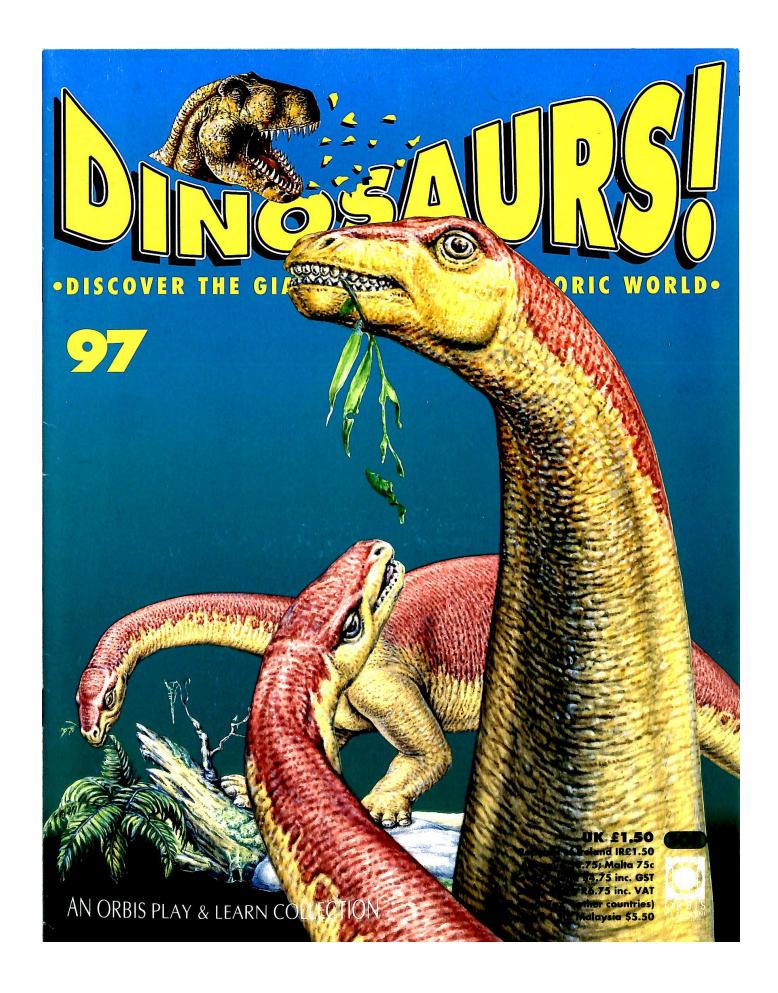
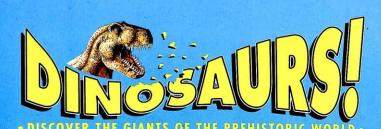
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Two plant-eating dinosaurs and a gigantic prehistoric bird

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KOTASAURUS

Hundreds of millions of years ago, giant Kotasaurus roamed the land.



otasaurus may have been the first, most primitive planteating sauropod dinosaur. The

sauropods were the largest animals that ever walked on Earth. They included towering Brachiosaurus, which was taller than a four-storey building.

EARLY ANCESTOR

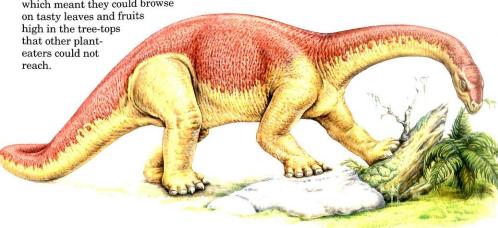
The very first giant dinosaurs were the prosauropods, a name that means before the sauropods'. They were the ancestors of the sauropods and appeared on Earth 50 million years before them. The prosauropods were a very important group of plant-eating dinosaurs. They were the first herbivores to evolve long necks, which meant they could browse

GREAT SURVIVORS

The sauropods appeared about 208 million years ago in the Early Jurassic. The group is divided up into about eight families, and they ranged in size from very large to enormous. The sauropods were more successful than the prosauropods, which died out in Early Jurassic times. Sauropods spread across the world and survived to the end of the Age of the Dinosaurs.

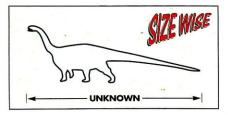
ANCIENT MYSTERY

Kotasaurus puzzled the experts. Some of its bones were like those of a prosauropod. Others looked more like those of a sauropod. The dinosaur was found in Early Jurassic rock, and at that time the last prosauropods were still alive. Scientists decided, however, that Kotasaurus was one of the first sauropods. But they still do not know which family it belongs to.









BONE EVIDENCE

Certain bones around Kotasaurus' hips were shaped like those of a prosauropod. But the experts decided that there was more evidence that it was a primitive sauropod. Scientists are not sure how big Kotasaurus was, but they know it was much larger than any prosauropod. This big plant-eater also had long pelvic bones like those of the sauropods.

SMALL RELATION

Kotasaurus probably looked rather like another early sauropod called Cetiosaurus, although Kotasaurus was not such a giant. Cetiosaurus grew up to 18m long, about the length of two double-decker buses, and weighed about the same as five elephants.

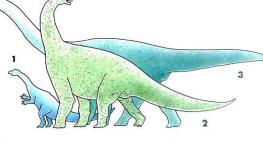


Kotasaurus lived in Jurassic forests. With its long neck it could reach up for the juiciest fruit and leaves growing on the tree-tops.

HIGH AND LOW

Kotasaurus had spoon-shaped teeth for cropping leaves. It browsed in the lush Jurassic forests where tall conifers, palms and gingkos grew. Kotasaurus could have reached up to strip needles and cones from pine trees. It could also have lowered its head to graze on the ferns and horsetails that flourished on the forest floor.

PROSAUROPODS AND SAUROPODS



- 1 Plateosaurus is a prosauropod from the Late Triassic. It was about 7m long.
- 2 Cetiosaurus is one of the earliest sauropods. Experts think Kotasaurus looked like Cetiosaurus.
- 3 Brachiosaurus is a very large sauropod from the Late Jurassic. It was 23m long.

- NAME: Kotasaurus (koh-tuh-saw-rus) means 'Kota lizard'
- GROUP: dinosque SIZE: unknown
- **FOOD:** plants
- LIVED: about 208 million years ago in the Early Jurassic Period in India

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SAUROPOD EVOLUTION

Like Cetiosaurus and other early sauropods, Kotasaurus had a

solid backbone. As time went

on, sauropods became longer

evolved to cope with this.

Brachiosaurus was even

BACK TO BACK

and larger, and their skeletons

bigger than Cetiosaurus, but it

That meant the backbone was

lighter, so the dinosaur's vast

move around more easily.

body was less heavy and it could

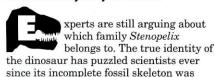
had hollowed-out vertebrae.





STENOPELIX

Small, plant-eating Stenopelix remains a mystery dinosaur.



FIRST THOUGHTS

found in Germany in 1877.

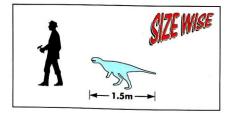
It was first thought to be a relative of Hypsilophodon. They were both small plant-eaters from the Early Cretaceous.

A CHANGE OF MIND

Experts then decided Stenopelix was much more like Psittacosaurus, the 'parrot lizard'. Psittacosaurus was about the same size and it, too, lived in the Cretaceous Period.

- NAME: Stenopelix (sten-uh-pel-icks) means 'narrow pelvis'
- GROUP: dinosaur
- SIZE: 1.5m long FOOD: plants
- LIVED: about 144 million years ago in the Early Cretaceous Period in Germany

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STOP PRESS

Scientists now believe Stenopelix was a member of a group of plant-eaters that later evolved into bone-headed or horned dinosaurs, such as Pachycephalosaurus.

SKULL SEARCH

Until a Stenopelix skull is found, the experts will not know for certain if this dinosaur had a similar thickly boned or horned head.

ARGENTAVIS

Giant, vulture-like Argentavis is the largest known flying bird.



uge birds soared through the skies in the last Ice Age. The largest was Argentavis, which had a wingspan as wide as the huge flying reptile Pteranodon.

GLIDING HIGH

An albatross has the longest wingspan of any bird today. But prehistoric Argentavis could spread its wings twice as wide. It was probably too big to fly by flapping. Instead, Argentavis probably glided along supported by warm air currents.

MONSTER FACTS

- NAME: Argentavis (ar-jen-tah-viss) means 'bird from Argentina'
- GROUP: bird
- SIZE: 7.6m wingspan
- FOOD: meat
- LIVED: about 5 million years ago in the Early Pliocene Period in Argentina

EARLY BIRD

Argentavis was an early vulture - it was a meat-eating bird of prey. But it was more closely related to the peaceful stork than to fierce birds of prey, such as the eagle or hawk. Like the vultures of today. Argentavis probably did not attack live animals. It is more likely to have scavenged on other animals' leftovers.

LET IT RIP

This big bird could have ripped into dead bodies with its powerful, hooked beak. Argentavis preyed on the plant-eating mammals that grazed on the open plains in South America.







From some of the earliest dinosaurs to some of the smallest dinosaurs,

South America is rich in fossils.

VALLEY OF THE MOON DESERT

Eoraptor (below), a very primitive dinosaur, was found in Argentina in 1993.

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CERRO RAJADA

EL BRETÉ

Saliasaurus (above), discovered in

Argentina in 1980, was the first

armoured sauropod to be found.

Several skeletons of Riojasaurus, a bulky long-necked dinosaur (right), were found in the foothills of the Andes Mountains in Argentina.



ISCHIGUALASTO

Hemoressurus (above) is 230 million years old. This makes it one of the oldest dinosaurs.



NOA

PREHISTORIC

NOA
Named after the
place in Argentina
where it was
found, Noasaurus
(left) was a Late
Cretaceous
carnivore with
switch-blade
claws.

WORLD

SANTA MARIA

Staurikosaurus (right) looked like Herrerasaurus and lived at about the same time, but was found in Brazil.



CERRO CONDOR

Patagonia is an area of Argentina in the far south of South America. It gave its name to *Patagosaurus*, nine skeletons of which were found between 1977 and 1983. *Piatmitzkysaurus* (left), lived in the same place at the same time and may have preyed on slow-moving *Patagosaurus*.

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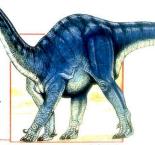
Found in Argentina, and named by one of South America's great dinosaur experts
José Bonaparte,
Carnotaurus (right), or 'carnivorous bull', was a very fierce meat-eater.

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SANTA CRUZ

A baby Mussaurus (right), just 20cm long, is the only fossil of this Argentinian dinosaur found so far.



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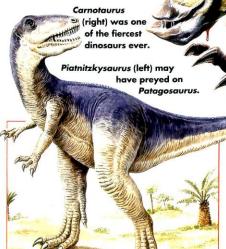
EXPERT FROM ARGENTINA

An Argentinian palaeontologist called José Bonaparte is responsible for much of what we know about South America's extraordinary dinosaurs. Bonaparte discovered and named Patagosaurus, Riojasaurus, Carnotaurus and Piatnitzkysaurus. He also co-named Mussaurus, Saltasaurus and Noasaurus.

REACH FOR THE LEAVES

Riojasaurus was an early South American dinosaur from the Late Triassic. It was one of the first animals able to reach up to eat tall plants, including leaves on trees. This gave it an advantage over other animals of the time, such as the rhynchosaurs, because it could reach food that they could not.

Riojasaurus was up to 10m long, and was bigger than its
European cousin Plateosaurus.

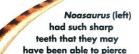


SUCCESS STORY

Herrerasaurus and Eoraptor were two more very early dinosaurs. They lived in South America during the Late Triassic, and they were both meat-eaters and early theropods. Theropods were so successful that they remained kings of all predators for another 150 million years.

THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

The skeleton of a baby prosauropod from the Late Triassic was found in 1978. It was only 20cm long. At that time, it was the smallest dinosaur that had been found. Experts can only guess what adult *Mussaurus* looked like. They think they were about 3m long and lived on plants.



Saltasaurus' armoured skin.

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SMALL AND NASTY

PREHISTORIC (

Noasaurus was a small, active theropod from the Late Cretaceous. Large plant-eaters such as Saltasaurus, which lived in South America at the same time as Noasaurus, needed to keep a protective eye on young or sickly members of the herd to protect them from these predators.

DINOSAUR CHAINMAIL

Saltasaurus fascinated
palaeontologists when they found it.
The skin on its back was embedded
with hundreds of pea-sized lumps
that formed a kind of chainmail.
Between these small lumps
there were larger bony
lumps the size of a man's
fist. At 12m long,
Saltasaurus was small for a

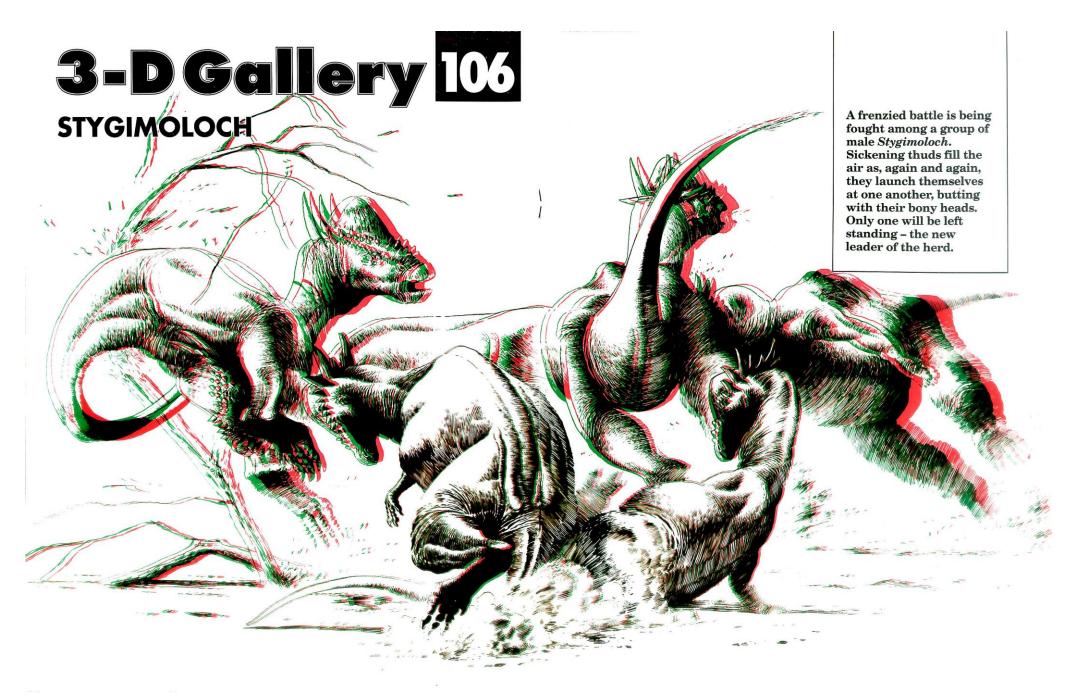
sauropod and so more vulnerable to attack by meat-eaters. Experts think that it evolved armour to protect itself.

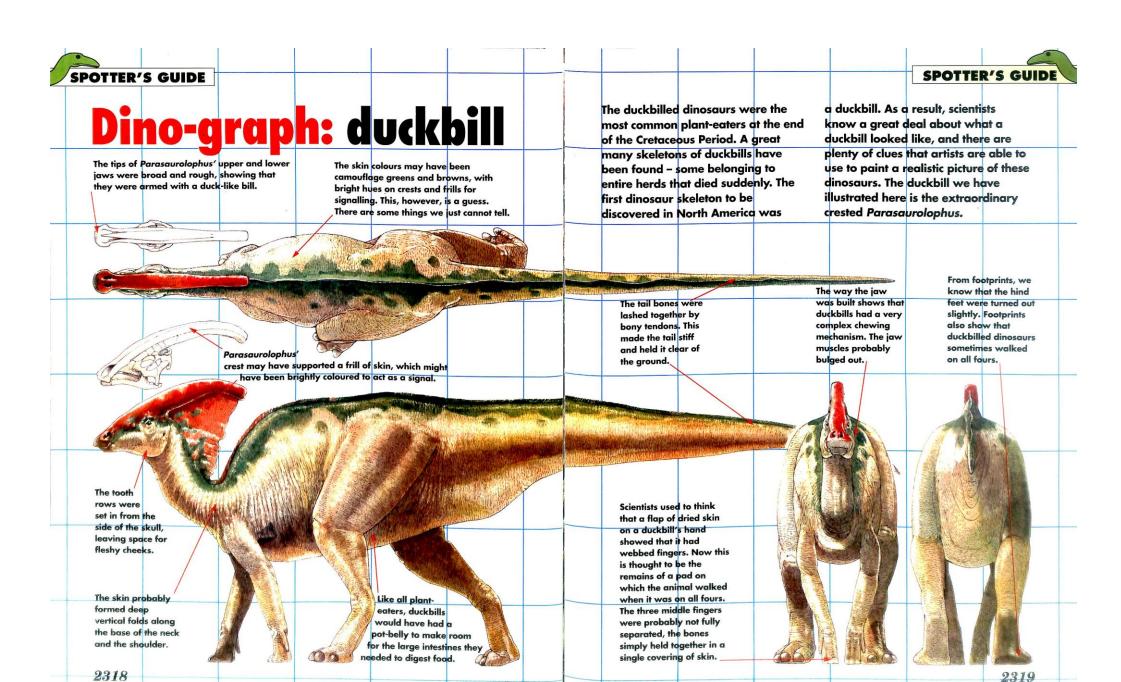
HORNED HEAD

Carnotaurus was a large carnivore like Tyrannosaurus rex. It was not as big, but probably killed its prey in much the same way. Carnotaurus charged at its victim and tore large chunks of flesh from the body, leaving the animal to bleed to death. Just above each eye Carnotaurus had a small horn. That is why it was given a name meaning 'meat-eating bull'. It lived in Mid Cretaceous Argentina.



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The story of the great dinosaur hunters. He dedicated his life to the search for fossils.

n 1902 Earl Douglass joined the staff of the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, USA. By 1909, he had discovered one of the world's great dinosaur gravevards.

SUCCESSFUL SEARCH

In the summer of 1909, Douglass walked the rocks called the Morrison Formation, in Utah, USA, looking for fossils. Spotting some likely looking rocks, Douglass dug and scraped, exposing the vertebrae of a huge dinosaur. Although he didn't know it at the time, he had uncovered the remains of an Apatosaurus.

LIFE'S WORK

From that moment. excavating the whole area became his life's work. Between 1909 and 1924, Douglass and his team excavated an amazing array of dinosaur skeletons, including Allosaurus. Barosaurus, Stegosaurus, Diplodocus, Camptosaurus and Camarosaurus, as well as Apatosaurus.

Douglass' dinosaurs

MAJOR TASK

When Douglass made his first find, he realised that excavating fossils in this desolate region was going to be a major task. Although autumn was coming, Douglass decided not to go back to Pittsburgh, but to work through the bitter winter. There was nothing at the site, not even a track, so he had to enlist the help of local ranchers to provide carts, mules and

Excavatina the fossils was backbreaking work for Douglass (left) and his team (below).

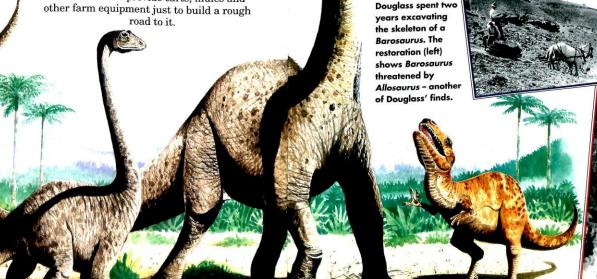
that Douglass' dinosaur graveyard became a national monument?

Yes. Today it is known as Dinosaur National Monument. It was originally called the Carnegie Quarry because Andrew Carnegie donated the money for the excavations. But in 1915 it was decided that the quarry was of such national importance that it should be renamed.

FAMILY SUPPORT

It was lonely work, but Douglass' wife and baby son joined him in this inhospitable region. Douglass decided to settle there permanently. He built a cabin near the site.

and made a garden, where he kept animals and grew food. The nearest shop was several kilometres away!





HARD WORK

To get at the fossil bones, Earl Douglass and his assistants dug a gigantic trench. It was a back-breaking task. In those days there was no earth-moving machinery and the fossils were exposed with dynamite, picks and shovels. The team's hard work eventually produced a trench about 300m long by about 30m deep. They then had to dig the fossils from the walls of the trench.

In Jurassic times,
Dinosaur National
Monument may have
looked like this
landscape (right) where
Stegosaurus roamed.
Predators such as
Allosaurus (below)
would have preyed on
the plant-eaters.



dinosaurs here?

The area turned out to be one of the world's richest fossil beds. Why were there so many



In Jurassic times, this area was a valley with a broad river flowing through it. Dinosaurs must have come to drink at the river and to eat the vegetation that flourished near the water.

DEAD AND BURIED

Experts think that some of the dinosaurs Douglass found died naturally. Their bodies were then washed down river and were buried in silt and mud when they came to rest in shallow water. Other dinosaurs may have got stuck in mud or drowned trying to ford the river.

BAROSAURUS DISCOVERED

The almost complete skeleton of the mighty sauropod *Barosaurus* was discovered by Earl Douglass in 1912, but it took two years to dig it out of the ground.

CAREFUL PACKING

First the rock had to be dynamited to expose the fossils. Then each dinosaur bone was painstakingly excavated from the rock, which had once been the mud of the river bed. Every bone was wrapped in a sacking and plaster jacket to protect it, then loaded on to a wooden sledge. Mules pulled the sledges out of the valley.

REST THOSE BONES

The *Barosaurus* bones were sent back to the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, but after several years they were acquired by Barnum Brown for the American Museum of Natural History in New York. The fossils remained there for almost 80 years.

STAR ATTRACTION

Then, in the early 1990s, the bones were brought out of storage and a cast was made of them. Eventually *Barosaurus* was reconstructed. It is now one of the star displays of the American Museum of Natural History in New York.









ZOFIA ENROLLED IN PROF. ROMAN KOZLOWSKI'S CLASSES IN PALAEONTOLOGY, HELD IN HIS WARSAW APARTMENT.



WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE INSTITUTE OF PALAEONTOLOGY?

WELCOME.

APOLOGISE FOR THE LACK OF BOOKS-THESE ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT OF THE INSTITUTE'S LIBRARY, NOW I WISH TO DISCUSS THE EXPEDITIONS TO MONGOLIA.

THE SOMETHING TURNED OUT TO BE AN ALMOST COMPLETE TARBOSAURUS

EVEN BETTER THINGS WERE

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SITE ZOFIA MADE AN

WHAT DO YOU

ZOFIA?

THINK IT 15.

AMAZING DISCOVERY ...

ITS THE FIRST DINOSAUR EVERTO BE FOUND BY A POLISH EXPEDITION!

> ITS IN THE EXACT POSITIONIT DIEDIN ALMOST 80 MILLION YEARS AGO!

> > IT COULD BE

ONE OF AN ENTIRELY

NEW GROUP OF

THE FOSSIL BONES OF THE 8M-LONG BEAST WERE SENT TO WARSAW IN



16 CRATES ...



THE POLES CELEBRATED A TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY



THE MYSTERIOUS ANIMAL WAS LATER NAMED DEINOCHERIUS (TERRIBLE HAND)



AT THE END OF JULY.

INSPIRED BY THE DISCOVERIES IN MONGOLIA, ZOFIA WENTTO MOSCOW IN 1955 TO MEET THE RUSSIAN SCIENTIST ANATOLE ROZHDESTVENSKY.

YOU HAVE SEEN THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF MY EXPEDITION?



YES .- THEY'RE FASCINATING, AND THESE FOSSILS ... I HAVE TO GET TO MONGOLIA!

IN 1961, ZOFIA WAS ASKED TO ORGANISE A JOINT POLISH AND MONGOLIAN PALAEONTOLOGICAL EXPEDITION. IN 1964 SHE FINALLY ARRIVED IN MONGOLIA

THERE'S SOMETHING IT LOOKS LIKE
EXCITING PART OF A
DOWNTHERE SKELETON! DOWNTHERE.



NEXT YEAR, ZOFIA RETURNED TO MONGOLIA TO ALTAN ULA. VERY SOON, ANOTHER EXCITING DISCOVERY WAS MADE ...

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S ALMOST INTACTI

I'VE NEVER SEEN BONES AS BIG AS THIS!



AN ENORMOUS SAUROPODI

IT WAS INDEED A SAUROPOD - THE FIRST EVER FOUND IN THE ALTAN ULA FOSSIL BEDS. THEY NAMED IT OSPISTHO COELICAUDIA.



THEY LATER DISCOVERED SKULLS

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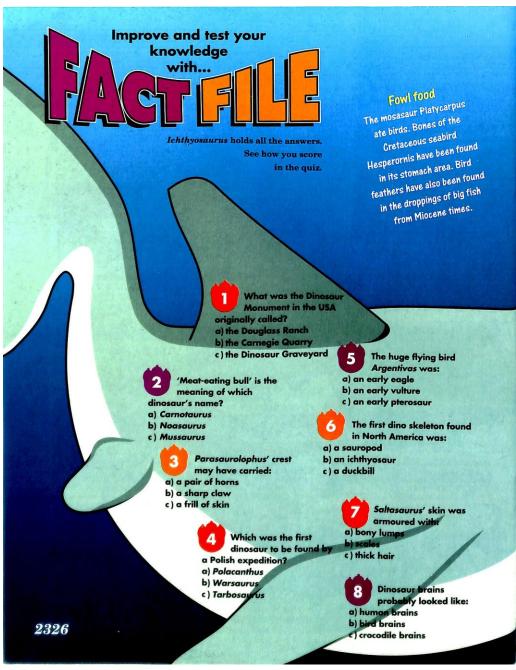
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WHATAM 1 DRINKING MARESMILK ZOFIA'S EXPEDITION DISCOVERED SO MANY

FOSSILS THAT IT TOOK HUNDREDS OF RATES TO CARRY THEM, ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR WAS THE HIGH-DOMED SKULL OF PACHYCEPHALOSAURUS-THE DINOSAUR THAT FOUGHT FOR SUPREMACY BY HEAD-BUTTING ITS ENEMIES.



Quick getaway

The sixth Archaeopteryx skeleton to be found was sold to the local museum by the quarry worker who found it. He ran away with the money before the quarry owners realised it.

Worth the wait Seismosaurus, the longest known dinosaur, was first discovered in 1979. It was so big that it took 13 years to excavate.

Rising to the occasion

This crested meateating dinosaur was found where no other carnivorous dinosaurs had been found before in freezing Antarctica. Experts think its intricate crest may have been used as a mating display. It was named Cryolophosaurus, which means 'frozen crested lizard'.

Which of these dinosaurs is the biggest?

- a) Cetiosaurus
- b) Brachiosaurus
- c) Plateosaurus



What did Stygimoloch use to attack other males?

- a) its bony head
- b) its spiky tail
- c) its razor-like claws

Latecomers Duckbilled dinosaurs only arrived in Europe for the last six million years of the Cretaceous Period. Until then, the titanosaurs were the most important European plant-eaters.

Polluted seas Many of the Late Cretaceous sea creatures of North America have been found fossilized in rock beds rich in the mineral bentonite. Bentonite comes out of volcanoes. and geologists think that the waters became poisoned by volcanic ash and killed the animals.

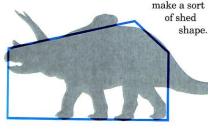
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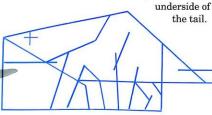


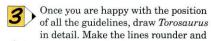
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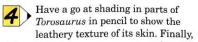
Find a large piece of paper and a sharp pencil. Then lightly draw a basic shape for *Torosaurus*' bulky body in the middle of the paper. From the side, its body and legs

Next, divide the shed shape into smaller, simple shapes that represent the frill, head and legs. Draw a straight line showing where the legs join the body. Carry the line on outside the shed shape for the















Horned Torosaurus had the biggest head of any known land animal.

NAME: Torosaurus (tor-oh-saw-rus) means 'bull reptile'

GROUP: dinosaur
SIZE: 7.5m long
FOOD: plants

LIVED: about 70 million years ago in Late
Cretaceous North America

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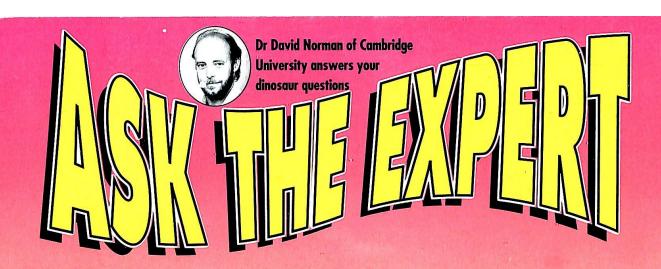
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Would dinosaurs have licked up the salt in prehistoric salt lakes?

Mammals, including humans, sweat

through their
soft, moist skins
when they get
hot. When they
sweat, they lose
both water and
salt from their
bodies. (If you've
ever tasted your
own sweat, you'll

know how salty it is.) Both the water and the salt have to be replaced, which is why mammals need to eat salt. However, modern birds and reptiles do not sweat, and dinosaurs were probably the same. This is because their skin was nonpermeable and often scaly liquids could not seep through it. It is therefore unlikely that dinosaurs licked up salt in prehistoric salt lakes. They simply did not need to, even in very hot climates.

Would a dinosaur brain have looked like a human brain?

The brains of dinosaurs are largely unknown as brain tissue is extremely soft and unlikely to fossilize. However, studies of bony brain cases have shown that the brains of most dinosaurs are very similar in shape to those of crocodiles. So no, dinosaur brains did not look like human ones.



Were there bees living at the time of the dinosaurs?

The fossil record of bees is very patchy. All I can say is, maybe, particularly in the Late Cretaceous. This is when flowering plants appeared. Their presence is closely linked to the presence of bees.

