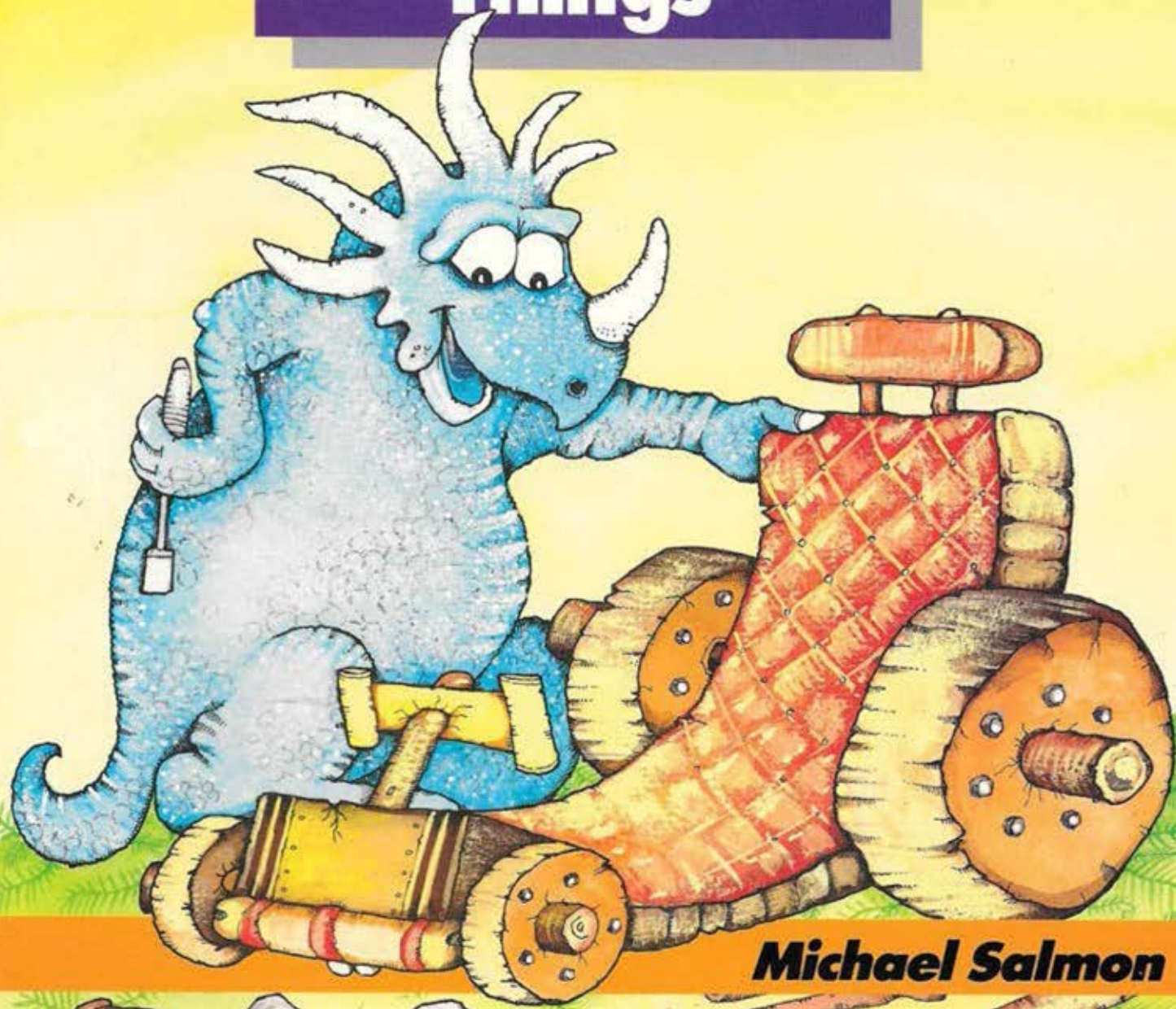


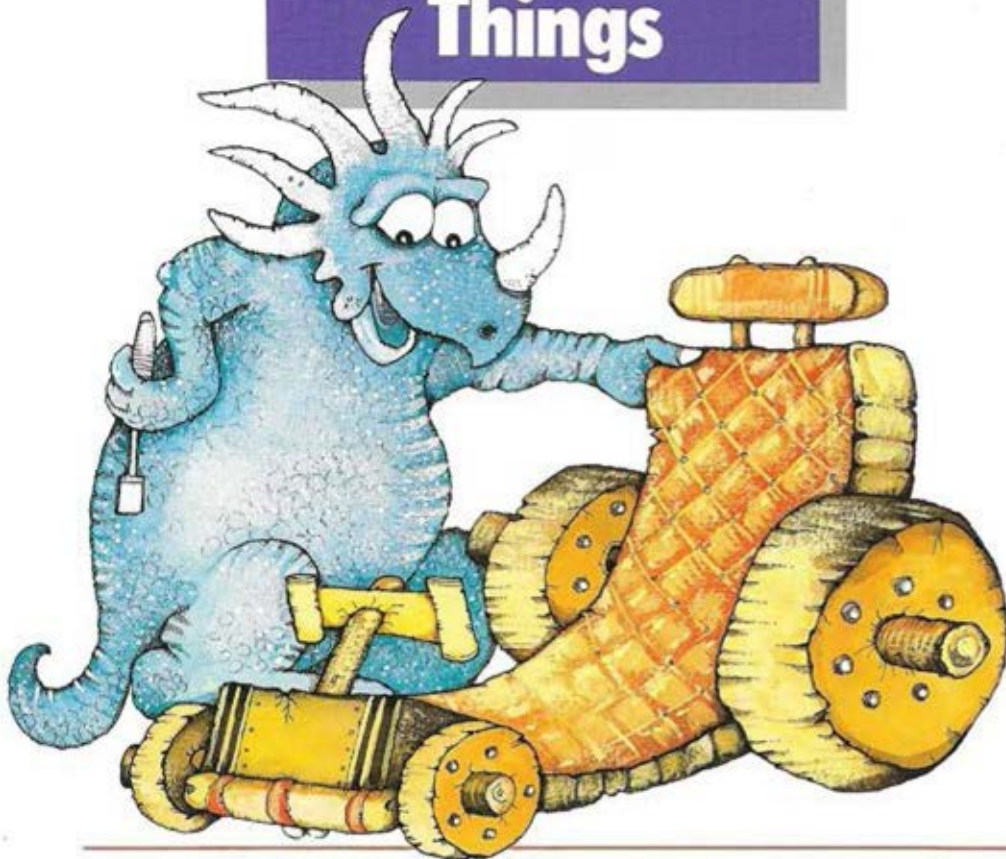
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# DINOSAURS

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.

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

STYRACOSAURUS — STY-RAK-OH-SAW-RUS  
(Spiked lizard)

ANKYLOSAURUS — AN-KY-LOW-SAW-RUS  
(Crooked lizard)

STEGOSAURUS — STEG-UH-SAW-RUS (Roofed lizard)

PARASAUROLOPHUS — PAR-A-SAWR-AH-LUF-US  
(Crested lizard)

## STYRACOSAURUS

The Styracosaurus was a remarkable looking dinosaur with a spiny frill of six long spines that pointed back over the neck. It had a tall horn on its nose which pointed straight upwards. Styracosaurus was very well protected from the fierce meat-eating dinosaurs who would have thought twice before attacking it. Despite its fierce appearance, Styracosaurus was a plant eating animal. It was about 5.5m (18ft) long.

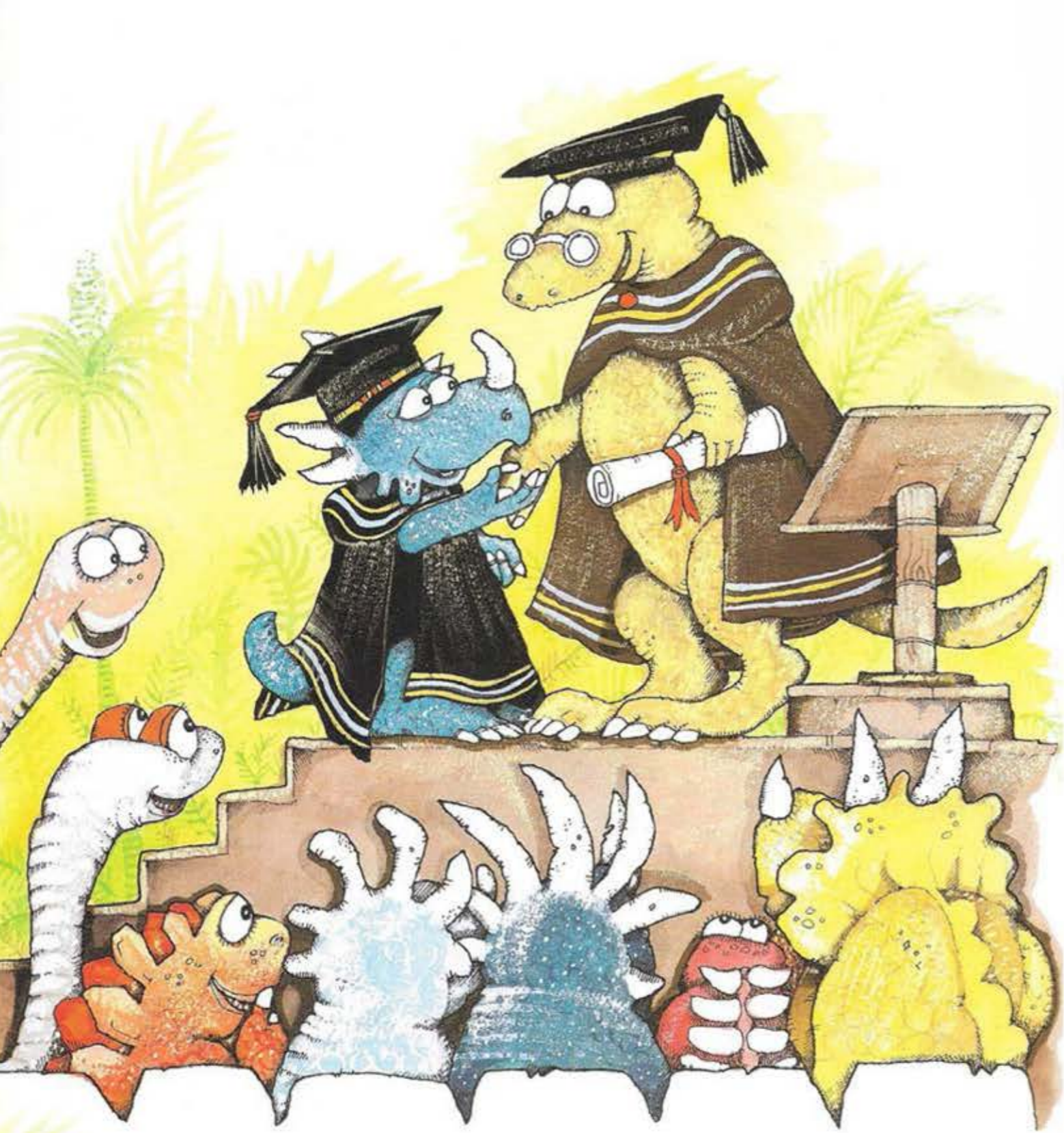




Albert was a styracosaurus. When he first popped out of his egg, it was obvious to his parents that their son was a very clever dinosaur.



Young Albert loved to make things. His first invention was a 'cradle rocker' to stop his baby sisters from crying at night.



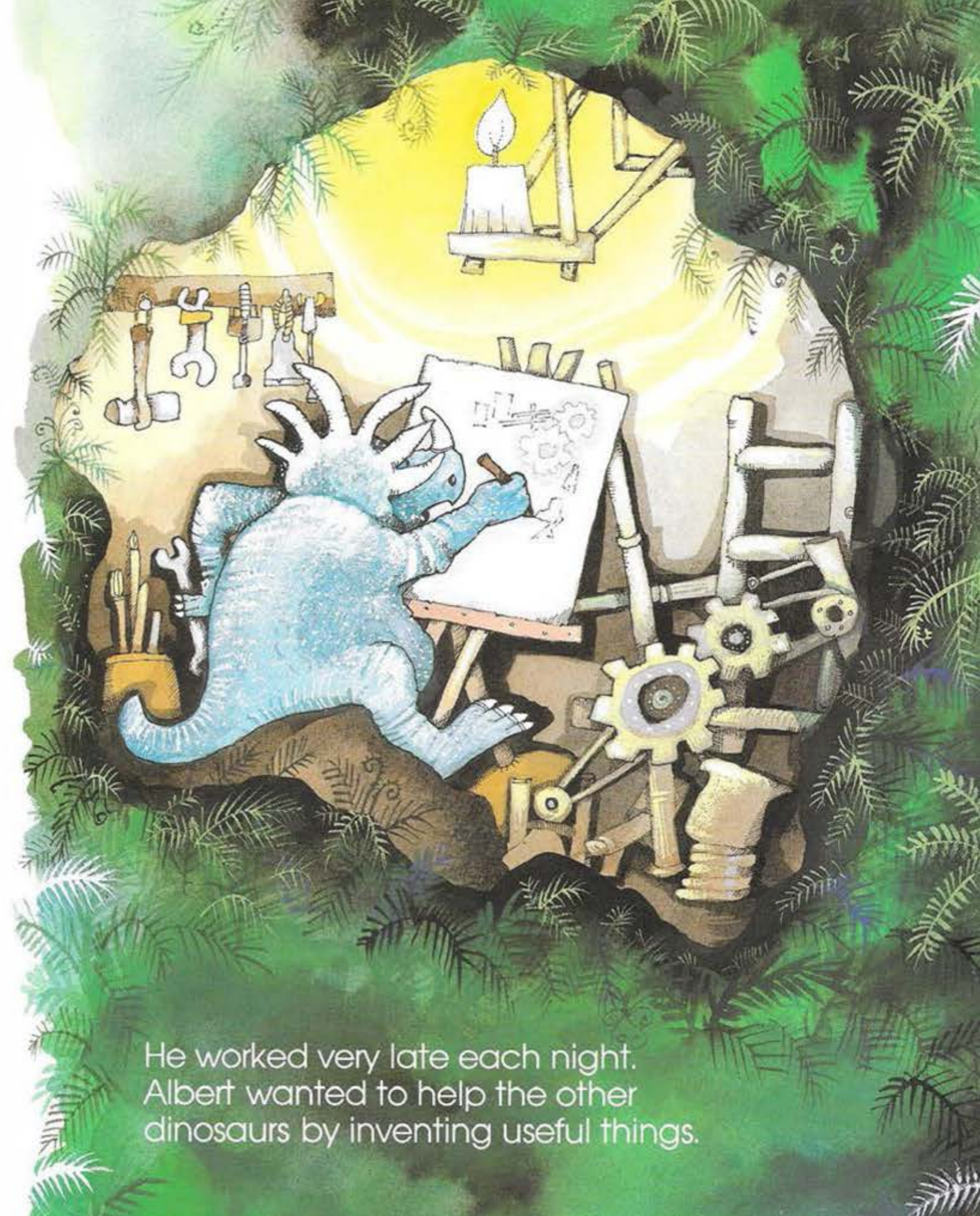
Albert's parents were very proud of him when he graduated from dinosaur school. He was at the top of his class!



The older dinosaurs nodded wisely to themselves. 'That dinosaur will go far,' they thought.



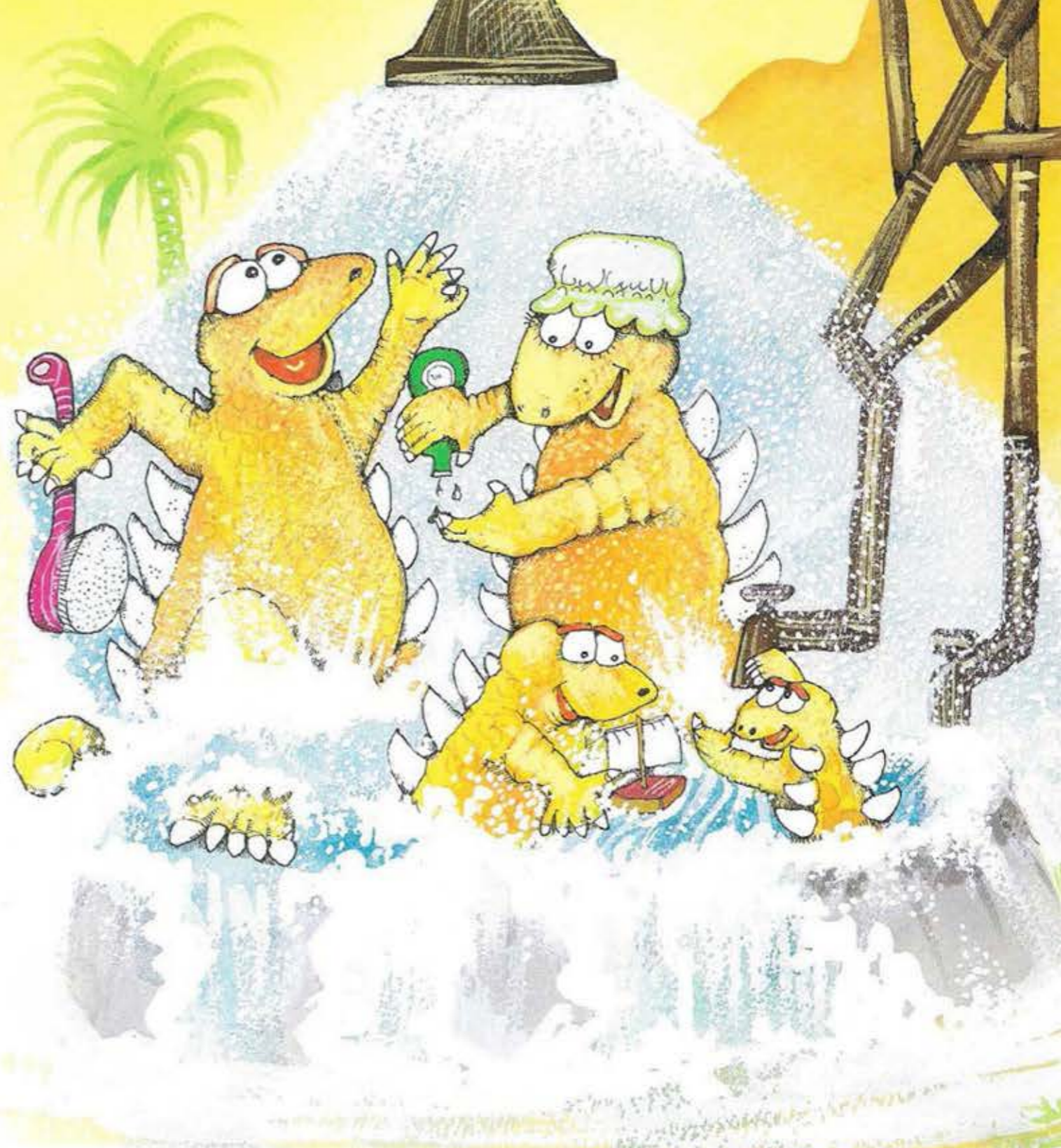
As Albert needed a lot of space for his inventions, he decided to set up a workshop in a nearby cave.



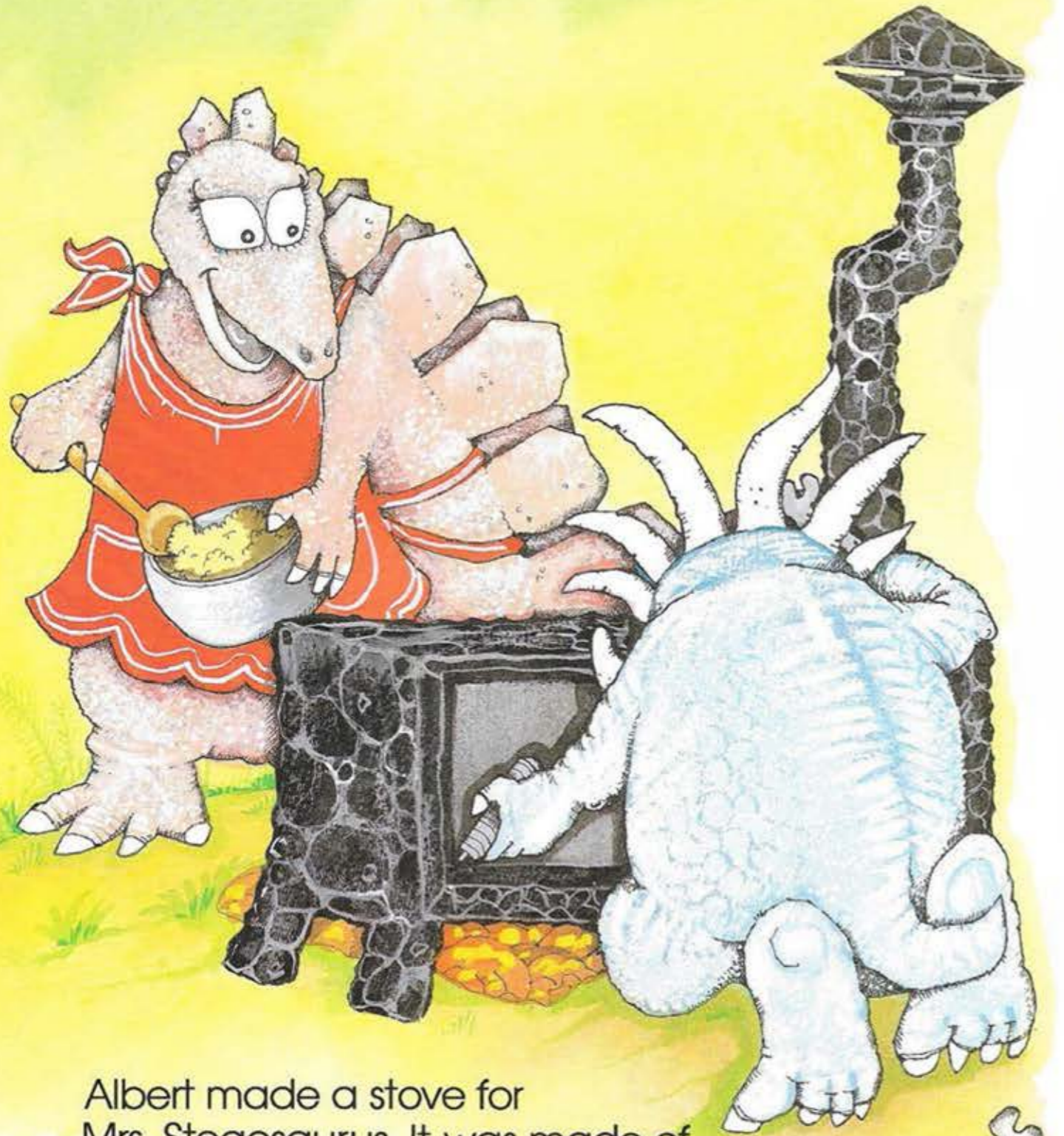
He worked very late each night. Albert wanted to help the other dinosaurs by inventing useful things.



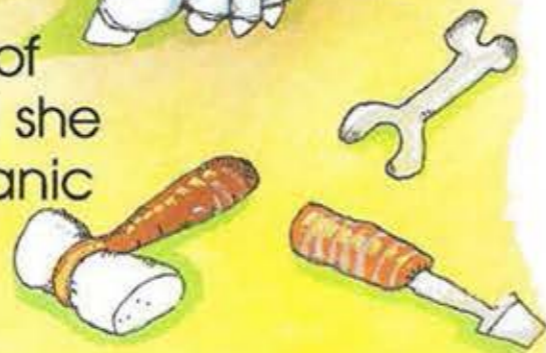
The Ankylosaurus family was very pleased when Albert designed a bathtub and shower for them.



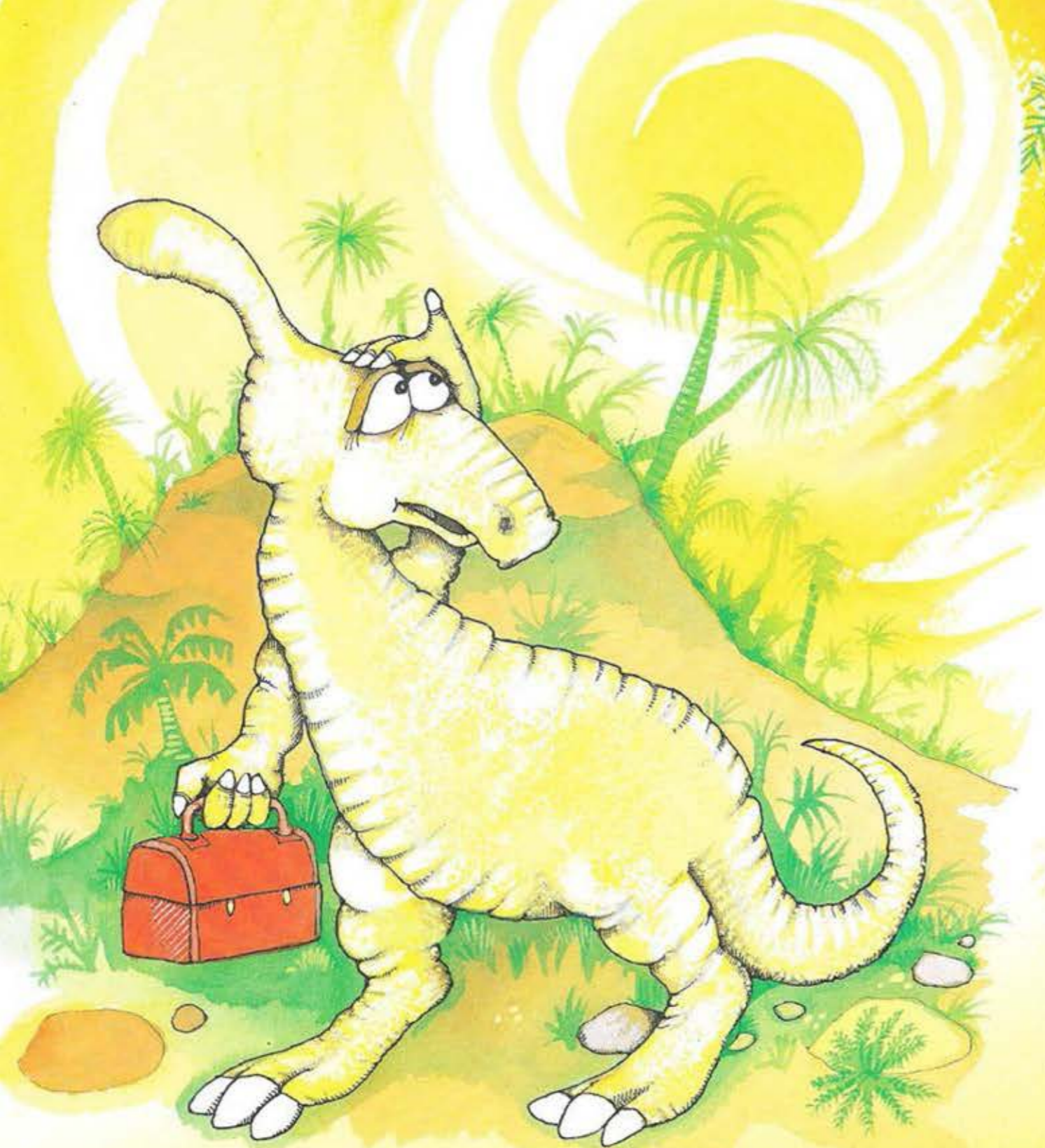
Using cold water from the lake and hot water from the hot springs, the Ankylosaurs splashed happily in their new tub.



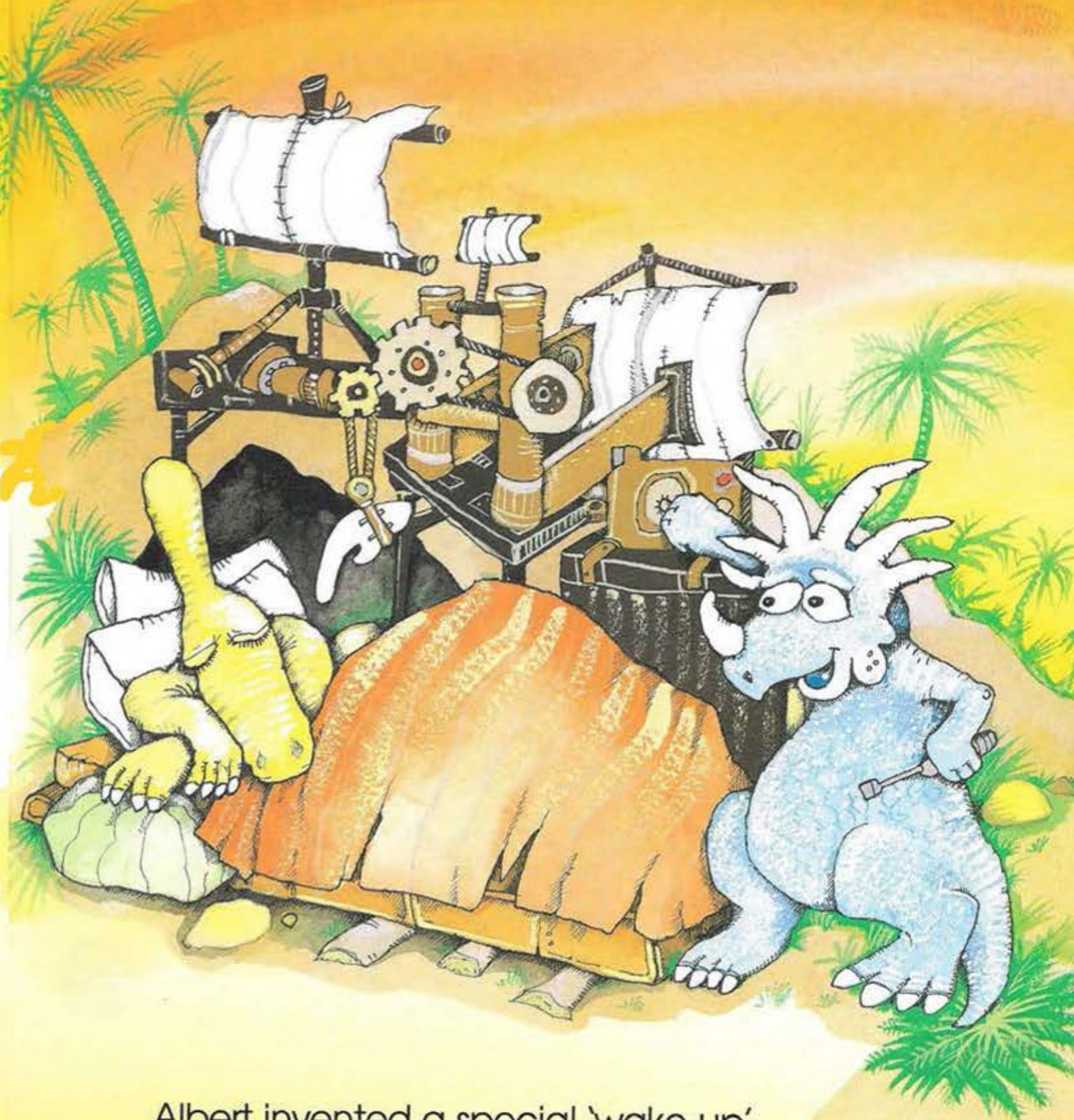
Albert made a stove for Mrs. Stegosaurus. It was made of stone and to cook her food, all she had to do was place hot, volcanic rocks under it.



'Thank you, Albert!' said Mrs Stegosaurus. 'This will save me so much time.'



Mr. Parasaurolophus had trouble waking up in the morning and was always late for work.



Albert invented a special 'wake-up' machine that tapped Mr. Parasaurolophus on the shoulder as soon as the sun came up.

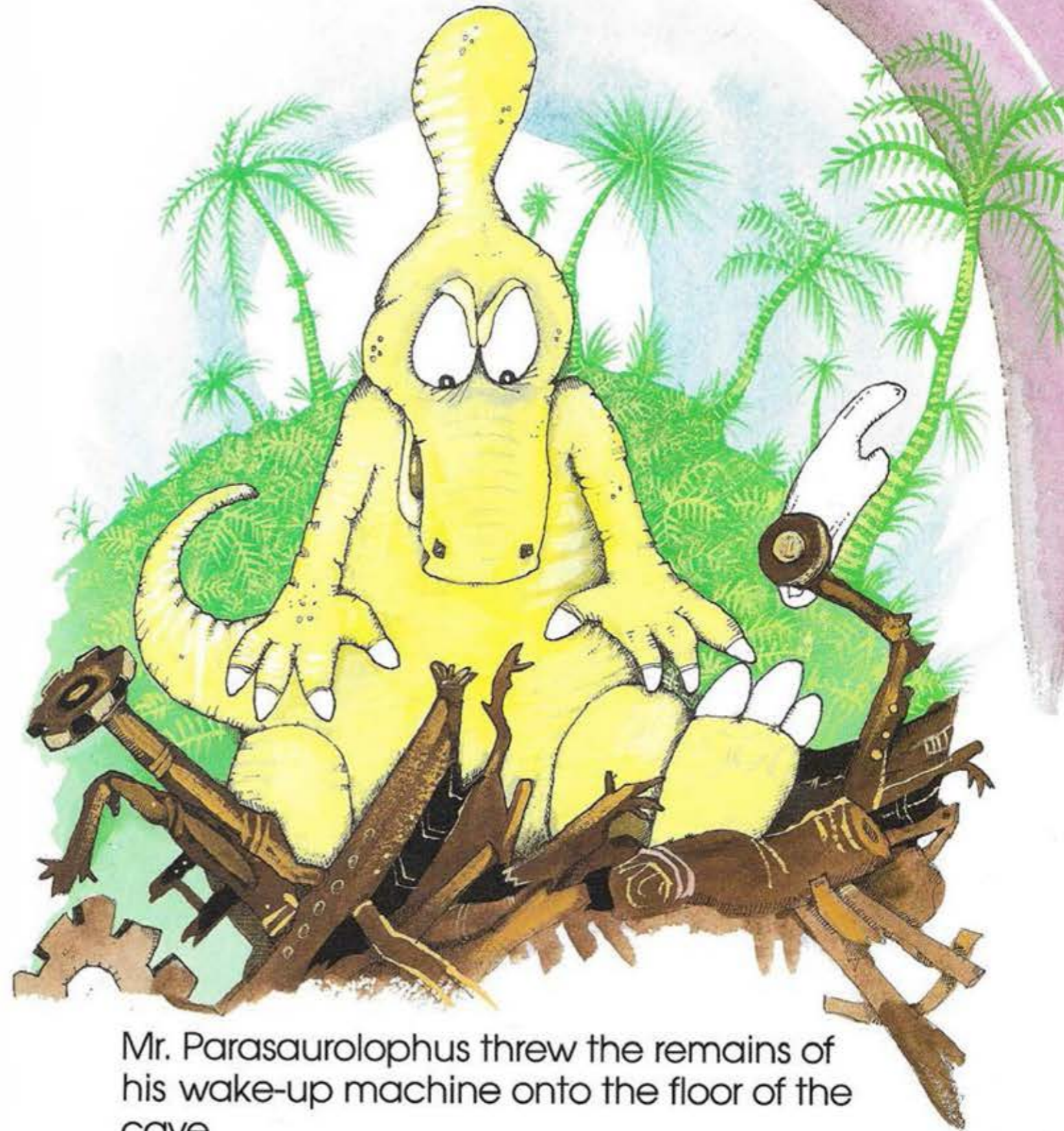


Albert's inventions were very popular for a long time, but then things started to go wrong.

A very wet and upset ankylosaurus stomped into Albert's workshop. 'Because of your silly bathtub our cave has flooded!' (The truth was, the ankylosaurus had forgotten to turn the water off!)



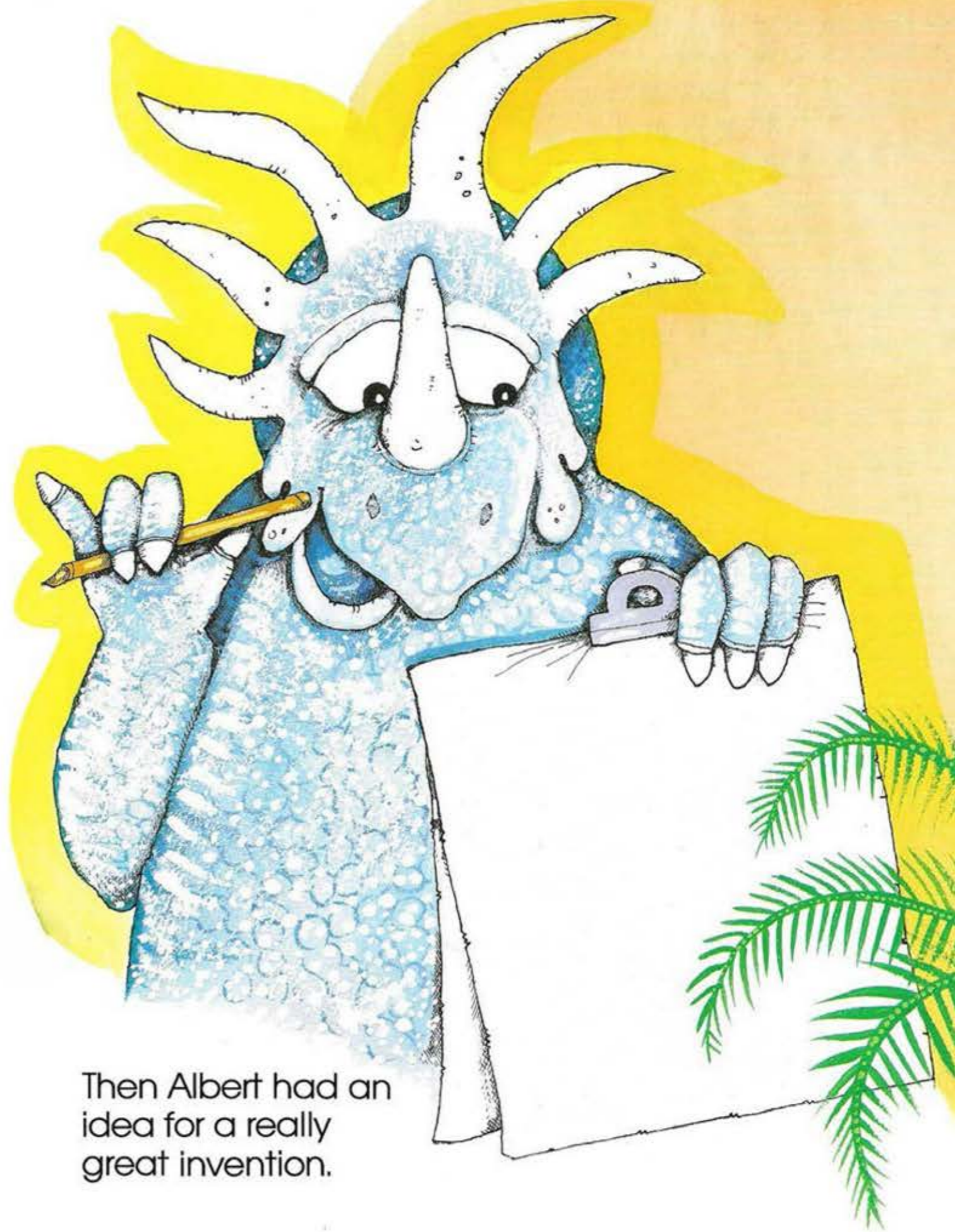
Mrs. Stegosaurus had put too many rocks under her stove and the dinner had burned. 'It's all your fault, Albert!' she cried.



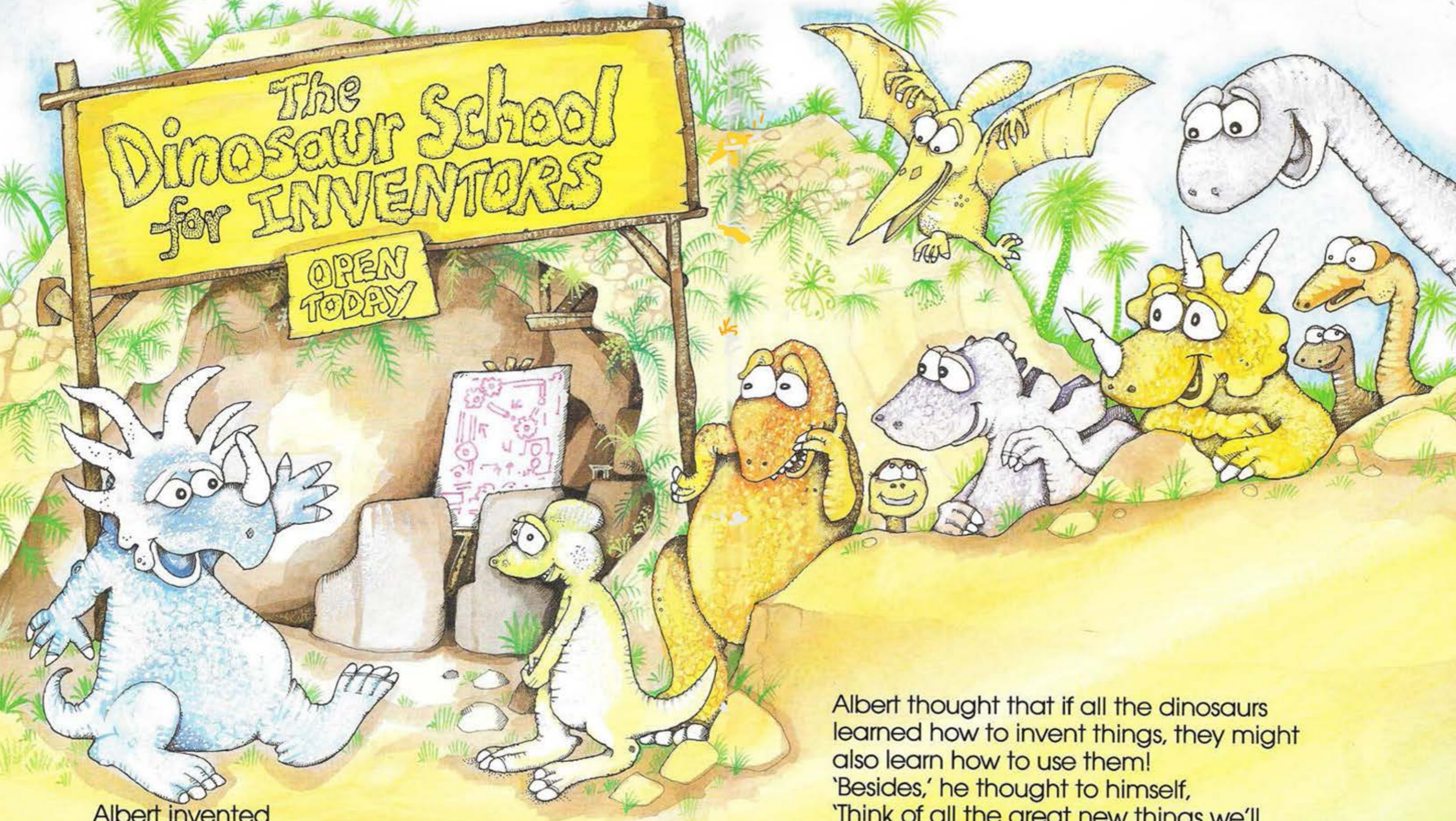
Mr. Parasaurolophus threw the remains of his wake-up machine onto the floor of the cave. 'I'm sick of being woken up by that silly machine!' he said. 'I'd rather be late for work.'



Albert was sad.  
He knew his machines were good —  
it was just that the other dinosaurs didn't  
know how to use them properly.



Then Albert had an  
idea for a really  
great invention.



Albert invented  
**THE DINOSAUR SCHOOL FOR INVENTORS!**

Albert thought that if all the dinosaurs learned how to invent things, they might also learn how to use them! 'Besides,' he thought to himself, 'Think of all the great new things we'll have to play with!'

Enjoy all the delightful books in this series

