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For Daisy and Rosie – always follow your own path
and don't listen to boneheads! Love, Daddy xx

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Many million years ago,

beyond the path of the lava flow,

on the edge of the jungle, where the herbivores grazed,
four little dinosaurs spent their days
playing in the Cretaceous sun,
following tracks and having fun.



The dinosaur mums said:

Beware
my child...

... of the
GIGANTOSAURUS,
so **FIERCE**
and **WILD**!

With teeth as long
as you are tall,
he'd soon make a snack
of one so small.

His feet go **STOMP**!
His jaws go **CRUNCH**!
In the blink of an eye
you'd be his **LUNCH**!

Bonehead, Tiny,
Fin and Bill
went off to play
up on the hill.
The Gigantosaurus
was on their minds
till Bonehead said:



I think
you'll find...

we need
a lookout
and I'm the BEST!

I'll get a
good view
from that
termite nest.

But it was only a minute before
Bonehead cried:

It's the
GIGANTOSAURUS!

Quick!
RUN and HIDE!

**THUD
THUD
THUD**

They ran!
They hid!
They shook with fear!
The **GIGANTOSAURUS**
was coming near!

But there was no **STOMP**.
There was no **CRUNCH**.
No fierce monster
had smelled his lunch...

"It's just
TRICERATOPS!"
Bonehead laughed.
"You ran! You hid!
You're all so
DAFT!"

Hello Dad—

Hello Son.

"But you passed
my Emergency Warning Trial.
Now I think I'll keep watch
from that rock awhile."


But a little bit later, Bonehead cried:

The
GIGANTOSAURUS!
Quick – RUN and HIDE!

**BOM
BOM
BOM**

They ran! They hid!
They shook with fear!

The GIGANTOSAURUS
was coming near!



But there was no **STOMP**.
There was no **CRUNCH**.
No hungry beast after snacks to munch...

"It's old **DIPLODOCUS!**"
Bonehead laughed.

"You ran! You hid!
You're all so daft!"

"But danger lurks,
as you need to learn.
I'll look out from that
enormous fern."




It didn't take long
till they heard a shout...

GIGANTOSAURUS!
You'd better WATCH OUT!



**THUMP
THUMP
THUMP**


They RAN! They HID!
They shook with fear!
The GIGANTOSAURUS
was coming near!



But there was no **STOMP**.
There was no **CRUNCH**.
No carnivore with a
whiff of lunch...

"It's **STEGOSAURUS!**"
Bonehead laughed.
"You ran! You hid!
You're all so **DAFT!**"


"But at least
you've passed my final test.
Now I'm going for a nap
in that comfy nest."



Then, seconds later,
the cry began...

GIGANTOSAURUS!
Run as fast as you can!

But though his friends heard
what Bonehead cried,
by now they knew
that Bonehead lied.



"That's it!" said Bill.
"We're off to explore.
And we're not going to
play with YOU
ANYMORE."

No one left to trick, Bonehead was alone.
He began to wish he was back home.
For an awful noise was coming near,
and now there WAS good reason for fear...

The feet went...





Bonehead's friends
came running back
after they heard the
tree go CRACK!


Poor old
Bonehead -
it's such
a shame.

What a sad end
to his naughty game.


Even though he
tricked and lied,
at least he taught us
how to hide.

But then they heard
a muffled cry
from the scraps
of nest that
lay nearby...


BURP!



I'm here!
It's ME! I HAVE survived!
I'm sorry that I tricked and lied.
But this time, honestly, it's true -
there's a PTERODACTYL
after you!



And though Bonehead thought they'd run in fright,
his friends just shrugged and said,
"Yeah, right!"

The illustration is a two-page spread from a children's book. The top half of the spread features a large, curved dinosaur tail with a scaly texture and a row of sharp, reddish-brown spikes along its top edge. The background is a light teal color. The bottom half of the spread shows a prehistoric landscape with a fossilized dinosaur skeleton in the foreground. The skeleton includes a long, segmented tail and several large, upright leg bones. To the left, there are some green plants and a small pond. To the right, there are large, dark green leaves. The overall style is colorful and cartoonish.

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This scary dinosaur was
made up for this book!*

*But there was a dinosaur a lot like this one, called Giganotosaurus.
It was the largest-known theropod (meat-eaters that stood on two legs),
bigger even than a tyrannosaurus rex.

Gigantosaurius was a name given to some scattered dinosaur
bones found by early palaeontologists in England and Africa. But it was all
such a muddle that science has never used the name since.