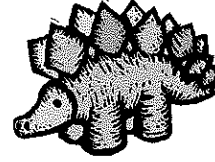
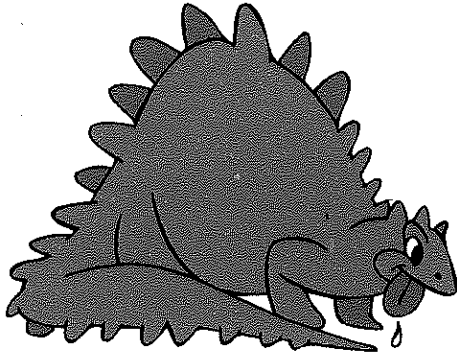


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The Incredible 7 and The Time Machine

Emma the incredible, and Jester Josh were sitting in a café with their friends Georgia, May, Charlotte Ellie and Jack and they were wondering what it would be like to go back to the age of the dinosaurs.

'Wouldn't it be amazing...' said Emma 'if we could travel way back in time and see dinosaurs?'

'Well, I'd be a bit afraid.' Said Georgia 'What if we couldn't get back?'

'Oh, it would be all right. We would make an incredible time machine. Charlotte, Ellie and Jack are good at building things' added May.

And so they all got stuck in, collecting bits and pieces, nuts and bolts, metal and plastic and all kinds of useful things to make their time machine. It took a long time but eventually there before them stood a dazzling, gleaming time machine. The team stood back and looked at their masterpiece.

'Wow !' exclaimed Jack 'It's amazing!'

'Well...we've just got to hope it works now!' replied Georgia.

'Let's try it, right away!' exclaimed a very excited Charlotte.

'Ok but I hope we're back in time for supper!' said Josh.

And so all 7 of them crammed into the time machine, set the date and time way back millions of years BC and pressed the start button.

At first nothing happened and then with a loud woosh and swoosh the time machine began to do its work. The children clung on to each other, startled by the sounds and the bright flashing lights and, when it eventually went quiet and the noises stopped, they nervously peered out of the tiny porthole window. It was very quiet.

They all stepped timidly out of the time machine and looked around them in amazement. They seemed to be in the middle of a dark, dense forest. Ahead of them they could see a cluster of full-grown Stegosaurus excitedly awaiting the hatching of a dinosaur from an egg.

The forest was quiet. All the birds were still. The sun was trying to peep through the thick vegetation of the forest roof when suddenly there was a loud 'crack'.....and the children held their breath in anticipation. Then, there was another 'crack' and another and finally, a wet, green-grey, mucky little baby Stegosaurus tumbled from the egg shell and rolled out towards his mother's huge

feet! Mother Stegosaurus gently nudged her precious newborn onto his wibbly-wobbly feet. Father Stegosaurus just grunted, sniffed and turned to mother in amazement. This really was a miracle.

The children looked on, from a distance, and decided to name the little baby 'Teg'.

Teg seemed to be a fine, strong Stegosaur and quickly began to explore his surroundings and it soon became apparent that he was a very independent, inquisitive dinosaur. He left the safety of his parents' protection and wobbled over towards the children.

Emma was intrigued with the little creature. She stretched out her hand and called to him, coaxing and persuading the little fella to come to her.

'Hey...don't do that!' warned Jack 'We'll have them all over here in minute and they are massive! Don't fancy being chased by that lot!'

'Scared?' asked Ellie

'Course not!' replied Jack 'I just don't want the little dinosaur straying too far away from his family, that's all!'

The children wandered on through the forest, looking at all the strange plants and animals they found along the way. Some were spikey. Some were very bright and colourful and others were very brown and dull. The Steogsaurus were still some way off, admiring their new baby and munching on grass and vegetation. Teg was learning to walk on his brand new stubby little legs, still wobbling and wobbling between his parents feet. The day was very peaceful and calm. The 7 children, happy and relaxed.

Suddenly there was a large crash....

'What was that?' whispered Charlotte

'Not sure..' replied Jack 'Maybe we should take a look?'

Georgia and May were shaking with fear and nearly crying. 'Don't worry' said Josh 'It's probably nothing to worry about'.

But it WAS something to worry about. Charging towards them at a very fast rate was a massive Tyrannosaurus Rex, making very good progress in gaining on the children!

'Quick! Run!!' shouted Jack and the children took off, running as fast as they could, tracking their way through the forest, jumping over tree roots and fallen logs, breathing fast until at last they crashed into a heap behind a tree trunk and watched the T-Rex go galloping by roaring and screaming, thundering onwards and away from the frightened little group.

Now Georgia and May started to cry and Charlotte, comforting them, said 'Hey...it's ok, it's gone now. Let's make our way back to the time machine. Let's get out of here..'

'Yes,' agreed Josh 'Enough adventure for one day. Come on...'

and the party of 7 wearily trudged back the way they had come, back into the forest towards the group of Stegosaurus. They were still there, munching on vegetation, with little Teg bouncing around in the centre. Off to the left, half hidden by leaves and branches where it had come to rest, was their time machine.

The children pulled open the door and fell into the time capsule, quickly tumbling in one after another. Charlotte set the date and time and the children clung together once more for their journey back to 2011.

The wooshing and swooshing started up again and the time machine rattled and shook, lights flashing, bumping and banging, shaking the children from side to side, until eventually the noises and movement stopped. The children, a little dazed, cautiously peered through the porthole window, jostling for a view of their own little world to which they had safely returned!

'Whew!' said Ellie

'What an adventure!' said Jack

'Amazing!' said Josh

'Incredible!' said Charlotte

Whilst Georgia and May started to cry again and, hugging each other, exclaimed 'Thank goodness we're home again'

'Yes..' replied Josh '...and just in time for supper!'