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About the Book

NASTY TO MEET MOO?!

Evil is afoot in outer space. Terrifying mutant dinosaurs threaten to wipe out humanity.

A deadly mission lies ahead for a new superteam – one which can travel across space AND time.

Fun-packed thrills and danger (and a few cups of tea) are in store when the amazing *Astrosaurs* meet the coolest *Cows* in *Action*!

CAN THE NEW FRIENDS DEFEAT THEIR SCARIEST, DAIRYEST ENEMY YET?



THE DINOSAUR MOO-TANTS



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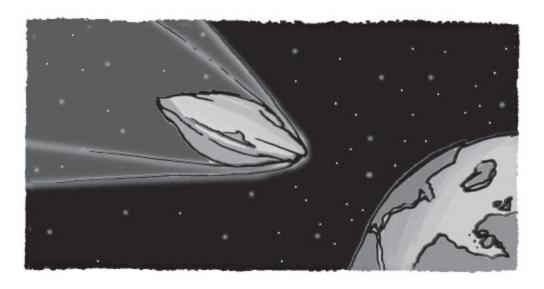
WARNING!

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.

THE CREW OF THE DSS SAUROPOD



CAPTAIN TEGGS STEGOSAUR



ARX ORANO, FIRST OFFICER



GIPSY SAURINE, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



IGGY TOOTH, CHIEF ENGINEER

★ THE C.I.A. FILES ★

Cows from the present – Fighting in the past to protect the future . . .

In the year 2550, after thousands of years of being eaten and milked, cows finally live as equals with humans in their own country of Luckyburger. But a group of evil war-loving bulls - the Fed-up Bull Institute - is not satisfied.

Using time machines and deadly ter-moo-nator agents, the F.B.I. is trying to change Earth's history. These bulls plan to enslave all humans and put savage cows in charge of the planet. Their actions threaten to plunge all cowkind into cruel and cowardly chaos . . .

The C.I.A. was set up to stop them.

However, the best agents come not from 2550 - but from the present. From a time in the early 21st century, when the first clever cows began to appear. A time when a brainy bull named Angus McMoo invented the first time machine, little realizing he would soon become the F.B.I.'s number one enemy . .

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COWS OF COURAGE - TOP SECRET FILES



PROFESSOR ANGUS MCMOO



Security rating: Bravo Moo Zero

Stand-out features: Large white squares on coat,

outstanding horns

Character: Scatterbrained, inventive, plucky and keen

Likes: Hot tea, history books, gadgets

Hates: Injustice, suffering, poor-quality tea bags

Ambition: To invent the electric sundial

LITTLE BO VINE



Security rating: For your cow pies only

Stand-out features: Luminous udder (colour varies) **Character:** Tough, cheeky, ready-for-anything rebel **Likes:** Fashion, chewing gum, self-defence classes

Hates: Bessie Barmer, the farmer's wife

Ambition: To run her own martial arts club for farmyard

animals

PAT VINE



Security rating: Licence to fill (stomach with grass)

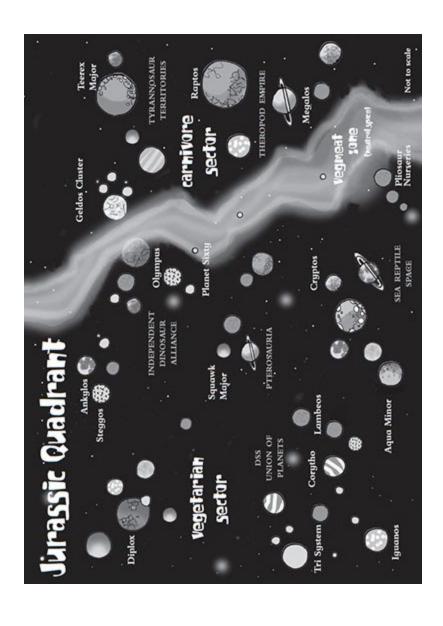
Stand-out features: Zigzags on coat **Character:** Brave, loyal and practical

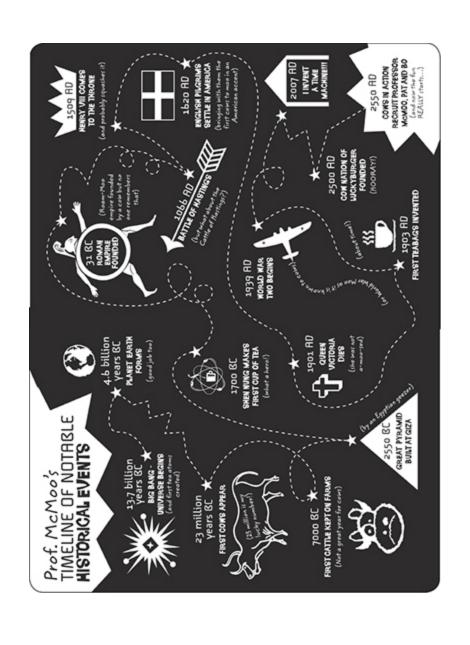
Likes: Solving problems, anything Professor McMoo does

Hates: Flies not easily swished by his tail

Ambition: To find a five-leaf clover - and to survive his

dangerous missions!





Chapter one

MISSION TO PLANET SIXTY



The DSS *Sauropod* – finest spaceship in the Dinosaur Space Service – was shooting through the stars on an urgent mission.

"I *love* urgent missions," cried Captain Teggs Stegosaur, munching some leaves in his control pit. "Urgent missions mean action and adventure – and several emergency extra lunches."

Gipsy Saurine, the hadrosaur in charge of the ship's communications, had to smile. Teggs was always hungry – for exciting escapades as much as for plants! "Well, that distress call we picked up sounded *very* urgent."

She replayed the message through the speakers.

"Attention all astrosaurs!" came a booming voice. "We have crashed on Planet Sixty . . . Immediate help needed! PI FASF!"