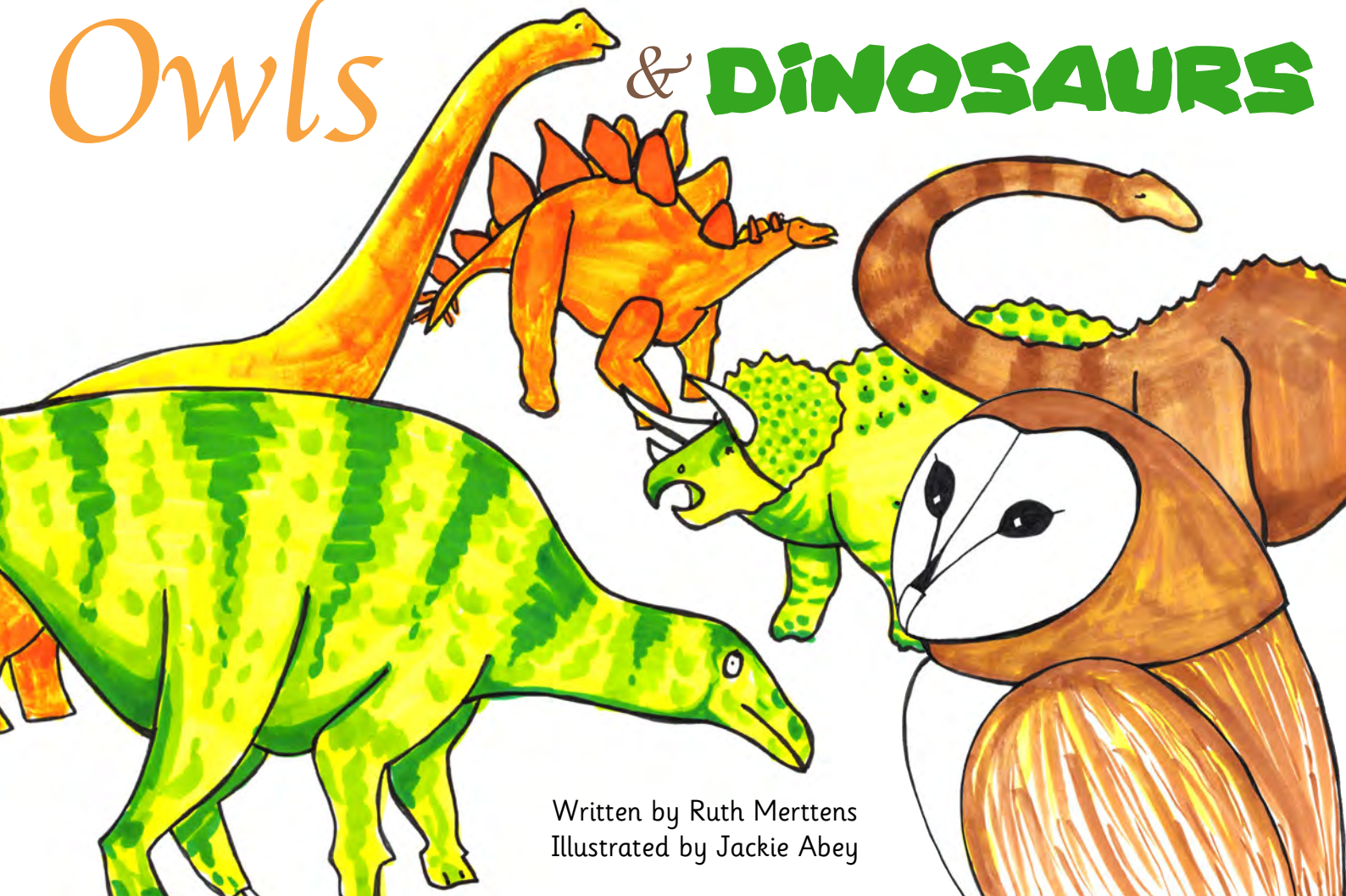# Owls & DINOSAURS

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"Mummy, am I special?"

"Yes," said Mummy Owl, as she fed Ben his dinner. "You are VERY special."

"Why?" asked Ben, as he chomped his dinner.

"Well," Mummy hooted, "you are an owl. Owls are very special."

"Why?" Ben
finished his dinner.
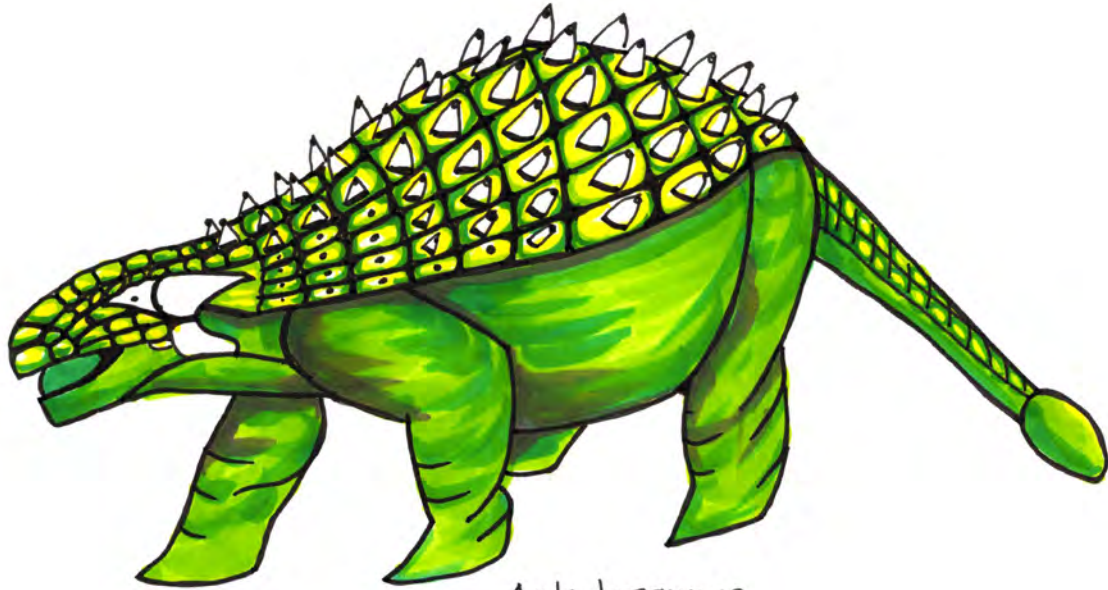
"Owls are birds. And birds are very special."

"Why are birds special?"

"Well, birds are relatives of dinosaurs."
Mummy Owl hooted again.
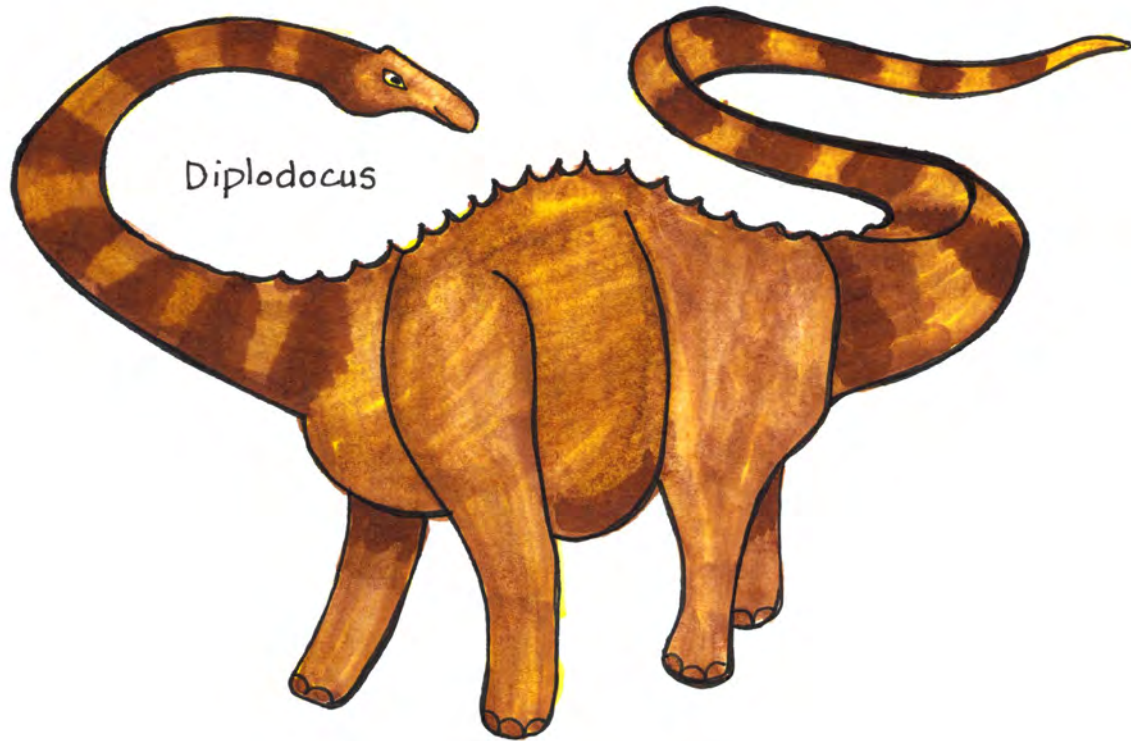
"What are
dinosaurs?" Ben
was puzzled.

Ankylosaurus

"Dinosaurs were big creatures which lived a long, long, long time ago," said his mummy.

"Wow!" Ben was impressed.
"I am glad I have not seen one of them!"

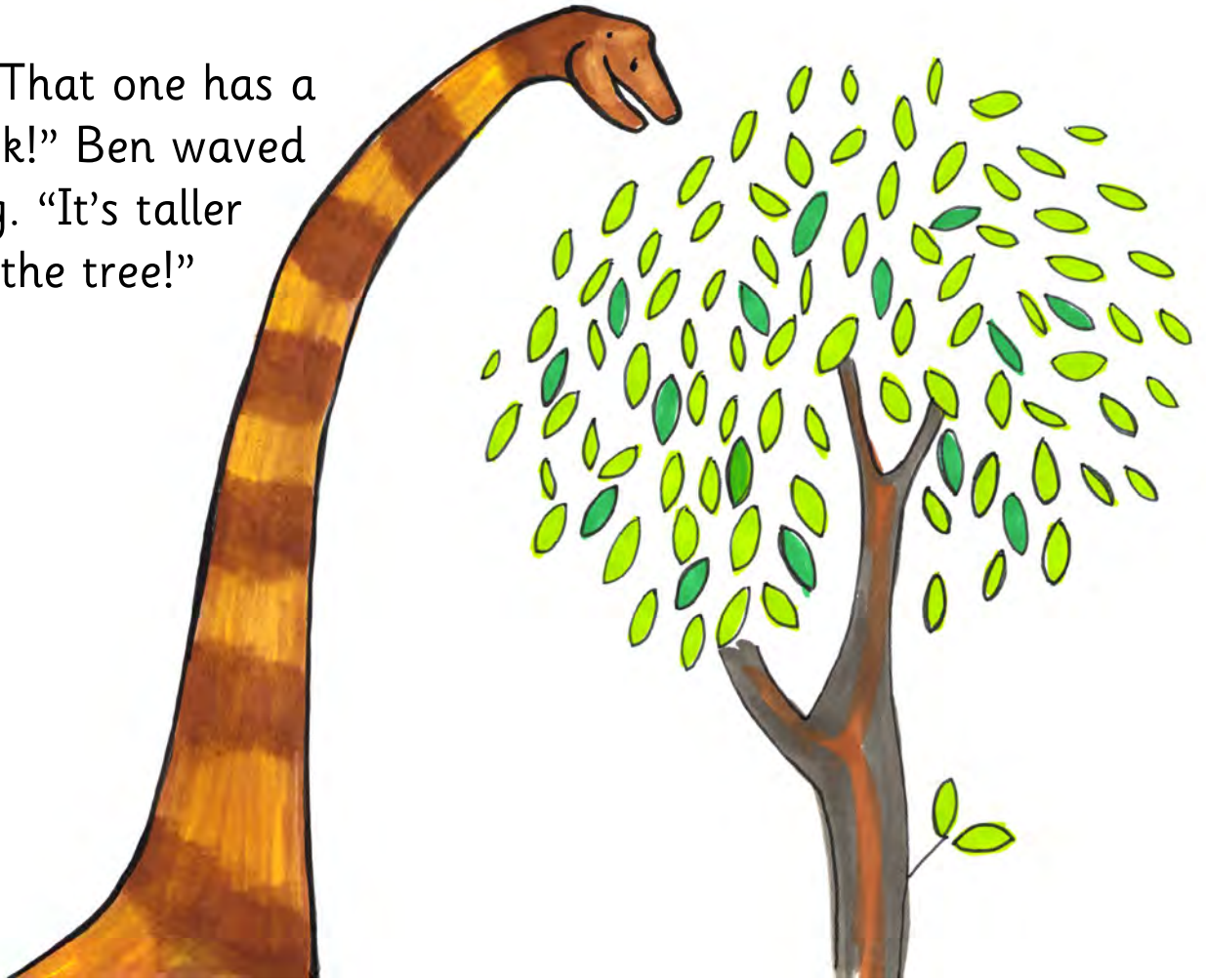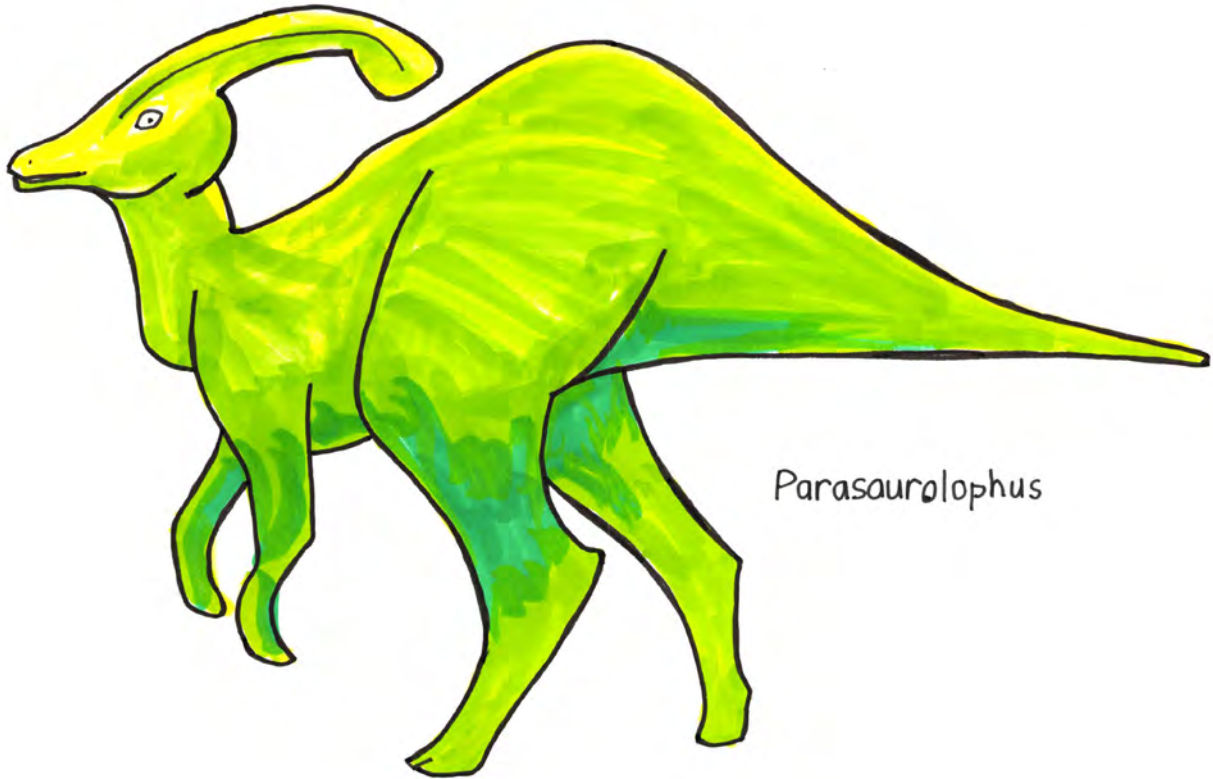"I told you, they lived a long time ago," his mummy said, "and there are no dinosaurs alive today."
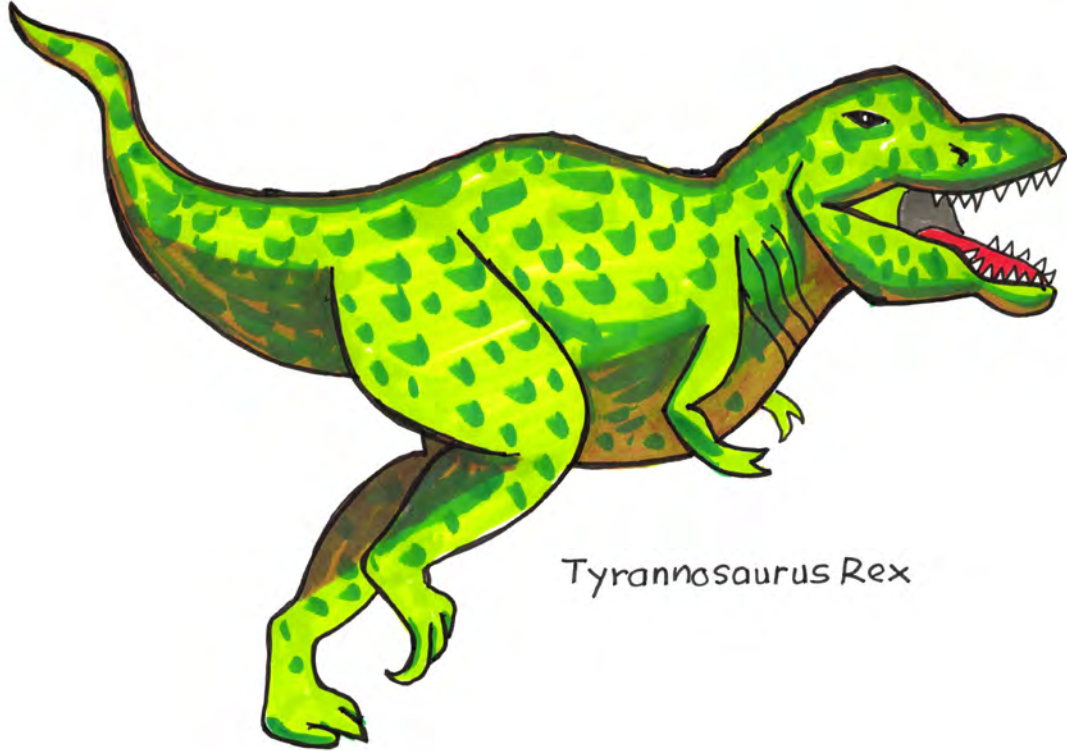
"Anyway, some dinosaurs ate grass and tree leaves."

"Wow! That one has a long neck!" Ben waved a wing. "It's taller than the tree!"

Parasaurolophus

"Several were a bit like that," said Mummy Owl.
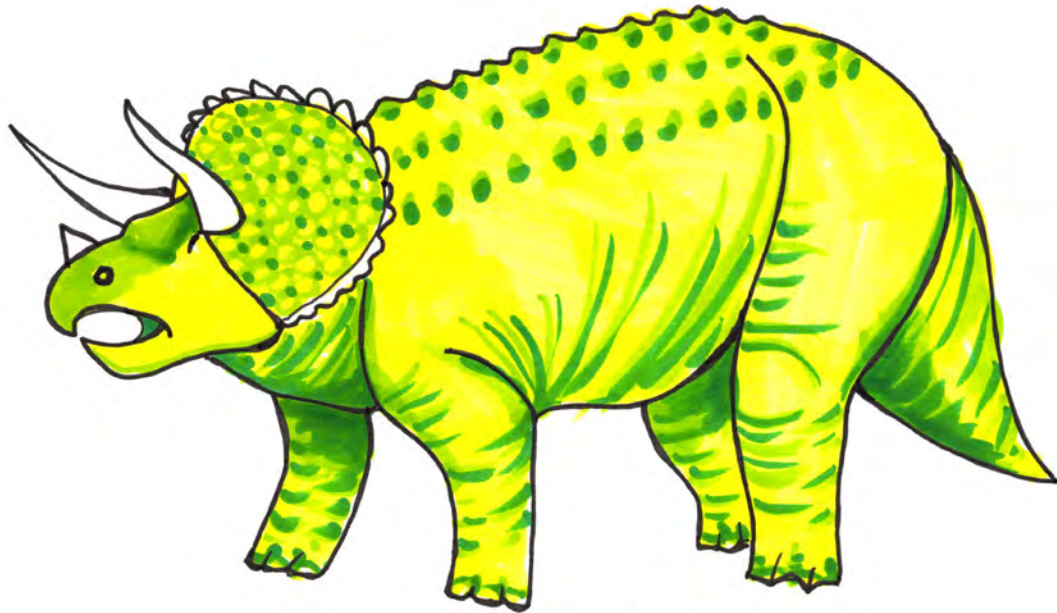"They were very quiet and not scary."

Tyrannosaurus Rex

"But some dinosaurs were scary, yes?" asked Ben.

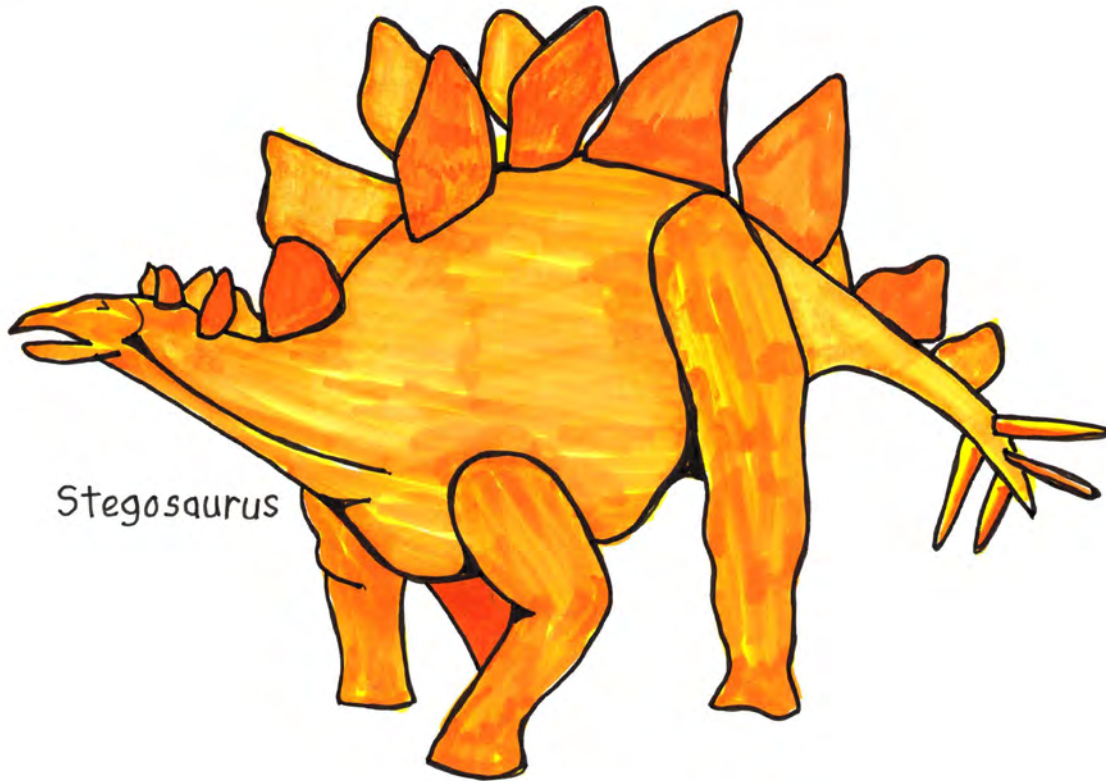"Yes, but there are none left," hooted Mummy
Owl gently. "So you are safe."

Triceratops

"Most dinosaurs looked scary, but in fact, they ate plants."

Stegosaurus

"They were still MASSIVE, weren't they?" asked Ben.
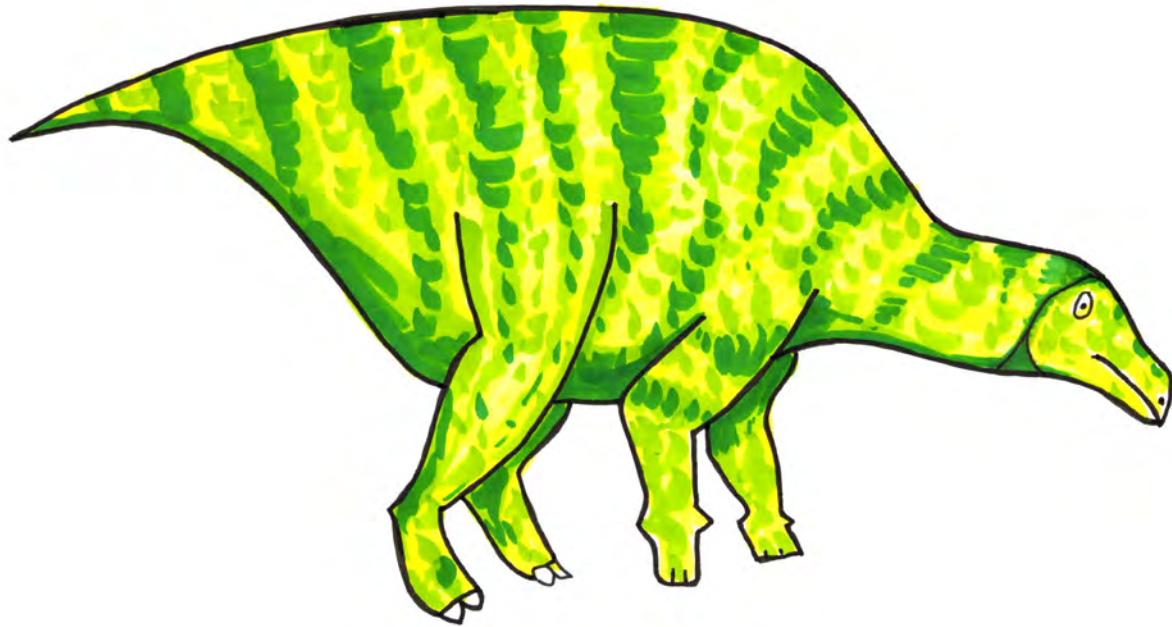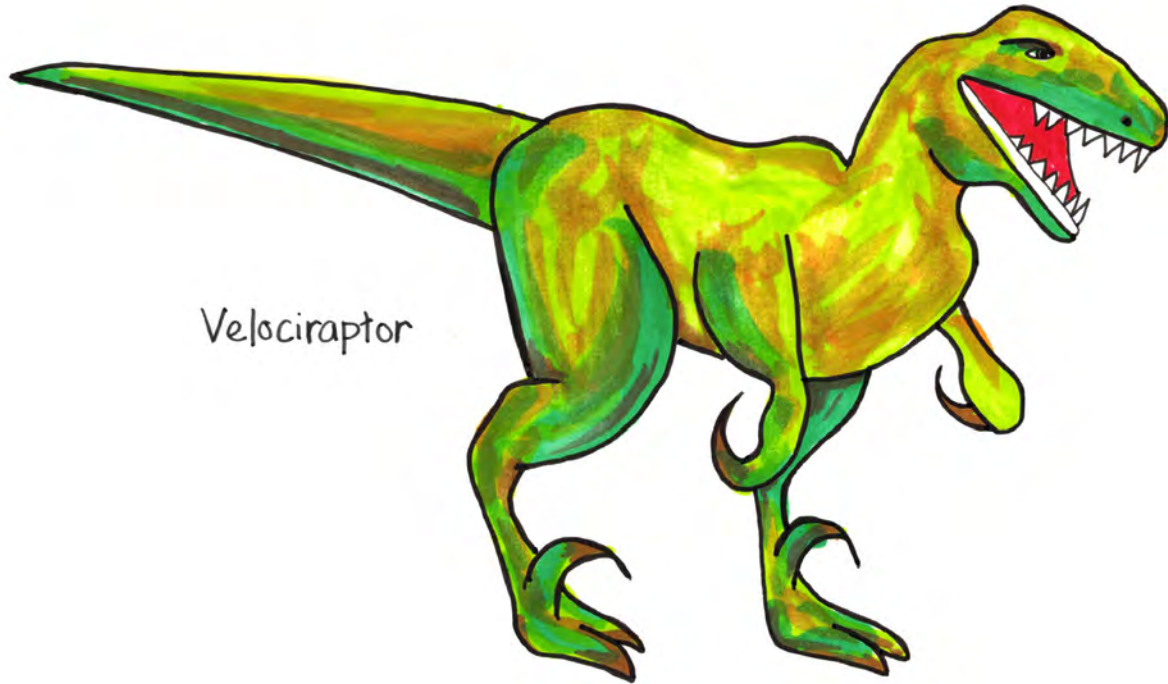
Iguanodon

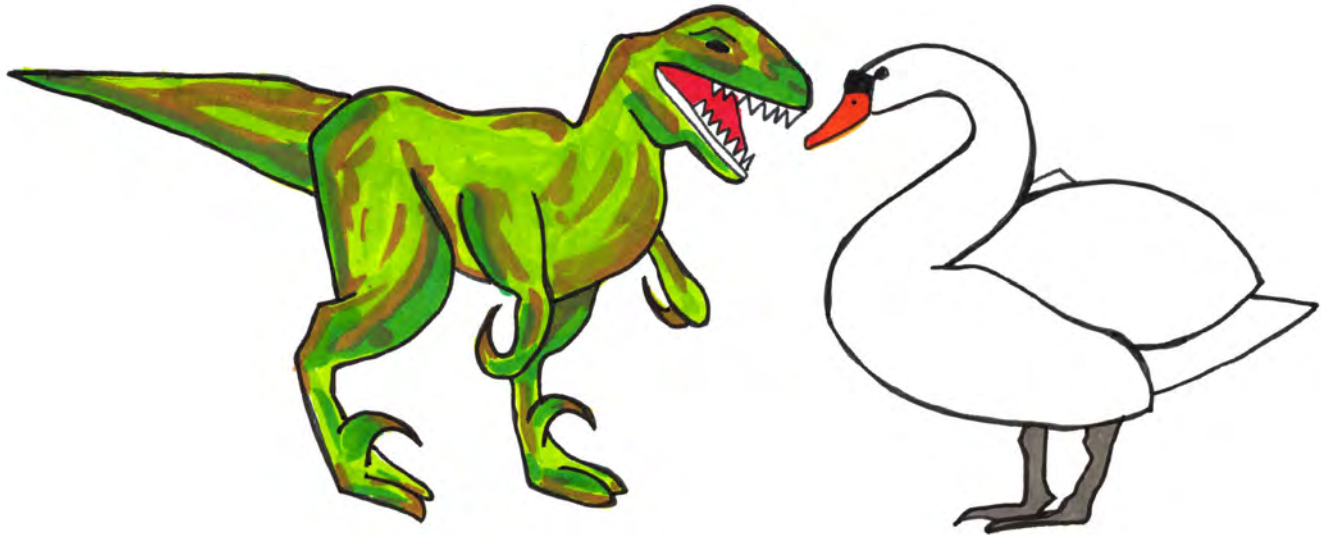"Yes, some of them were the biggest animals that have ever existed," explained his mummy.
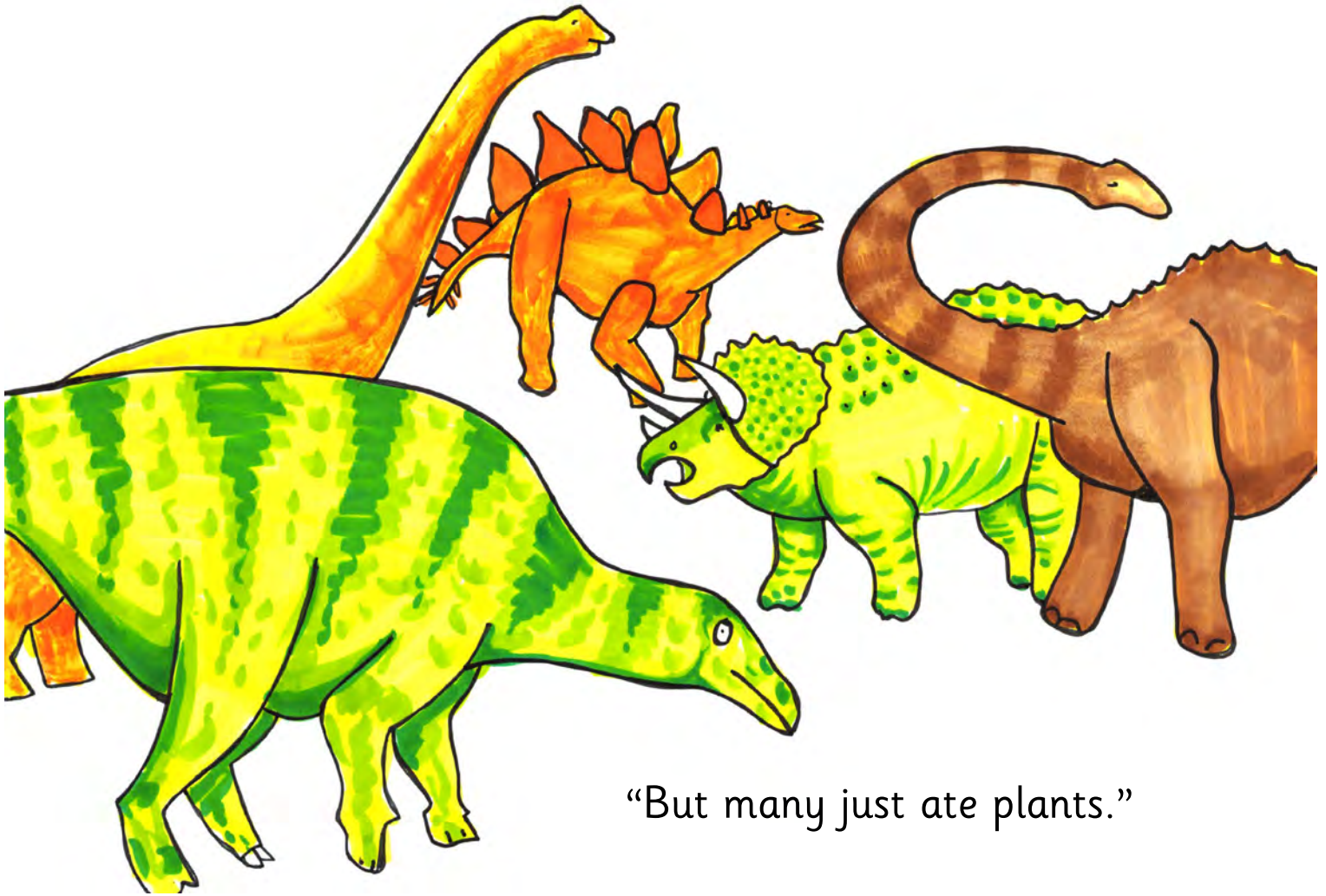
"But many just ate plants."

Velociraptor

"But I do like the scary ones!" said Ben.

Birds are related to dinosaurs

"Well, that's good," said Mummy Barn Owl,
"because you are a type of dinosaur yourself!"

"Now go to sleep, my little feathered dinosaur. Mummy Owl is going hunting!"

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