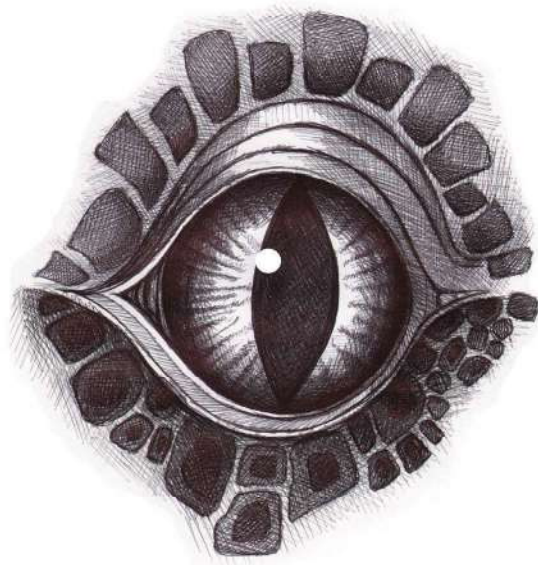


Discovering the Truth About Dinosaurs



Written by Philip Bell
Illustrated by Alison Brown

FOREWORD

Holding a child's attention while reading with them is absolutely paramount if you want them to learn from what you are reading together. This book is a winner on three fronts:

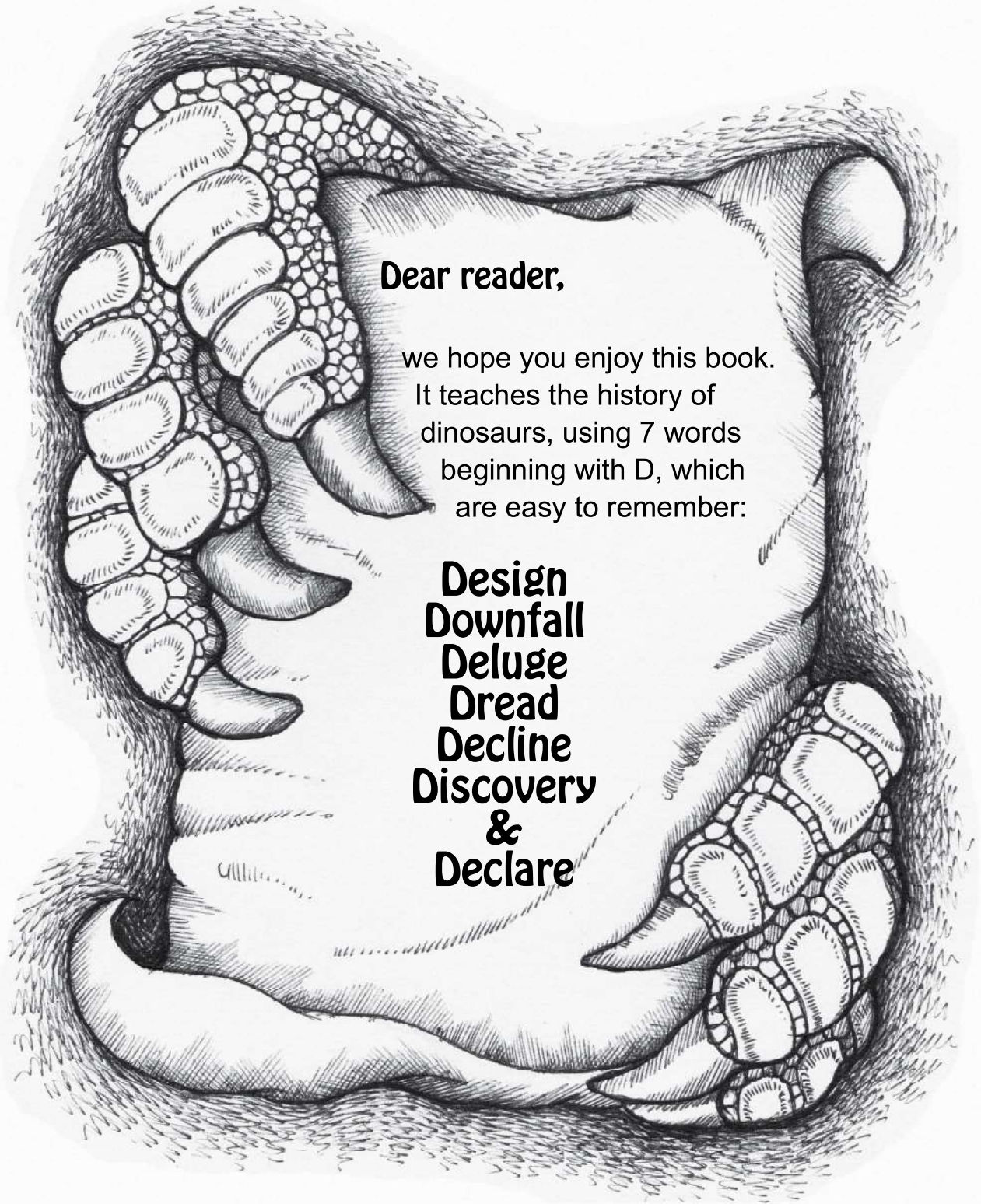
- The beautiful illustrations command attention — children love animals and dinosaurs are the top favourites;
- The poetic verse is simple and easy to read and provides opportunity for further explanation, while teaching biblical truths;
- The 'Notes for Parents and Teachers' is a valuable resource and will provide answers for broader explanations.

As one who has read many books with children, it always served me well to do *my* homework first. To that end, read the notes and follow the links provided for more information. You won't regret the effort. Children seem to be born programmed to ask, 'Why?' and it's always harder to undo wrong information than it is to teach the truth from the very beginning.

Philip and Alison have produced a book worthy of a place in any home. I am honoured to have been asked to write this foreword.

Margaret Wieland

*Author of the Please Nana series of children's books
and Production Co-ordinator, Creation magazine*



Dear reader,

we hope you enjoy this book.
It teaches the history of
dinosaurs, using 7 words
beginning with D, which
are easy to remember:

**Design
Downfall
Deluge
Dread
Decline
Discovery
&
Declare**

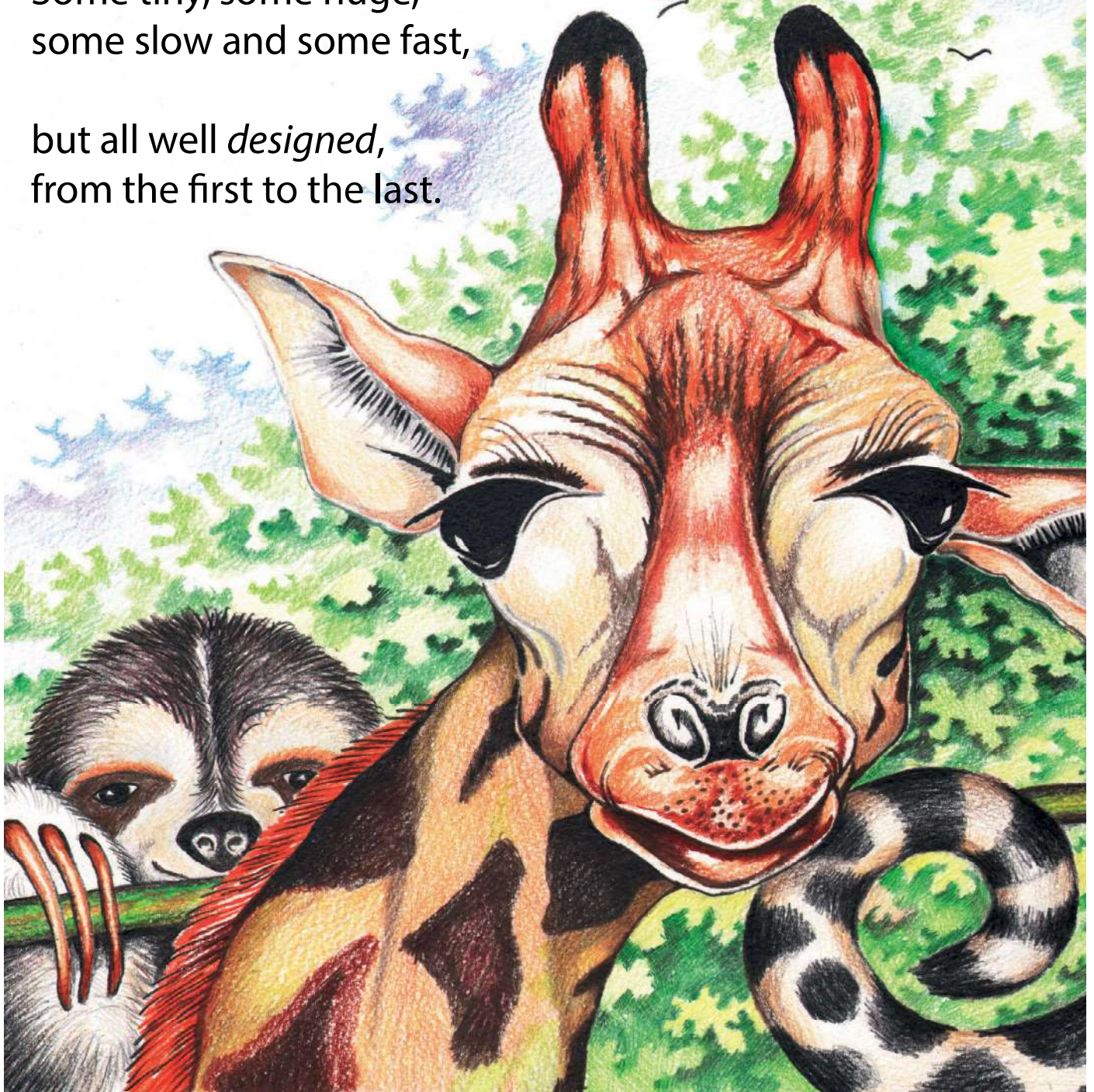
Educational helps and notes begin on page 35,
but the story starts here ...

Design

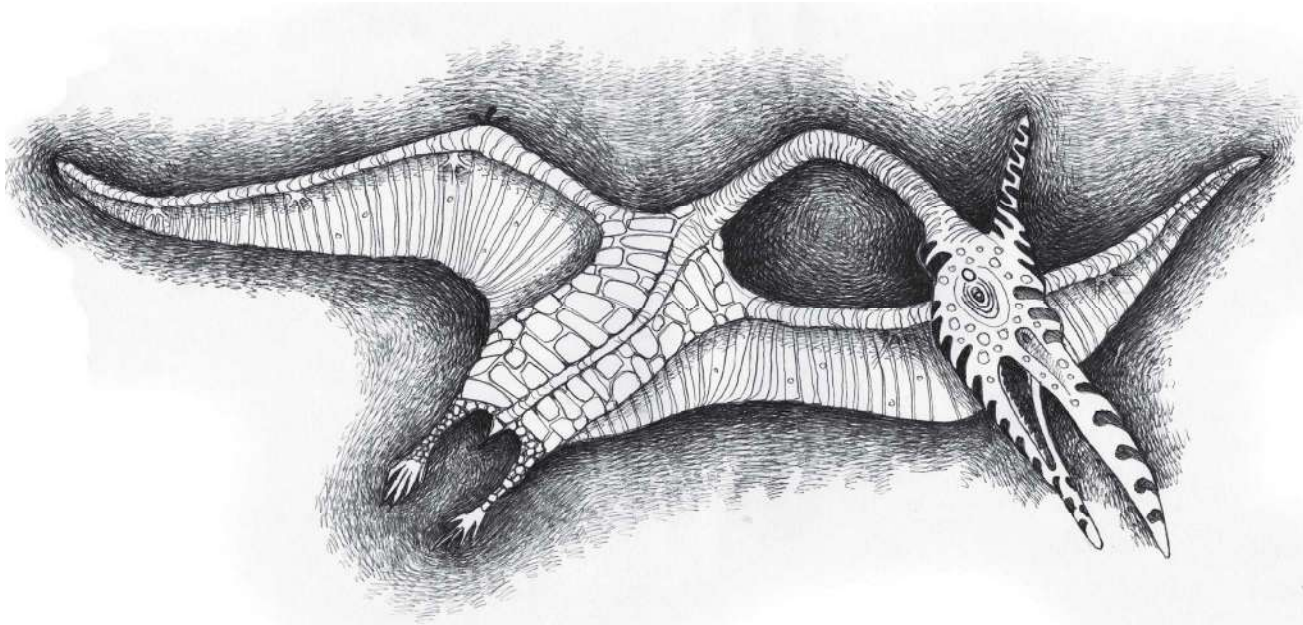
Before the Creation, our God had in mind,
marvellous beasts of many a kind.

Some tiny, some huge,
some slow and some fast,

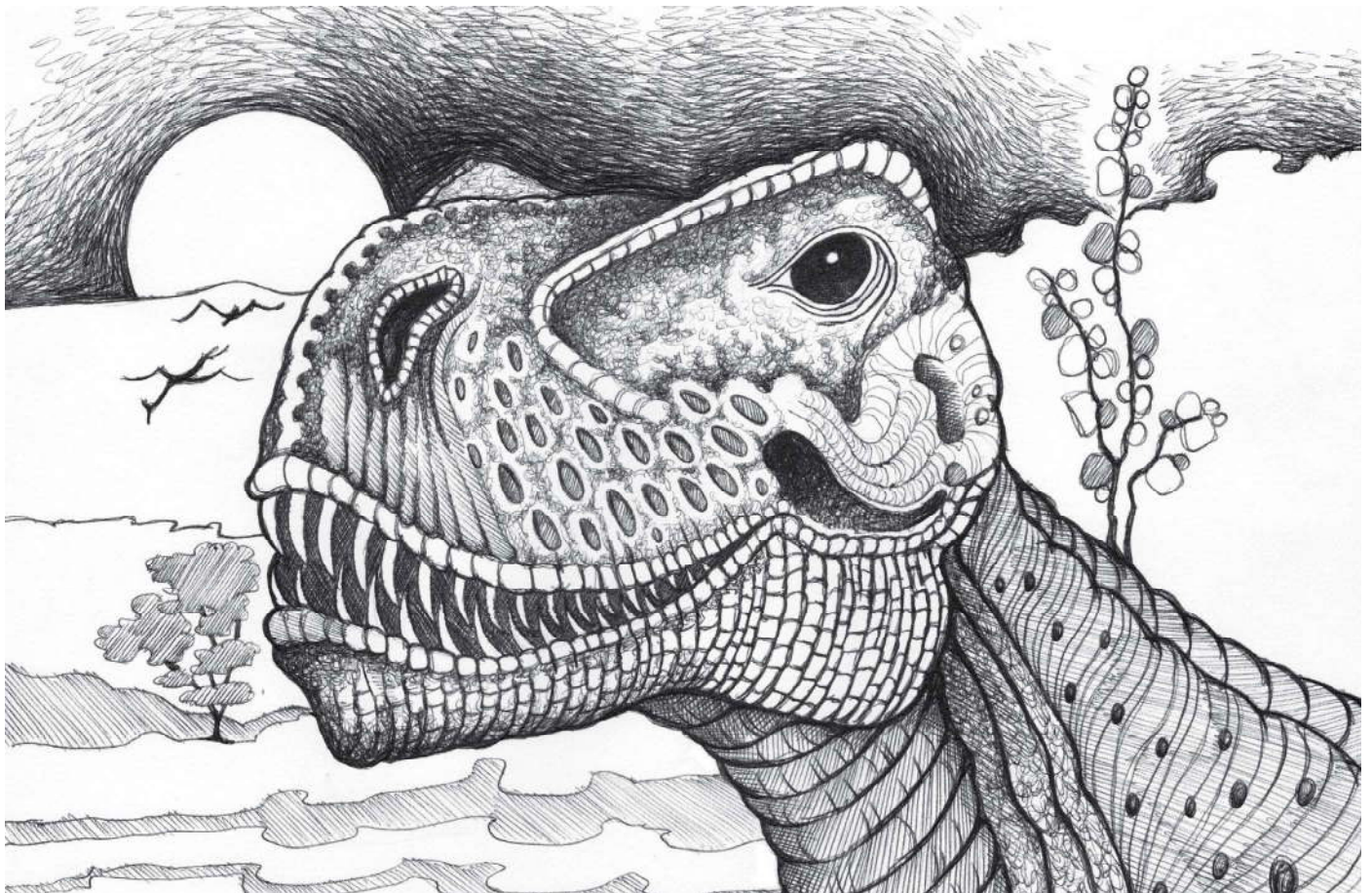
but all well *designed*,
from the first to the last.



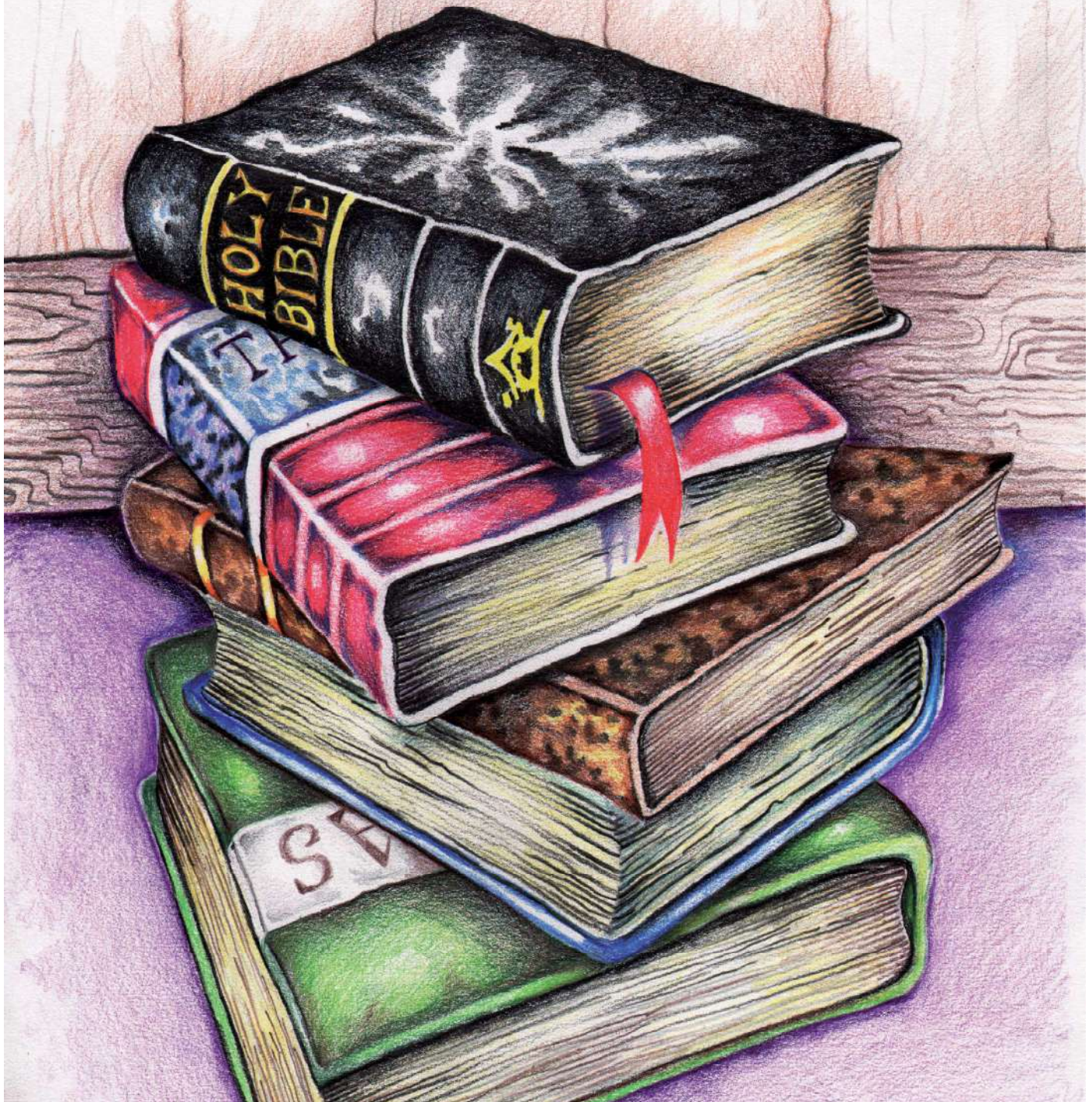
These creatures included the splendid and strange;
which though now extinct were part of God's range.



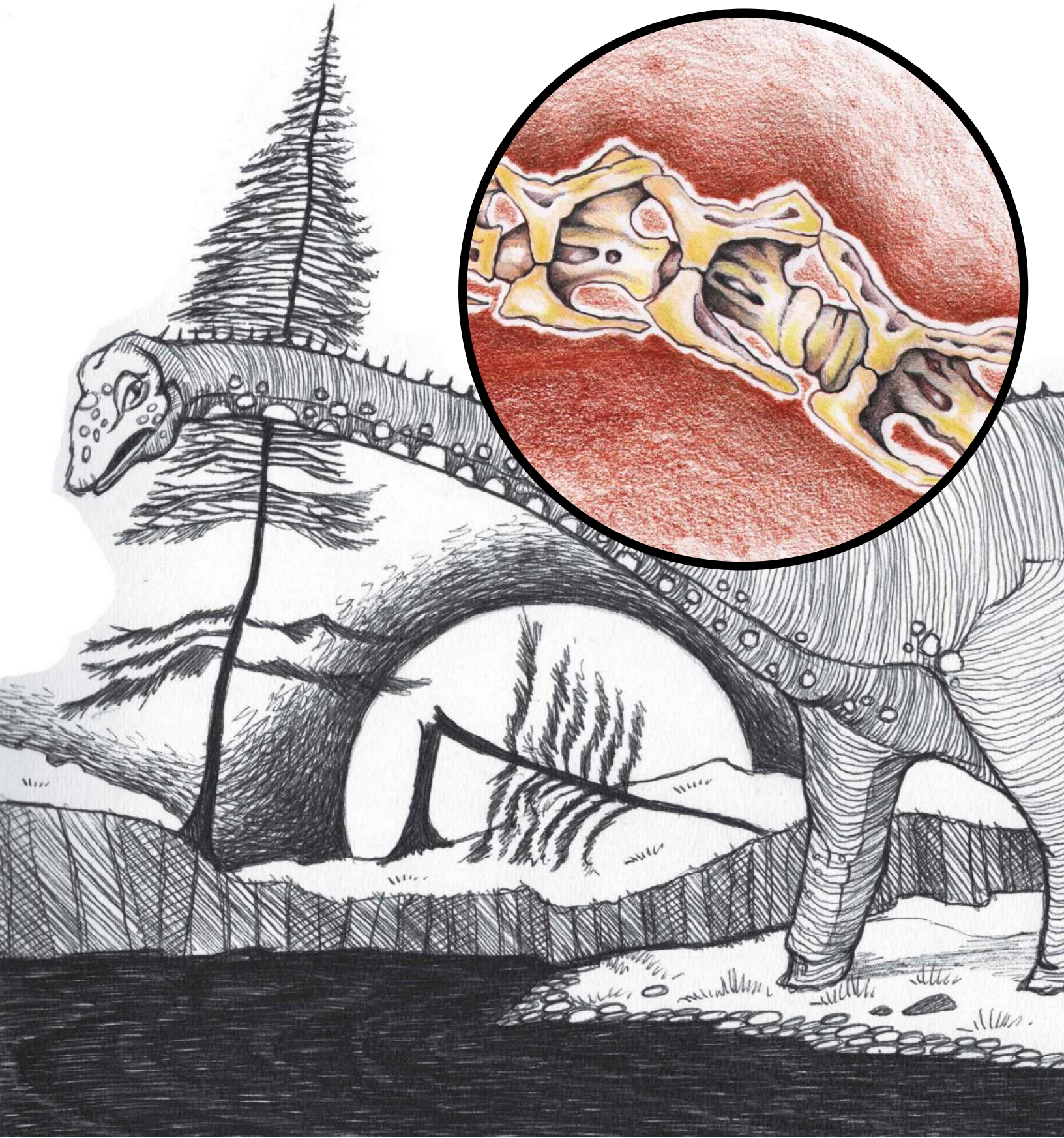
Terrible lizards, of sky, sea and land;
God made these great monsters just by his command.



Some think that the Bible is not a true word,
“A six-day creation”, they say, “is absurd!”
They teach life evolved without plan or *design*,
but compared to such claims, God’s Scriptures outshine!

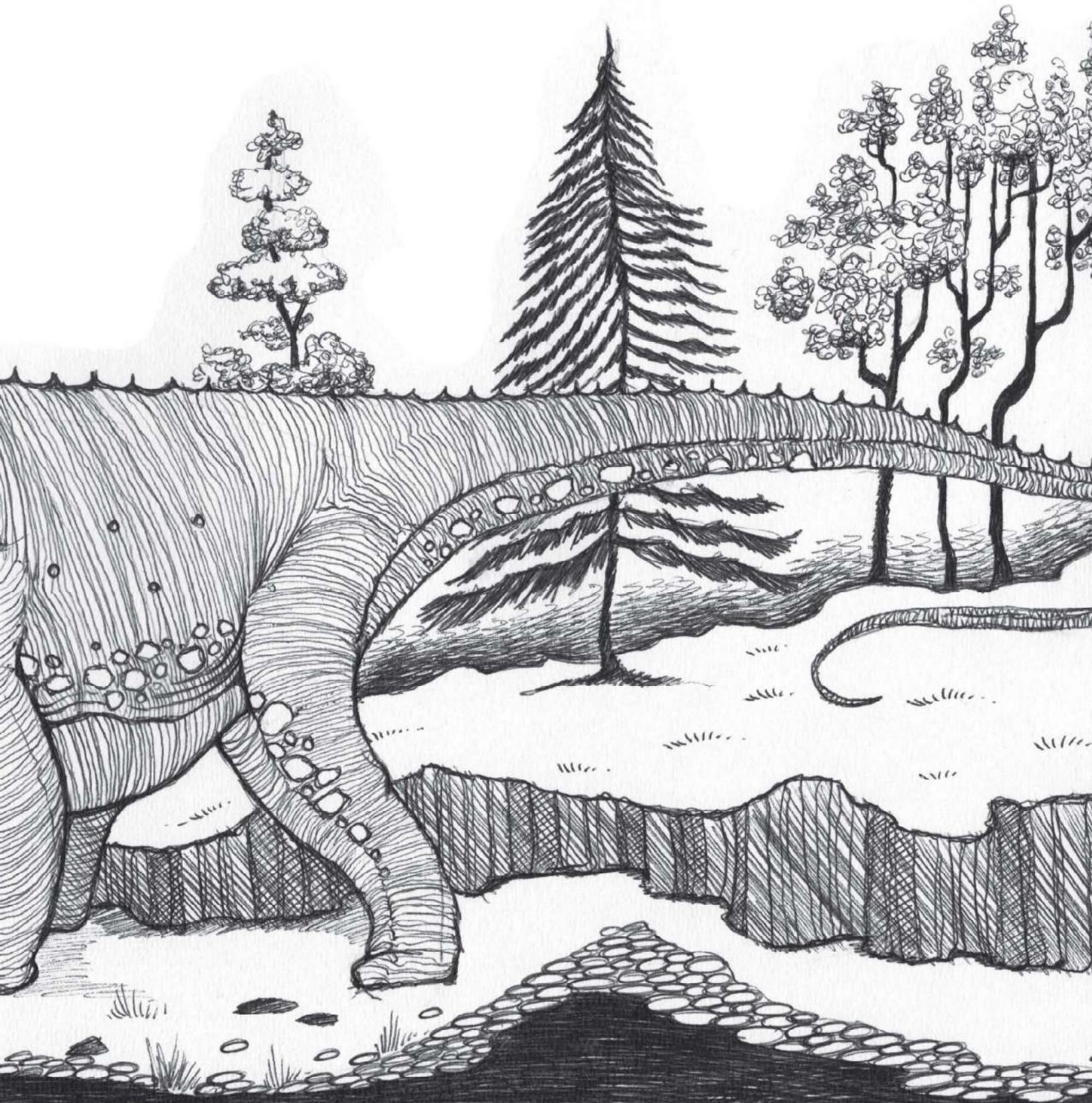


Think of *Diplodocus*; tail like a beam,
and a neck as enormous; his length was supreme!
But bones with air-spaces helped lighten his weight,
while neck-ribs supported his head as he ate.



Downfall

Those dinosaurs dazzled, of that we are sure,
“But why”, people ask, “do we see them no more?”



At first God's creations
were all "very good":
no animals hurting,
or eaten for food.



That's not like today,
as I'm sure you
have seen,



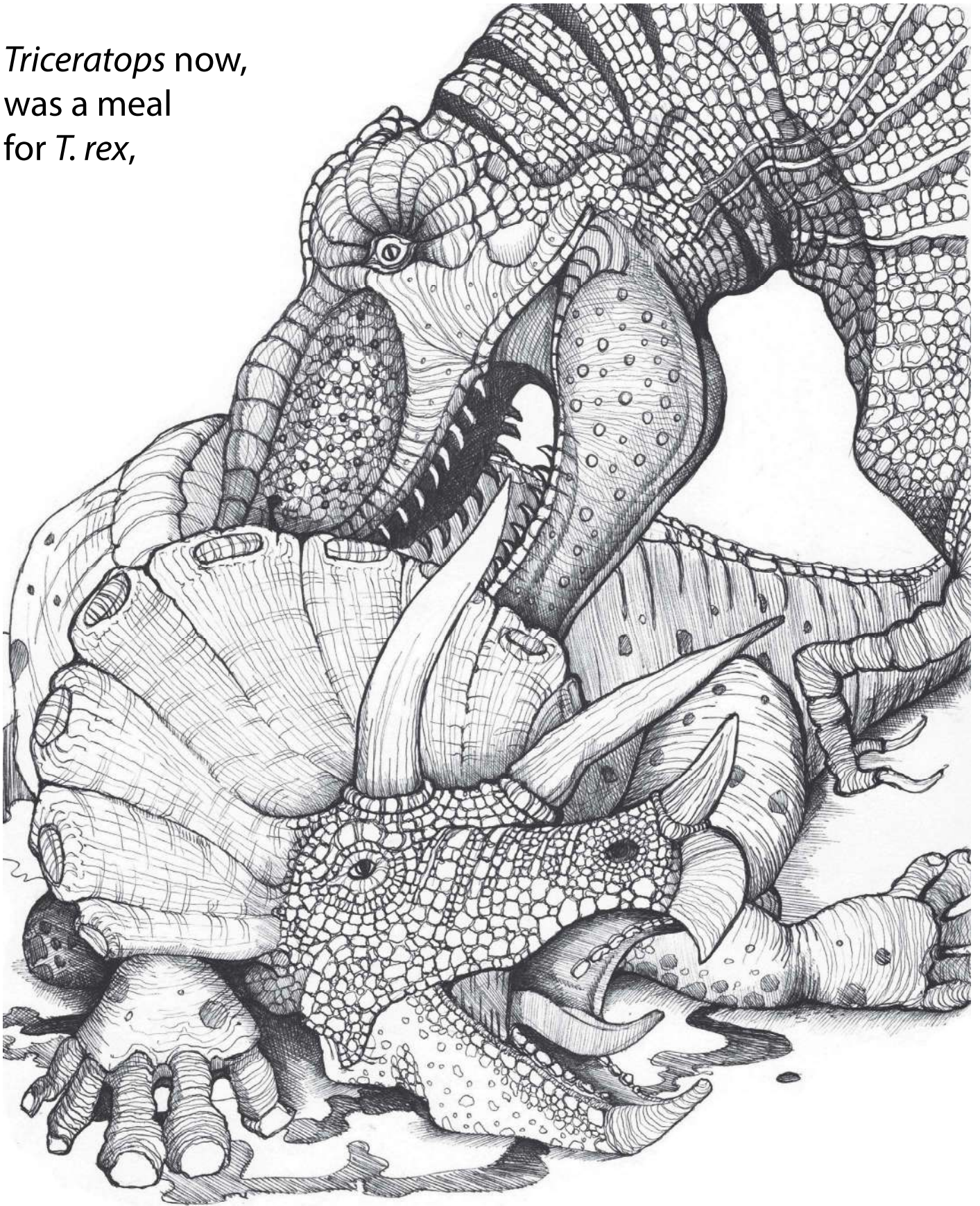
... so how
did the world
become wicked
and mean?

That question is answered in Genesis three;
our first parents sinned, eating fruit from that tree.



This *downfall* meant God judged the earth with a curse,
some beasts became violent, and men were far worse.

Triceratops now,
was a meal
for *T. rex*,



while raptors were killers; the *downfall's* effects.