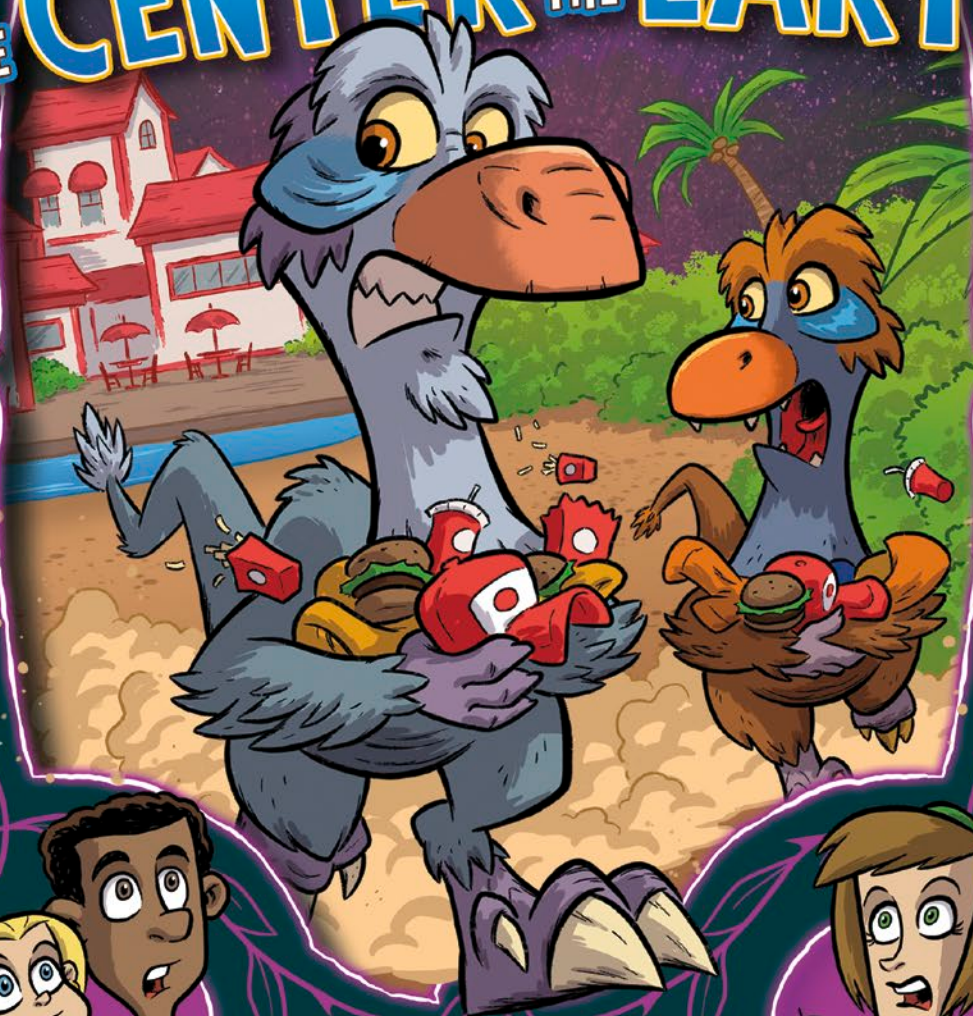


FAR OUT
CLASSIC STORIES

A

PREHISTORIC JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH



A GRAPHIC NOVEL

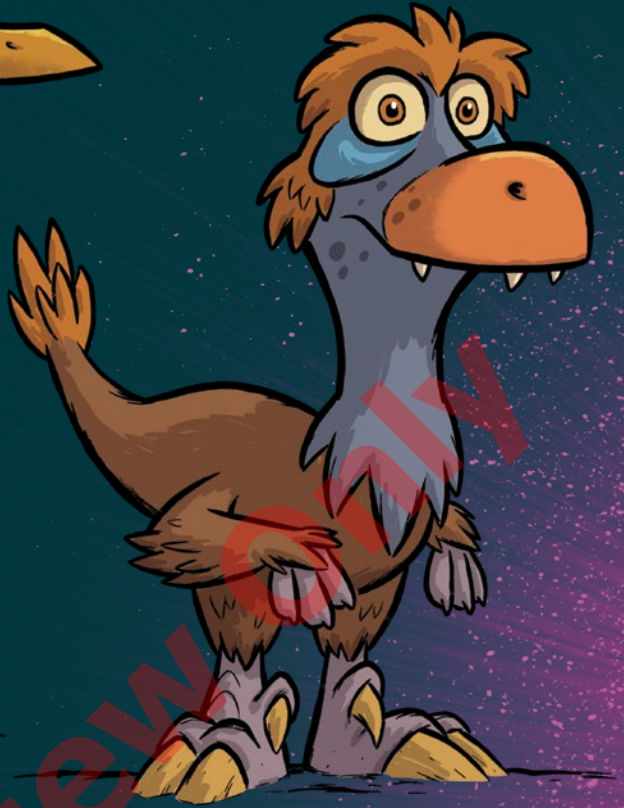
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INTRODUCING...

DR. RAPTOR



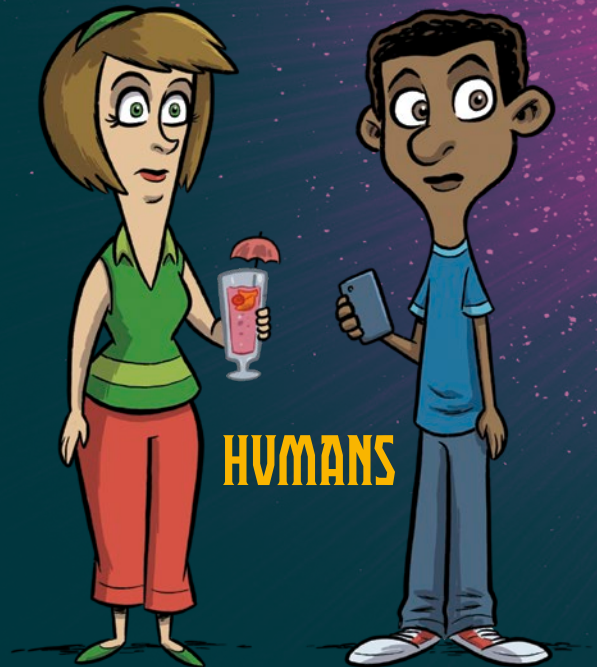
MATEO RAPTOR



MRS. DINO



HUMANS



DARBY OVIRAPTOR



in...

73 million years ago—the Cretaceous Period! Dr. Raptor was a world-famous scientist and professor.

Mateo, whatever is this strange thing?

No one knows! It's made out of unknown materials and covered in weird symbols!

What do you think it is, Dr. Raptor?

But a lot of scientists thought some of his ideas were insane.

Dr. Raptor and his lab assistant, Darby, were out to prove that his theories were correct.

Mateo, these markings are *extraordinary*!

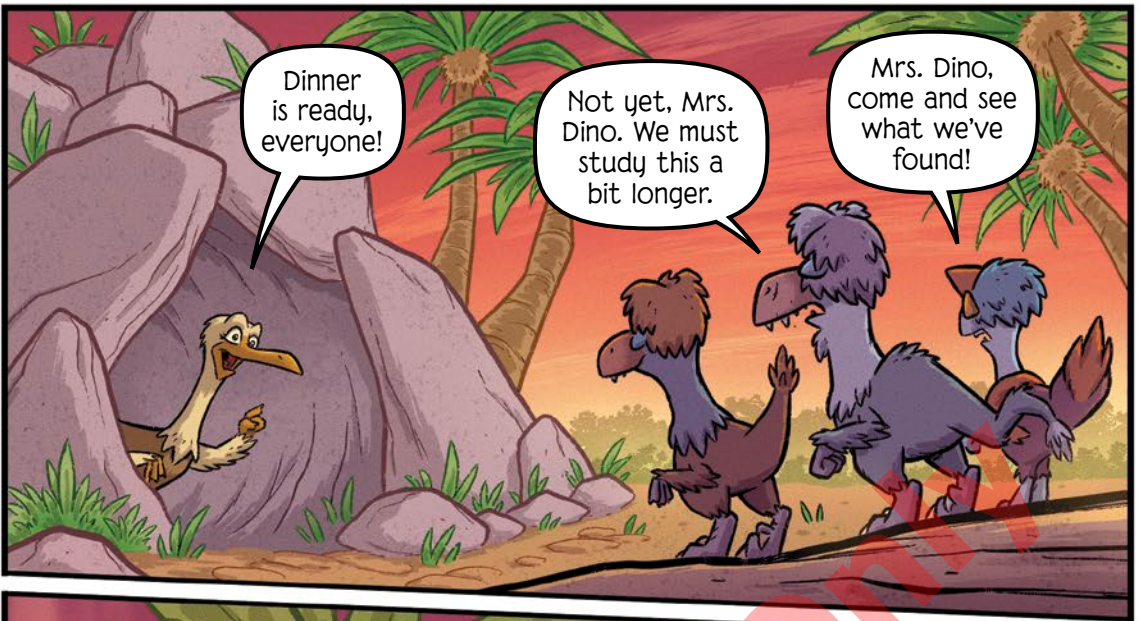
Dr. Raptor, do you think this could be related to our studies?

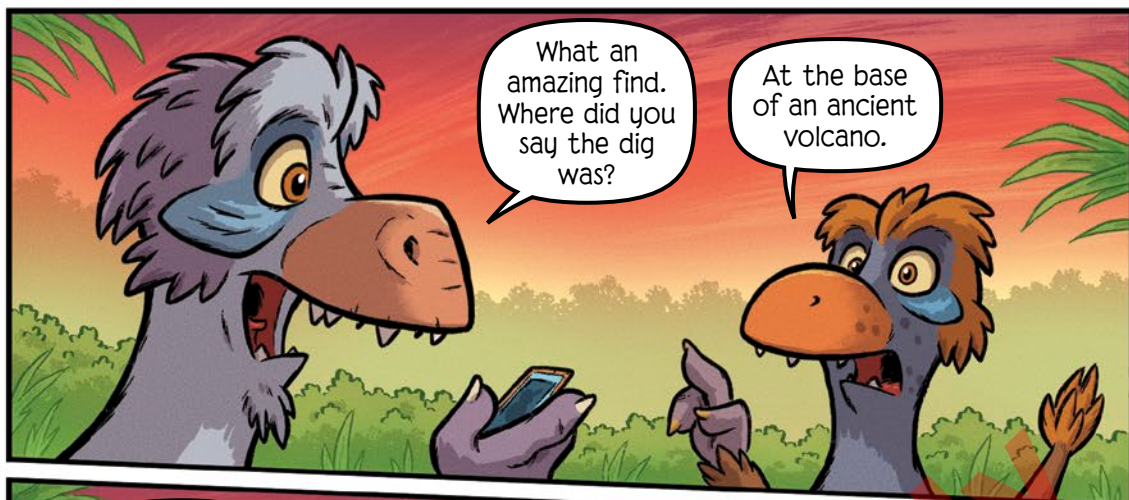
His nephew Mateo had just come from an archaeology class at a local dig site.

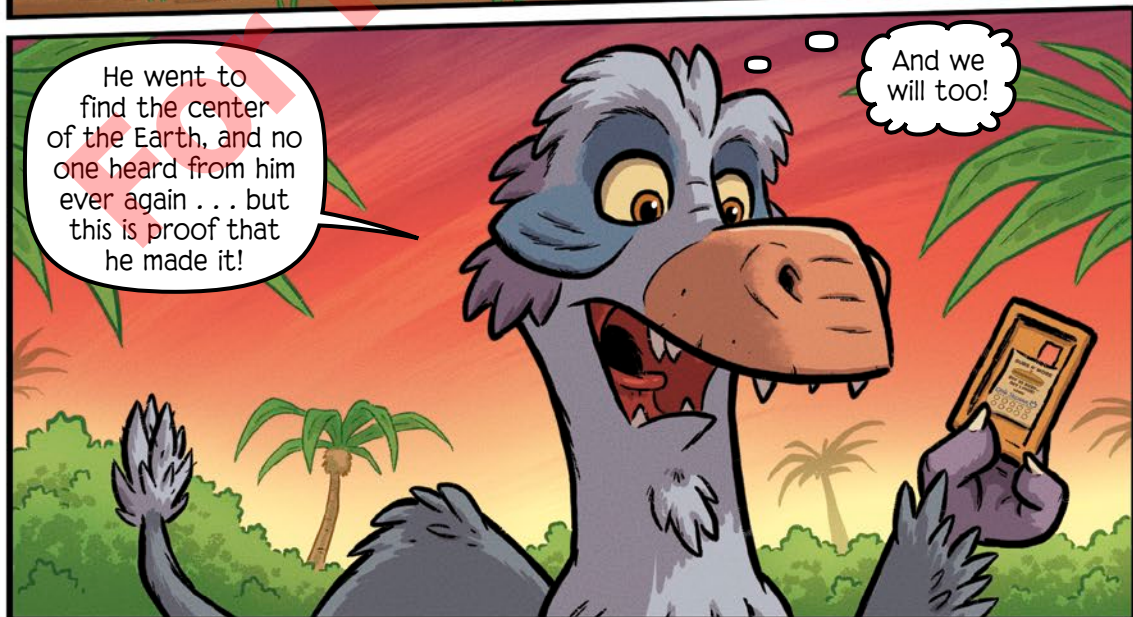
I'm glad you did.

My classmates were just going to throw it away. But it looked important to me, so I brought it home.

Imagine not being curious about something like this!







ALL ABOUT THE ORIGINAL STORY!

Journey to the Center of the Earth was originally published in French in 1864. It was written by science fiction author Jules Verne. In the original, a German professor named Otto Lidenbrock and his nephew, Axel, find a coded note in an old book. The professor and his nephew crack the code. They discover it had been written by an alchemist named Arne Saknussemm. The note gives directions on how to find the entrance to a cave that led to the center of the Earth.

Professor Lidenbrock and his nephew travel to Iceland, where the cavern is located. There they hire a guide named Hans to take them to the crater mentioned in the coded message. Following the note's instructions, they wait for a beam of light to reveal the entrance to the pathway to the center of the Earth.

Once inside, the trio faces many dangers. They finally come to a giant cavern that was lit by electrified gas. There, they discover huge mushrooms, petrified trees, and fossilized remains of ancient animals. They build a boat to take themselves out onto the sea, where they are attacked by dinosaurs! A lightning storm finally sends their boat back to shore.

Eventually, they discover a passageway that had been marked by Saknussemm, but it was blocked by boulders. They set off an explosion to clear the boulders, but instead, the blast opens up a bottomless pit. Ocean water spilled into the hole, taking the explorers with it. They eventually shoot out of a volcanic chimney back onto the surface of the Earth!

A FAR OUT GUIDE TO THE STORY'S PREHISTORIC TWISTS



In the original story, people—not dinosaurs—travel to the center of the Earth—not the other way around.



The original story's volcano is in Iceland, but that's not the case in this story.



In the book, the professor and his nephew take a guide named Hans with them, not an oviraptor named Darby!



The cavern at the center of the Earth is lit by electrified gas in the book, not strings of lights.



VISUAL QUESTIONS

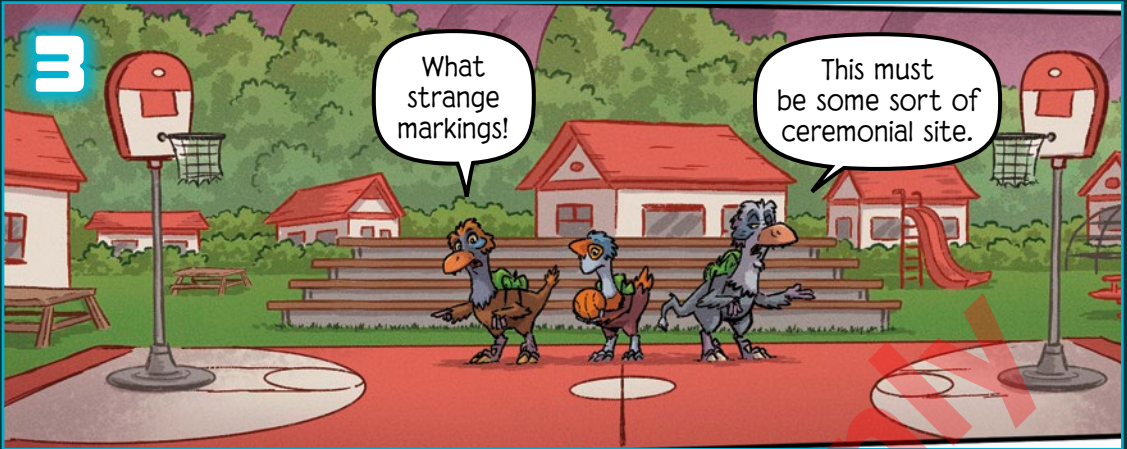
Were you surprised when you saw what the mystery object was? Why might dinosaurs find it fascinating?



Ernie Stegosaur left clues behind on his trip to the center of the Earth. What hints are there in the illustrations that the crew is on the right path?



What is this place? Why might the dinosaurs think it is a ritual site?



Illustrations can show emotion. What are the characters feeling here? How can you tell?



Illustrations can also show action. What is happening in this panel? How can you tell?