



"It's my fault we lost," Mazu said sadly. She knew it was only a game, but she hated letting her friends down. As she spoke, there was a strong gust of wind.

"Look, the BIG WINDS are coming!" Tiny said excitedly.

The dinos in Cretacia looked forward to this day all year long, It was the only time they got to eat the delicious giant walnuts that grew in the tallest trees.

Rocky took out one of his Gigantosaurus cards to show his friends. "Usually it's only Giganto who gets the giant walnuts," he said. "But when the BIG WINDS knock them out of the trees, they're fair game . . . if you can run fast enough!"



"That's why I never get any," Mazu sighed.
"I'm just NOT fast enough."



Mazu went to sit in her favourite thinking spot on top of the den. Her dragonfly friend fluttered down to try to cheer her up.

"It's no use," Mazu said, looking at her short legs. "Ankylosauruses just aren't built for speed!"



Back on the ground, Mazu's friends were still playing bone ball. She watched Iggy bounce across the savannah and snatch the ball in mid-air.

"I wish I could run as fast as Iggy," Mazu said. "His legs are like springs!"

She looked around and spotted a coiled-up vine hanging from a nearby tree. It looked just like a spring! Her mind started whirring...

Soon enough, Mazu was standing proudly on top of a brand new invention – a pair of vine-spring shoes! She took a couple of steps forward.

"It's working. Look how fast I'm going!" she cried as she bounced along.

But as she picked up speed, Mazu began to leap more wildly! Her springy shoes were almost TOO springy.

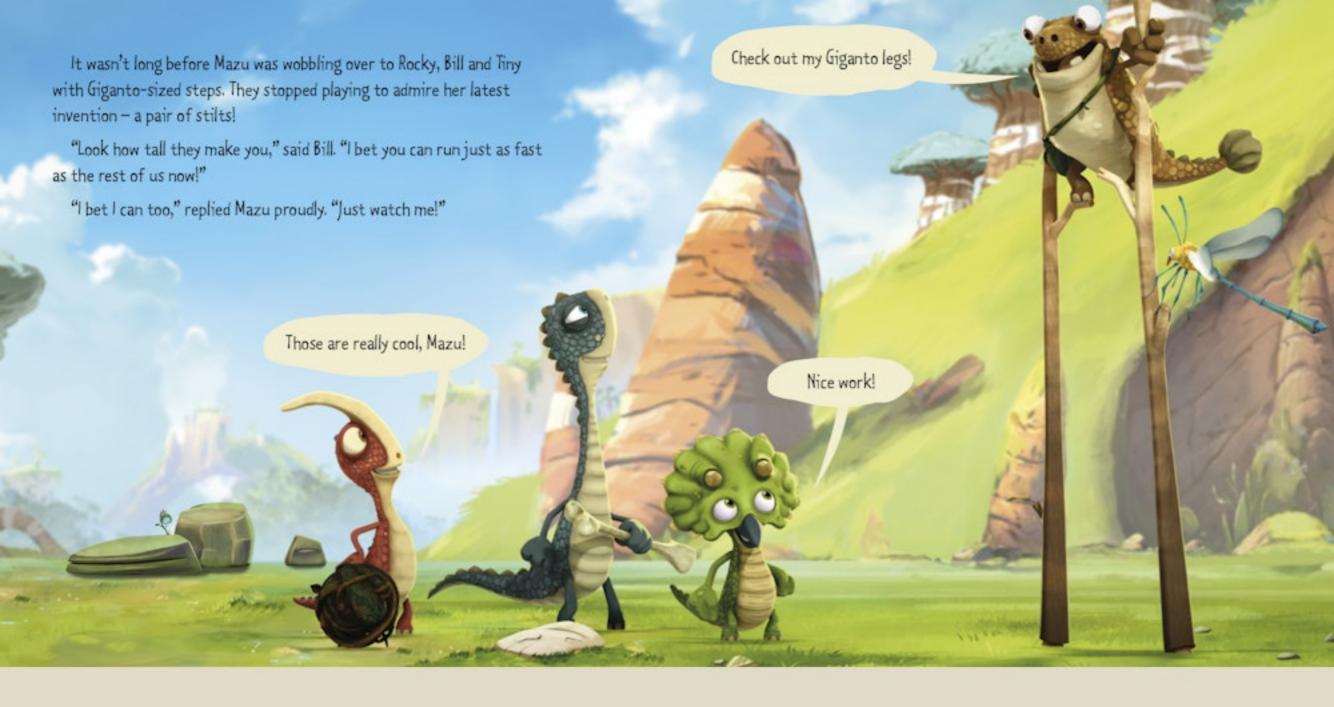


Suddenly, she lost control and landed in a nearby tree with a THUMP!
"I guess springy legs won't work for me," she groaned.

Then, the ground SHOOK so hard that Mazu tumbled out of the branches. It was Giganto striding across the savannah.

"He's so fast," Mazu said. "If I had long legs like Giganto, I could REALLY move!" Her mind started whirring again . . .





But as Mazu tried to take another step forward, she lost her balance and tumbled to the ground. "I'll NEVER be fast!" she wailed.

The others couldn't understand why being speedy was so important to Mazu. She was good at plenty of other things – like thinking of incredible ideas! They decided to give her their own tips for running quickly.



First up was Rocky. "When I run, I tell myself that I'm fast as a raptor," he said, striking a pose.



Then, Tiny chipped in. "I pretend I'm light as a feather and graceful as a springtime blossom."

"I just pretend that Giganto's after me," Bill admitted.

Now Mazu felt much more hopeful about getting a giant walnut. "I'm going to be one speedy ankylosaurus when the winds come!" she said.

And just then, the BIG WINDS started to blow. Across Cretacia, dinosaurs stopped and looked up at the sky. It was NUT TIME!

The four friends started running towards the tall trees, but Mazu quickly fell behind the others. They stopped to wait for her.

"We're not going without you, Mazu!" said Tiny.

"But we've been waiting for this day all year," said Mazu. "It's okay! Run ahead!"

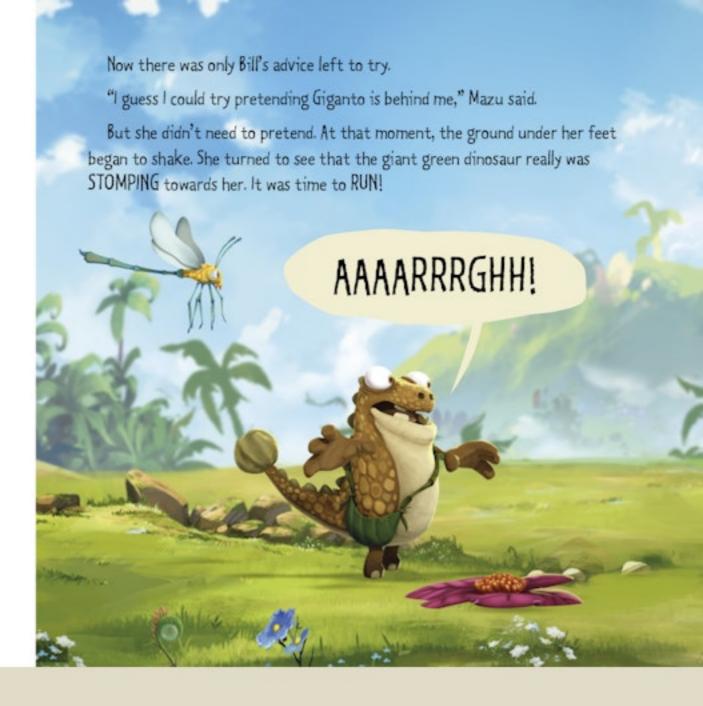


Mazu carried on running, remembering her friends' advice. She tried to run as fast as a raptor, like Rocky said. But it was no good – even a passing prehistoric bug could outrun her!

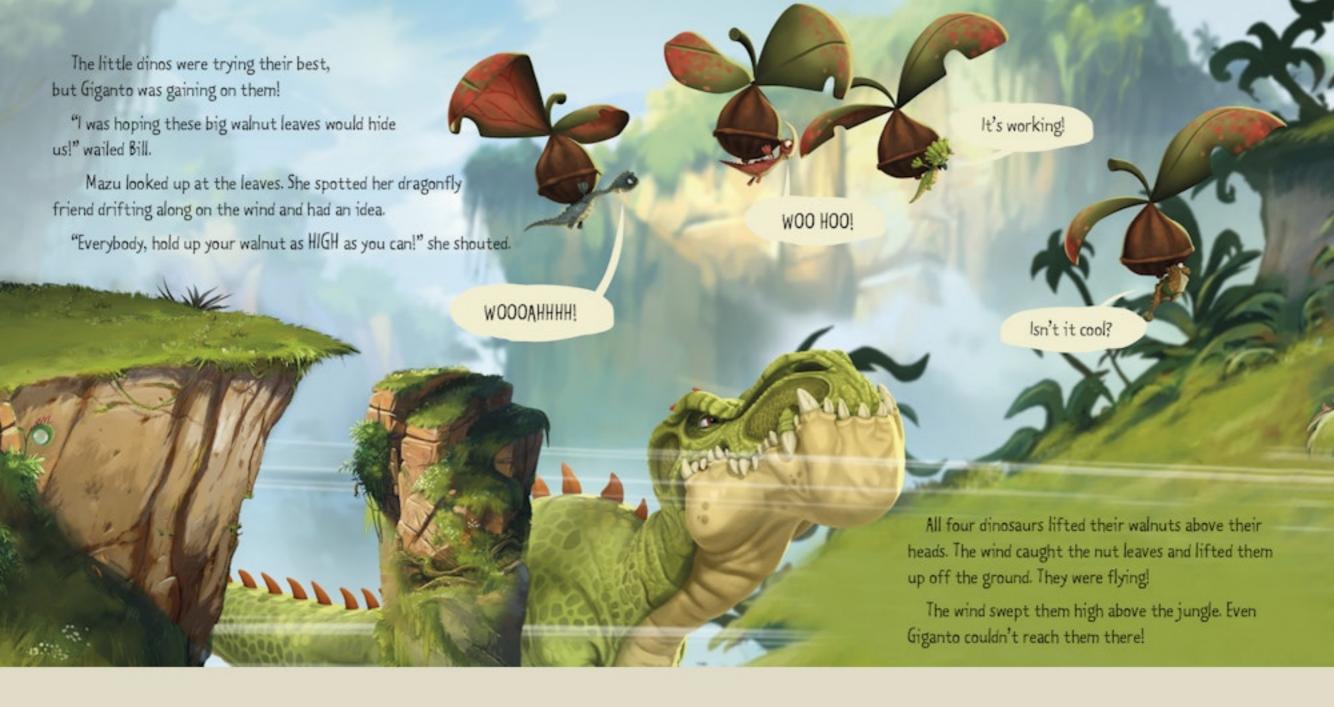




Next, Mazu thought of Tiny. She tried to be as graceful as a springtime blossom, but immediately tripped over a rock and went flying into a bush.









They were interrupted by a growling sound outside. GIGANTO had followed them to the cave!

Mazu realised that the big dino hadn't been chasing THEM. He wanted a walnut – just like they did! There were plenty to go around, so Mazu picked one up and rolled it outside.



"If only we had a nutcracker like Giganto!" said Rocky in awe.

"Maybe we do!" said Mazu, and used her spiky tail to WHACK a walnut open.



The little dinosaurs cheered and gathered round to eat.

NOW it was nut time!



