



Discovering Dinosaurs

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Long, long ago,
long before humans walked the Earth,
the world was filled with reptiles called dinosaurs.





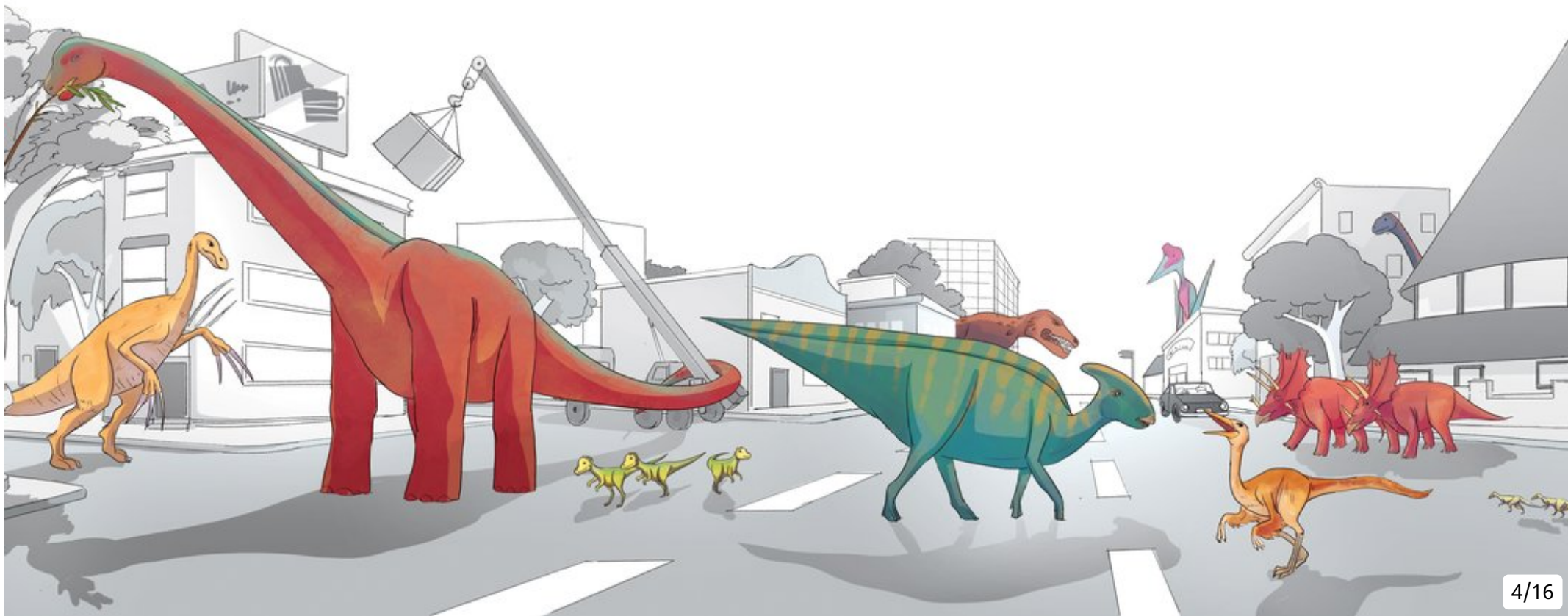
There were reptiles that lived on land,
swam in the sea,
burrowed under the ground,
and even flew through the skies!



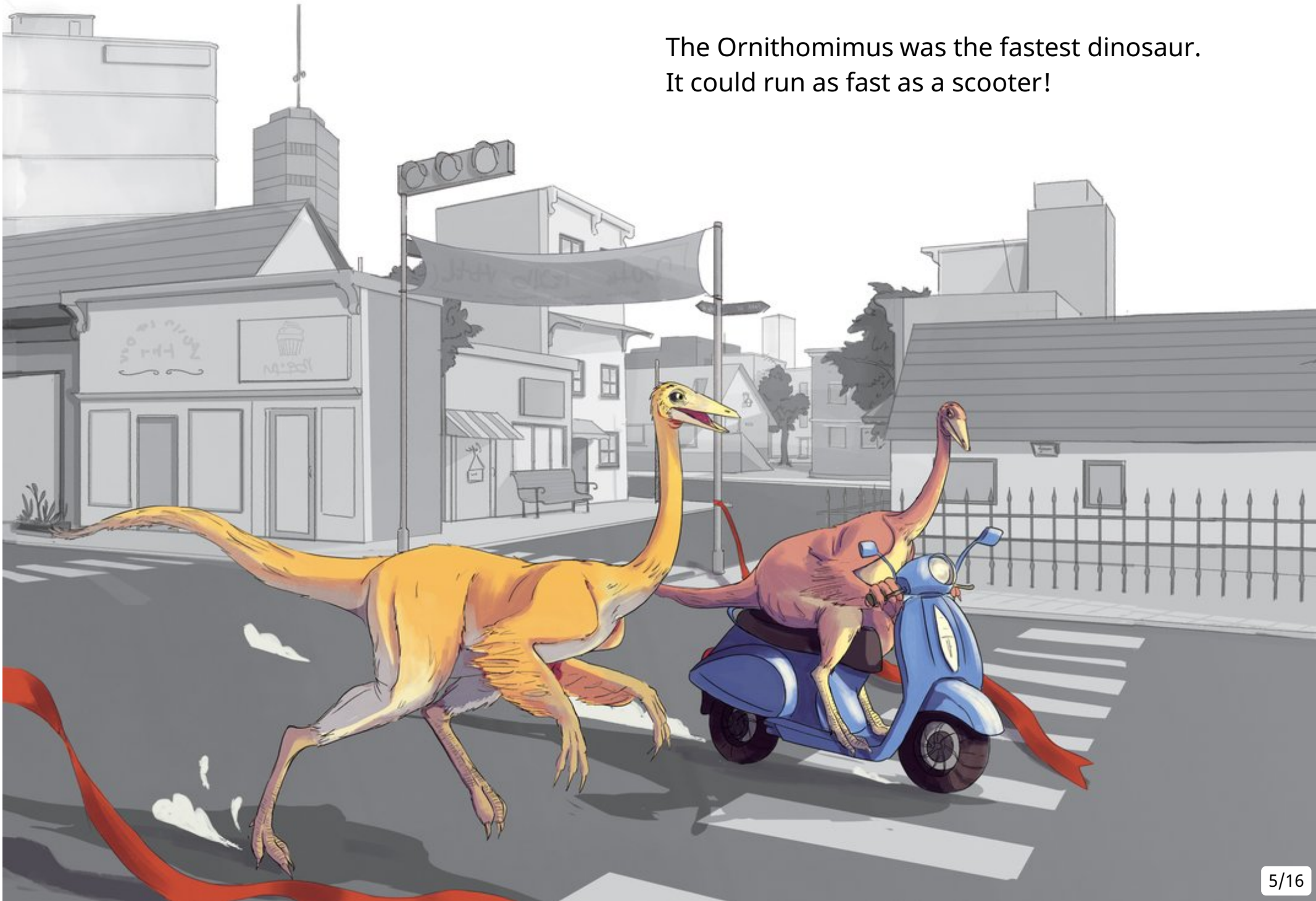


There were dinosaurs that were taller than buildings,
shorter than stools,
bigger than cranes,
and smaller than ducks.

They came in all shapes and sizes, just like humans!



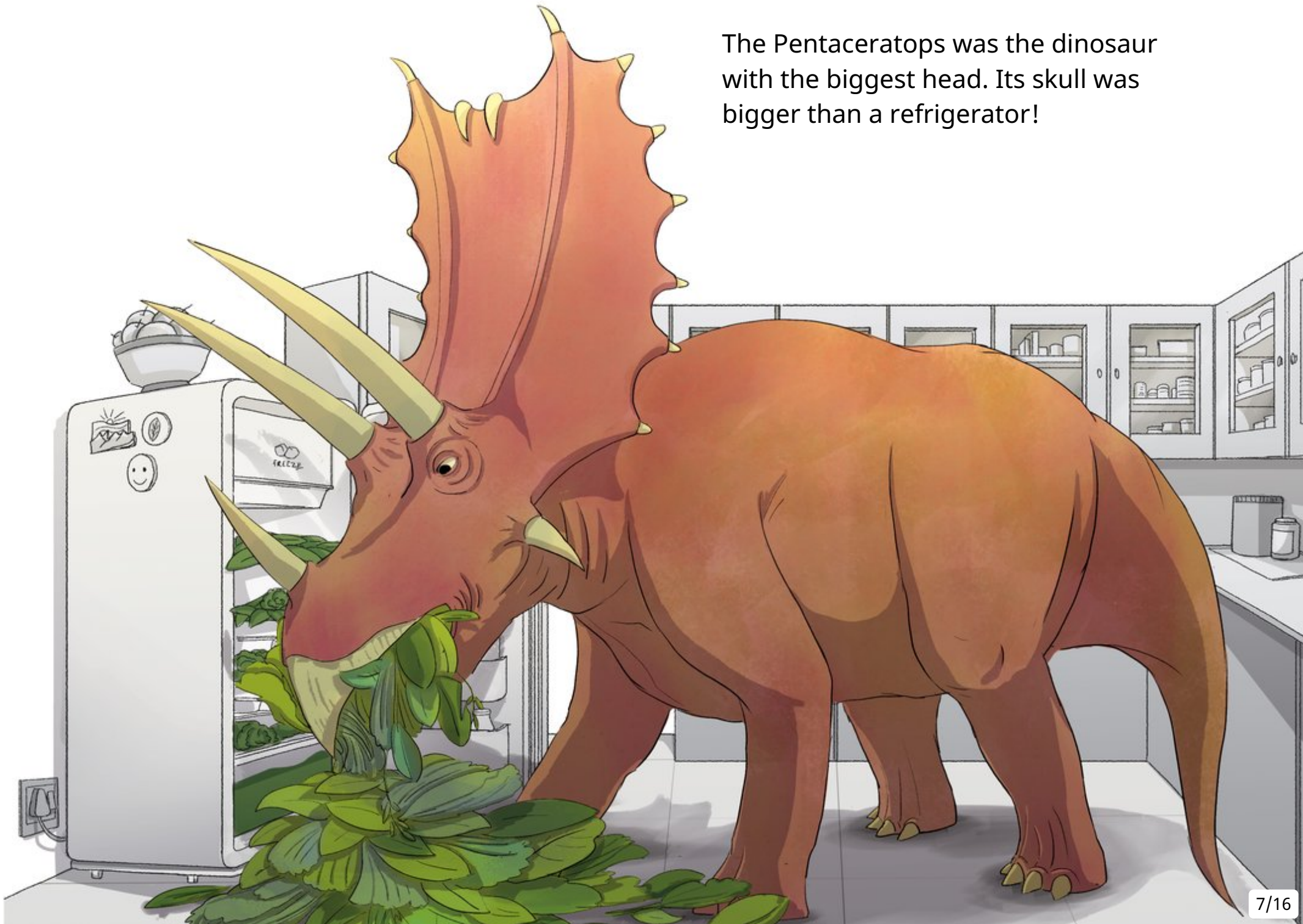
The Ornithomimus was the fastest dinosaur.
It could run as fast as a scooter!

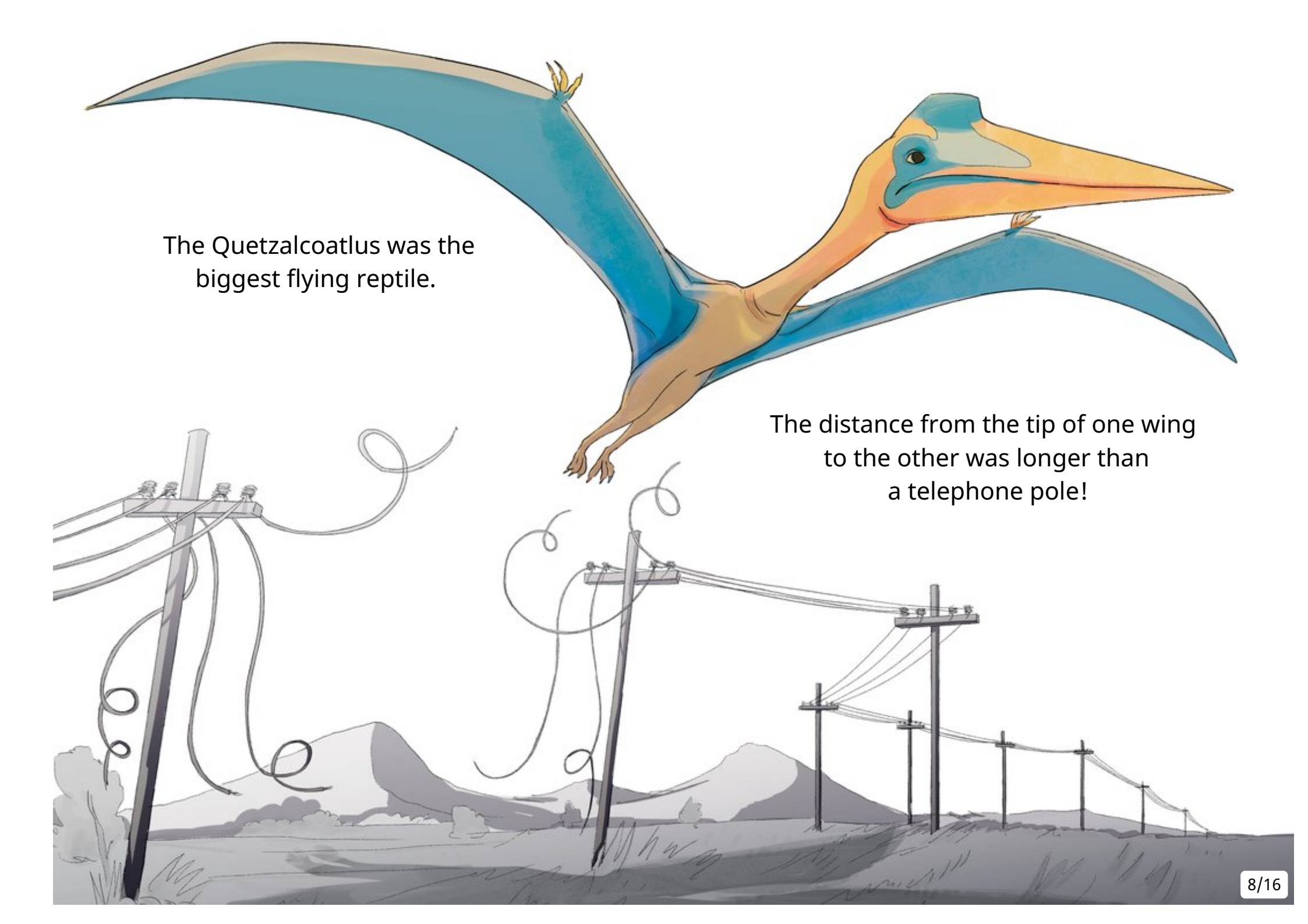


The Hadrosaur was the dinosaur with the most teeth.
It had more than a 1000!



The Pentaceratops was the dinosaur with the biggest head. Its skull was bigger than a refrigerator!



A detailed illustration of a Quetzalcoatlus pterosaur in flight. The pterosaur has a long, pointed beak, a blue crest on its head, and large, blue wings with a lighter blue leading edge. Its body is a light brownish-orange color. It is shown in profile, flying towards the right. Below the pterosaur, a series of telephone poles are connected by wires, stretching across a landscape with rolling hills and sparse vegetation. The pterosaur's wingspan is significantly larger than the height of the telephone poles, illustrating its massive size.

The Quetzalcoatlus was the biggest flying reptile.

The distance from the tip of one wing to the other was longer than a telephone pole!

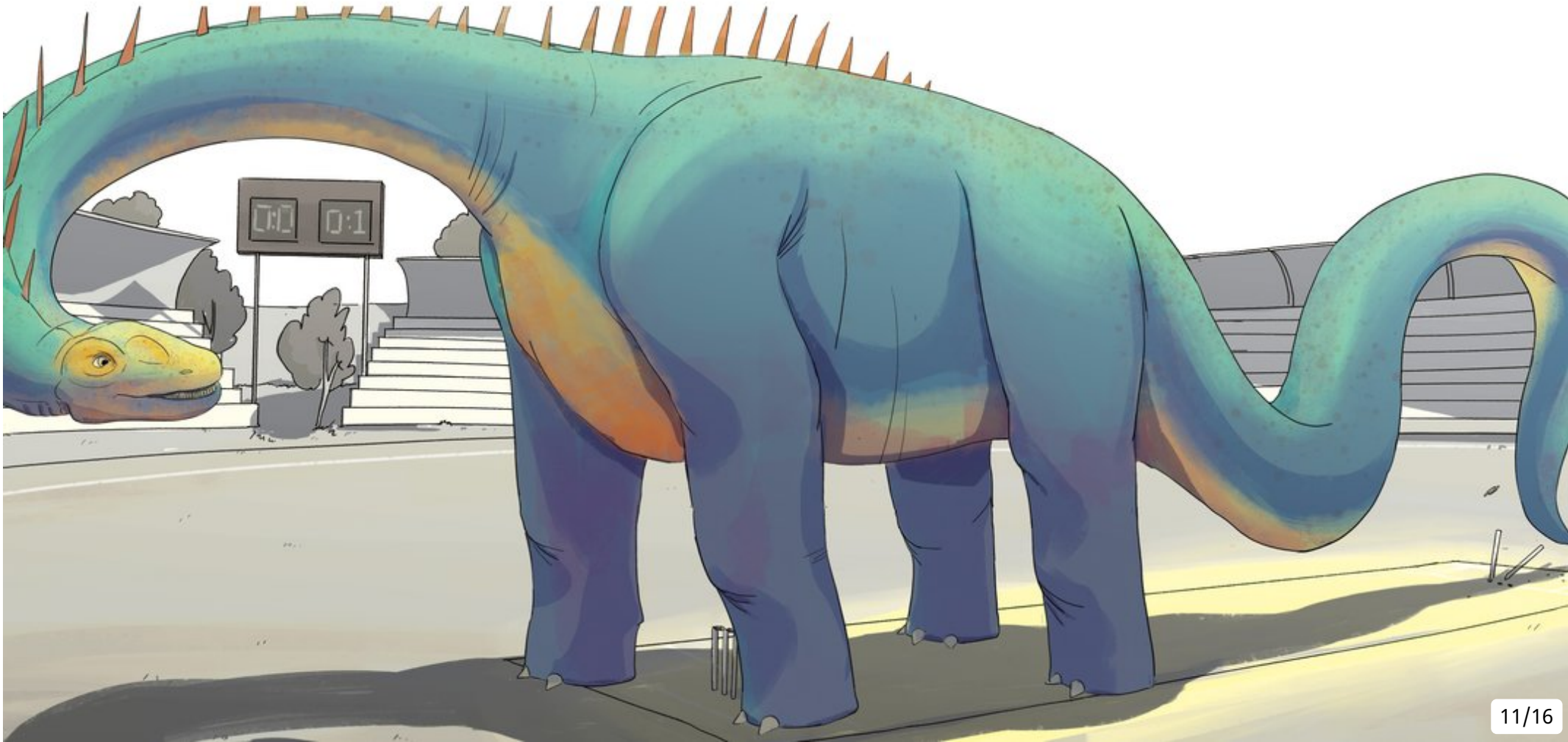
The Micropachycephalosaurus was the dinosaur with the longest name, but it was very small—the size of a 4-year-old human!



The Therizinosaurus was the dinosaur with the longest claws.
Each claw was half the size of a bed!



The Argentinosaurus was one of the biggest dinosaurs ever.
It was one and a half times as long as a cricket pitch!



The Shuvuuia was one of the smallest dinosaurs.
It was only the size of a chicken. It even had feathers!



So, where can you find dinosaurs today?



Dinosaurs disappeared millions of years ago. No human has ever seen one. All that's left of them are their bones, which are often buried deep underground. Scientists are still searching for them, trying to learn more about these amazing creatures.



The first dinosaurs roamed Earth 240 million years ago. They existed for 175 million years until Earth was struck by a meteor, which killed all the dinosaurs.

When the first dinosaur bone or fossil was discovered in 1677, scientists thought it was from a giant man! By the 1800s, scientists began to realise that they belonged to a different species that no longer existed. They called them 'dinosaurs' which means 'terrible lizards'.

Palaeontology, the study of animal and plant fossils, soon became popular. Palaeontologists have discovered around 700 species of dinosaurs, and are still finding more. Dinosaur bones are most commonly found in China, South America and North America.

Do you really want to see a dinosaur? Then look around you. Many scientists believe that birds are descendants of dinosaurs. Those terrible lizards are still among us today!





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