

Huge Rex Charges Out



Roar! A **huge** rex
charges out from the
plants. 'I am the best
dinosaur there is,' yells
Rex.

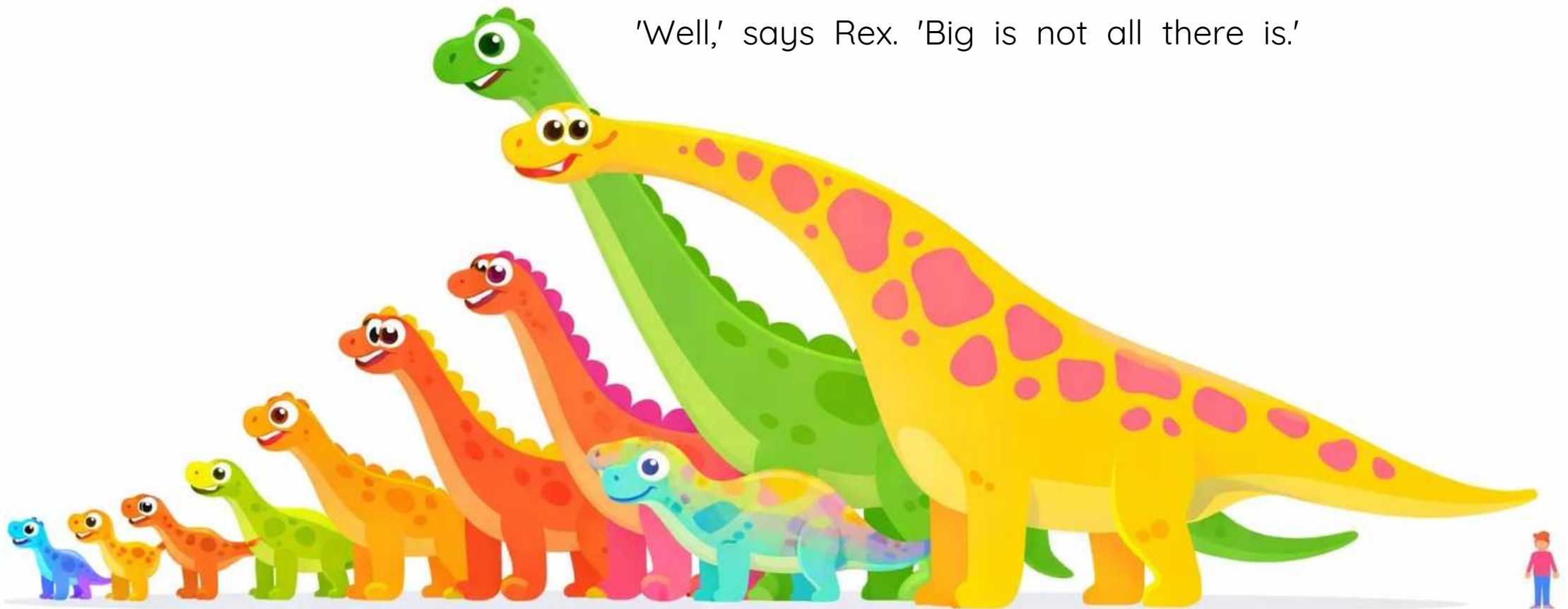
More dinosaurs peek
out from the ferns. They
blink. They gaze at Rex.
They do not clap.



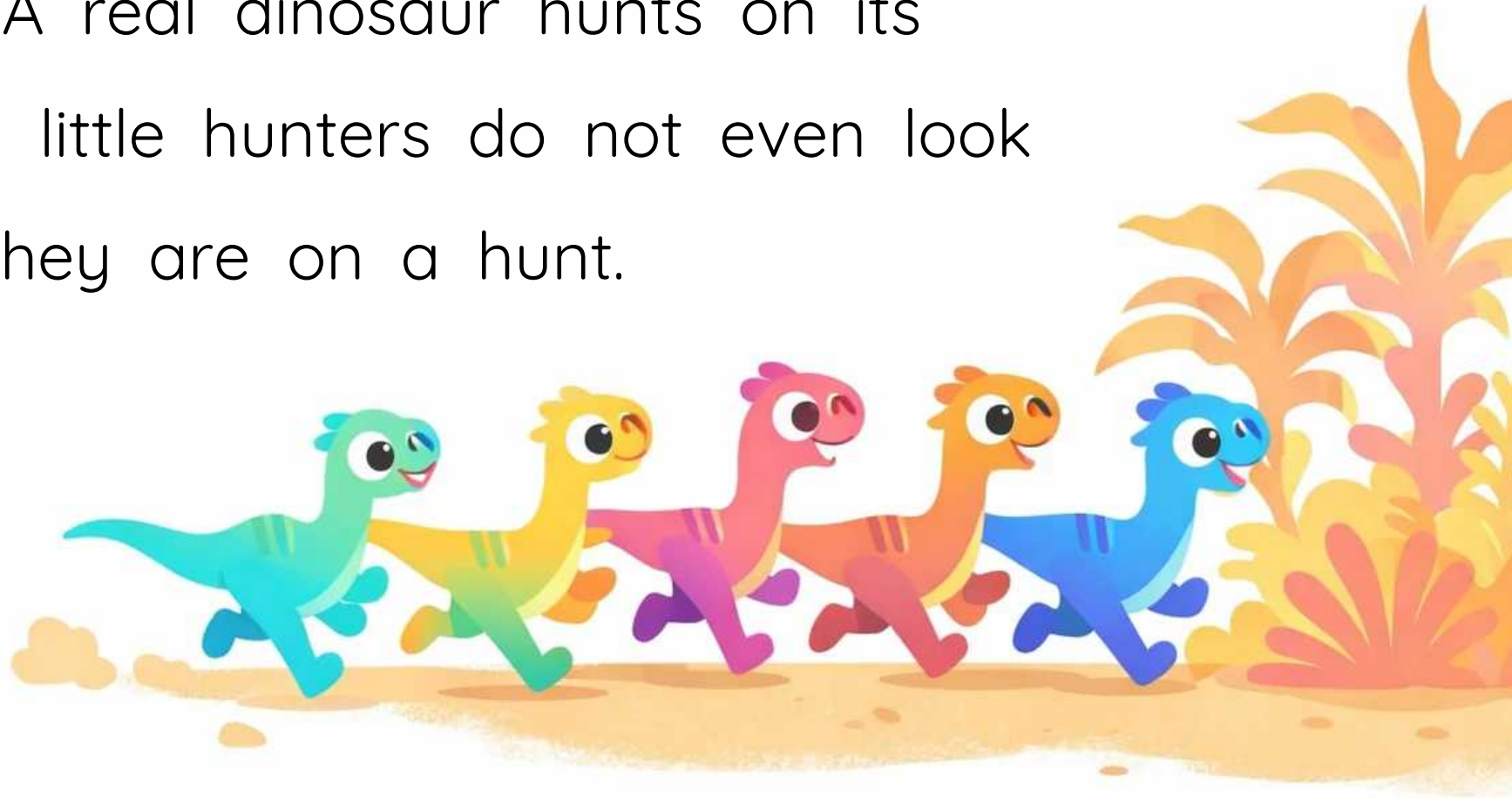
'Look at this,' says Rex. 'We dinosaurs come in all shapes. Tiny ones, small as a cat. Big ones. And then...'

Rex looks up. And up. And up, at the **huge** long-neck **giants** that stand over all. A tiny **gent** stands at the end, small as an ant.

'Well,' says Rex. 'Big is not all there is.'



Five small hunters race in the sand, fast and swift, like one team. 'Show-offs,' says Rex. 'Hunting in a gang. How **strange**. A real dinosaur hunts on its own.' The little hunters do not even look at Rex. They are on a hunt.





Rex opens its mouth wide.
Very wide. So very wide.
'See this **large** mouth?' says
Rex. 'Rows and rows, sharp
as blades. Snap! Rip!
Chomp!' Rex prowls in the
hot dust with a grin. 'An
expert can see what a
dinosaur ate from just one
tooth. One look at my
mouth, and you can see
what I eat.'

The long-neck **giants** pace across the plain in the sun. 'Rex,' calls one, 'what hue are we?' Rex opens its mouth. Rex gulps. 'No expert can say,' says Rex. 'Bones keep for **ages** and **ages**, but skin does not. So no expert has seen the true hue.' Rex thinks a bit. 'But I bet I was red. So red.'



A smooth dinosaur stands by the plants. Rex points at it. 'See? A real dinosaur. Smooth. Grand.' But here is a **strange** fact no one has told Rex. Many dinosaurs, Rex too, have plumes. In time, some grow small. So small that they can fly. Now they are birds. 'Wait,' says Rex. 'So a hen comes from us? A hen?'





A **giant** looks down at the little ones in the plants below. The tiny dinosaurs peek up with small smiles. Rex watches from far off. It says nothing for a long time. 'Fine,' it whispers. 'That is cute. Even I can see that is cute.'

A small dinosaur strides in the ferns on both back legs, tail out, little hands out. 'Not bad,' says Rex. 'An expert studies bones and old footprints to see how we run. Each bone is a clue. Each footprint tells a story.' The little one trots by with such **energy**. 'But my footprints are **huge**,' says Rex. '**Huge** footprints are the best.'





A **large** dinosaur stands up tall on its back legs, looking glad. But look close. Those front hands can grab! 'It can grab food from way up high with those hands,' says Rex. 'Or give a swipe to keep safe. Those hands help a lot.' Then Rex looks at its own tiny arms. It looks at the big, strong hands on the other dinosaur. In a blink, Rex picks a new thing to brag about.

'Fine. Let us chat about my arms.' Rex stands tall and grips a small beast in both hands. 'All the jokes make me **rage,**' says Rex. 'Tiny arms, they yell. But here is a fact. My arms are strong. Strong to grip. Strong to press me up off the sand. Small can still be strong.' Rex flexes. 'Who jokes now?'





Three long-necks stand on the rocks with smiles, like they hide a clue. 'What?' says Rex. They just smile. 'What?' 'Each new bone can **change** the story,' says the big one. 'What we see now can **change**. Experts still study us. Rex, even you have more to see.' Rex opens its mouth to say no. Then it stops. That is a good point.

Rex stands by the old trees. Sunlight glows on the land. 'I do not see it all,' says Rex. 'I said I did. But there are bones still deep under the sand, **strange** facts no expert has seen, and much still to ask.' Rex looks at you. 'So I **urge** you. Keep digging. Keep asking. And never, never stop roaring.' Roar!





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A huge rex charges out of the jungle, sure it's the greatest dinosaur ever. But the other dinosaurs just stare, unimpressed, as giants tower overhead and swift hunters race by without a glance. Can this loud, strange braggart find something to be proud of? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 3, Unit 3: soft g as in giant), this book practices words like 'huge', 'charges', 'strange', 'giants', 'large'.

Phonics Focus: <soft> <g>

ages, change, charges, energy, gent, giant, giants, huge, large, rage, strange, urge

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