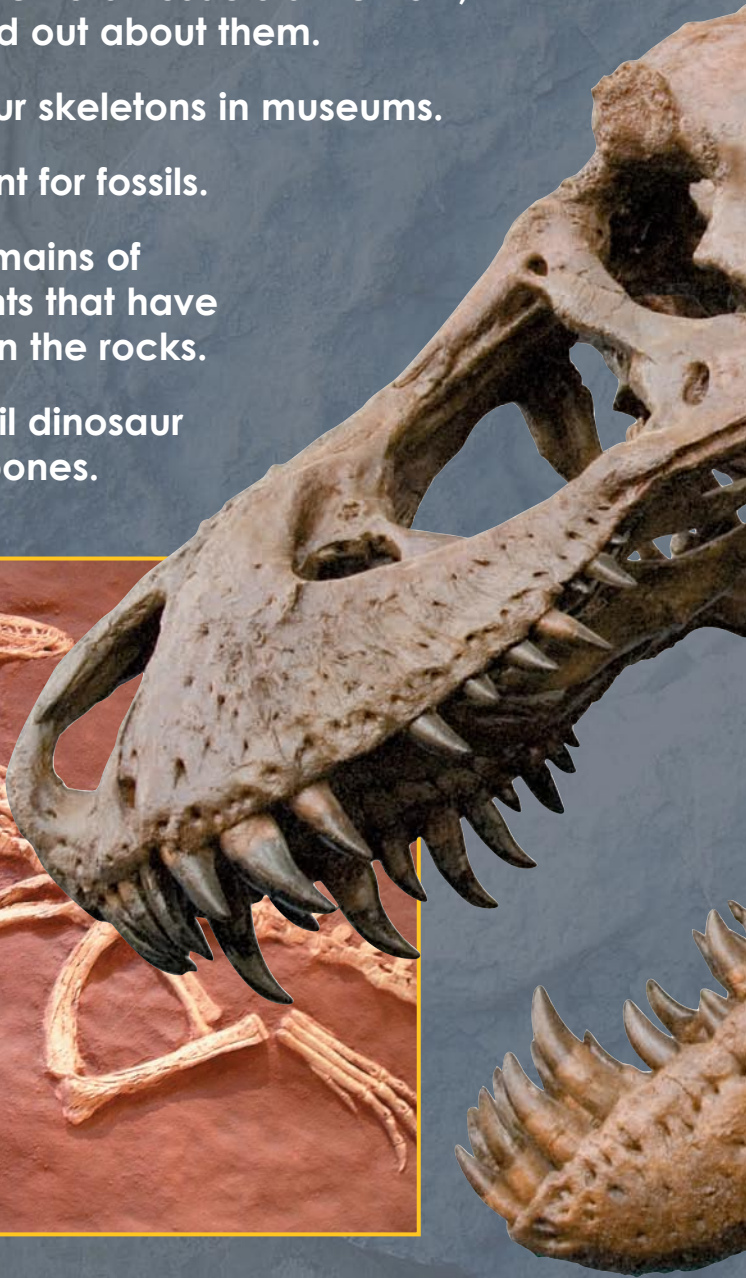
Although there are no dinosaurs alive now, people like to find out about them.

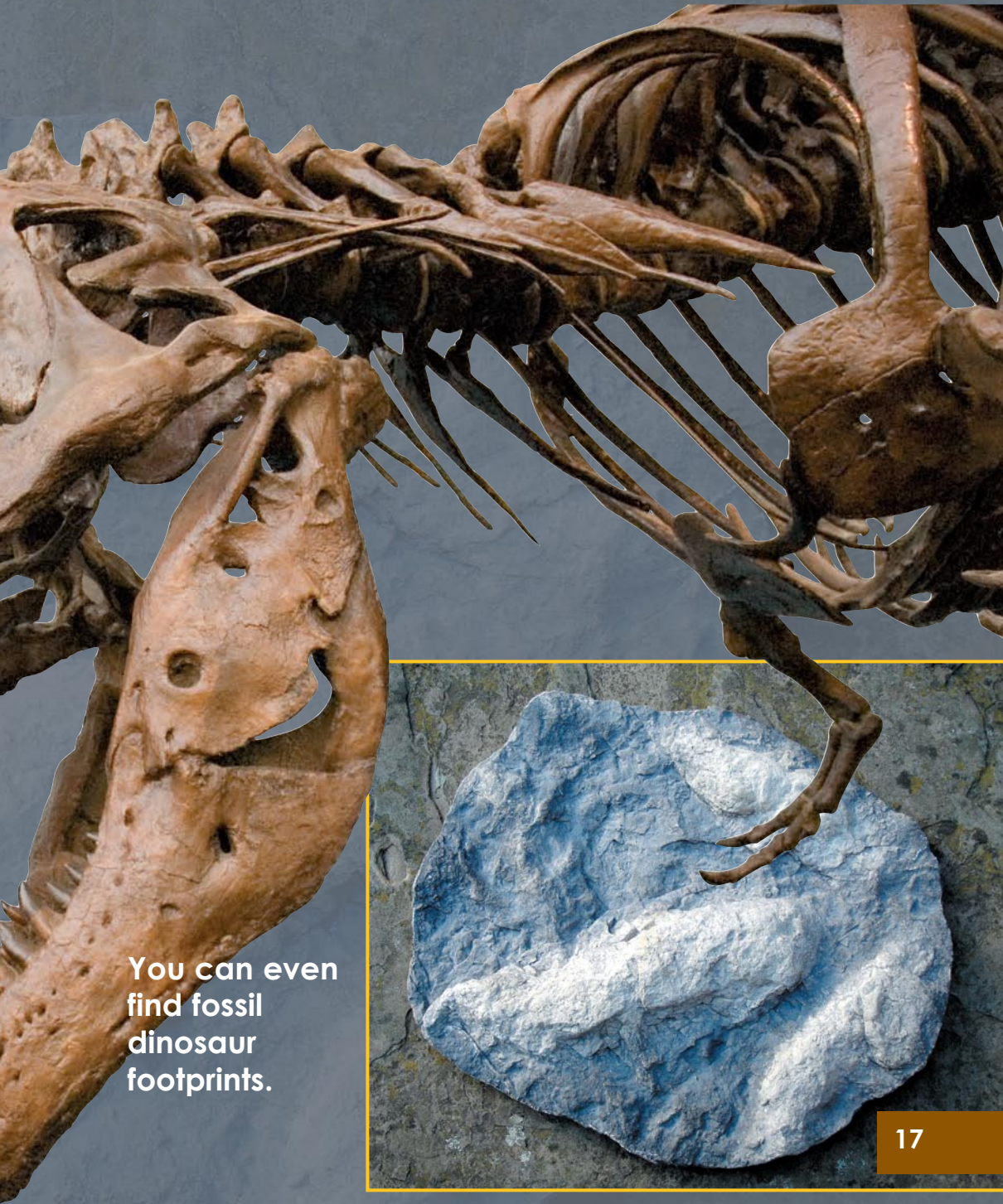
There are dinosaur skeletons in museums.

People like to hunt for fossils.

Fossils are the remains of animals and plants that have made a pattern in the rocks.

You can find fossil dinosaur teeth, claws, or bones.





You can even
find fossil
dinosaur
footprints.



The
Land
Time
Forgot



Chapter 1

Dinosaur Hunting

Terry and Julie were dinosaur hunters! The cliff near their home was full of fossils. They had found some amazing fossils. Their best one was a dinosaur footprint. It had been made in the mud more than 65 million years ago.

Most of the fossils they found were not dinosaurs. They hoped one day they would find a dinosaur bone, maybe from a sort of dinosaur no one had ever found before.

Terry and Julie were dinosaur hunters!



The best fossil they had ever found was a dinosaur footprint!



They didn't dig into the cliff. That could be dangerous. They looked for fossils on the beach. They hadn't found many today.

Terry was bending down, turning over stones. So Julie saw it first. Something amazing was happening.

"What's that mist?" she said. "I've never seen green mist before! It's coming toward us along the beach!"

Something strange was happening on the beach . . .

Look! A
green mist!



Chapter 2

The Green Mist

It was a cold day, but warm air was coming from the mist.


“Look!” yelled Terry. “It’s changing shape!”

“It’s like a ring!” said Julie.

The mist in the middle of the ring cleared. They could see through it into another world!

“Look at those trees!” said Julie. “They look like trees from millions of years ago!”

“Move!” shouted Terry. “The ring is coming this way!”



It's changing
shape! And
it's coming this
way!
Move!

They look like
trees from millions
of years ago!

The green misty ring came toward them faster than they could run. Suddenly Terry and Julie felt dizzy. For a moment, they couldn't see anything. When they stopped feeling dizzy, the air was hot and full of strange smells.

“Where are we?” said Julie.

The beach had disappeared. All around them was a strange jungle. And from the jungle came the roar of animals.



The mist moved faster than they did . . .

Where are we?

Phew! It's so hot!

They could hear animals roaring in the jungle . . .

Chapter 3

Pterodactyl Attack

A terrible screech came from the sky. Terry and Julie looked up.


Terry gasped.

“It’s a pterodactyl! But they’ve been extinct for millions of years!”

“That mist must have been a gate in time!” said Julie. “We’ve traveled into the past. Quick, let’s get back to our own time!”

But the time gate had gone.

The pterodactyl swooped lower and lower.



A screech came from the sky . . .

It's a
pterodactyl!

We must have
gone back in
time!

Quick, let's go
back!

But the time gate had gone . . .


“Quick, get under cover!” said Terry.

They ran into the trees. They hoped the pterodactyl wouldn't be able to attack them there. It was very swampy.

“These insects are horrible!” said Julie.
“I'm getting bitten all over!”

“At least there's nothing bigger than insects here,” said Terry.

Then they heard a roaring sound and the crashing of trees.



They ran into the trees . . .

I don't like these insects. I'm getting bitten!

At least there's nothing bigger around.

But Terry had spoken too soon . . .

Chapter 4

He's Missed Us!

"That sounds really big!" said Julie. "We can't go into the open. The pterodactyl will get us!"

"We've got to. We can't run in this swamp!"

They rushed out of the trees. The pterodactyl had gone.

"Quick! Get behind these rocks!"

They were just in time!

"A T. rex!" said Terry. "Looks like he's missed us!"

The huge creature crashed past them.

Suddenly the green mist came down.

Roar!

Get behind those rocks!

A T. rex! He's missed us!



They felt dizzy again. When the mist cleared they were back on the beach.

“That was amazing. But no one will believe us!” said Julie.

“I’m not sure about that,” said Terry.
“Look!”

Something else had come through the gate in time – the T. rex!

The T. rex had never eaten people before. But its journey from millions of years ago had made it hungry. . . .

Then the green mist came down again. They were back on the beach!

That was amazing. But no one will believe us!

I'm not so sure about that! Look!



Dinosaur! word check

amazing

attack

believe

brachiosaurus

changing

cleared

creatures

dangerous

developed

different

dinosaurs

dizzy

extinct

fierce

fossil

horrible

hunted

insects

jungle

meteorite

millions

modern

museums

packs

patterns

pterodactyl

remains

roaring

screech

skeletons

sunlight

swampy

swooped

tons

weighed



Fact to Fiction

Get the facts: Find out all you need to know about dinosaurs!

When did dinosaurs rule the Earth? What were the biggest dinosaurs? Why did they die out? And how?

Become an expert.

Fiction: Then read a great dinosaur story—*The Land Time Forgot*.

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