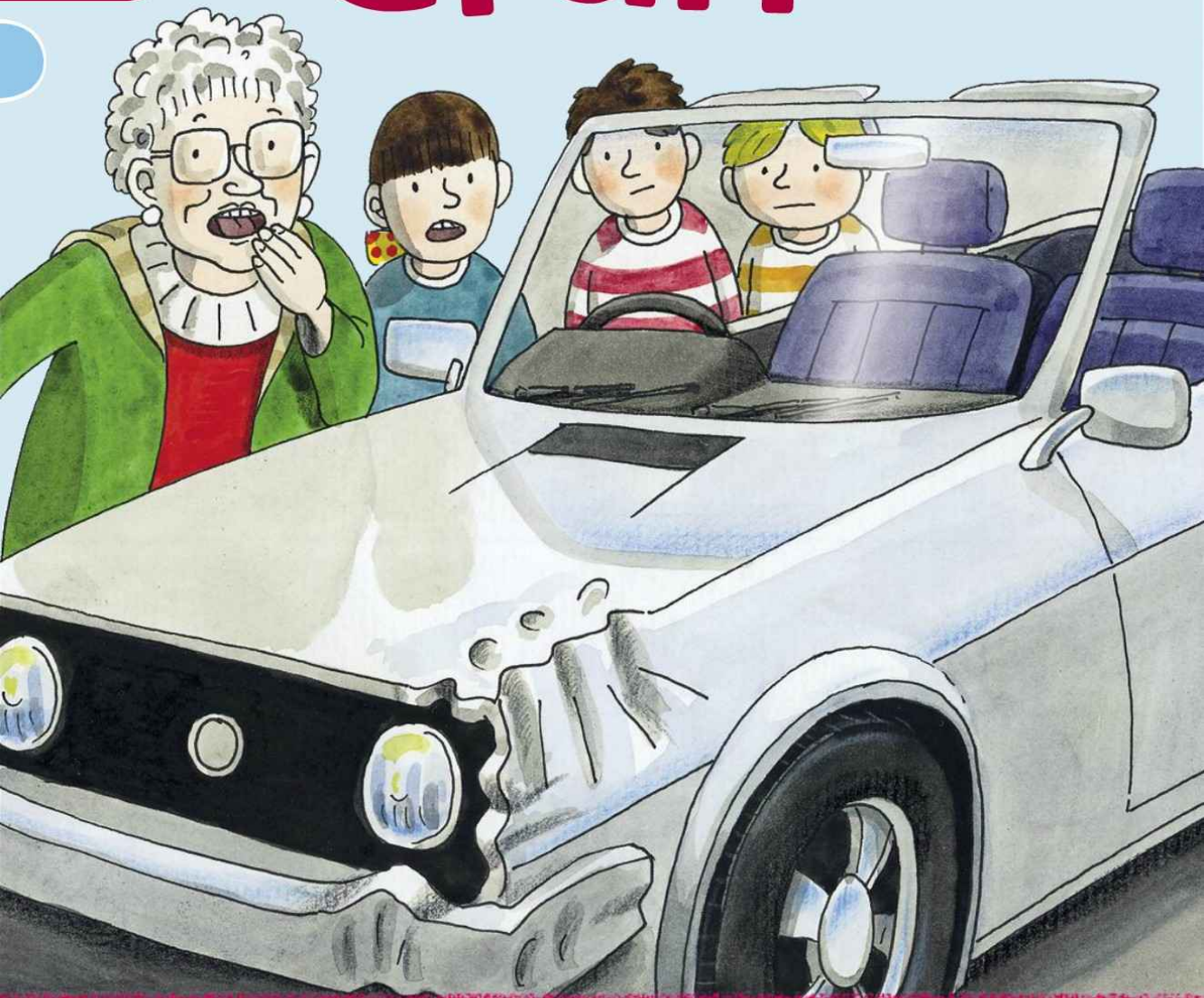


Crunch!





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover picture together and read the title and blurb.
Ask: *What do you think will happen in this story?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

Say the sounds

These are the focus letters and sounds your child will practise in this book.

ch sh ee ar ow (as in **town**)

ear (as in **dear**)

Sound the words

These words practise the focus letters and sounds for this book. Encourage your child to say the sounds from left to right to read the words.

crunch crash street screech windscreen
park town dear

Read these words together

These words are common but children may find them hard to read at this stage.

were what there said out come
have like do



Enjoy reading and talking about the book together!

See the inside back cover for more ideas.

The children were with Gran.
They were going shopping for
a present for Dad.



The car crept along the road.
“There is too much traffic!” said Gran.



“What shall we get Dad?” said Biff.
“An electric drill?” said Chip.



They got to town.

“We can park in this street,” said Gran.



The children went into lots of shops.
“Still no luck,” said Kipper.



Just then, there was a screech and
then a crunch.



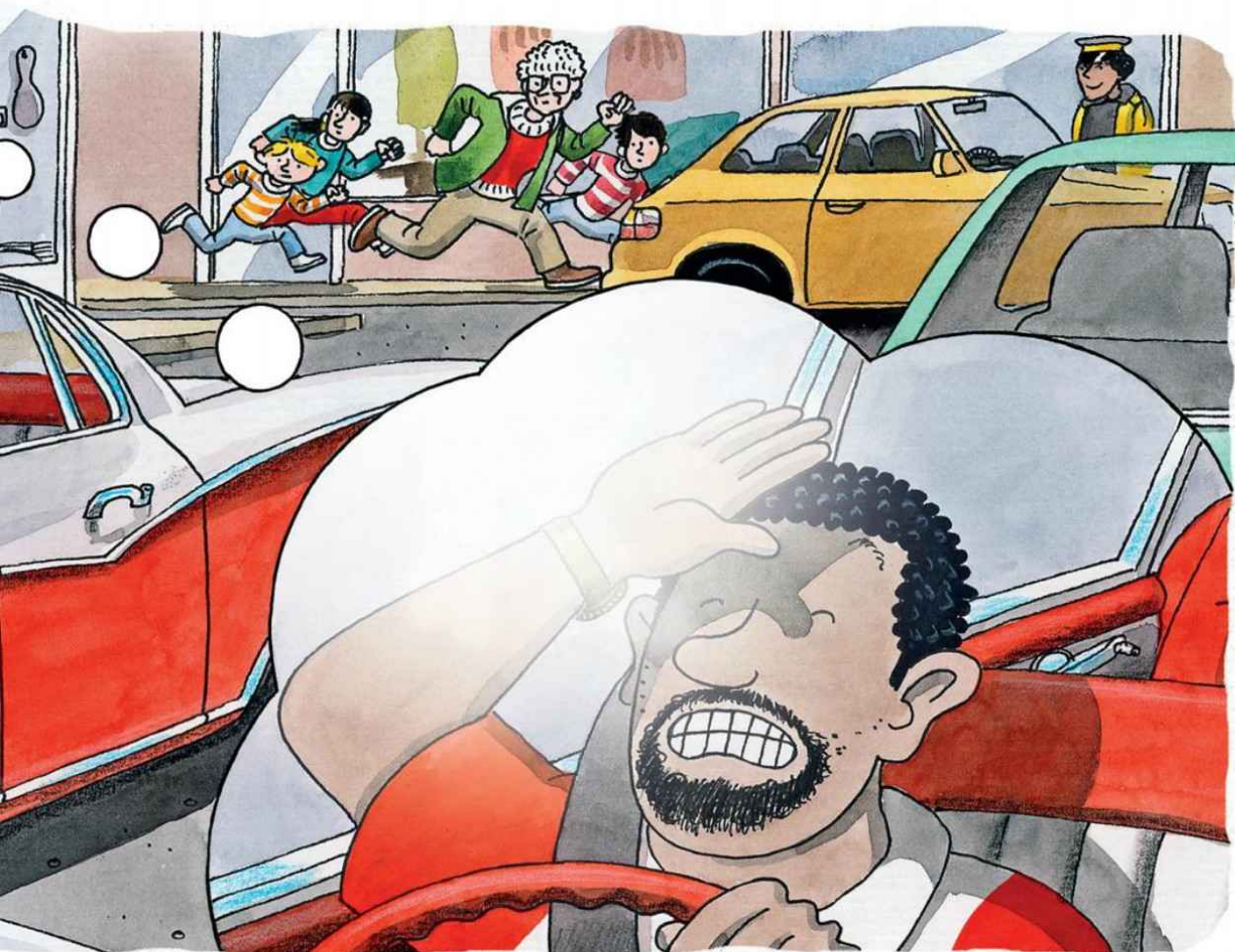
“Dear me,” said Gran. “What a crash!”



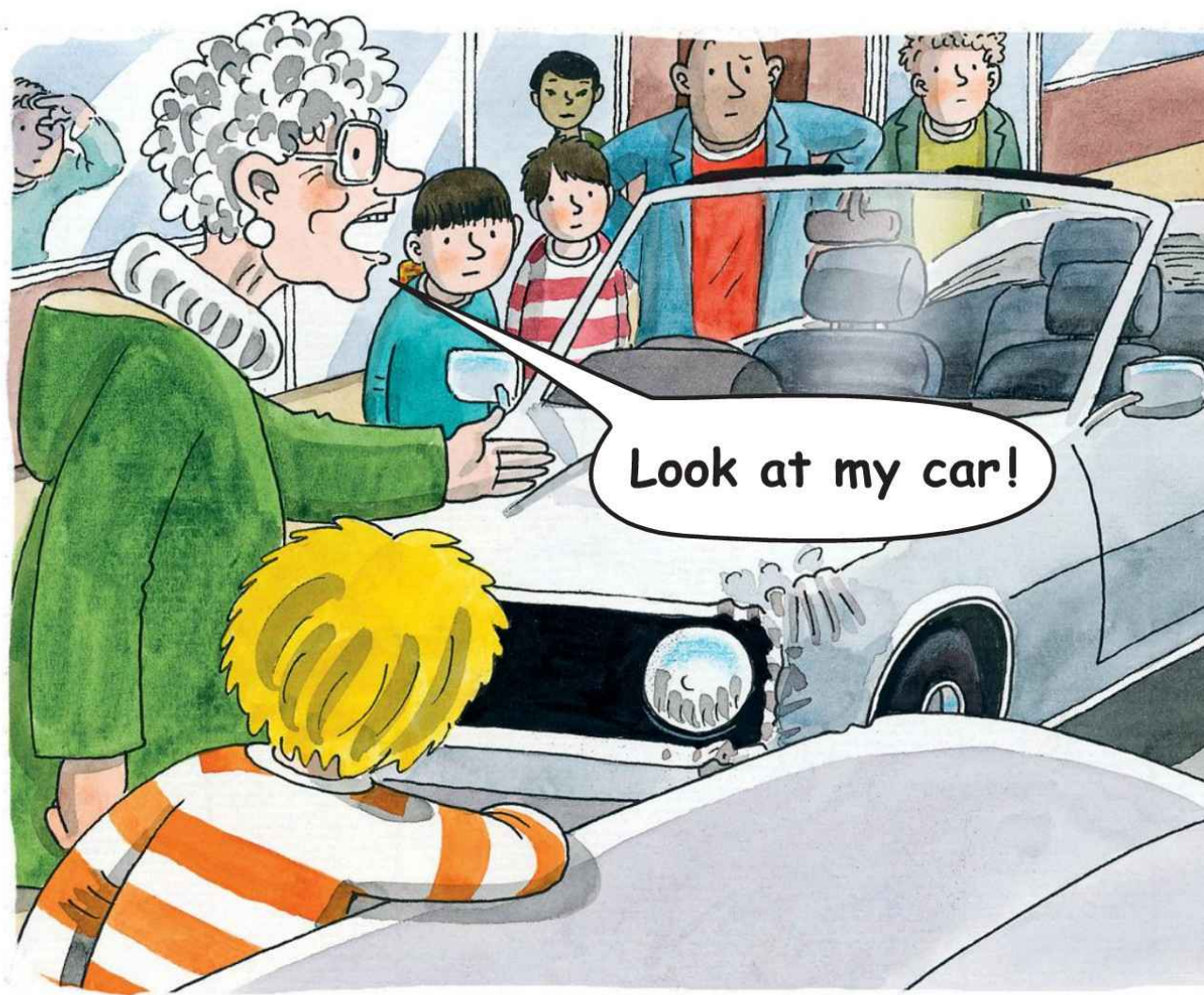
A man got out of his car.
He was upset.



“The sun was glinting on my windscreen,” said the man. “I did not see this car until I felt a bump.”



There was a big dent in the wing of Gran's car. Gran was cross.



“I am Greg,” said the man. “I can mend the car at my go-kart track.”



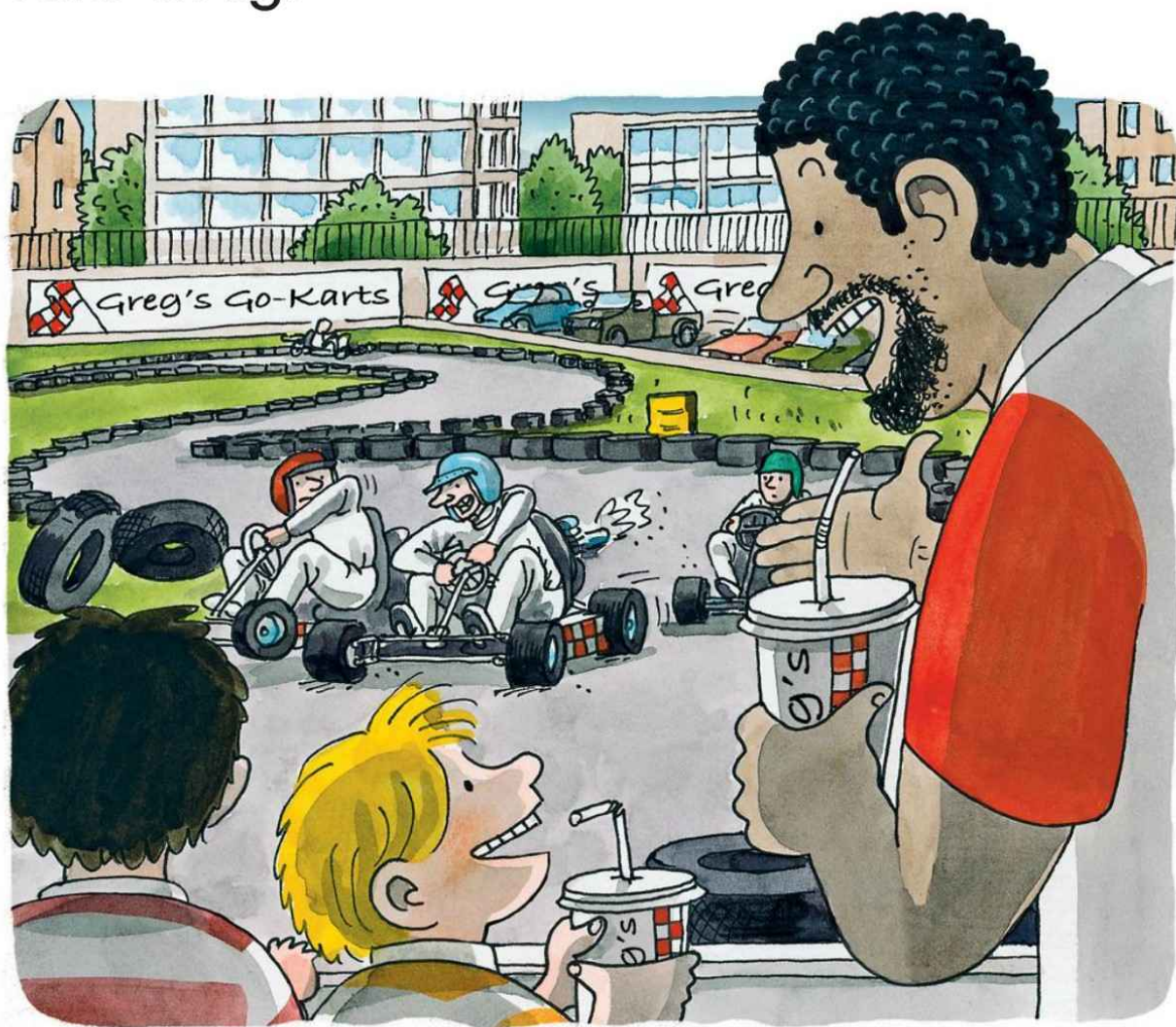
Greg's Go-Kart Track

A vibrant, hand-drawn cartoon illustration of a bustling go-kart track named "Greg's Go-Kart Track". The scene is set outdoors on a dirt or gravel surface. In the foreground, a white go-kart with a black roll-over protection bar is parked next to a red sports car. Several yellow barrels are scattered around. People of various ages and styles are walking, talking, and some are running. In the background, there's a building with large windows showing people inside. A sign above the entrance reads "Greg's Go-Kart Track". The overall atmosphere is lively and chaotic.

“Come and have a drink,” said Greg.



“Wow, that looks like fun!” said Kipper.
“We have go-karts for children too,”
said Greg.

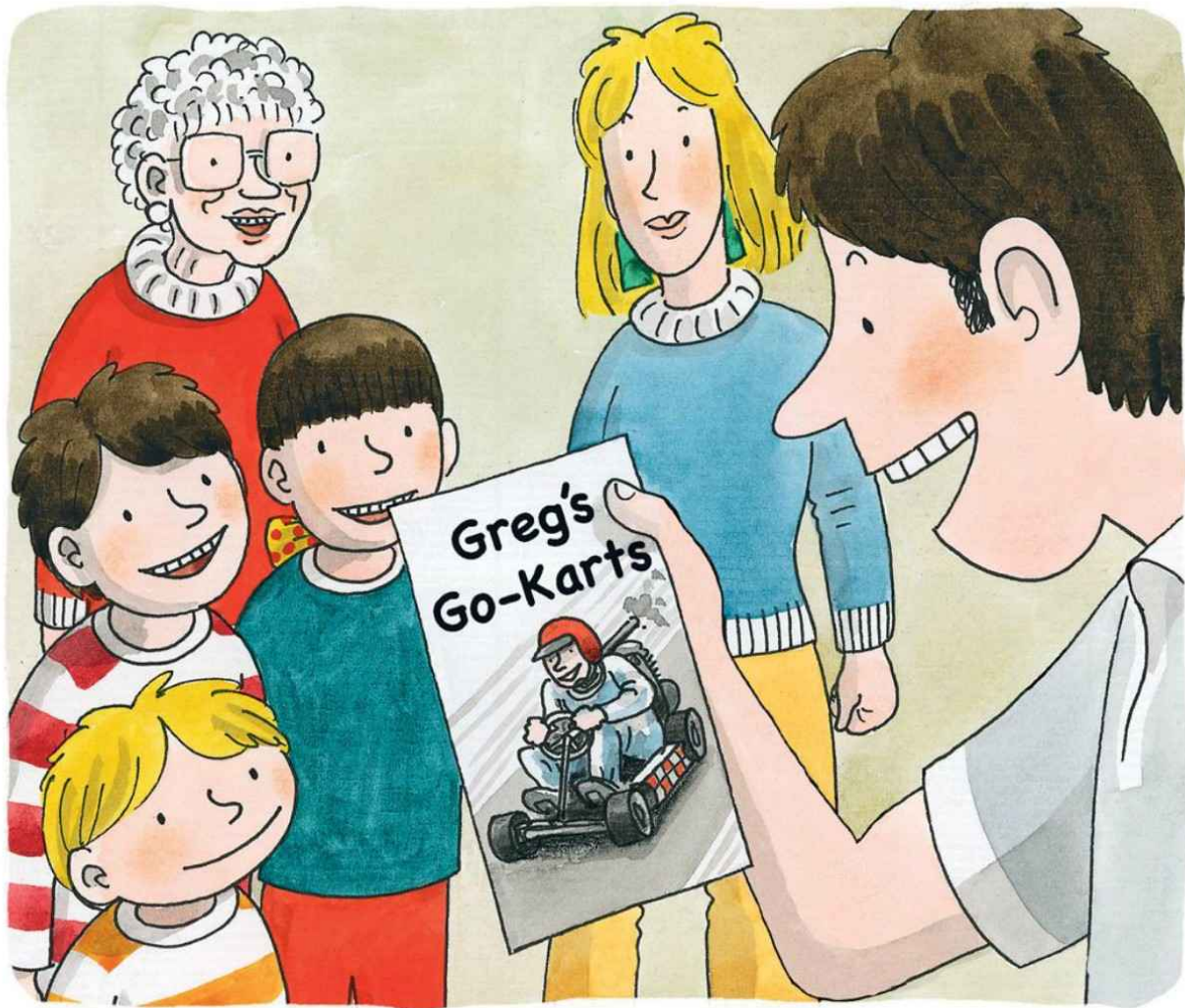


“We still do not have a present for Dad,” said Chip.

“I have a plan!” said Greg.



“What a good present,” said Dad.
“Free go-kart tickets for us all!”



AFTER READING

Word beginnings

- Take turns to think of words beginning with **scr** like *screech* (e.g. *scream*, *scrap*). Then take turns to think of other words that begin with **str**, like *street*.

WHAT IS BLENDING?

For reading (decoding) say the sounds from left to right of the word and blend the sounds to hear the whole word.

How to blend

Point under each grapheme (letter or letter group) as you say the sound, then run your finger under the whole word as you say the whole (or blended) word.

e.g. **c-r-u-n-ch** **crunch**



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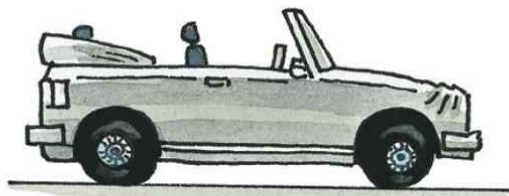
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Gran's car has a crash!

Focus phonics:

Initial and final blends
CCVCC words (e.g. *crept*)



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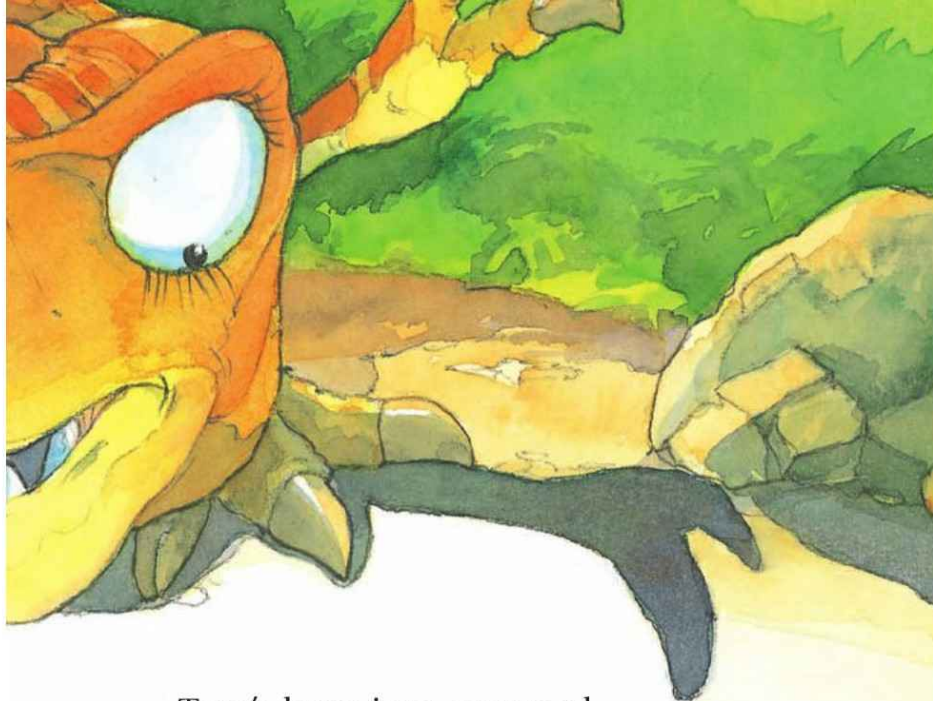
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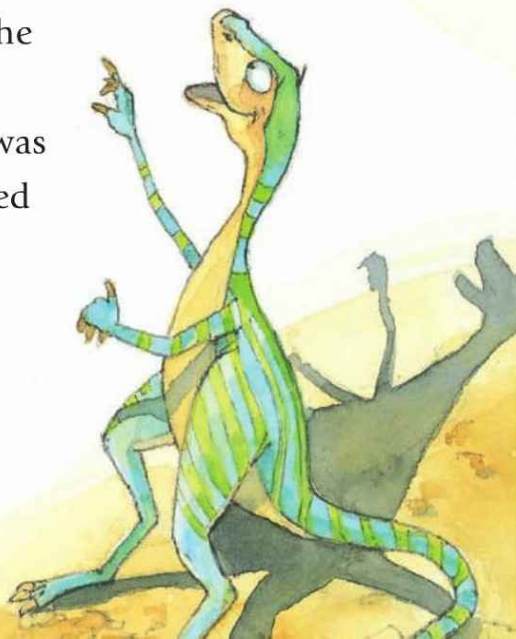
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Tyro's huge jaws swooped down.

It looked as if he was going to be snapped up! He was going to be chewed into a thousand soggy pieces!

But Cosmo didn't run away!

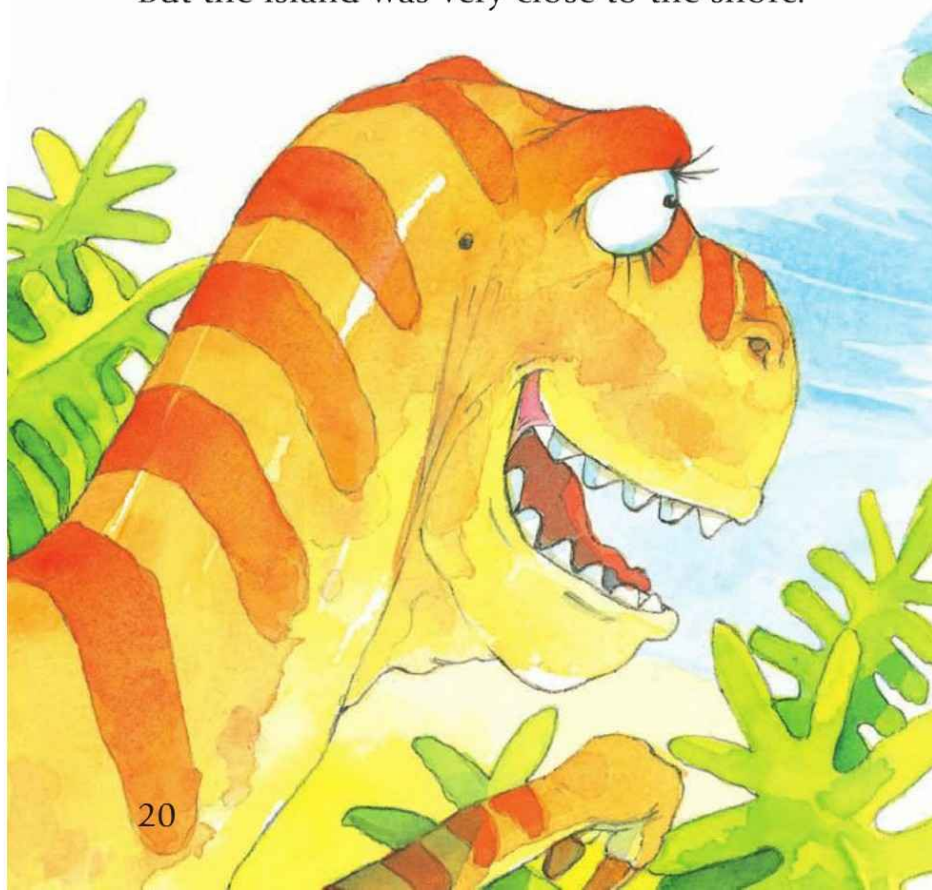


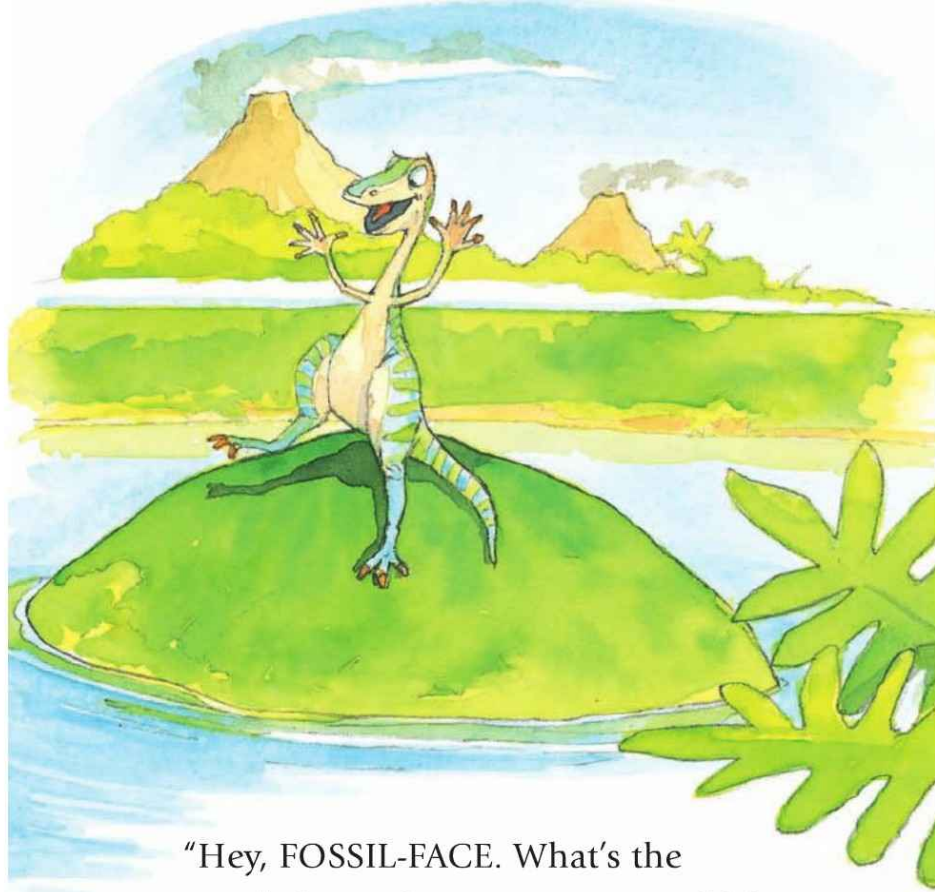
At the last moment, Cosmo jumped backwards into the lake.

He landed on a small island, close to the shore.

"Come on, CLUMSY-CLAWS," he yelled. "Come and get me. If you dare."

Tyro hesitated. She didn't like water. But the island was very close to the shore.

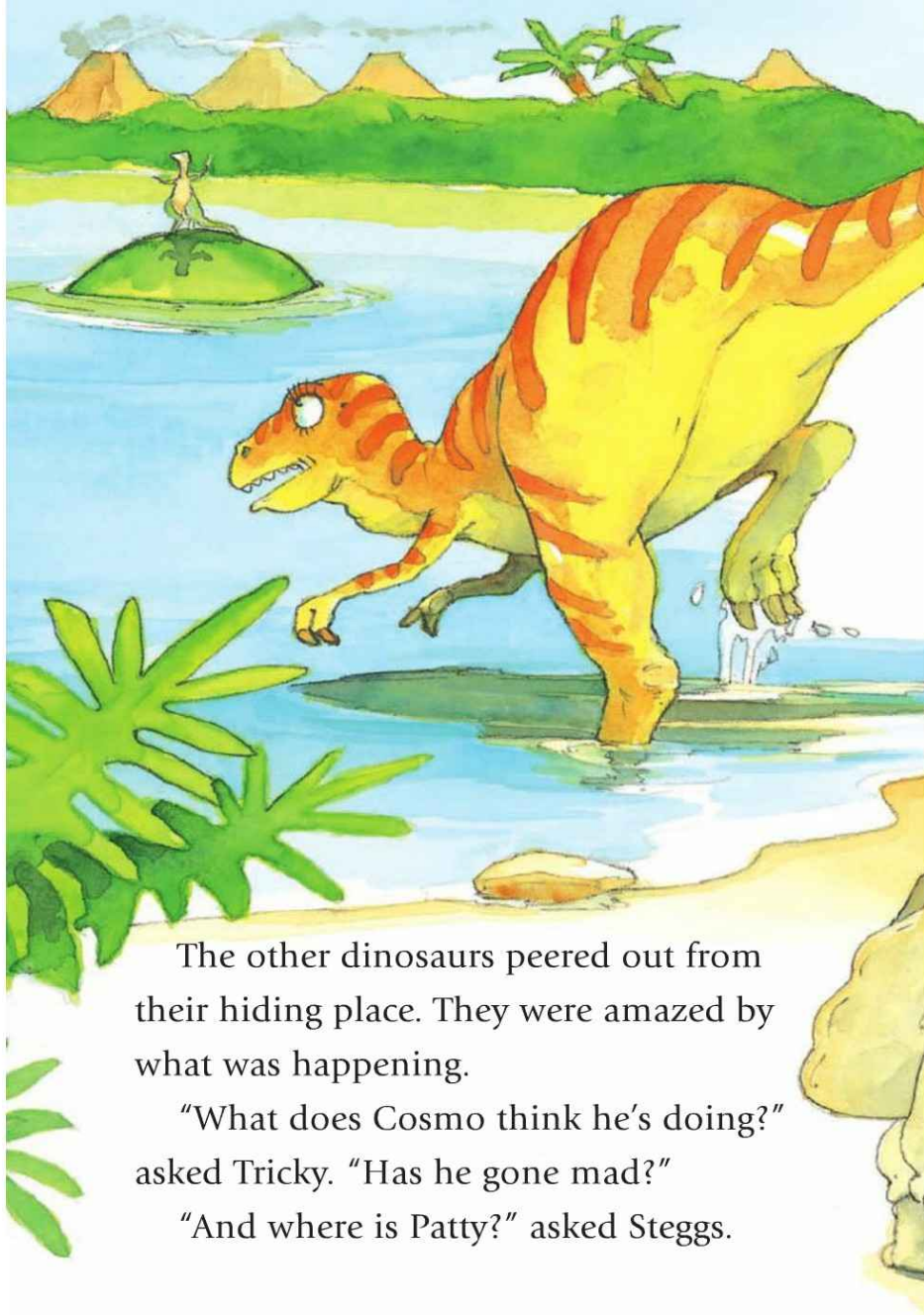




"Hey, FOSSIL-FACE. What's the matter?" shouted Cosmo. He waved his tiny fists. "Are you a scaredy-saurus after all?"

That settled it.

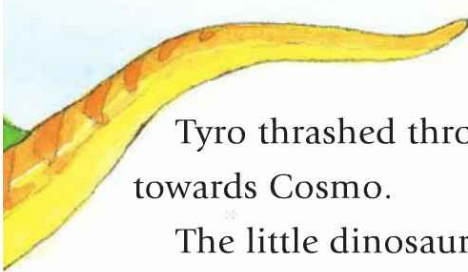
Tyro wasn't going to be called any more names. She charged into the water and waded towards the island.



The other dinosaurs peered out from their hiding place. They were amazed by what was happening.

"What does Cosmo think he's doing?" asked Tricky. "Has he gone mad?"

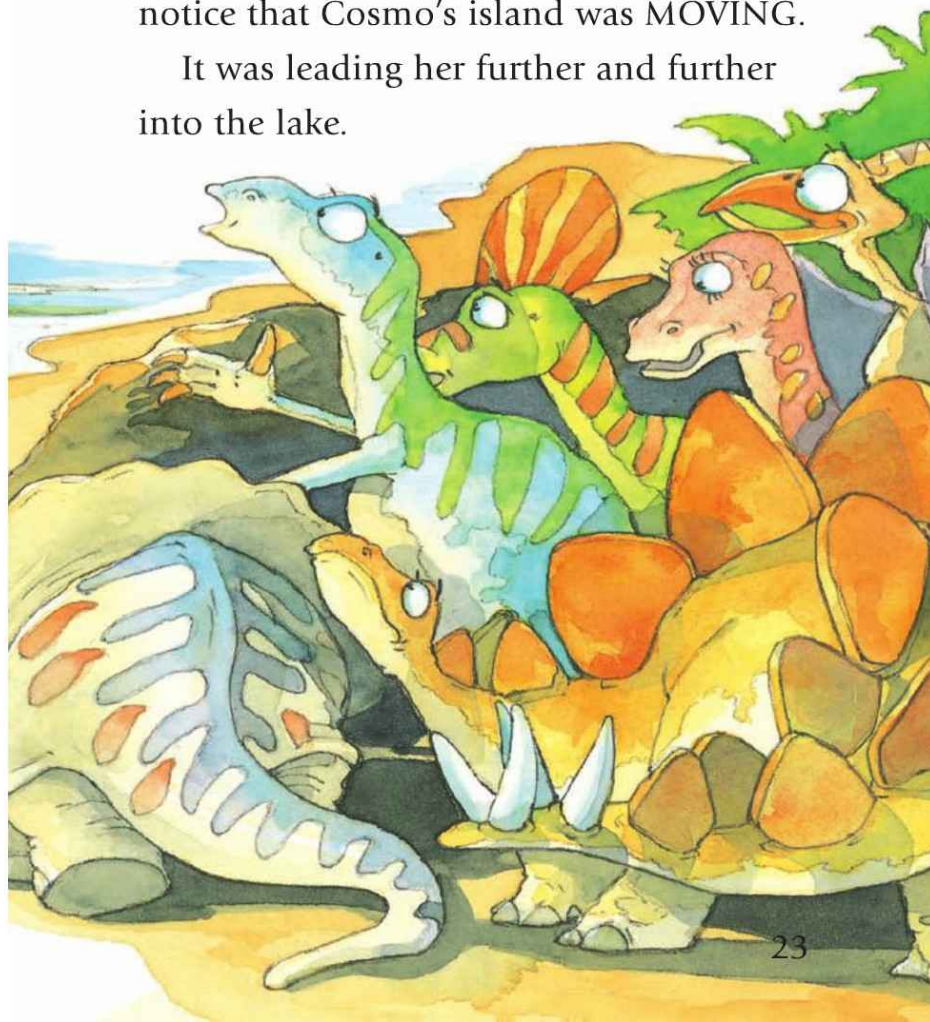
"And where is Patty?" asked Steggs.



Tyro thrashed through the water
towards Cosmo.

The little dinosaur was still laughing.
The more Cosmo laughed, the madder
Tyro got. She was so mad, she didn't
notice that Cosmo's island was MOVING.

It was leading her further and further
into the lake.





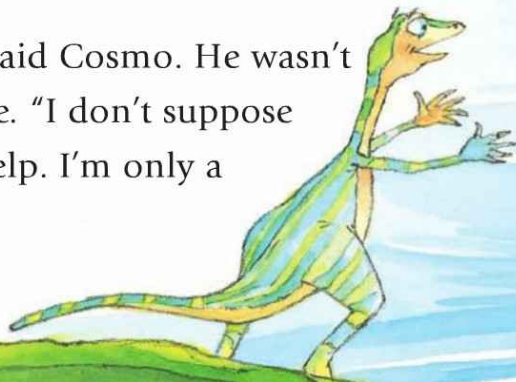
Chapter 4

Patty Pops Up

All of a sudden, Tyro was up to her neck in water.

"HELP! HELP! I CAN'T SWIM!" she shrieked.

"Oh, dear," said Cosmo. He wasn't scared any more. "I don't suppose you want my help. I'm only a *little mouthful.*"



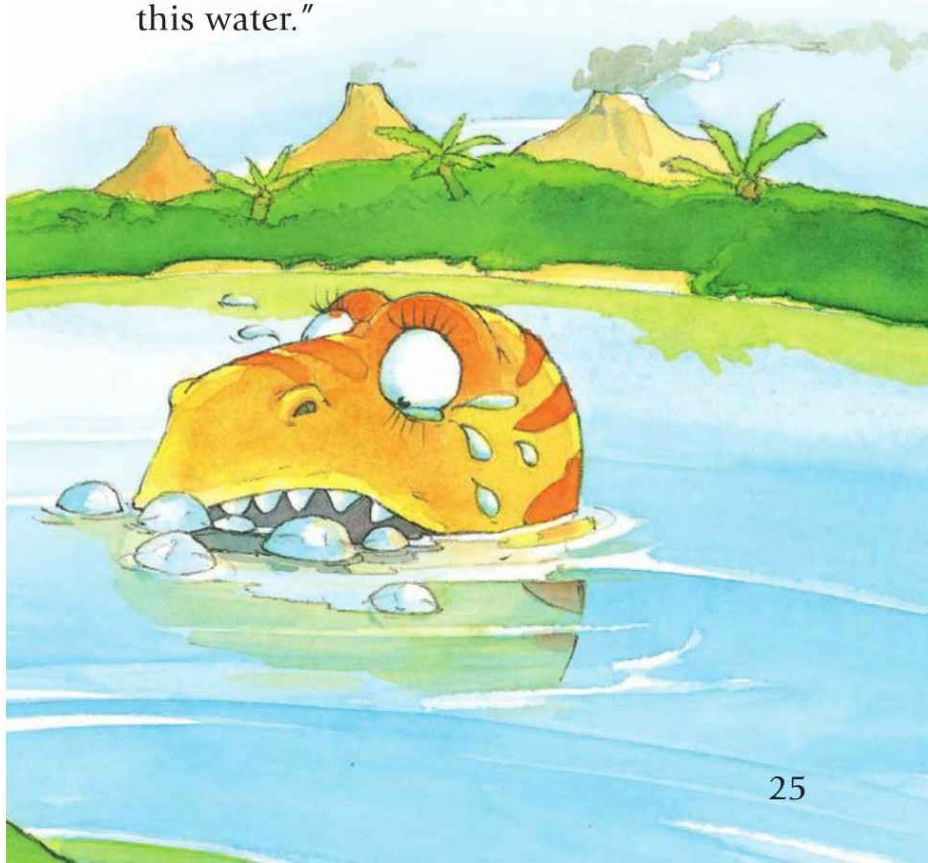
"PLEASE!" howled Tyro. "I'll do anything you want."

"Anything?" asked Cosmo.

"Anything," spluttered Tyro.

"Do you promise to leave our valley and never come back?"

"Yes! Yes! I promise," gurgled Tyro. She was desperate. "Just get me out of this water."



"All right, then," said Cosmo.
He stamped his foot on the island.
Patty's head popped out of the water
next to him.

Then, everyone realized what had
happened.



Cosmo wasn't standing on a real
island. He was standing on Patty's back!

That was how she had disappeared.
That was why the island had been
moving.

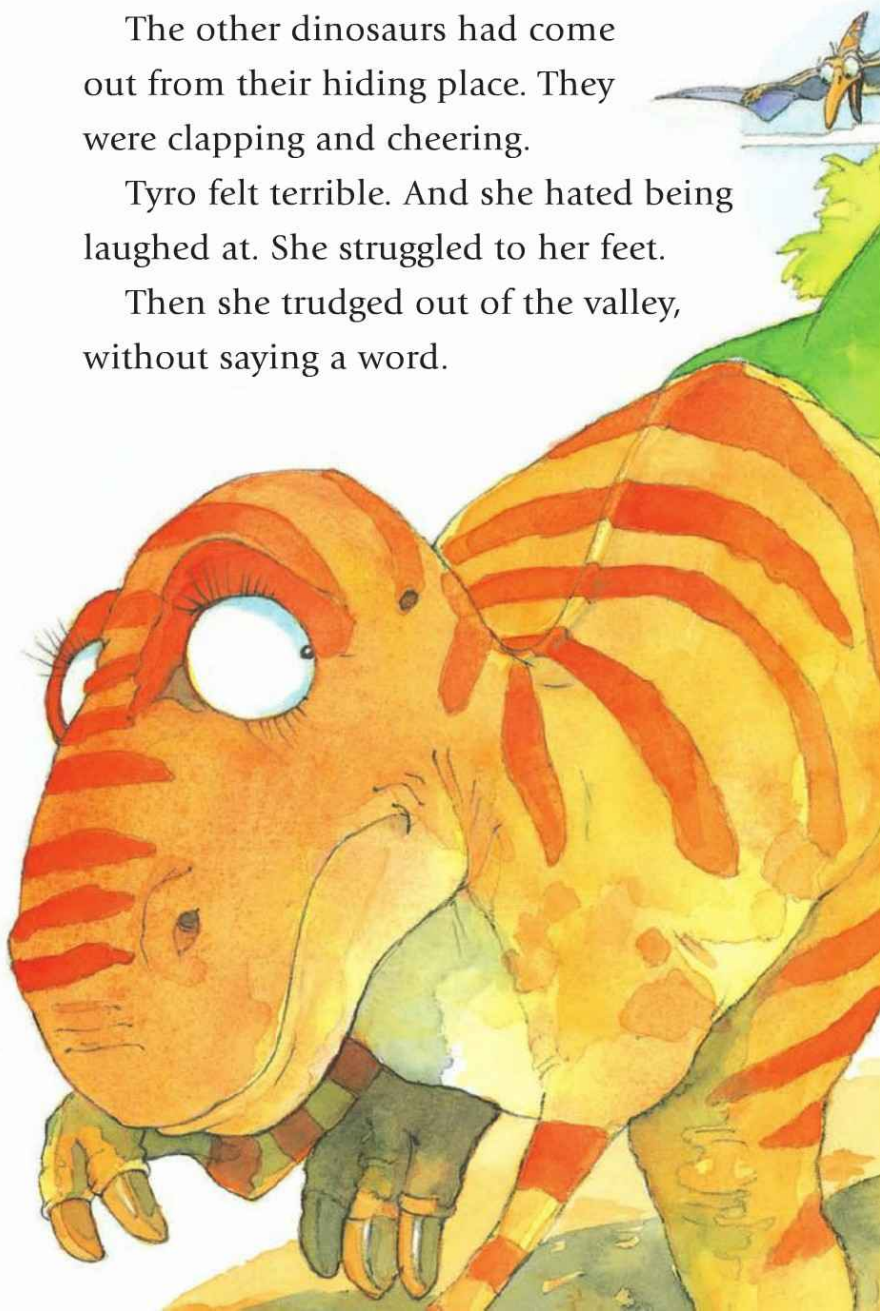
Patty dragged Tyro back to the shore.

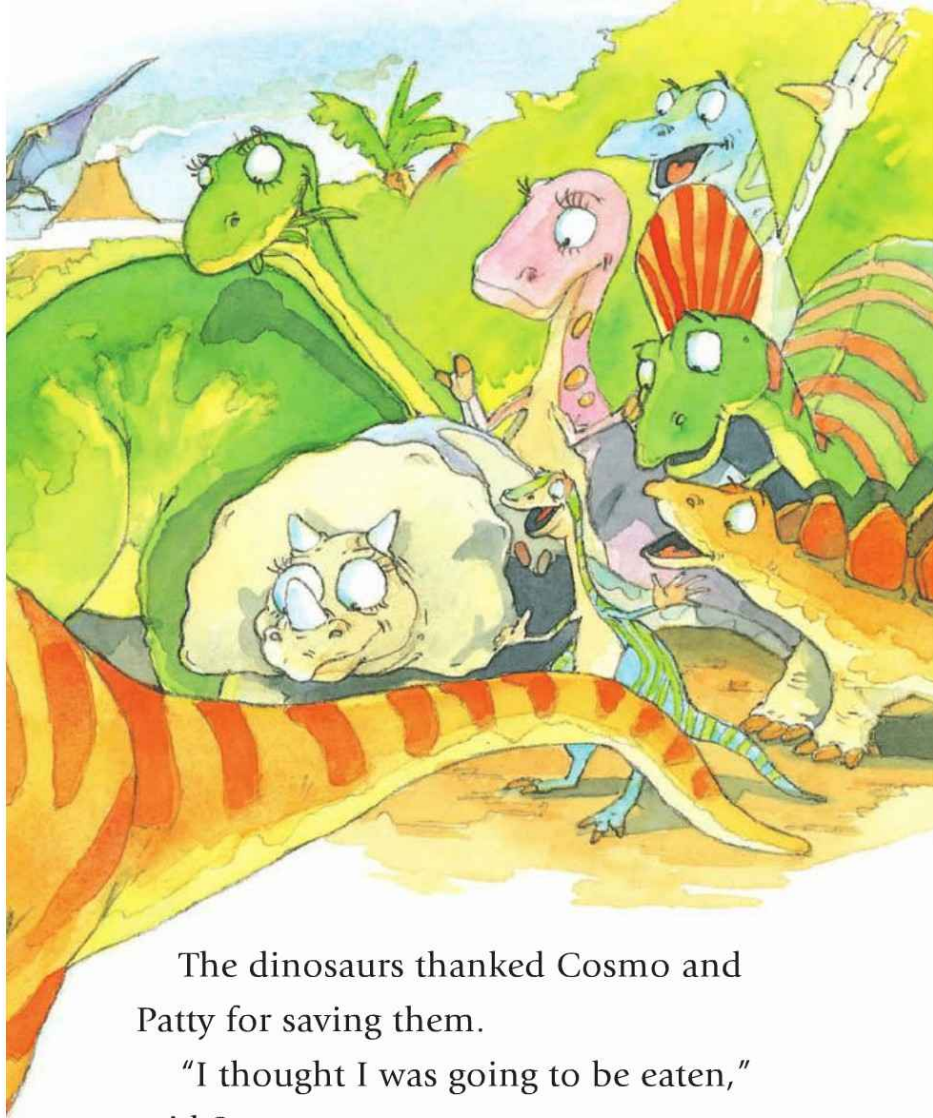


The other dinosaurs had come out from their hiding place. They were clapping and cheering.

Tyro felt terrible. And she hated being laughed at. She struggled to her feet.

Then she trudged out of the valley, without saying a word.





The dinosaurs thanked Cosmo and
Patty for saving them.

"I thought I was going to be eaten,"
said Steggs.

"I would never have dared to lead Tyro
into the lake," said Tricky.



"It was all Cosmo's idea," said Patty.

"He's the one you should thank."

"Nonsense," said Cosmo. "I could never have done it without Patty. It was just good teamwork."

"Now, what happened to our game of boulder ball?" asked Cosmo.

"I think we should start again," said Steggs.

"With new captains," said Tricky.

"Someone who will look after their whole team," agreed Steggs.

"COSMO AND PATTY!" shouted all
the others.



About the author

I made up this story when I was seventeen.
I was asked to tell a dinosaur story at a
cub-scout camp-fire.

Instead of using a story from a book,
I made one up and drew lots of large
pictures to go with it.

The story worked well and, years later,
I wrote it down to make this book.



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It is a sunny afternoon in Volcano Valley. Cosmo is playing his favourite game: boulder ball.

All of a sudden, there is a dreadful roar.
It's Tyro, the terrible tyrannosaur –
and she's hungry.

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