

## MAIASAURA AND THE MOON

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## – DINOSAURS AND PREHISTORIC CREATURES –

Can you find these dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures in *Maiasaura* and *the Moon*?

### MAIASAURA

- Who they were: *Maiasaura* means “good mother lizard.” These gentle, plant-eating dinosaurs lived in herds and cared for their young in nests, which makes them one of the best examples of dinosaurs that raised families.
- Fun fact: Scientists found fossils showing *Maiasaura* nests with eggs and babies showing proof that dinosaur parents really did care for their young.
- In the story: Minh and Auntie Maia are both *maiasaura*. Minh uses science to protect his aunt’s nest from rising tides.

### PARASAUROLOPHUS

- Who they were: A dinosaur with a long, curved crest on its head that helped it make trumpet-like sounds. It was also a plant-eater that lived in herds.
- Fun fact: Some scientists think they used their crests to talk to one another or to play sounds like musical instruments.
- In the story: The *Parasaurolophus* brass band, *Crest Love* is the festival’s band that uses both their crests and instruments to play music.

### ANKYLOSAURUS

- Who they were: A heavily armored dinosaur with bony plates all over its body and a big club-like tail for defense.
- Fun fact: *Ankylosaurus* was like a walking tank and it even had armor on its eyelids.
- In the story: *Kylo*, one of Minh’s teasing friends, is an *ankylosaur*.

## PTEROSAUR / PTERANODON

- Who they were: Flying reptiles (not technically dinosaurs) that soared through the skies during the age of dinosaurs. Pteranodon is one of the most famous types, with a long, pointed beak and no teeth.
- Fun fact: Some had wingspans as wide as a small airplane.
- In the story: Terrie, another of Minh's friends, is a pterosaur. Jonathan and Redge also see a flock of pteranodons flying overhead when they arrive in the Quotatious Period.

## ELASMOSAURUS

- Who they were: A long-necked marine reptile that lived in the ocean. It wasn't a dinosaur but shared their prehistoric world.
- Fun fact: It had a neck so long it made up half its body length.
- In the story: Chaz the Elasmosaurus helps Jonathan and Redge travel across the Fanta-SEA to the world of dinosaurs.

## DEINONYCHUS

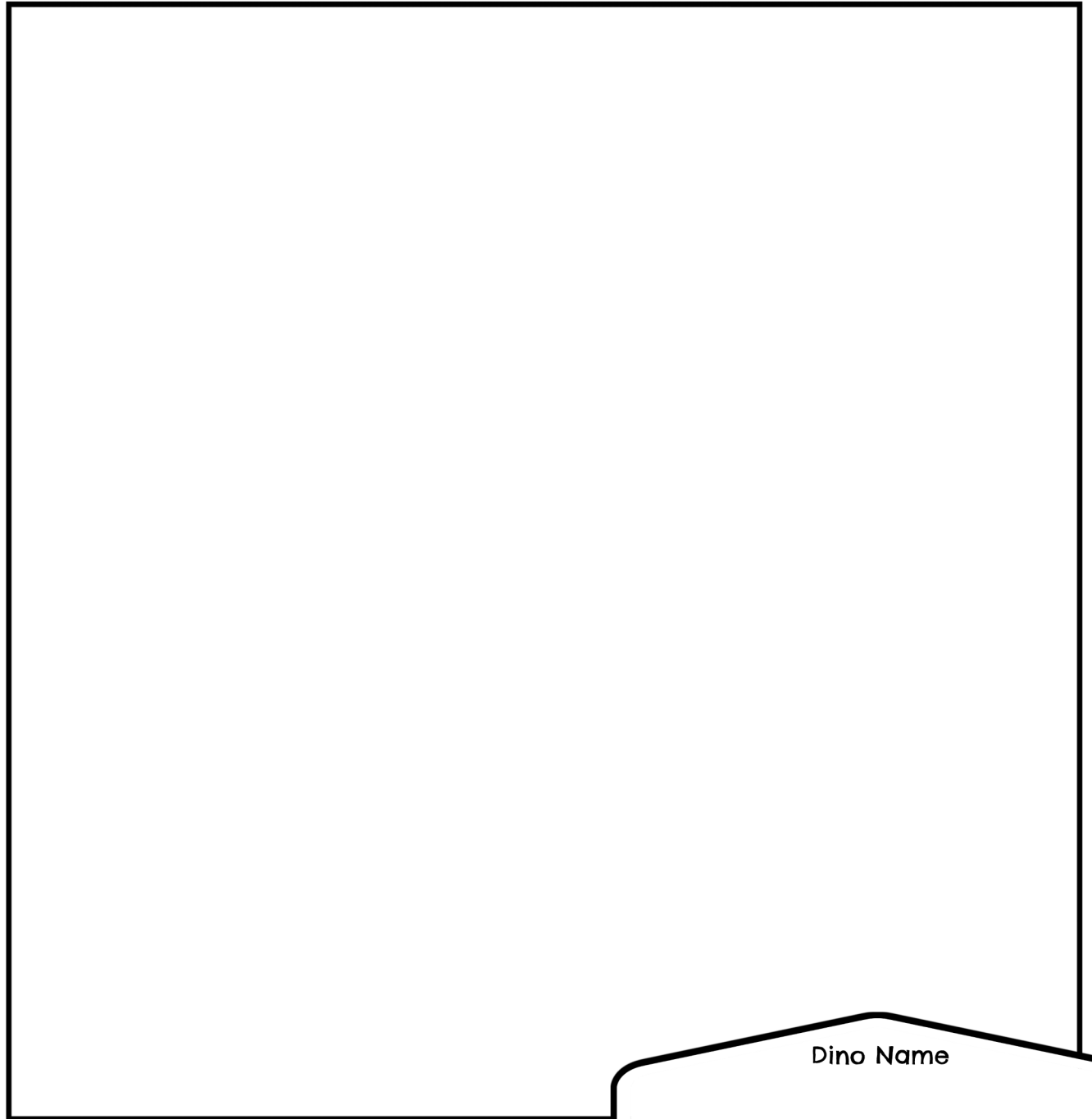
- Who they were: A quick, sharp-clawed, meat-eating dinosaur known for its speed and agility.
- Fun fact: Deinonychus inspired the idea of the "Velociraptors" in the Jurassic Park movies.
- In the story: Mentioned when Jonathan and Redge imagine what kinds of dinosaurs they might find.

## TYRANNOSAURUS REX

- Who they were: One of the most famous carnivores ever, known for its massive size, sharp teeth, and powerful bite.
- Fun fact: Despite being fierce, the T-rex probably had excellent eyesight and a great sense of smell to find food.
- In the story: Mentioned when Jonathan and Redge imagine what kinds of dinosaurs they might find.

# My Quotatious Period Dinosaur!

In "Maiasaura and the Moon" you visited the imaginary Quotatious Period, but you met dinosaurs that really did walk the Earth many, many years ago. Now you get to use your imagination to create your own dinosaur! Give it a name, describe what makes it special and draw a picture of it in the space below.



Dino Name

Dino Description

