

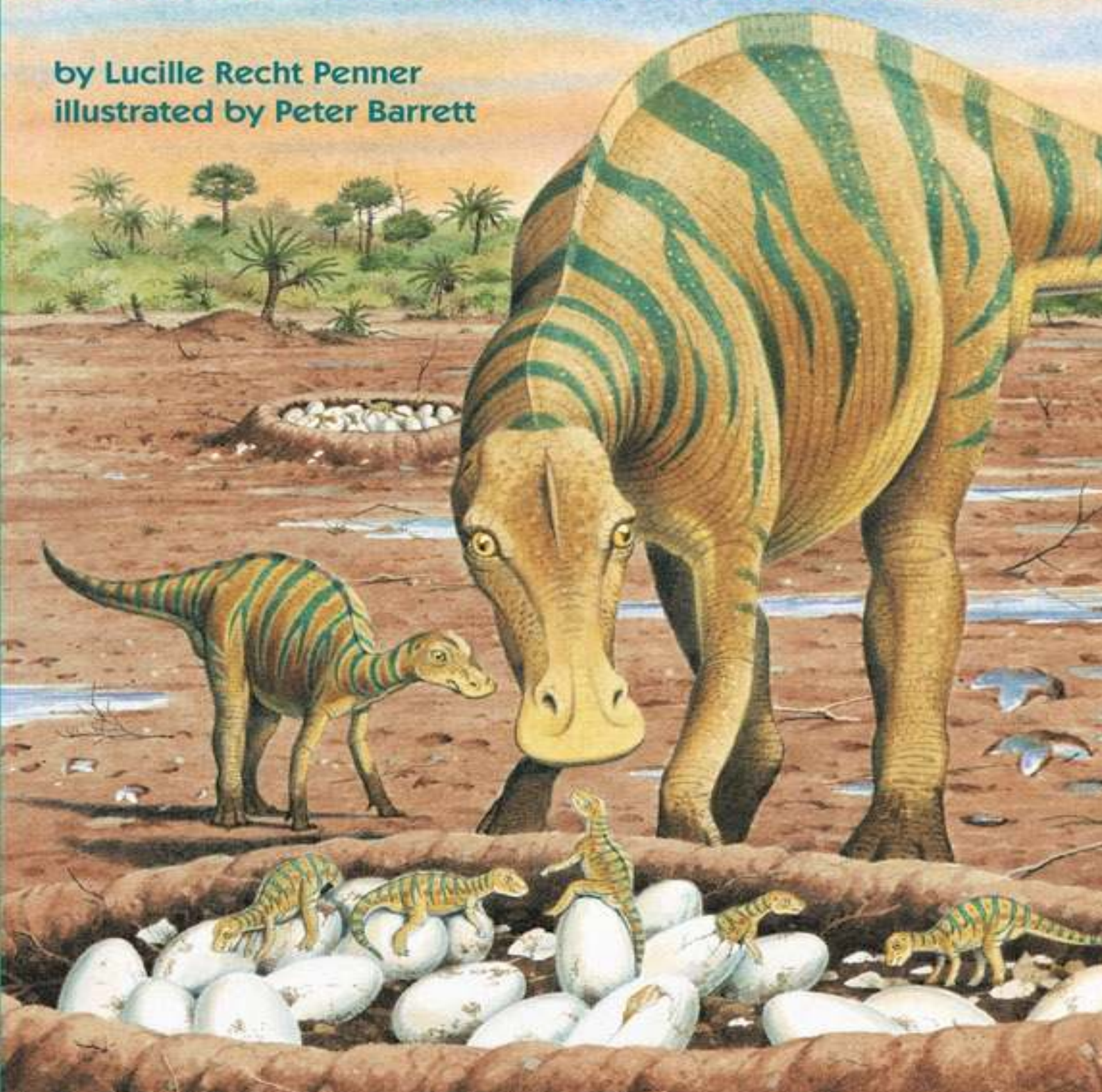


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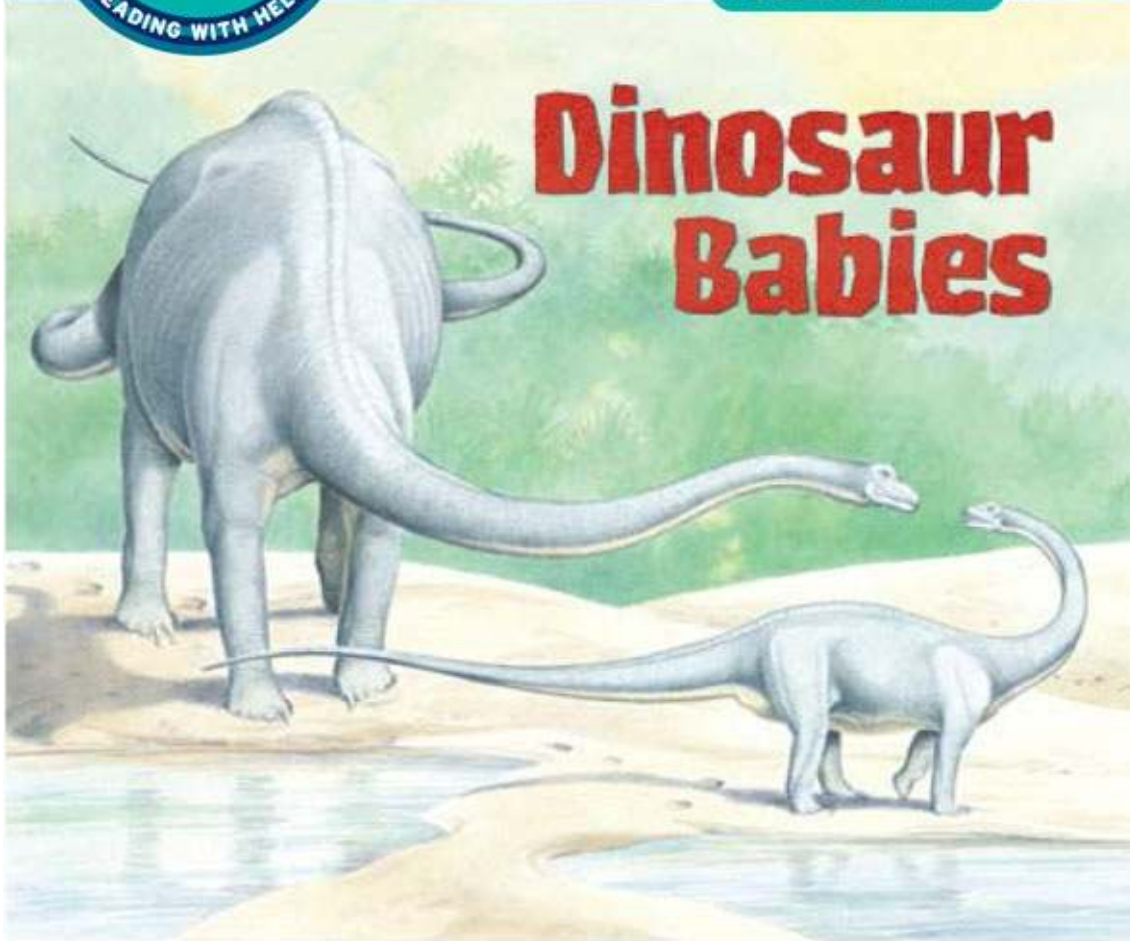
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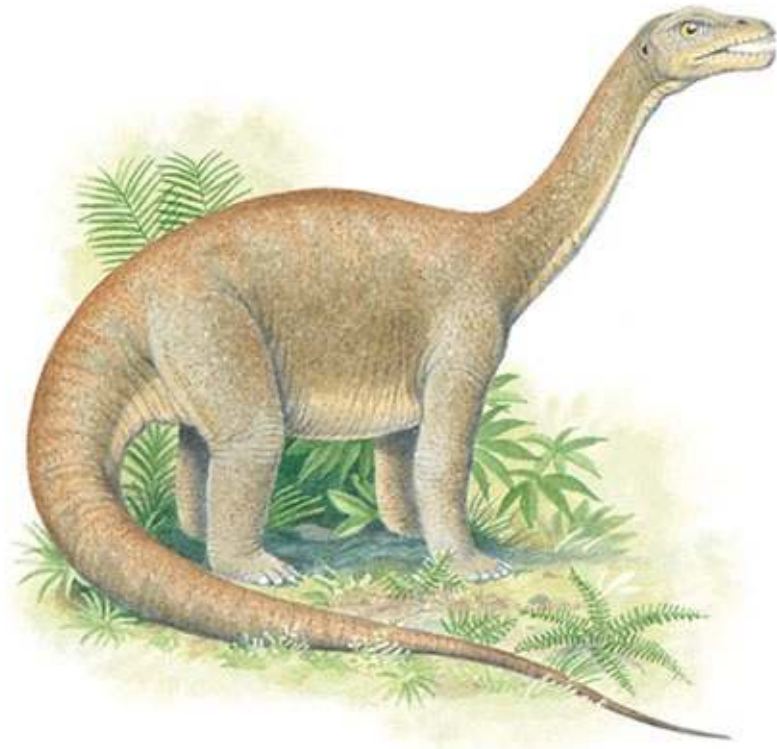
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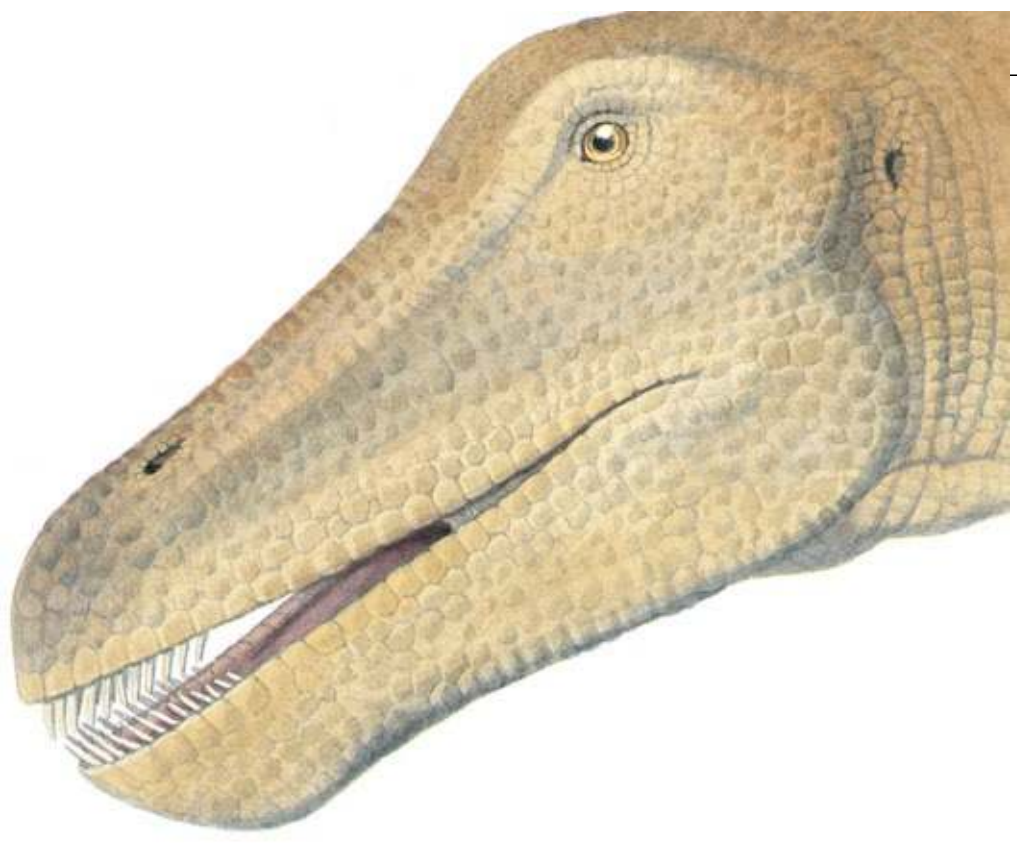
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First Page



Apatosaurus  
(uh-PAT-uh-SOR-us)

**Squeak! Squeak!**  
Is that the sound  
of a baby dinosaur  
calling to its mother?



Nobody knows.  
Nobody has ever heard  
a baby dinosaur.  
Nobody has seen one.

The age of the dinosaurs  
ended millions of years ago.

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But we know a lot  
about them from what  
dinosaur hunters have  
found. . . .

footprints



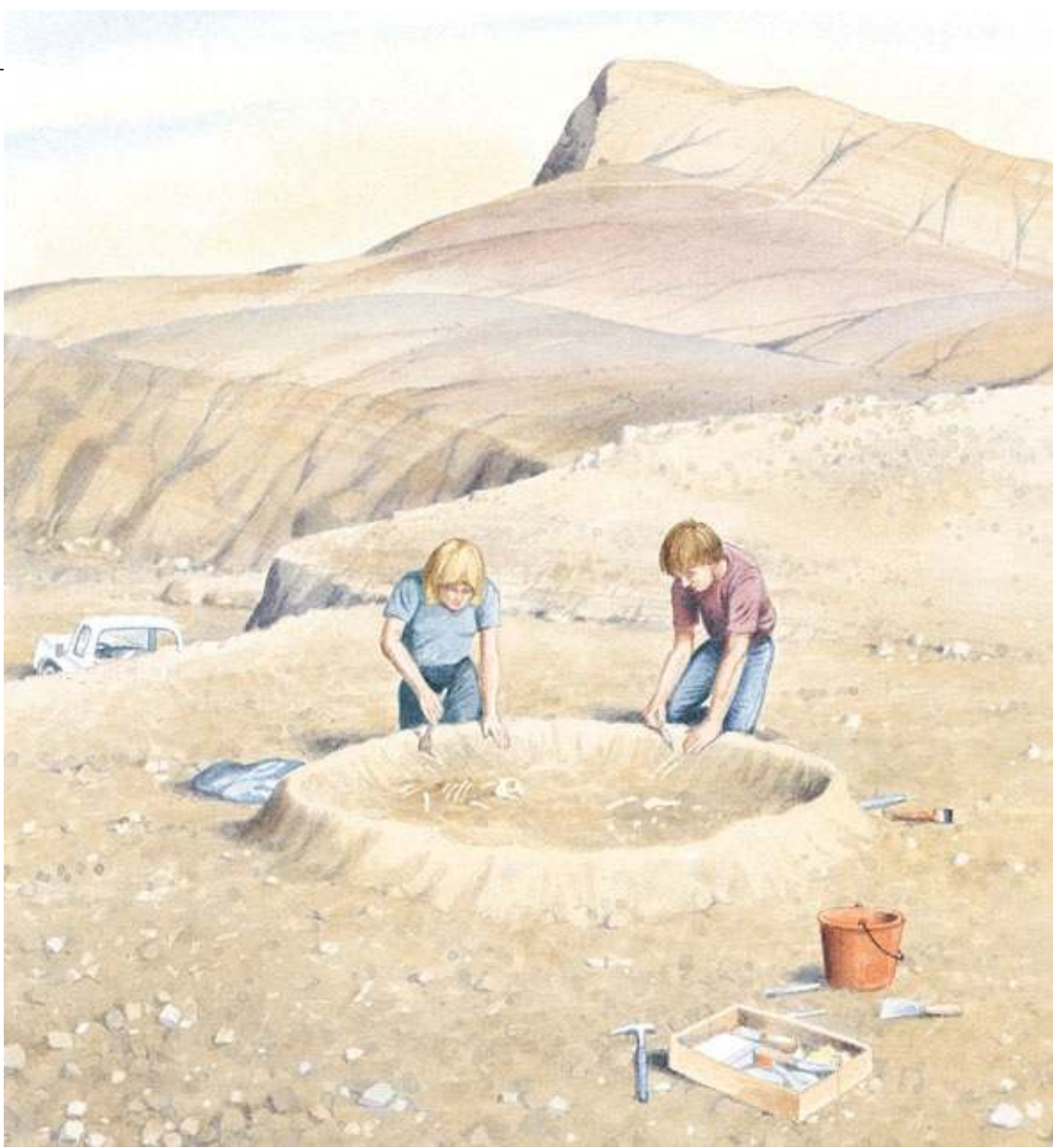
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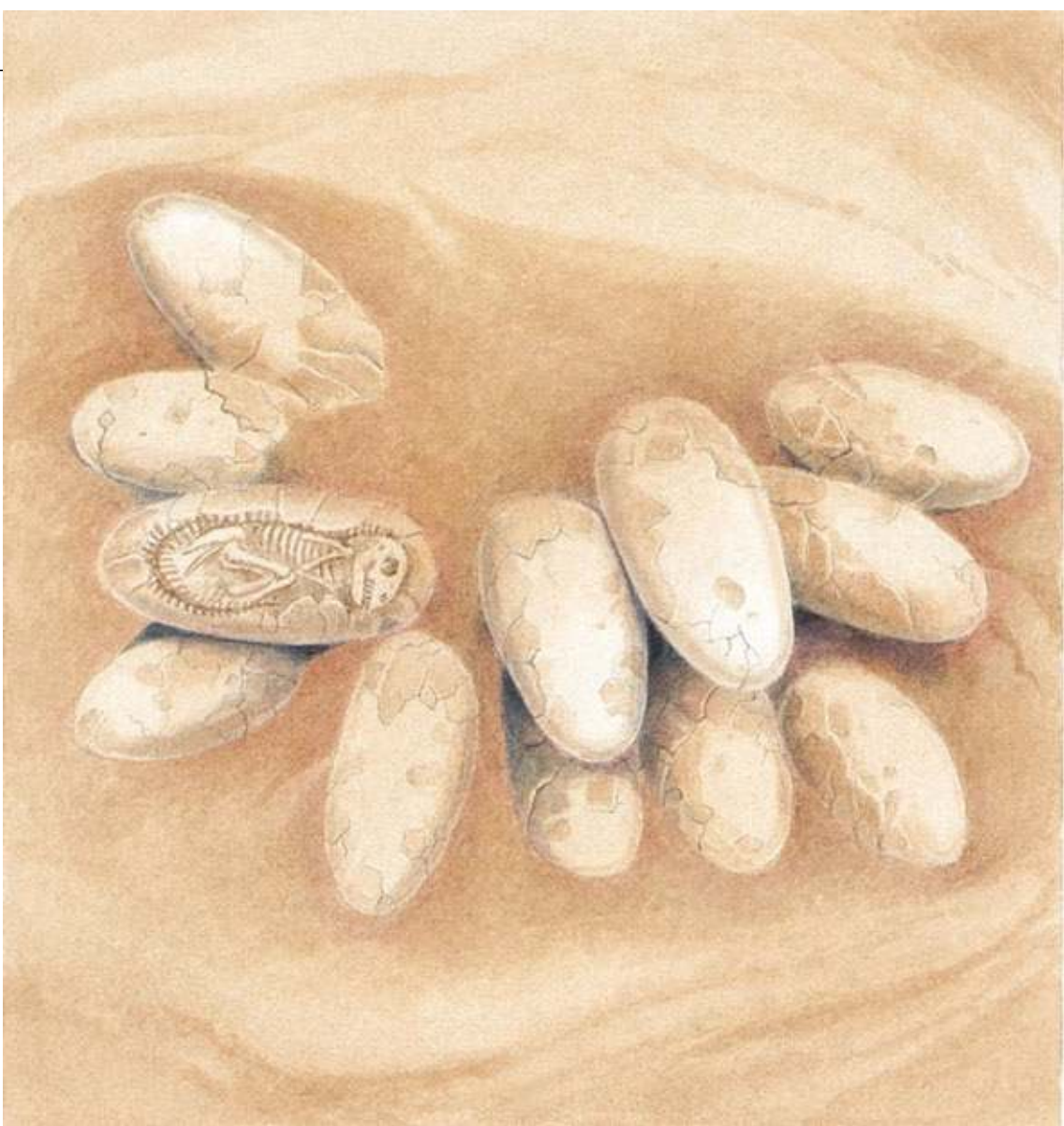
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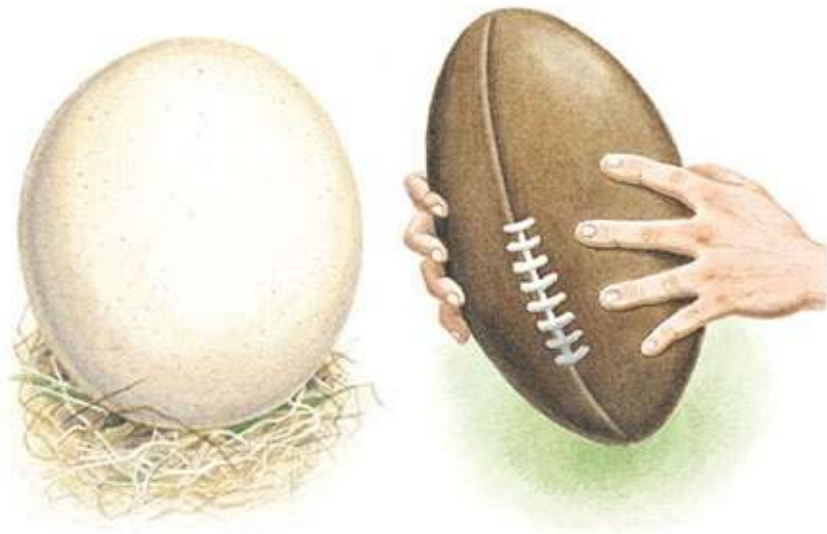
They have found small  
baby bones in nests.



They have even found  
dinosaur eggs.  
Many dinosaurs were very big.  
But their eggs were small.



The smallest was only  
as big as a quarter.



The biggest was about  
the size of a football!



Maiasaura  
(MY-uh-SOR-uh)

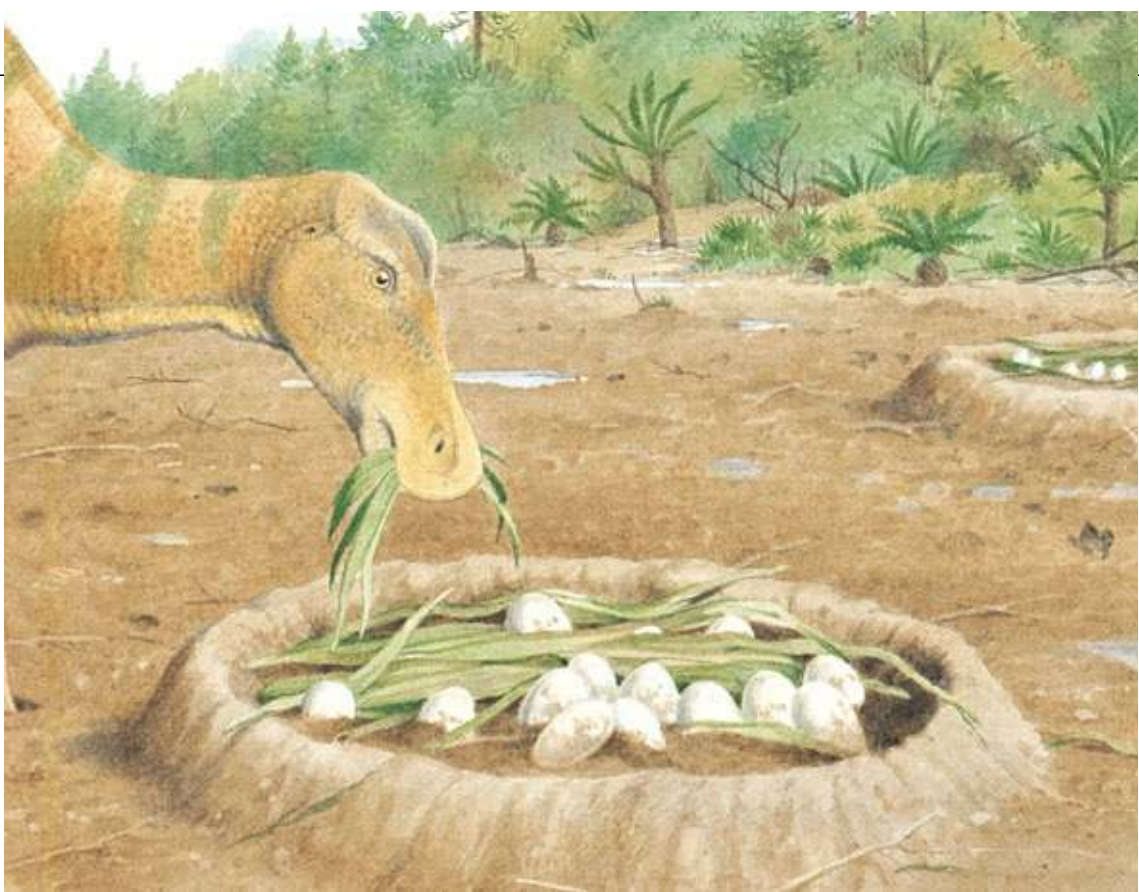
Were dinosaurs good mothers?

This kind of dinosaur was.

She made a nest of mud

and laid her eggs in it.

Chickens sit on their eggs.



But this dinosaur did not.  
She was too heavy.  
The eggs would break!  
She put leaves on the eggs  
to keep them warm.

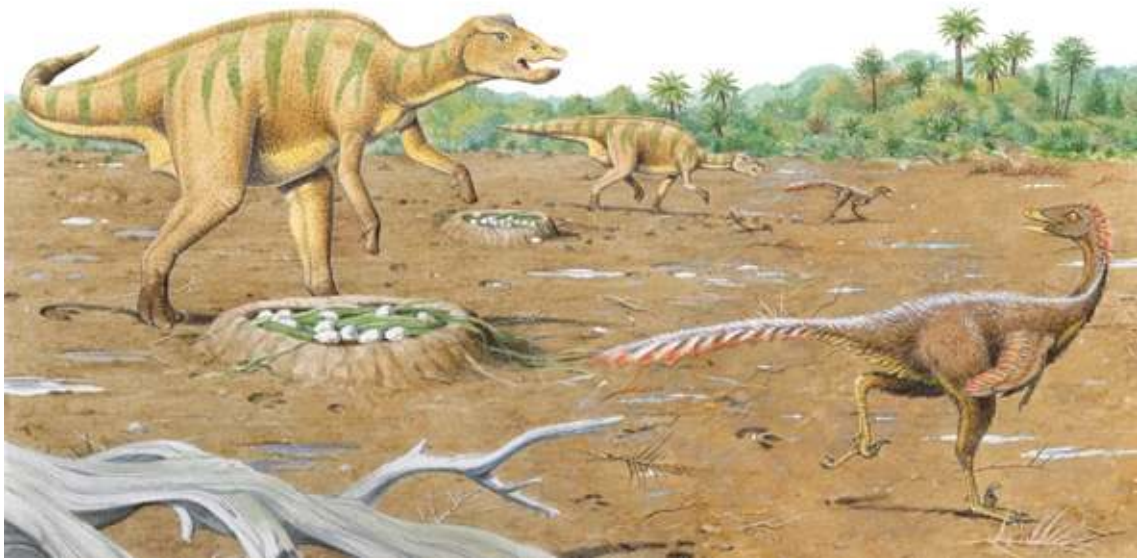


The mother watched the nest.



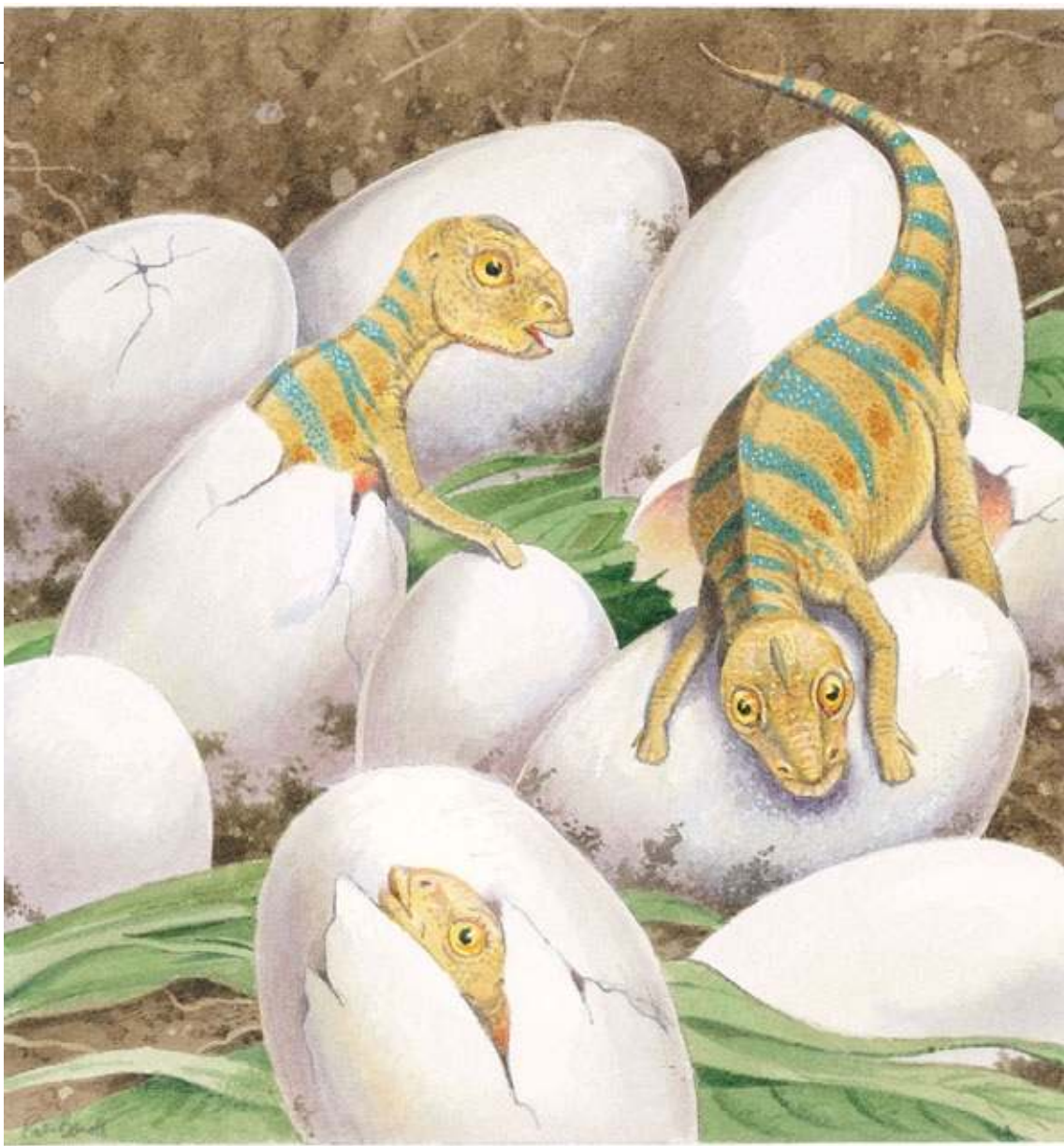
Troödon  
(TRO-uh-don)

Lots of animals liked to eat  
dinosaur eggs!

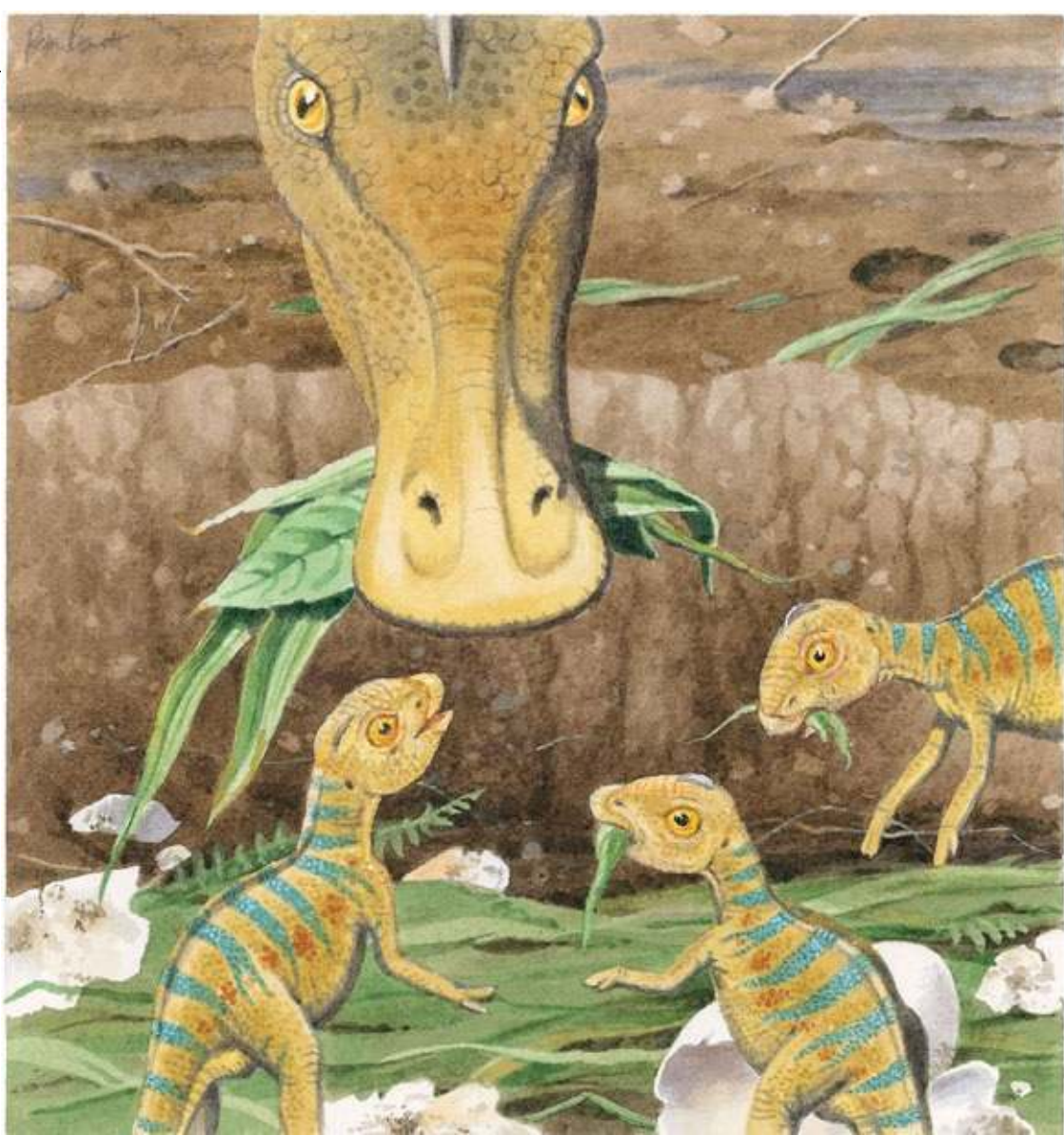


She kept them away.  
Inside the eggs  
the babies grew.  
They breathed through  
tiny holes in the eggshells.





One day the eggs cracked!  
Little baby dinosaurs came out.  
They were hungry.  
Maybe they squeaked.

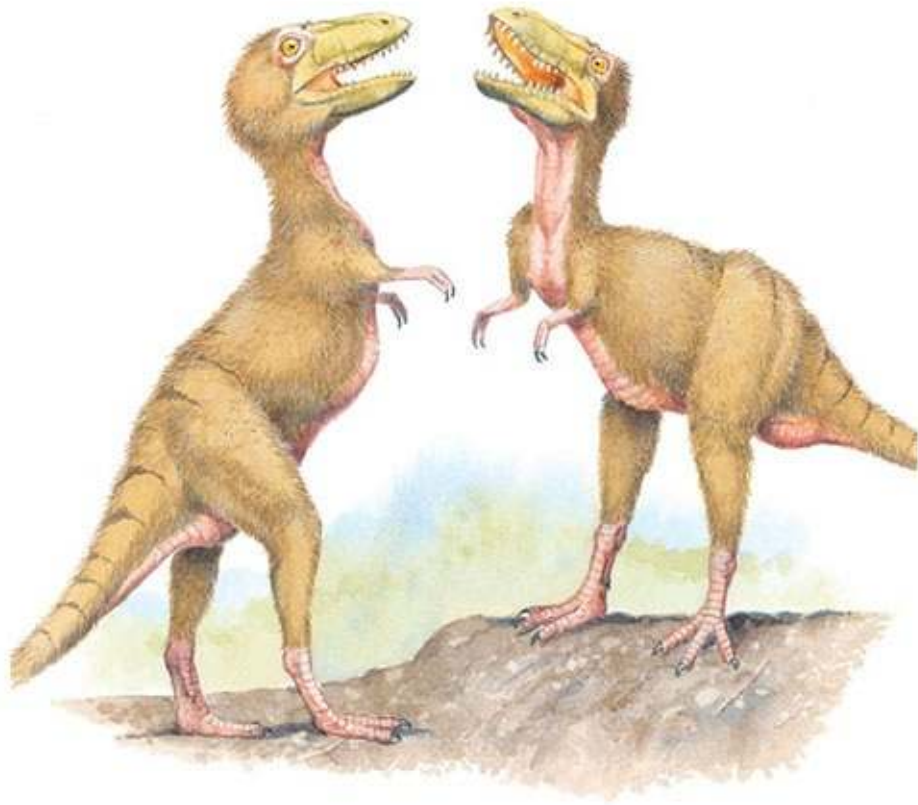


The mother dinosaur  
brought them food.  
The babies ate and ate  
all day long.



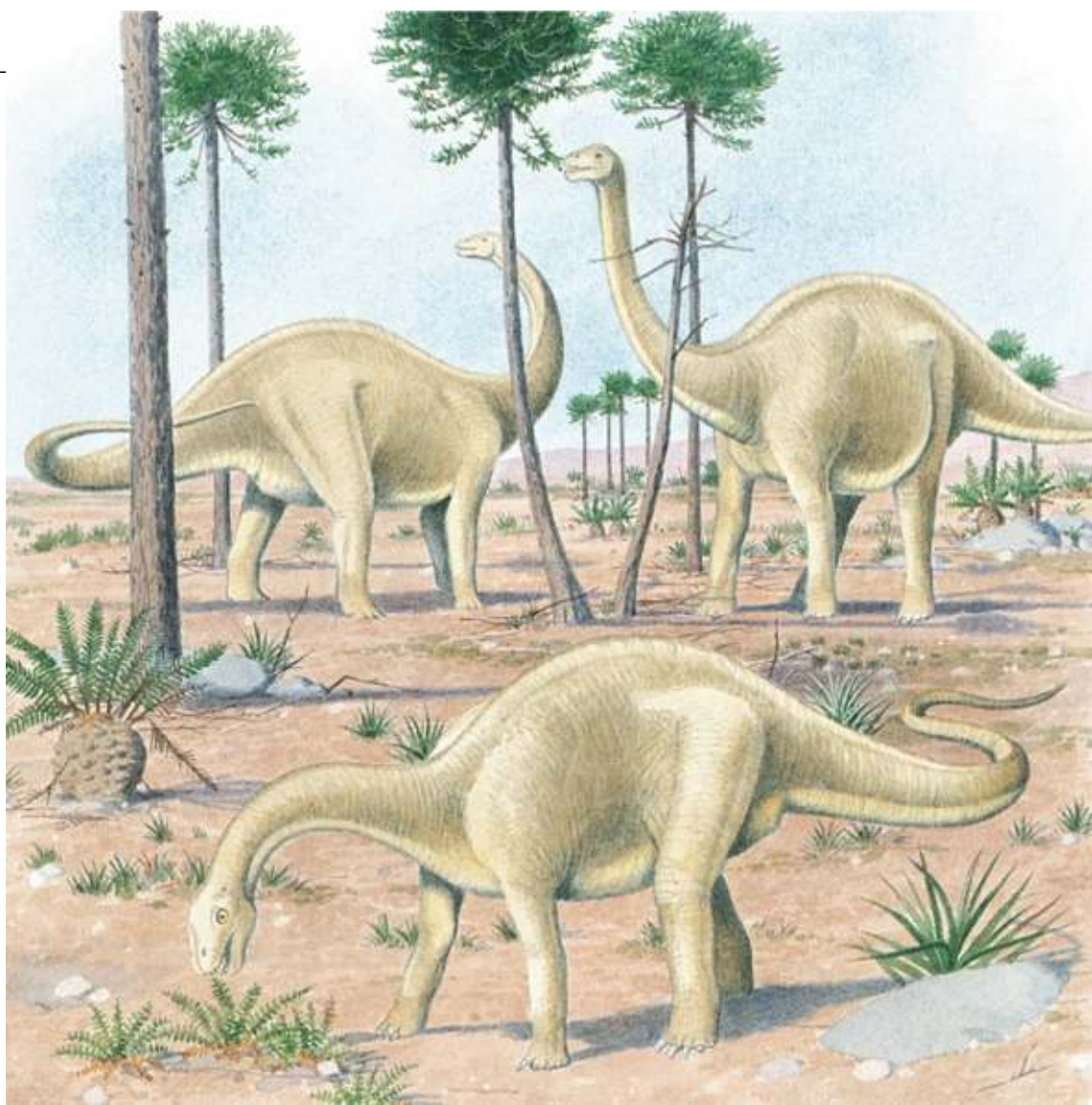
Psittacosaurus  
(suh-TACK-uh-SOR-us)

Dinosaur babies  
had big heads and big eyes.  
They could see and hear well.



Tyrannosaurus  
(tie-RAN-uh-SOR-us)

Human babies are born  
without any teeth.  
Not dinosaur babies!  
They had lots of teeth.



Apatosaurus  
(uh-PAT-uh-SOR-us)

What did baby dinosaurs eat?  
Some kinds ate leaves and  
berries and seeds.



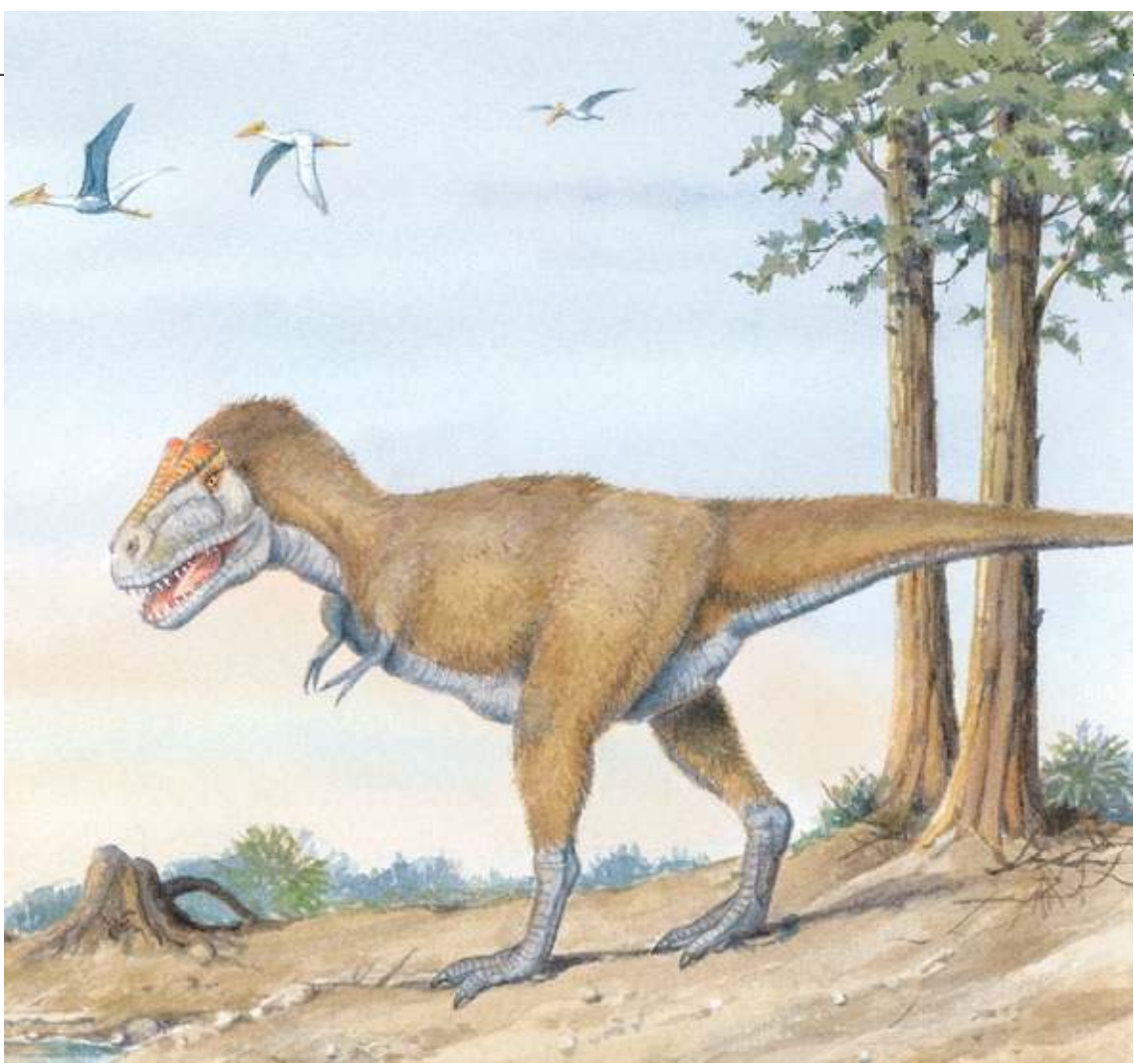
Deinonychus  
(die-NON-ih-kus)

Some kinds ate little animals  
and bugs.



Ornithomimus  
(or-NIH-thuh-MY-mus)

Was it safe for baby dinosaurs  
to hunt for food alone? No!



Tyrannosaurus  
(tie-RAN-uh-SOR-us)

Enemies were all around.



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