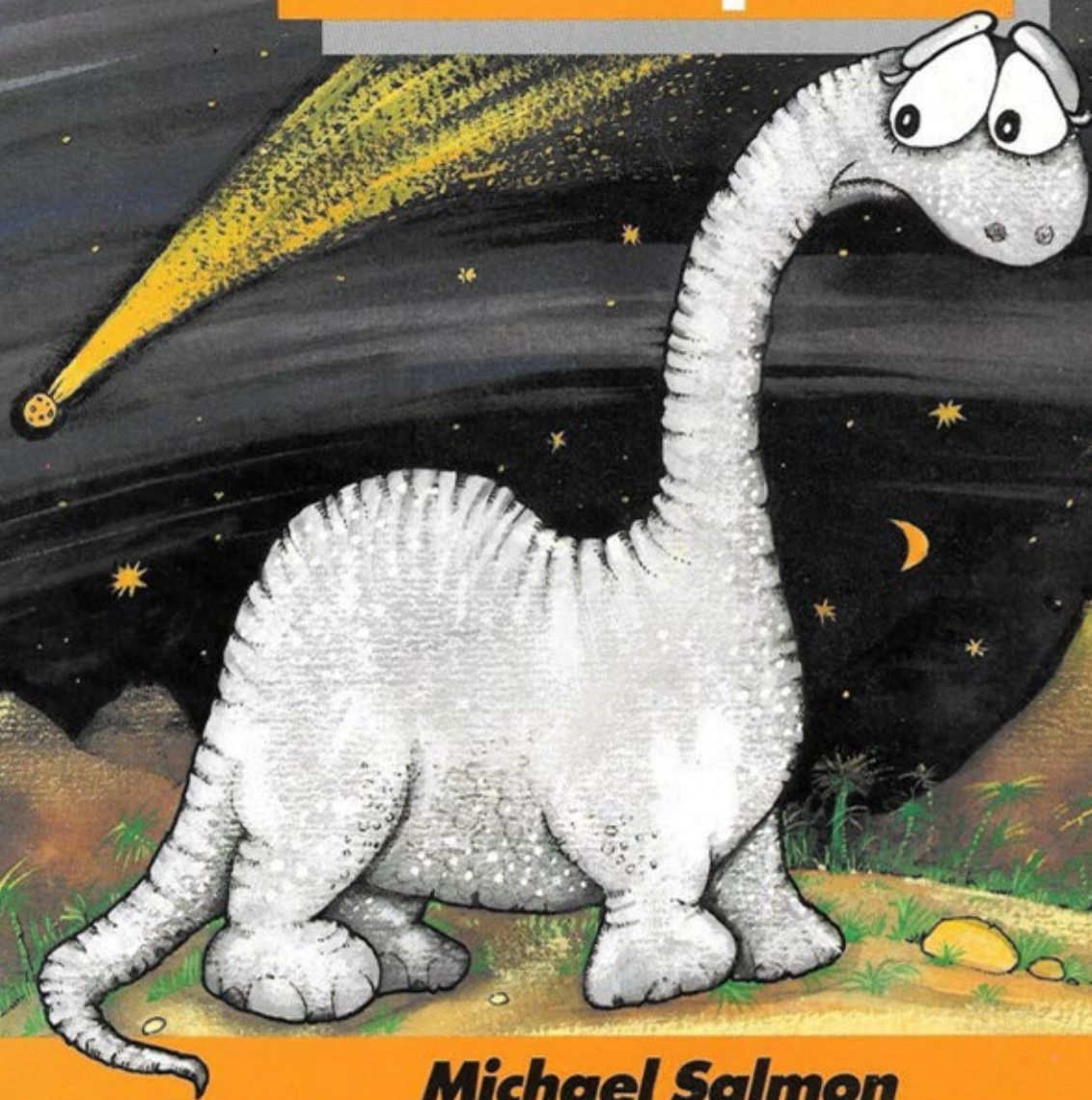


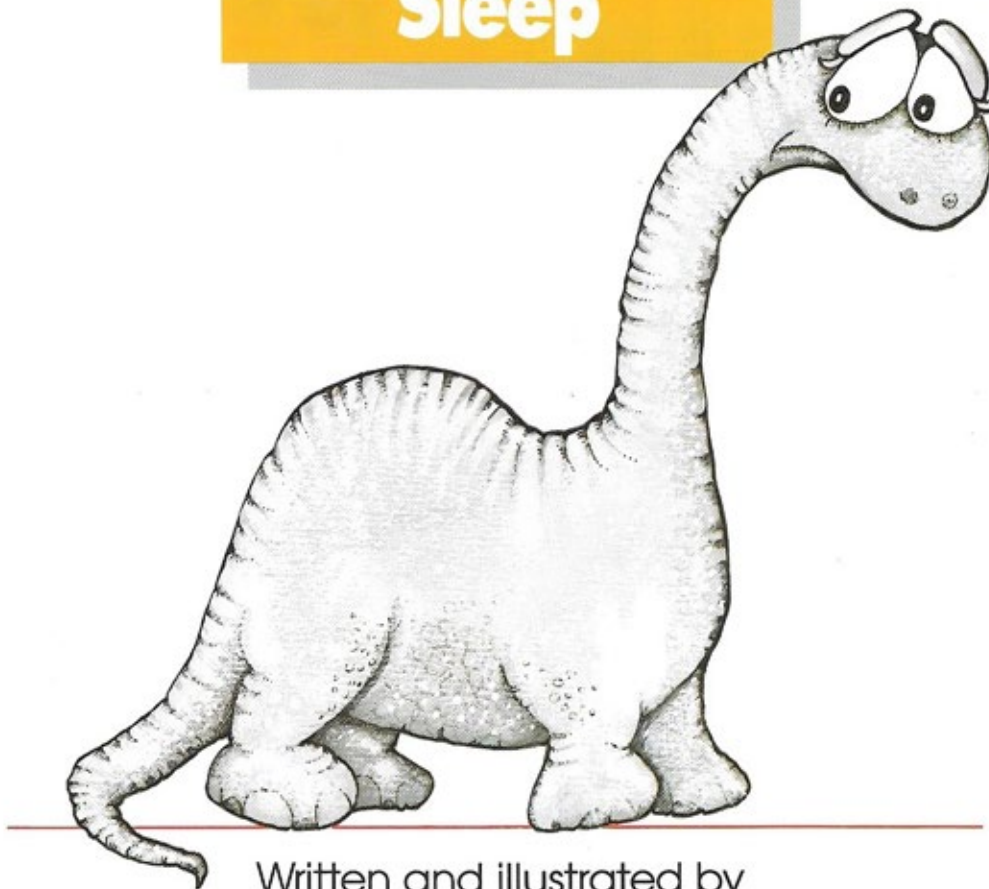
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DINOSAURS

The Dinosaurs were land animals that ruled the world for over 140 million years. The last Dinosaurs died out about 60 million years before people first appeared.

The name Dinosaurs means "terrible lizards". They were a special group of prehistoric reptiles, and their closest living relatives are the crocodiles.

Dinosaurs grew far larger than any land animal alive today. Just one of the largest dinosaurs would have weighed more than 1,500 people!

However, there were some dinosaurs that grew no bigger than a chicken. They came in many shapes and sizes, some plodded on all fours, some walked and ran on their hind legs like ostriches.

There were both fierce meat-eating dinosaurs and ones that ate plants. Some lived on hills, others roamed low plains and dry areas. Most preferred the lush forests that covered large areas of the Earth.

It wasn't until the last century that people realised that dinosaurs actually had existed. Since then, thousands of skeletons have been collected all over the world.

DIPLODOCUS:

The Diplodocus was one of the longest known dinosaurs. From the tip of its tiny head, along its snaky neck to the end of its whip-like tail it measured 27m (87 ft. 6 in.), (about two railway carriages in length).

Diplodocus could have easily looked over the top of a house as it raised its head and weighed as much as ten elephants.

Although the dinosaur's legs could support it on dry land, Diplodocus spent much of its time wading in marshes and lakes where the water would support the heavy body as it ate the soft water plants. The water was also a much safer place to be — away from the fierce meat-eating dinosaurs!

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE DINOSAUR AND PREHISTORIC ANIMAL NAMES IN THIS BOOK

DIPLODOCUS (Double beam) DIP-LOD-UH-KUS

DIMETRODON (Two sized teeth) DI-MET-RUH-DON

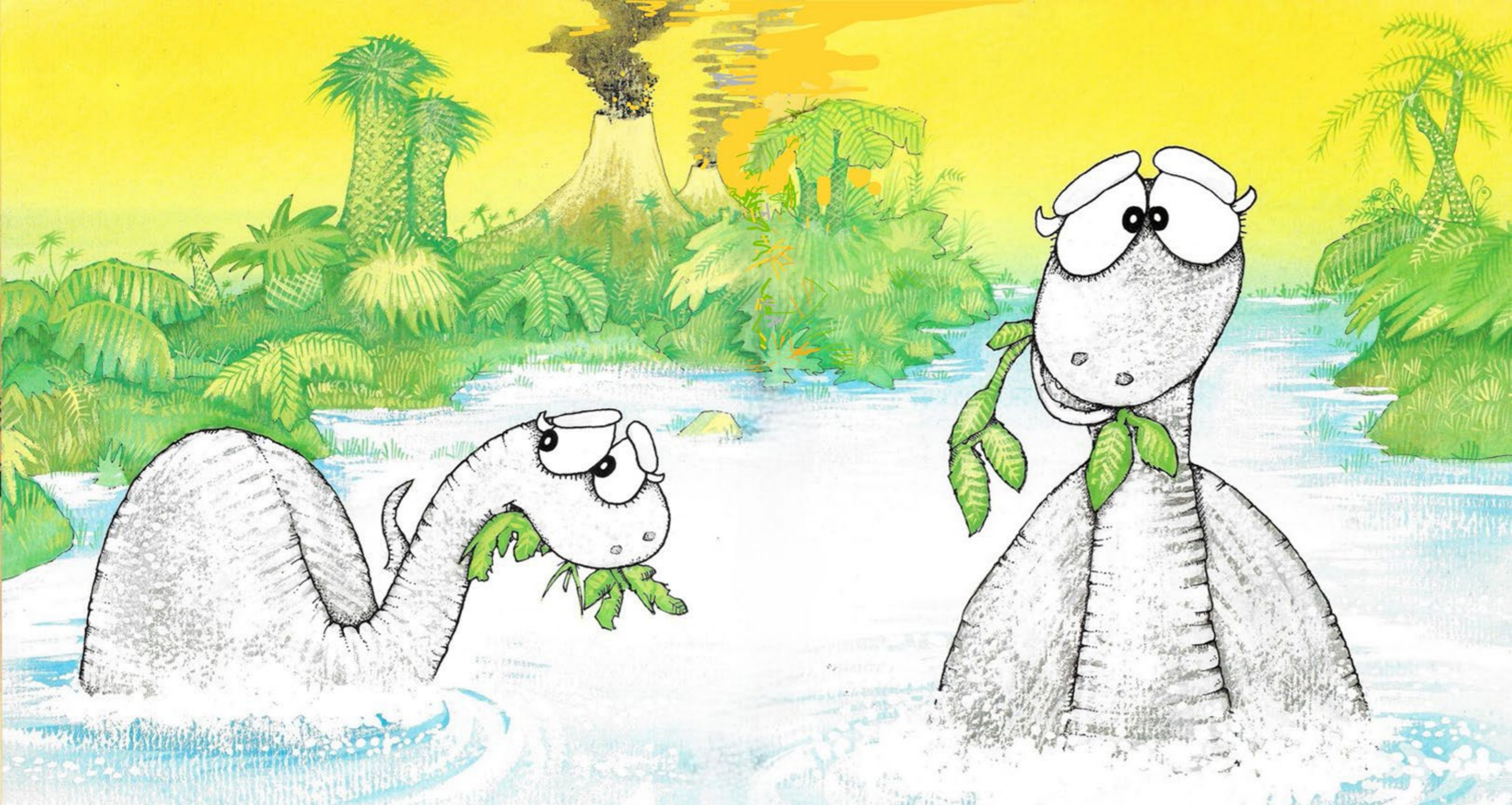
TYRANNOSAURUS REX (Tyrant lizard king)

TIE-RAN-UH-SAW-RUS REX

PLESIOSAUR (Swan lizard) PLEE-ZEE-UH-SAWR

STEGOSAUR (Roofed lizard) STEG-UH-SAWR



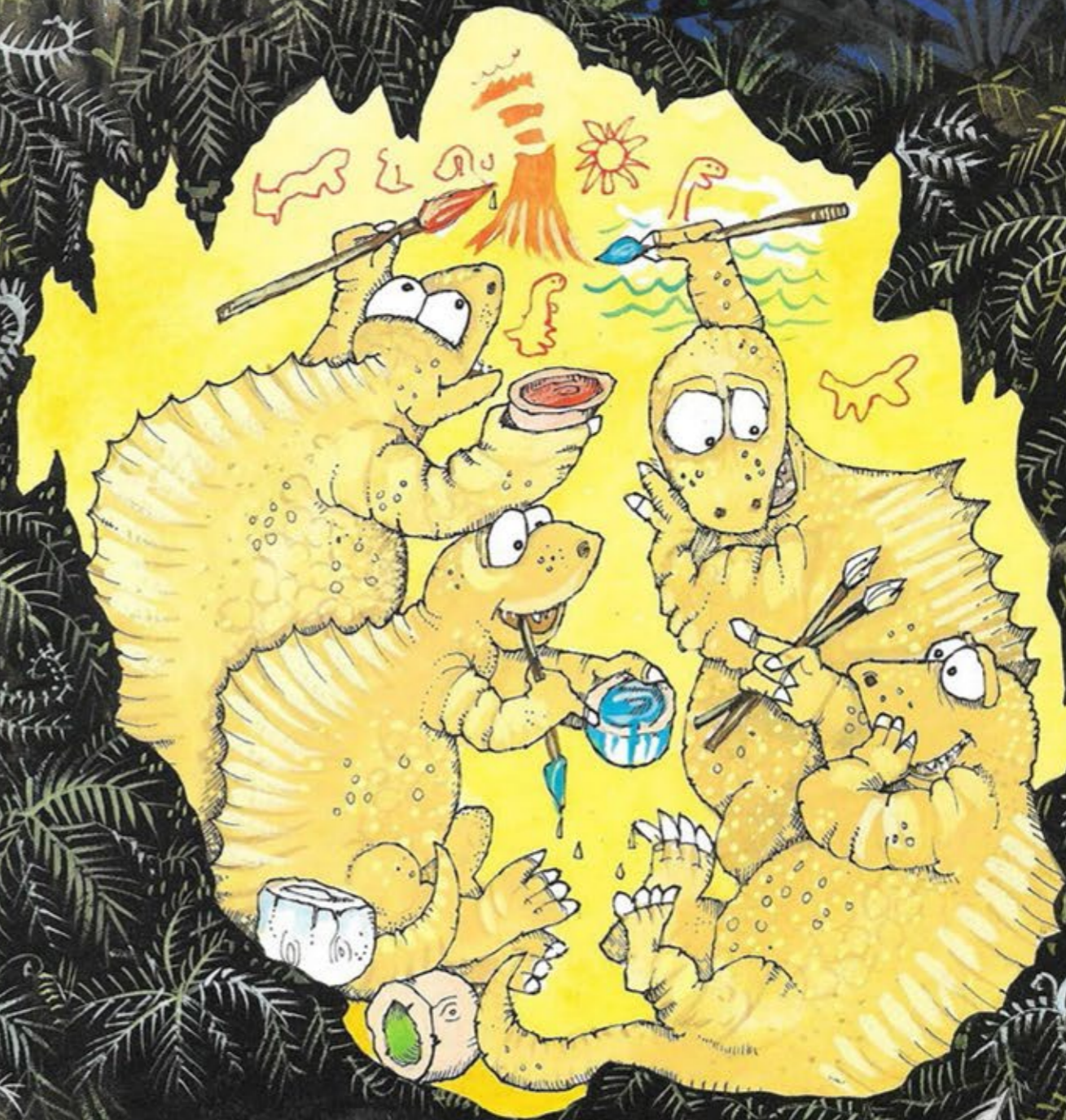


Lola was a shy young diplodocus who lived down by the swamp. Every day she would wade into the water to eat the juicy plants.

Lola was also a very tired dinosaur. She hadn't had a good night's sleep in months.



Every night something would happen to keep Lola awake. Sometimes the dimetrodons in the cave next door would have a cave painting party.



The dimetrodons were very, very noisy!



Sometimes the tyrannosaurus rex family who lived on the other side of Lola's cave, would have an argument.

Whenever they argued, the tyrannosaurs would thump the floor with their tails!



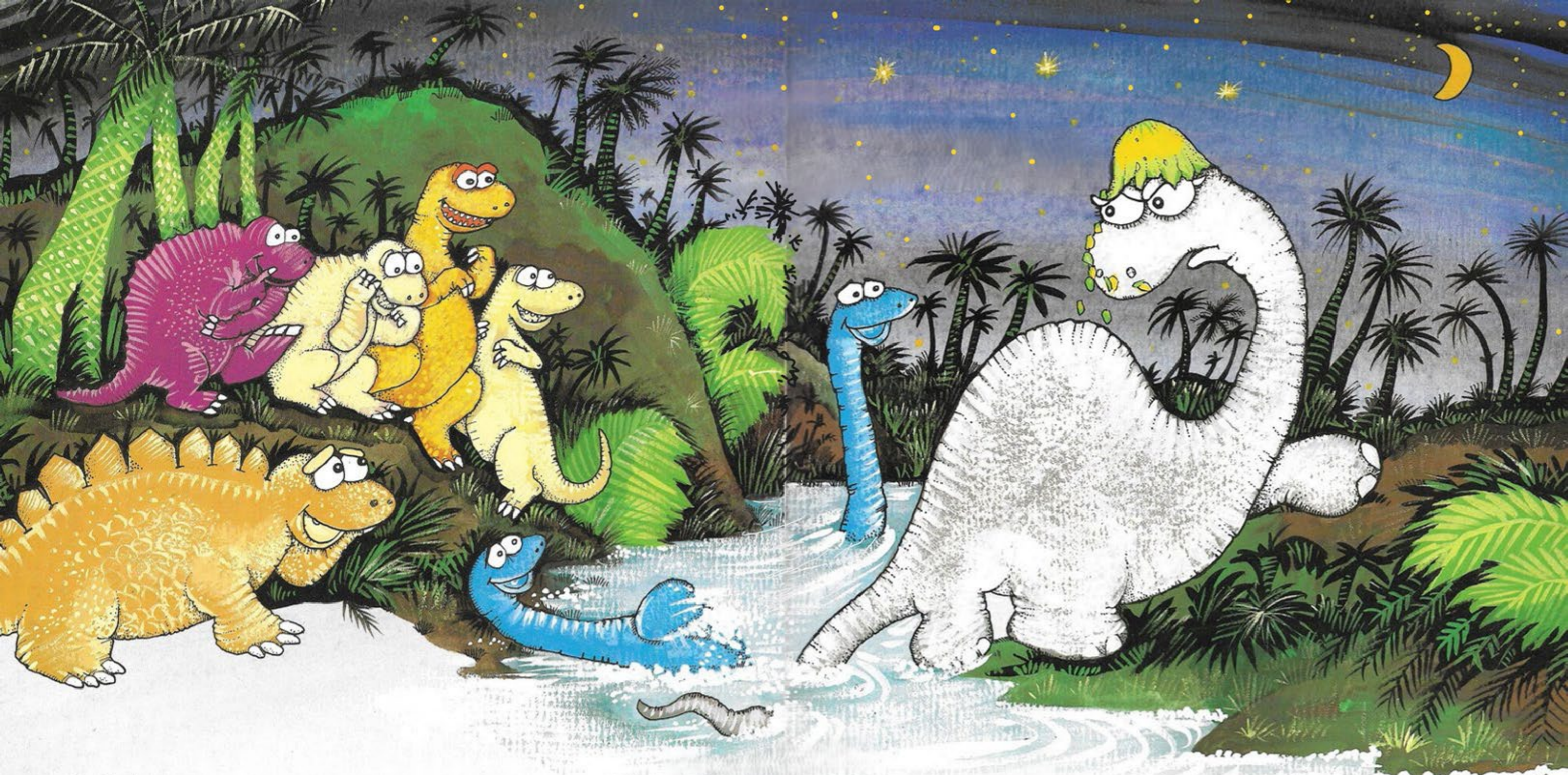
One hot and steamy night, Lola left her cave and went to the cool swamp.

'Perhaps it will be a little quieter here?' she wondered.



Suddenly, **SPLAT!** A large melon hit Lola in the face! The plesiosaurs were playing ball in the swamp.

The plesiosaurs laughed as melon juice dripped off Lola's nose.



Lola was very angry.
'Listen here!' she shouted to all the dinosaurs.
'Think of someone else for once and let me get some sleep!'

But Lola looked so funny with the melon juice dripping off her nose that all the dinosaurs laughed. This made Lola even angrier and she stamped her foot very hard.



Just as Lola stamped her foot, a large meteorite from outer space crashed into the forest — **KA-BOOMMM!**

The earth shook so hard that all the dinosaurs ran for their lives. All except Lola. She had been so angry that she didn't think about running away.



In the morning all the other dinosaurs looked out at the broken forest and saw the smoking crater made by the meteorite.

Very carefully, they walked up to the edge of the crater and looked inside it.



There was Lola! She had finally found a quiet place to sleep. When she heard the other dinosaurs, Lola woke up and looked over the edge of the crater.

A tyrannosaurus said, 'please, whatever you do, don't stamp your foot again.'
'We all promise to be quieter from now on,'
said a stegosaurus.



Lola knew that the other dinosaurs thought she had caused the crater by stamping her foot, but she decided not to say anything.



That night, Lola fell asleep in her crater with a happy smile on her face. She knew she would have quiet and peaceful nights from now on!

Enjoy all the delightful books in this series

