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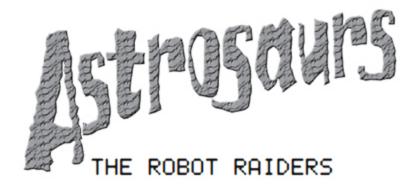
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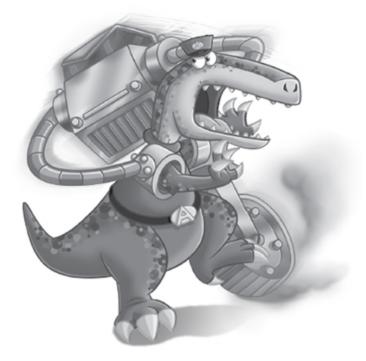
About the Book

DINOSAURS . . . IN SPACE!

Meet Captain Teggs Stegosaur and the crew of the amazing spaceship DSS Sauropod as the ASTROSAURS fight evil across the galaxy!

The astrosaurs are called to Mekta, a super-city for rich dinosaurs. But mysterious raiders are stealing Mekta's robot servants. Can Teggs and the gang uncover the computer-crazy criminals in time?





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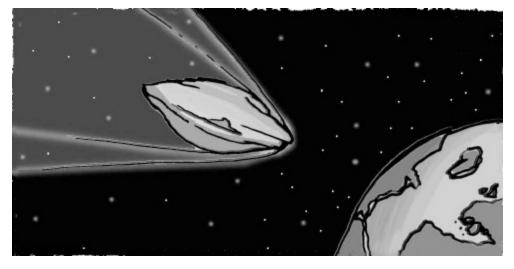
For Kieran Watt

WARNING!

THINK YOU KNOW ABOUT DINOSAURS? THINK AGAIN!

The dinosaurs . . .

Big, stupid, lumbering reptiles. Right?
All they did was eat, sleep and roar a bit. Right?
Died out millions of years ago when a big meteor struck the Earth. Right?



Wrong!

The dinosaurs weren't stupid. They may have had small brains, but they used them well. They had big thoughts and big dreams.

By the time the meteor hit, the last dinosaurs had already left Earth for ever. Some breeds had discovered how to travel through space as early as the Triassic period, and were already enjoying a new life among the stars. No one has found evidence of dinosaur technology yet. But the first fossil bones were only unearthed in 1822, and new finds are being made all the time.

The proof is out there, buried in the ground.

And the dinosaurs live on, way out in space, even now. They've settled down in a place they call the Jurassic Quadrant and over the last sixty-five million years they've gone on evolving.

The dinosaurs we'll be meeting are part of a special group called the Dinosaur Space Service.



Their job is to explore space, to go on exciting missions and to fight evil and protect the innocent!

These heroic herbivores are not just dinosaurs.

They are *astrosaurs*!

NOTE: The following story has been translated from secret Dinosaur Space Service records. Earthling dinosaur names are used throughout, although some changes have been made for easy reading. There's even a guide to help you pronounce the dinosaur names on the next page.

Talking Dinosaur!

How to say the prehistoric names in this book . . .

STEGOSAURUS - STEG-oh-SORE-us

TRICERATOPS - try-SERRA-tops

IGUANODON - ig-WHA-noh-don

HADROSAUR - HAD-roh-SORE

PTEROSAUR - teh-roh-SORE

DIMORPHODON - die-MORF-oh-don

THE CREW OF THE DSS SAUROPOD



CAPTAIN TEGGS STEGOSAUR



ARX ORANO, FIRST OFFICER



GIPSY SAURINE, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



IGGY TOOTH, CHIEF ENGINEER

