

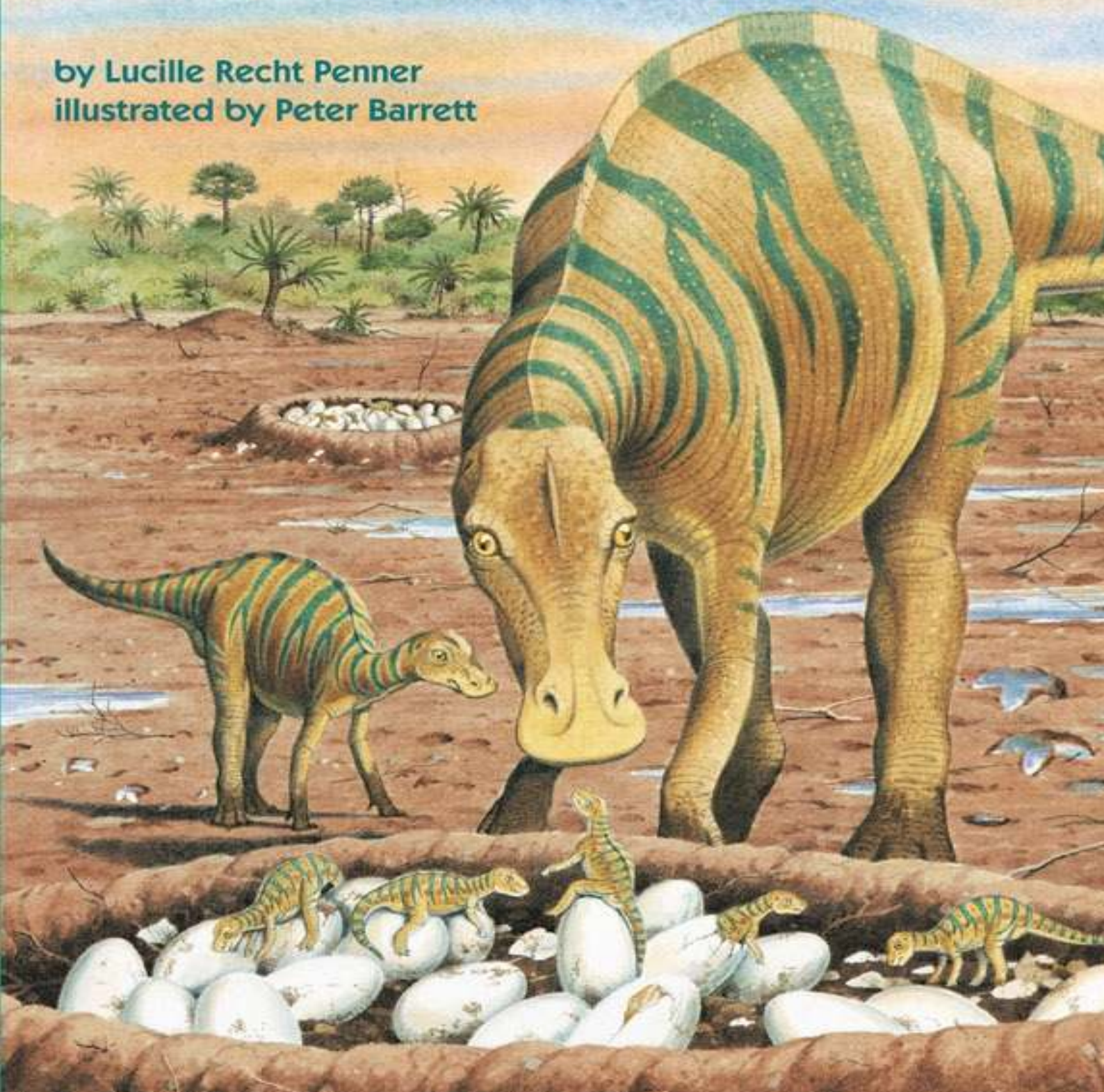


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A SCIENCE READER

Dinosaur Babies

by Lucille Recht Penner
illustrated by Peter Barrett





Learning to Read, Step by Step!



Ready to Read **Preschool–Kindergarten**

- big type and easy words
- rhyme and rhythm
- picture clues

For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



Reading with Help **Preschool–Grade 1**

- basic vocabulary
- short sentences
- simple stories

For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



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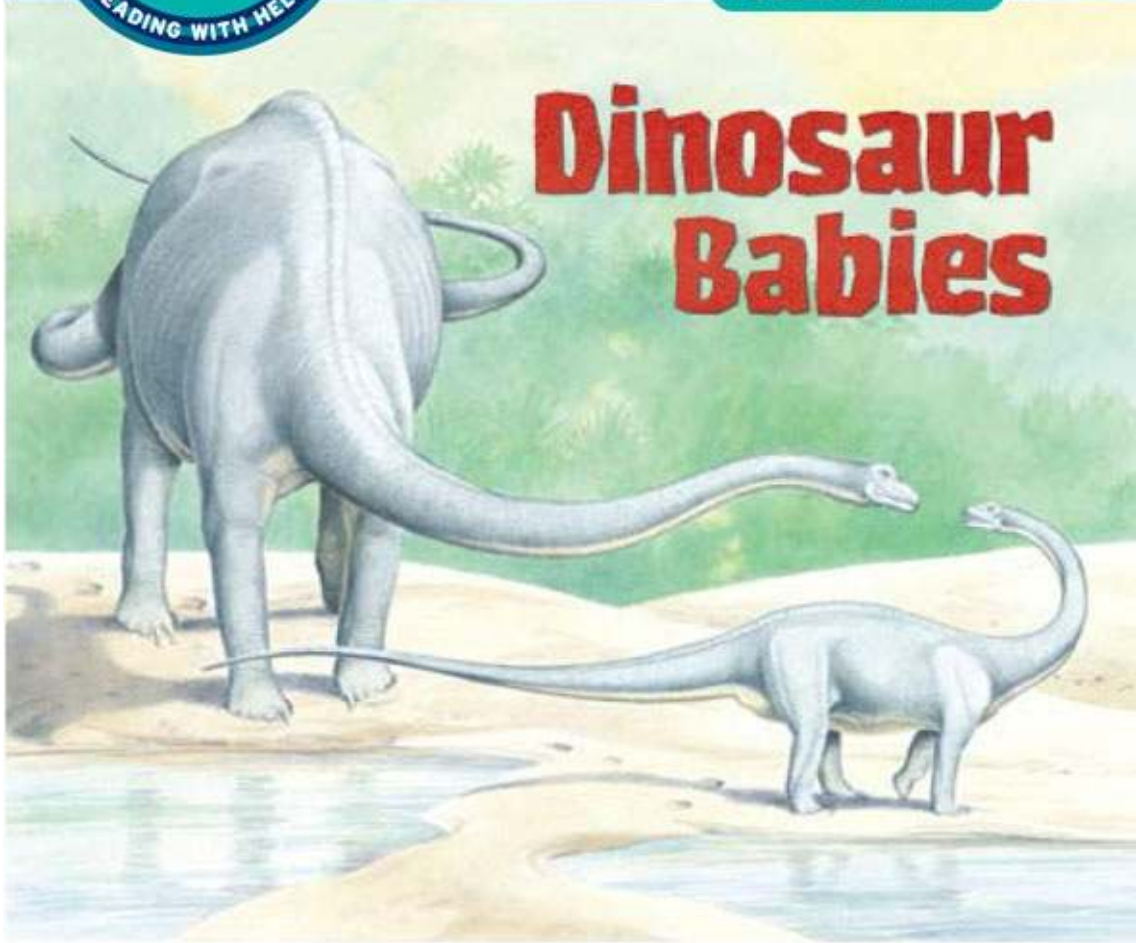
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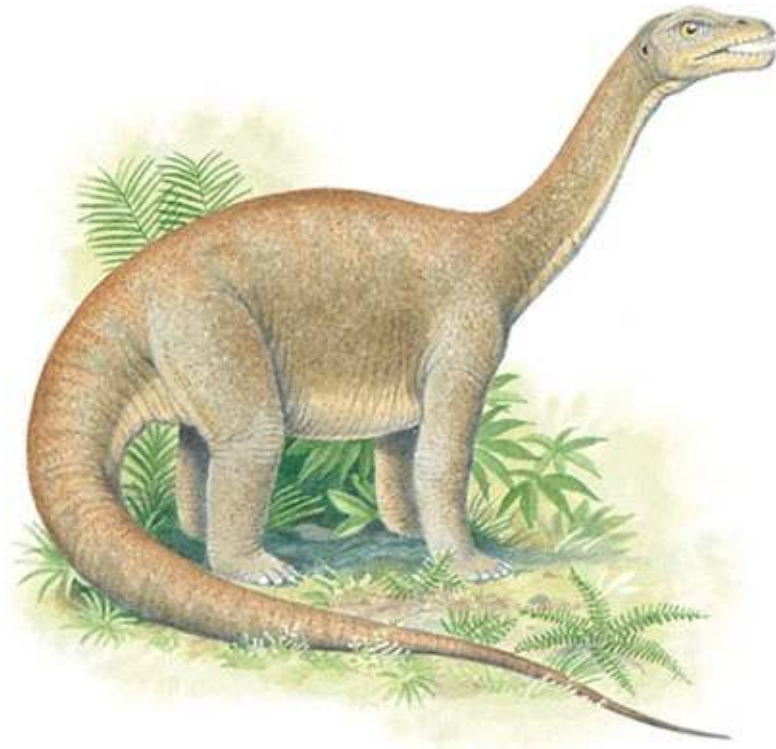
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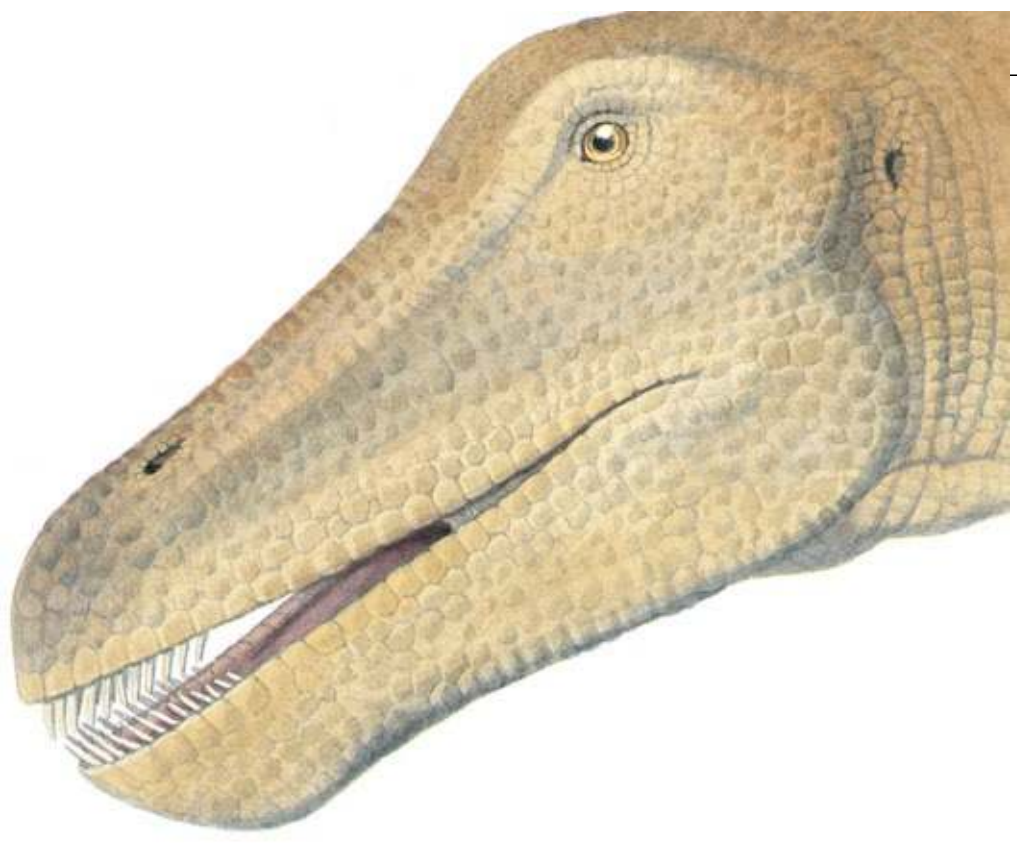
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First Page



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.

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

footprints

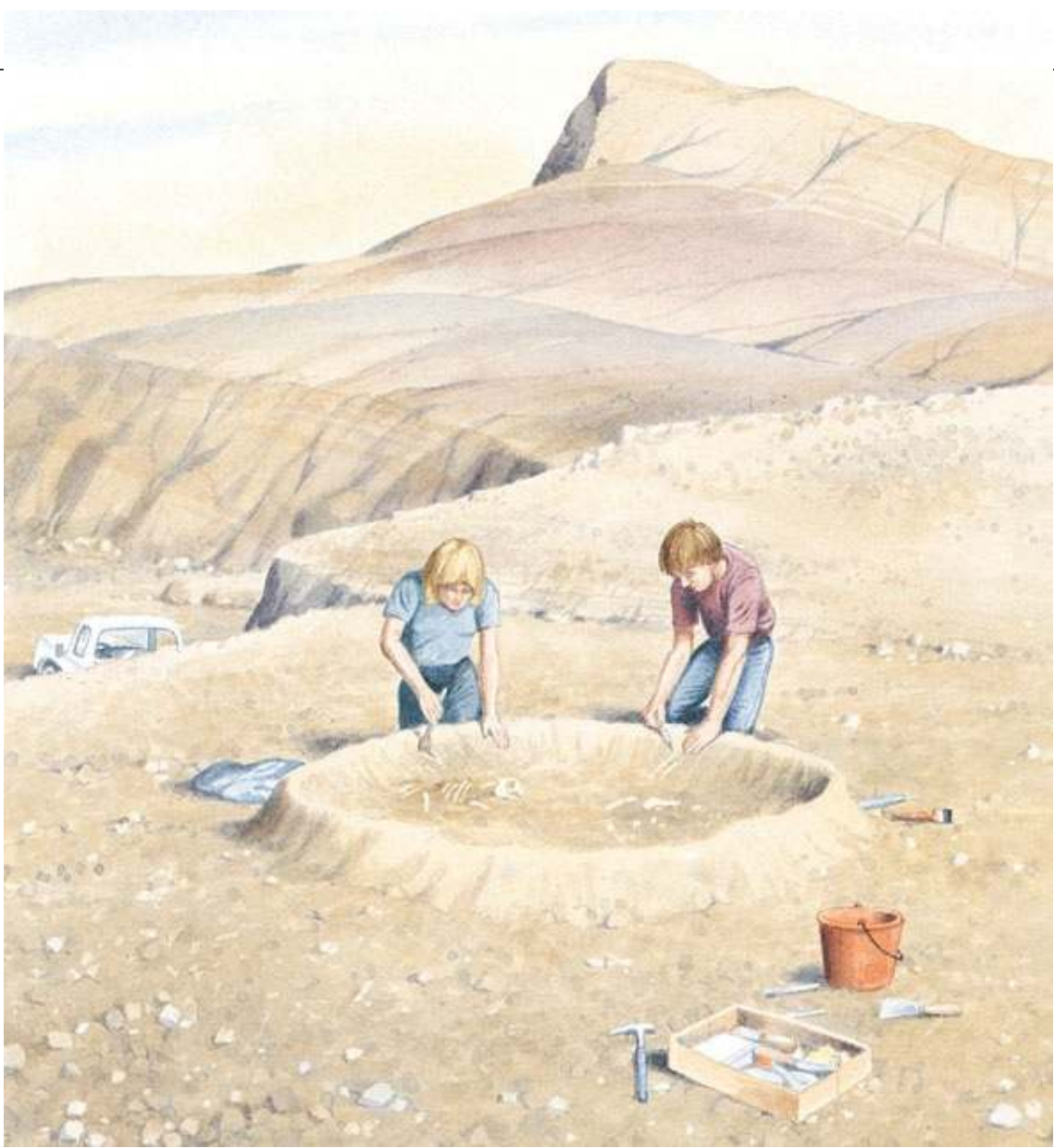


teeth

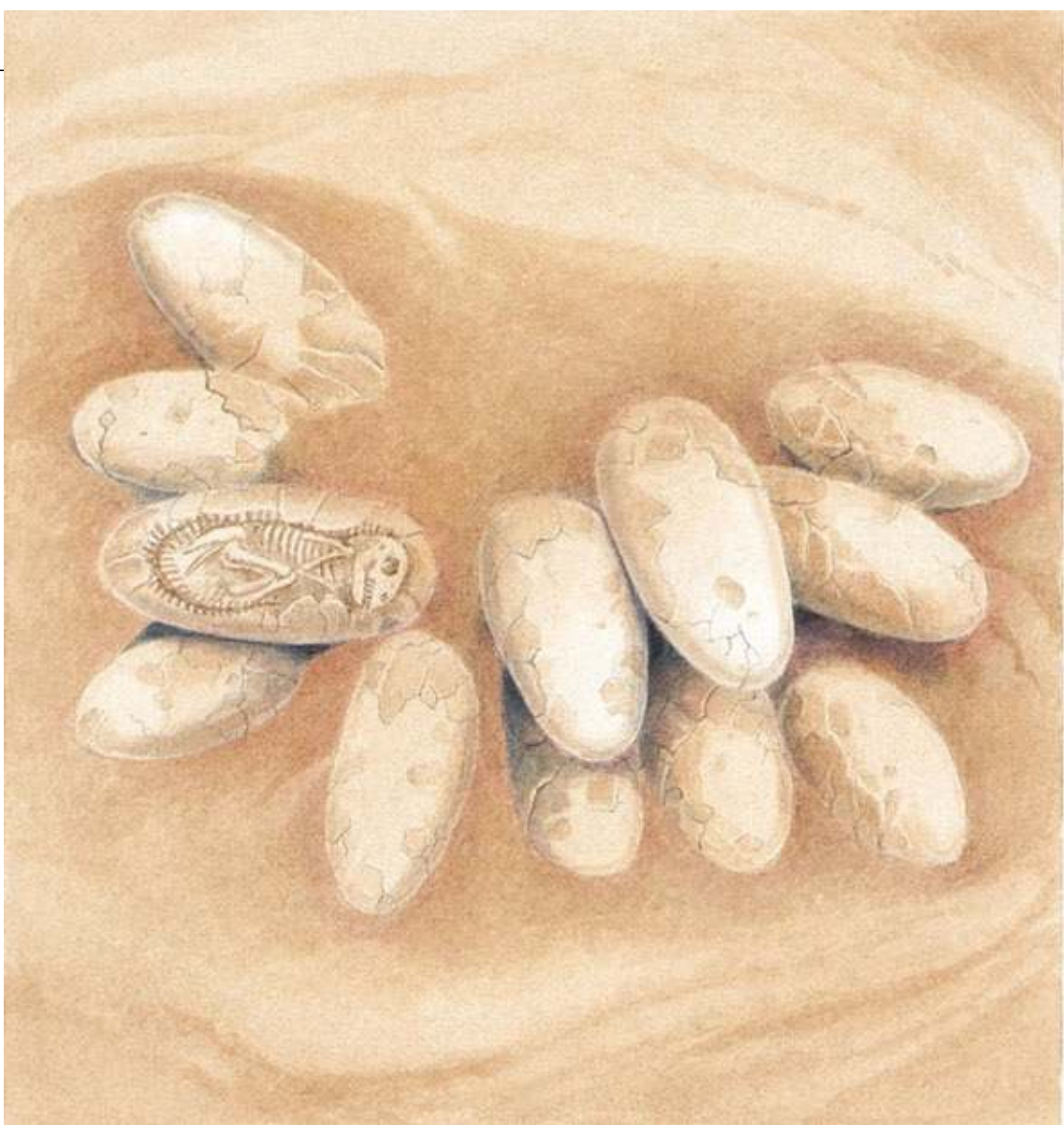


bones





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)

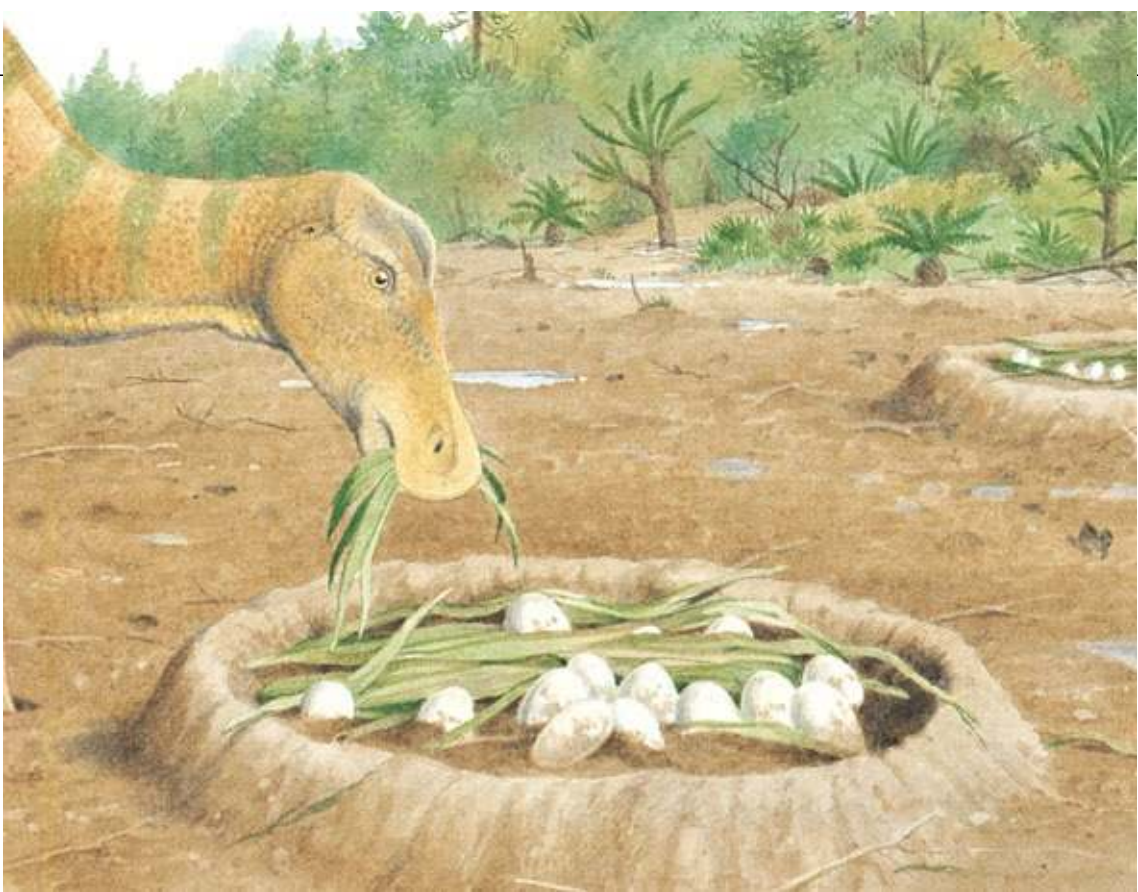
Were dinosaurs good mothers?

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.

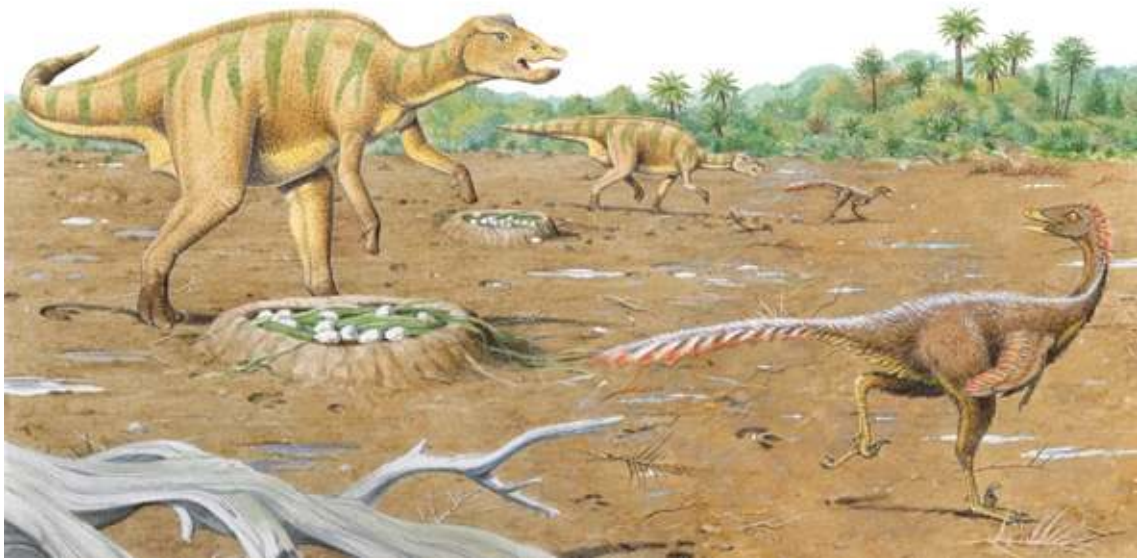


The mother watched the nest.

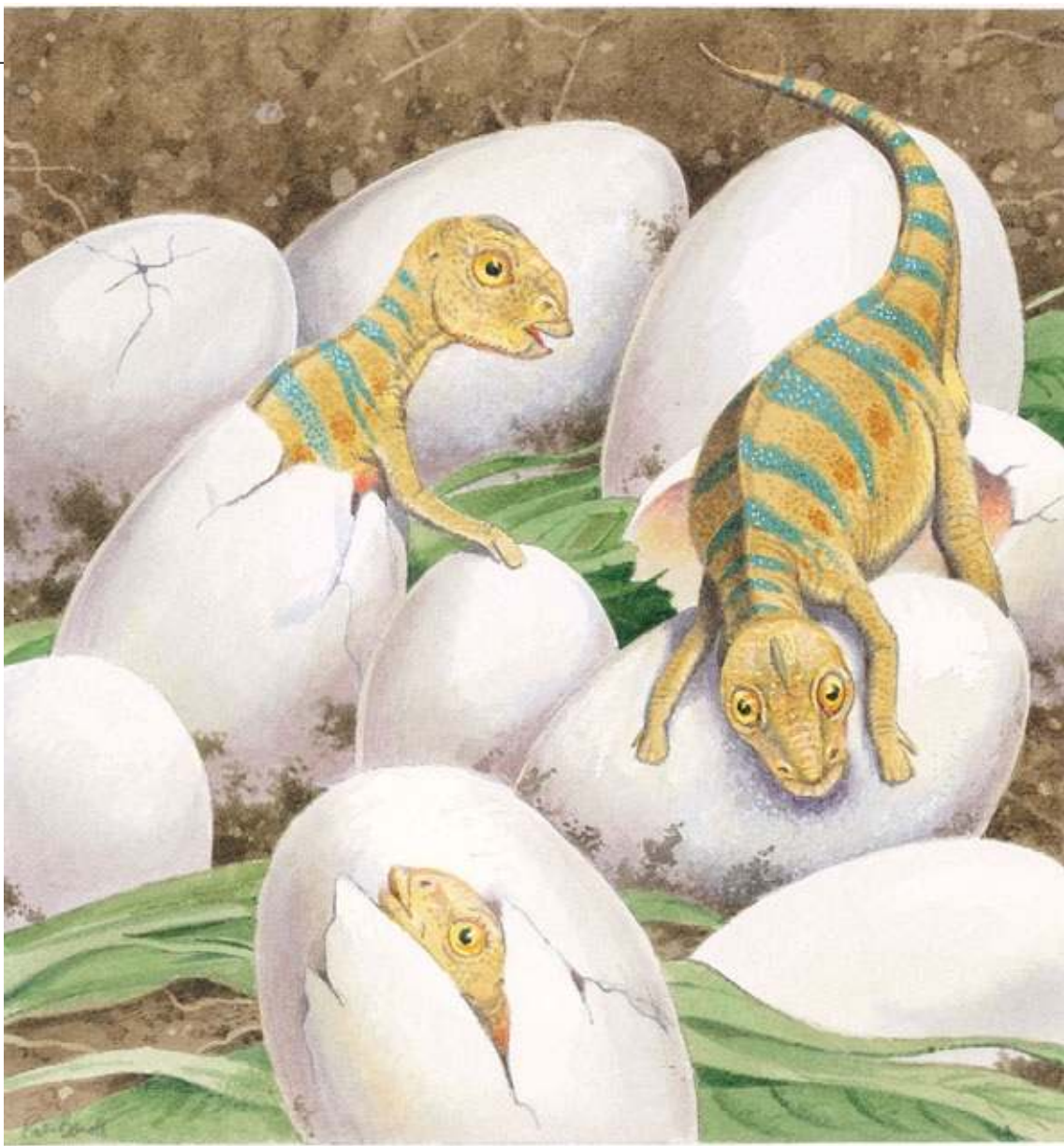


Troödon
(TRO-uh-don)

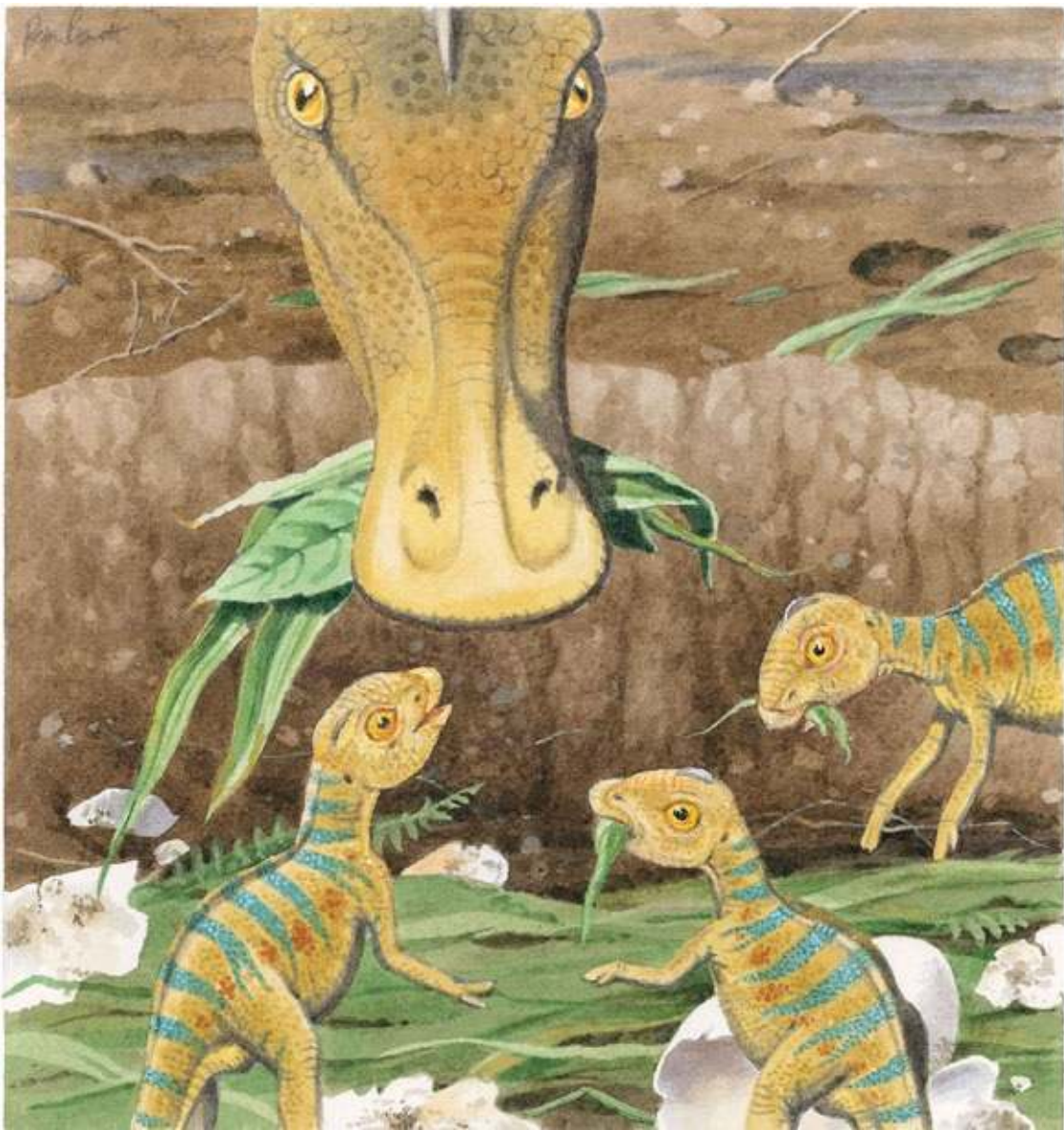
Lots of animals liked to eat
dinosaur eggs!



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.

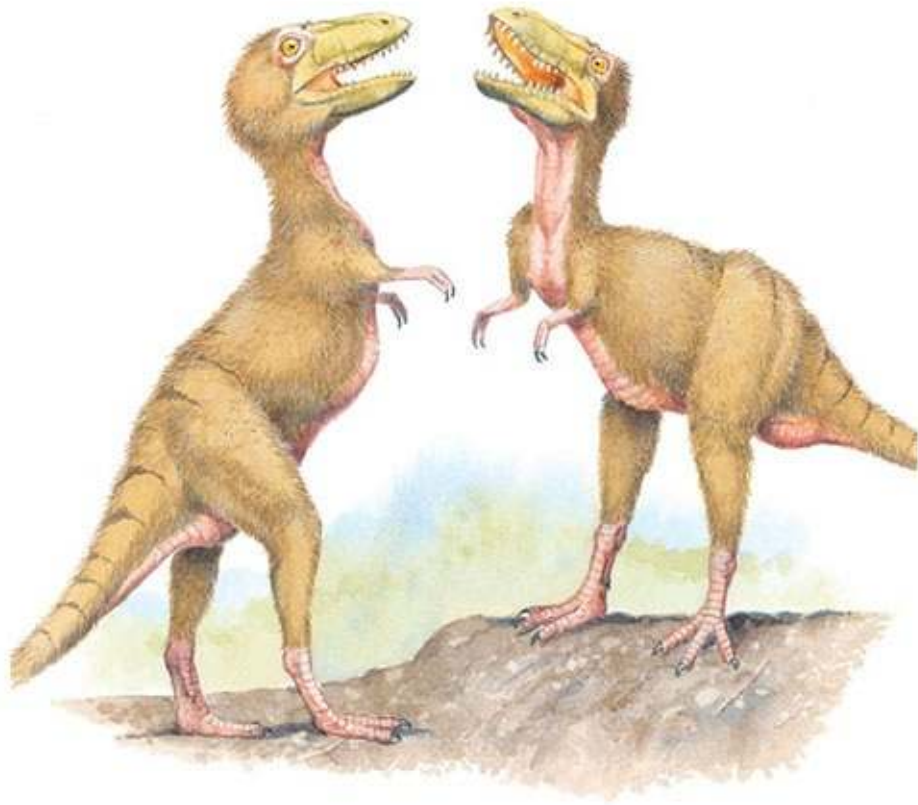


The mother dinosaur
brought them food.
The babies ate and ate
all day long.



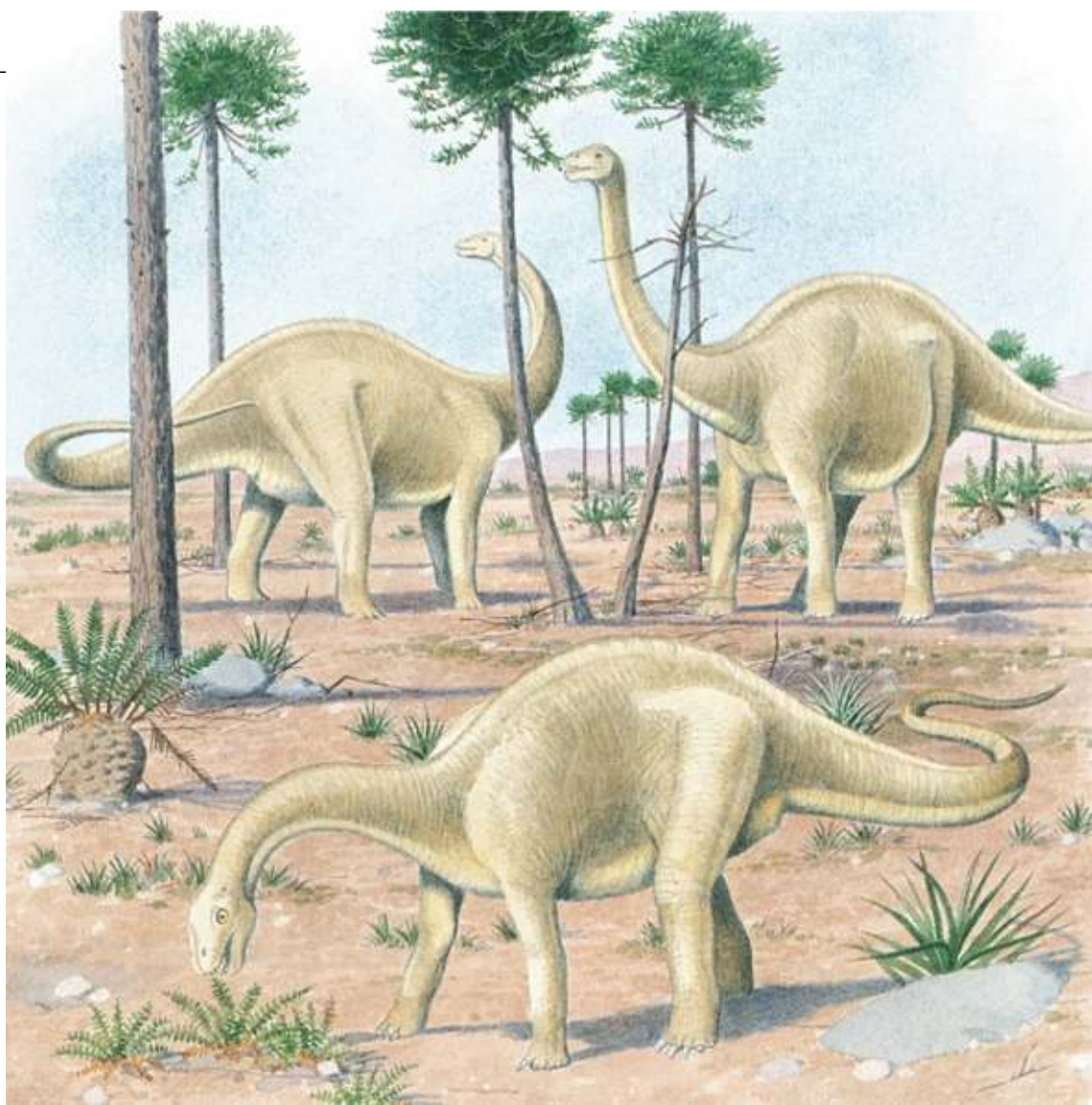
Psittacosaurus
(sih-TACK-uh-SOR-us)

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.



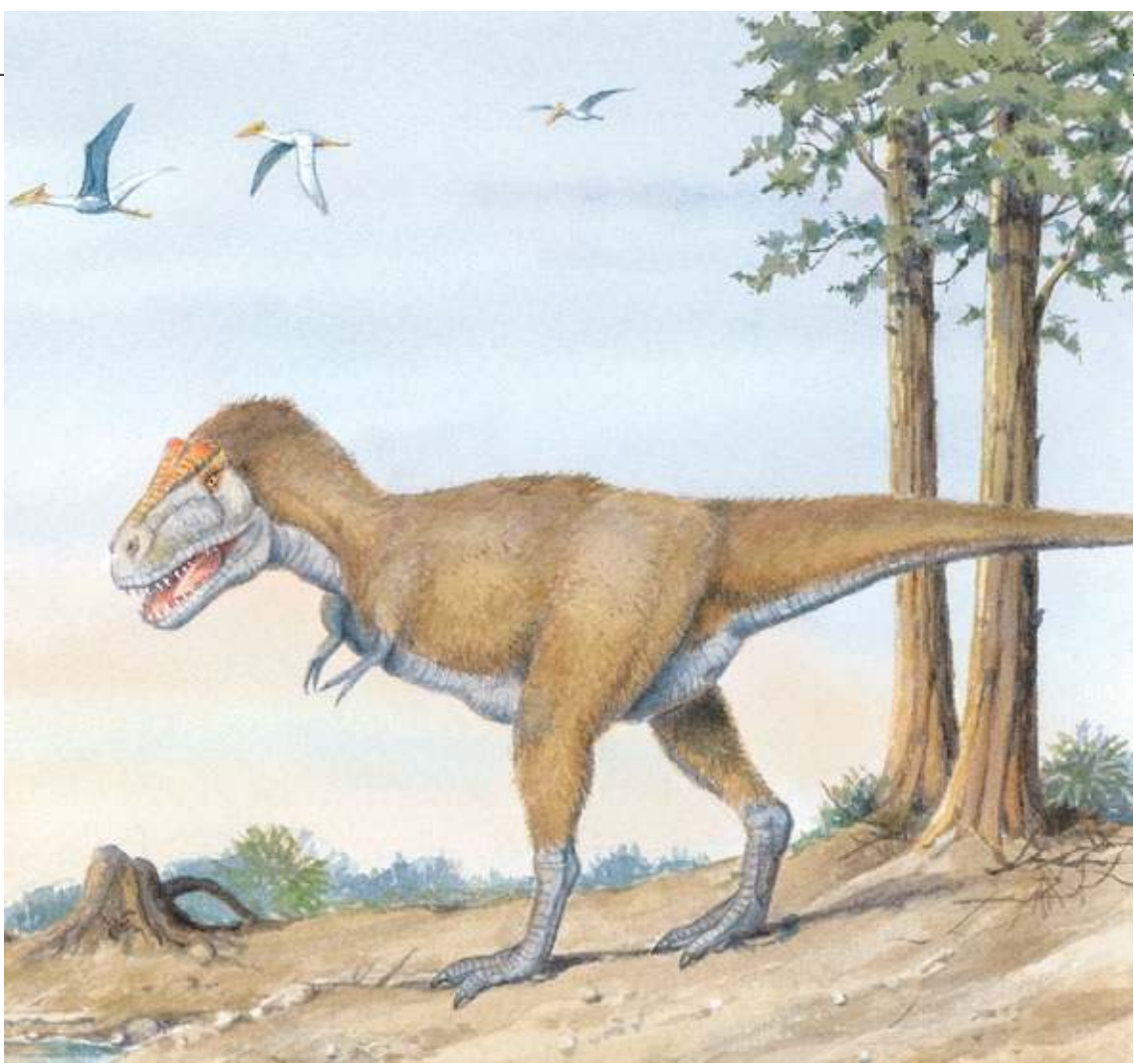
Deinonychus
(die-NON-ih-kus)

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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