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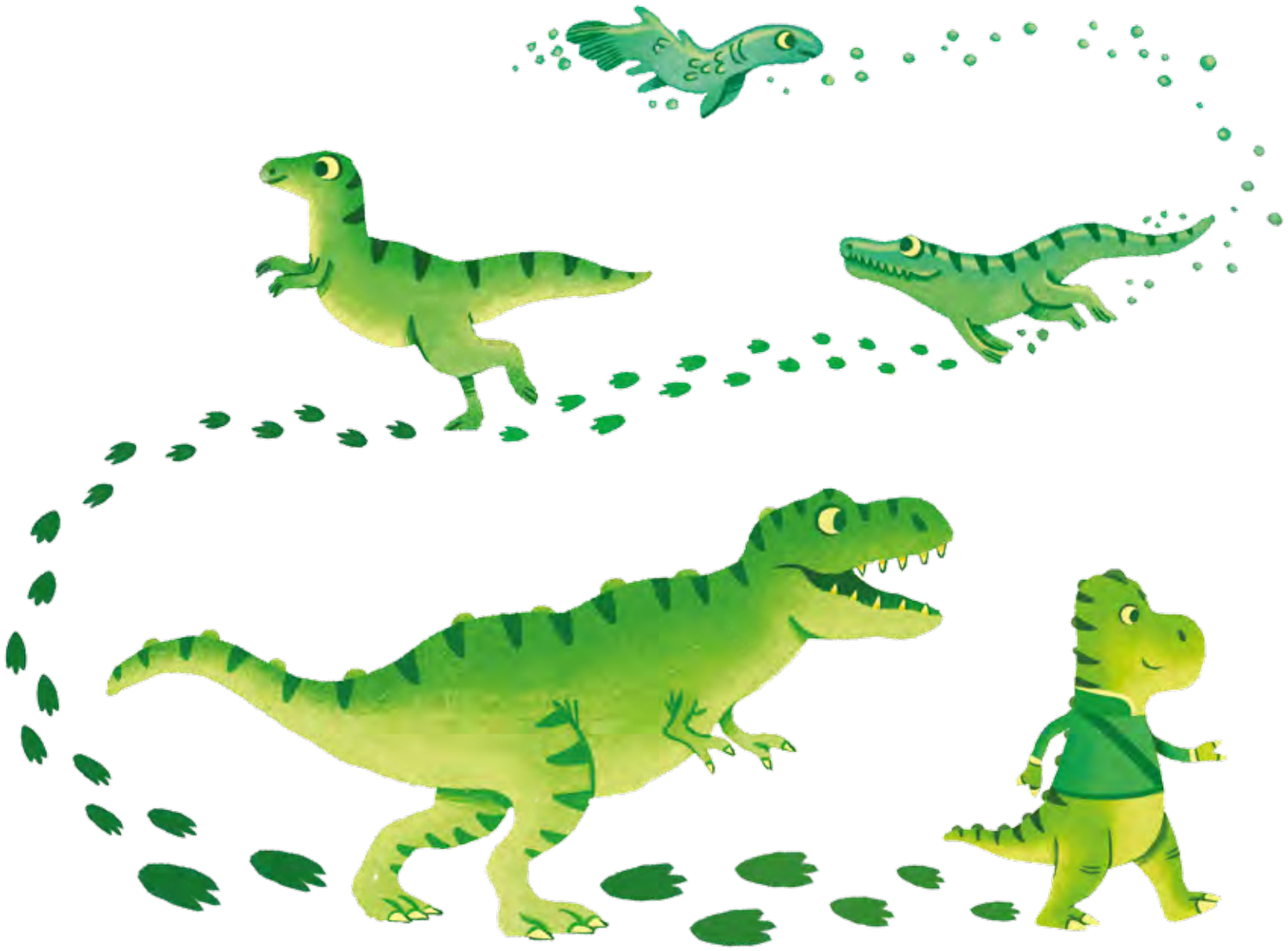
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# FROM DINOSAUR TO DINOSTAR

## TYRANNOSAURUS REX





## CAPTAIN T-REX

Devoted and fearless leader of the Dinostars. Dedicated to exploring Space and keeping his team safe.

- Favourite colour: **Red**
- Least favourite food: **Beans**
- Fastest speed travelled: **30 G**
- Did you know?
  **He is the oldest Dinostar by 5 months**




**For Ned Mantle**

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In the deepest, darkest reaches of the Dinostar galaxy,
the Dinopod shut down its boosters and eased to a stop.




"Are we there yet?" asked Tops.

Dippy looked confused.
"We should be looking right at Planet Bellu . . .
But it's gone!"

"How can a planet totally disappear?"asked Rolo.
"And why?" said Captain T-Rex. "Four have gone
missing this week. Something very strange is happening."

At that moment Steg entered the control room carrying his latest invention. "Say hello to the GUZZLE-ATOR!" he beamed.




"It makes any meal bigger! Just point it at the food and set the dial to how hungry you are."

"Let's see!" said Dippy, holding up the doughnuts. Steg set the growth ray to MEGA HUNGRY.

ZZZAAAAPP!

"Sorry Dippy!" shouted Steg. "My aim isn't very good."

Dippy's neck began to shake,

and it grew longer . . .

and longer . . .

and LONGER!



The computer screen started to flash with a warning. "Look!" said Tops. "Another planet is moving."

Captain T-Rex grabbed the controls and they sped towards the mysterious moving planet.