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DINOSAUR PLANET



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Dramatis Personae

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Prologue

NARRATOR Sixty five million years ago the dinosaurs disappeared, and now... they're back!

COMPANY Dinosaur Planet! (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet! (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo)

Norwich Police Station

NARRATOR No-one would have believed, in the early years of the twenty first century, that the end of the world would have its beginnings in Norwich.

(a telephone rings)

SGT PHIL Norwich Police Station, how can I help you? Oh, hello Dorrie - what's that? Strange noises at the old farm? It's not your Pete again is it?

(a telephone rings)

WPC JENNY Norwich Police Station, how... what's that Mary? Lights in the sky? It's not the street lamps again is it?

SGT PHIL I tell 'ee what Jen, this is the fifth call I've had this morning about rum goings on going on.

WPC JENNY Don't I know it Phil - I reckon it's time we opened that Protocol Zed thing.

NARRATOR Protocol ZEE -

WPC JENNY Sorry.

NARRATOR The emergency procedure used only when events suggest either a hostile planetary invasion or some kids messing about.

SGT PHIL Says here Jen we need to send out our "youngest, most agile, most open-minded..."

WPC JENNY "... most expendable member of staff". Oh no, you don't mean...

SGT PHIL Darren!

WPC JENNY Not my Darry-lamb!

PC DARREN Yes Sergeant?

SGT PHIL Ah, PC Dougan. Got a very important job for you young'un.

NARRATOR And so it is that young Police Constable Darren Dougan sets out for the mysterious old farm house at the centre of the reports...

WPC JENNY (off) Be careful!

NARRATOR ... and a date with destiny.

WPC JENNY

Don't, Darren, don't Drive your panda car Out to the old abandoned farm And don't, Darren, don't Leave your police radio On the back seat, with your phone

COMPANY

You might as well get into a spitfire Clutching a photograph Of the fiancee who you promised This mission would be your last

SGT PHIL

Don't, Darren, don't See a strangely glowing shape And decide to investigate Don't, Darren, don't Get any closer and then shout

PC DARREN

Is there anyone about?

COMPANY

You might as well go down the basement Of a haunted house Saying

PC DARREN

There's no such thing as ghosts!

COMPANY

Just as the lights go out

WPC JENNY & SGT PHIL

Turn around and look behind you Darren When you heard a sound I doubt that it was nothing

COMPANY

Every time I see you in films, Darren I shout 'Turn around' but the same thing always happens You'll be teleporting down to a planet Wearing a red shirt If someone's getting shot with a phaser gun It won't be Captain Kirk Or you'll be diving into the ocean Scoffing at the warning flags Saying

PC DARREN

These lifeguards don't know what they're talking about -

Sharks never attack

COMPANY

Or you'll be driving the super-villain In your lorry to the prison yard Taunting Magneto, saying

PC DARREN

You'll never escape From behind these iron bars!

WPC JENNY & SGT PHIL Don't, Darren, don't Come running crying home to me You won't get any sympathy Just don't.

The Mysterious Old Farm House

PC DARREN Hello? Anyone there? Is that... a spaceship?

NARRATOR Closer, ever closer walks PC Darren Dougan, until he sees...

PC DARREN It's a door! And that's a ... a Dinosaur! Wearing a spacesuit?

COMPANY

Dinosaur Planet! (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo)

Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet! (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo) Sixty five million years ago they disappeared Now the dinosaurs are back The human race must learn to live in fear The earth is under attack From the Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo) They do not come in peace, they come in hate Let non-saurons beware But is there something that they're running from? What could make a Tyrannosaur scared? On the Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo) But could a crazy kind of love exist Between a human and velociraptor? Or might it only take one small kiss To turn that cold cold blood to warm? All it needs is someone brave enough To go where only love can go To hold out the hand of peace and say...

PC DARREN No! No! No! Mercy!

NARRATOR Clearly not. On the...

COMPANY Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo)

The University Of Space

NARRATOR The next morning and across the planet people go to work as they would on any morning, unaware that this day could be their last. In Leicester, England, Research Assistant Terence Truelove sits at his desk at The University Of Space, his only concern a telephone conversation with his mother.

GENERAL TRUELOVE (*on telephone*) Come on Terence, isn't it time you found yourself a proper job?

TERRY But Mum, this is a proper job!

GENERAL TRUELOVE What, looking through telescopes all day? What a waste of taxpayers' money!

TERRY It's not a waste of money Mum, it's important research!

GENERAL TRUELOVE You sound just like your grandfather - and look what happened to him!

TERRY

They had it easy in the renaissance They could invent new branches of science over lunch But nowadays we work more incrementally No-one's naming any new elements after us Because we all do a little bit That's how we do research There's teams all round the world Doing these little bits of work We only do a little bit But it's always for the best Every great leap forward takes a lot of little steps And no, it isn't very glamorous We won't make a world-shattering breakthrough We might find an explanation for gravitic oscillation But I somehow doubt you'll hear it on the news Because we all do a little bit But it's a little bit of good And compared to working for a bank That little bit's enough We only do a little bit But when you put them in a pot All these little bits together Turn into a lot Like the movement of tectonic plates That slowly change the planet Like the tiny grains of sand that swallow cities Like the mountains moved by rain drops Or the jungle moved by ants That's why my thesis isn't finished

Some people think that they can save the world all by themselves

But all of history's heroes had a little bit of help Robin Hood had Merry Men, King Arthur had all of his knights Even Batman had a butler to help him iron his tights So if you do a little bit don't be belittled by Those who do a lot of nothing that's in any way worthwhile Let's all get on with our little bits and let's take a little pride Knowing we are all a little bit of the future of mankind

The Secret Army Base

GENERAL TRUELOVE That's all very well dear, but I still think that...

(a knock on the door)

GENERAL TRUELOVE Hang on, there's somebody at the door. I'll ring you tomorrow. Bye bye.

TERRY (on telephone) Bye Mum!

NARRATOR A secret Army Base, somewhere in Southern England. The Office of Terry's mother, General Muriel Truelove.

GENERAL TRUELOVE Come!

CORPORAL SHAW General Truelove! Ma'am!

GENERAL TRUELOVE What is it Corporal?

CORPORAL SHAW Dinosaurs Ma'am, Space Dinosaurs!

GENERAL TRUELOVE Space Dinosaurs?

CORPORAL SHAW Dinosaurs from Space ma'am. Apparently they're landing near Norwich and killing everyone.

GENERAL TRUELOVE Are you drunk, young man?

CORPORAL SHAW No Ma'am - we've just heard a report on the radio - listen to this.

Norwich

BOB SPLENDOUR And we've got a report coming in from Norwich now, where I believe Maureen Hennessy is on the scene. Maureen, what can you tell us?

MAUREEN HENNESSY Hello Bob. Yes, I'm reporting live from Norwich where - Oh my God! Here they come!

MAUREEN HENNESSY

Here come the dinosaurs Run for the hills! They're here to stamp and claw and bite God help us if there's a fight We'll get killed

Here come the dinosaurs To eviscerate They take delight in genocide With hatred in their eyes But they look don't half look great

BOB SPLENDOUR

But don't you think it's wrong To be stood singing a song When a herd of hungry carnivores are near?

MAUREEN HENNESSY

Yes, but their murderous machines Are so marvellously sleek They're so fabulous, so functional, and here Here are the dinosaurs Looks like we're doomed Oh but I am still in awe Of their oh so stylish claws As they slice me in two Here are the dinosaurs I've no regrets The blood is pouring out of me But they still look chic As they eat my legs

BOB SPLENDOUR

And you might think that she's a fool For having

MAUREEN HENNESSY

Dinosaurs are cool! BOB SPLENDOUR As the second to last thing to go through her mind But the last thing was a tooth Which you must admit it's true

MAUREEN HENNESSY

Is a pretty bloody awesome way to die

The Secret Army Base

GENERAL TRUELOVE Good Lord! We need to find a way to combat these creatures. And I know just the place to start looking. Corporal!

CORPORAL SHAW Ma'am?

GENERAL TRUELOVE It's time for these Academics to start earning their money.

TERRY (*on telephone*) Hello, University Of Space, Terry Truelove speak...

GENERAL TRUELOVE Terence, it's your Mother. I need to speak to your boss.

TERRY My boss?

GENERAL TRUELOVE Now Terence, there's a good boy

TERRY Yes Ma'am!

The University Of Space

NARRATOR And so, ten minutes later, Peter Probersite, Professor Of Space Physics, is finishing the strangest conversation of his entire academic career.

PROFESSOR Yes, yes, I see. Very well, I'll get onto it right away. Thank you General Truelove. Goodbye.

(a knock on the door)

PROFESSOR Come in! Ah. Terry.

TERRY Prof?

PROFESSOR Tell me Terry, is your mother... is she quite sane?

TERRY Why do you ask?

PROFESSOR Well, she seems to be convinced that the planet is being invaded by a marauding army of Space Dinosaurs.

TERRY Space Dinosaurs?

PROFESSOR Dinosaurs from space, yes. And she's charged us with gathering together all the leading experts on space dinosaurs.

TERRY Ah.

PROFESSOR I mean to say, I've never heard the like! Surely nobody has ever been insane enough to research such a thing.

TERRY Well... actually Prof, I do know of one published paper about space dinosaurs.

PROFESSOR Really? Whatever is it called?

TERRY

It's called The Theory Of A Dinosaur Planet I'll just give you the abstract to be going on with

PROFESSOR

Please do!

TERRY

The Cretaceous-Tertiary Extinction event occurred, as far as we know,

Sixty five point five million years ago But even the interval of error in that estimated date Is longer than it took us humans to evolve from apes And if in that time we mammals managed to conquer space I believe the Dinosaurs could have done the same That's The Theory Of A Dinosaur Planet The dinosaurs packed up and got away

They must have had astronomers who saw the meteorite And they must have hypothesised the planet's dreadful plight I expect their engineers would have come up with the plan That said "Let's build a bunch of spaceships" "And get out while we still can"

And in sixty five million years they will undoubtedly have changed

Into a peaceful, deeply philanthropic kind of race That's The Theory Of A Dinosaur Planet There are dinosaur philosophers in space

PROFESSOR My goodness me! But... but how do you know so much about this... this Theory Of A Dinosaur Planet, of which you speak?

TERRY Well...

It was my Grandad who wrote the above

Which he submitted as a paper though his colleagues didn't think he should

But he still did because, and I say this with love

Because my Grandad, my Grandad is nuts

He was very briefly famous twenty years ago

He was in all the papers, on the telly and the radio

Saying he'd uncovered evidence that the dinosaurs

Had escaped being killed by a comet because some of them were astronauts

They said "Your Grandad is completely nuts" "He isn't safe to be alone, put him in a mental home for good" But he stuck to his story, he refused to budge Because my Grandad, my Grandad is nuts

Well of course it ended his career As an archeologist He was sacked from his post as a professor He was banned from all the digs He was excluded by the peer review journals Never asked to conferences But they had to book a massive room when he had his leaving do And the reason for that is this: Because my Grandad is a lovely man Though you should keep the conversation off Galactic Emigration if you possibly can Then he'll be delightful, he'll be a massive laugh And you'll forget that my Grandad is mad Because my Grandad is completely nuts He still believes his theory and says that history will be his judge He wouldn't change a thing even if he could Because my Grandad, my Grandad is nuts Because my Grandad, my Grandad is nuts

PROFESSOR Well, he sounds like a capital fellow to me! I think we might have need of his services - tell me, whatever became of him?

TERRY Oh, he's still around. He's retired now, he lives in the charming Lincolnshire town of Stamford, in Lincolnshire.

The Secret Army Base

GENERAL TRUELOVE Stamford?!?

NARRATOR Back at the secret Army base.

CORPORAL SHAW Well, yes Ma'am, if the Space Dinosaurs continue on their current westward trajectory from Norwich then yes, they will eventually get to the charming Lincolnshire town of town of Stamford, in Lincolnshire.

GENERAL TRUELOVE Then we must stop them! Quick, to the war room!

CORPORAL SHAW War room, ma'am?

GENERAL TRUELOVE Yes - the war room. We do have a war room don't we? The place with all the flashing lights and the big map of the country.

CORPORAL SHAW No Ma'am. We felt that the need for a big map of the country could be more effectively catered for via the private sector. We've got an AA Road Atlas now.

NARRATOR And so several minutes of checking the index later...

GENERAL TRUELOVE Very well then, Page 53 square D4 it is! This is where we shall draw the line against the dinosaur onslaught!

NARRATOR And so it came to pass that the stage was set for a cataclysmic battle which would be forever known in military history as The Battle Of Peterborough.

Peterborough

COMPANY

The Dinosaurs marched down the A47 The quickest route straight through the fen They destroyed Dereham, stamped on Swaffham Killed Kings Lynn, laid waste Long Sutton Wiped out Wisbech and then Saw that the Army had chosen Peterborough As the place where they would stand, fight and resist It's got excellent rail and bus links Ample parking and an ice rink But if it gets destroyed it won't be missed The scene was set for the Battle Of Peterborough The first time man and dinosaur would meet in war But when fighting Tyrannosaurus Nuclear Stegosaurus with bazooka The best we could have hoped for was a draw Along Bourges Boulevard they marched to battle The first skirmishes took place next to Queensgate Missiles flew and not much later It was nothing but a crater A million pounds of improvements had been made The Army then retreated back to Stanground As Velociraptors wrecked the outdoor pool Triceratops tore down the market Turned The Park into a toilet Then Ferry Meadows fell to Sauron rule

Things weren't looking good in the Battle Of Peterborough As Bretton, Fletton, March and Yaxley were smashed down Market Deeping was demolished Orton Longueville was abolished Then they moved on to The East Of England Showground The Army made their last stand in the car park Where they stood heroic, glorious and strong But the overwhelming forces Of the armoured Allosauruses Meant the Battle of Peterborough did not last long And for the first time in about thirty years Peterborough managed to get on the news The newsreader looked sad and said

BOB SPLENDOUR

A lot of people are now dead But on the bright side, Cambridgeshire's been improved And it's awful that we've lost a nice Cathedral And on the East Coast mainline there will be delays But apart from all of that it isn't all that bad Hey, maybe they'll march on to Milton Keynes

COMPANY

And so ended the Battle Of Peterborough As the nation tried to look as if it cared But the blackened smoking hole And the terrible death toll Was the first exciting thing to ever happen there

Stamford

NARRATOR Meanwhile, some fifteen miles away in the charming market town of Stamford, in Lincolnshire...

TERRY Grandad! Grandad!

GRANDAD Oh, hello Terence, it's you. Are you all right dear boy?

TERRY Grandad! Yes, I'm all right, but what about you?

GRANDAD Me? I'm fine - come in, come in. I've got biscuits! I've just been watching the news - have you seen what's happened to Peterborough?

TERRY Well yes, that's why I'm here - I've come to collect you!

GRANDAD Me? What on earth for?

TERRY The army need an expert on Space Dinosaurs, and your theory's the only one they've got!

GRANDAD My theory? Ah. Well...

GRANDAD

That was my theory of a Dinosaur Planet That there are dinosaur philosophers in space But now that they are here I must say that I'm surprised

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To find that they are frankly Not very nice I thought that they would bring a wealth Of hope and peace and love But all they've bought is lots and lots Of tanks and knives and guns And if they're all kill-crazed psychopathic Fans of war and death It could mean the end of human life And worse still even yet That my theory of a Dinosaur Planet Is not entirely correct

TERRY Not entirely correct? What do you mean?

GRANDAD Well, I'm starting to think that maybe they didn't escape the planet after all. Not under their own steam at least. Yes, I'm starting to think they might have been kidnapped!

TERRY Kidnapped? By who?

(a massive noise is heard)

TERRY And what was that?

NARRATOR Suddenly, all over the world, like some cosmic windscreen left too long 'neath a galactic damson tree, the very skies themselves are blotted out by millions of dark shapes

Woodhouse Eaves

RUDOLPH VON HAVENSACK Now what's happening?

DAPHNE VON HAVENSACK They look like some kind of gigantic spaceships!

GIANT ROBOT Is this on? Right. We've come to collect our dinosaurs.

NARRATOR And with an ominous crack of doom the fleet of alien spaceships begin to shift and change their physical appearance.

RUDOLPH VON HAVENSACK It looks - looks like they're transforming.

DAPHNE VON HAVENSACK Transforming into Giant Robots!

NARRATOR Our legal department advises us to re-state that the spaceships are in no way transforming but rather changing their physical appearance. These are not just robots in disguise. These are Giant Robots, on a mission.

GIANT ROBOT

We are The Giant Robots That's who were are We are not here to mess around So you had better write it down Capital T and G and R

We are The Giant Robots "The Giant Robots" is our name Any other appellation Would be pointless affectation We'd be physically unchanged We are The Giant Robots This is your lucky day Feel free to admire But stay out of our way We are The Giant Robots And what you see is what you get We always speak as we find And say whatever's on our mind We're not Politically Correct We are The Giant Robots We're humble about our success We hardly mention it because When you're as brilliant as us We're know you're already impressed We are The Giant Robots We're big and we're strong and we're grey We're right about everything We're great

HUMANITY

Why have you come to Earth?

GIANT ROBOT

You may well ask We're here to repossess

Our dinosaur servants But we'll take you instead You'll be less cumbersome You'll be cleaner around the house And you've got opposable thumbs We are The Giant Robots Here's good news for the Human Race You're going to be Our new slaves

NARRATOR And true to their word the robots go about their terrible plan - kidnapping humans, killing dinosaurs and, for some reason, destroying any vehicle that they might come across. Meanwhile, back in the charming market town of Stamford, in Lincolnshire...

Stamford

ROBERT CHESTERTON Well, that seems to be all that The Giant Robots have to say for the moment. Stay with us for more news as it happens, but now here's ...

GRANDAD Come on Terence, I've got an idea - to the car!

(he runs outside)

GRANDAD The blighters! They've blown my car up!

TERRY Grandad, come back, there might be a ...

CAPTAIN KEITH (roars)

TERRY Space Dinosaur.

GRANDAD Mr Dinosaur sir! Before you eat me, pray listen to what I have to say!

TERRY Grandad, what are you doing?

GRANDAD What? Oh, well, it strikes me that these Giant Robots are the sort of fellows who'd be the absolute devil for cross-platform compatability, which means ...

CAPTAIN KEITH (roars)

GRANDAD One moment sir! Yes, which means that whatever translation device they're using to talk to us, should allow us to talk to the dinosaurs! It's obvious really!

CAPTAIN KEITH Arr!

TERRY But Grandad...

GRANDAD Hush now Terence, I think he's about to speak. This is a moment of history! Yes, Mr Dinosaur, we await your words!

CAPTAIN KEITH Avast there ye landlubbers! Yarr! Belay thee!

TERRY Dinosaurs... talk like pirates?

NARRATOR And now a word from our scientific advisors.

COMPANY

Dinosaurs talk like pirates It's scientific fact If you require evidence We'd like to point out that In all pictures of Dinosaurs You'll see their mouths ajar As if they were caught in the middle of Saying

CAPTAIN KEITH Yarr!

COMPANY

Dinosaurs talk like pirates It's indisputable If you harbour doubts then we Would like to point out to you That in all pictures of Dinosaurs If you care to look You'll see that nearly all of them

CAPTAIN KEITH

Have a pirate's hook

COMPANY

Dinosaurs talk like pirates

It's obviously true But if you need a reminder I'll simply say to you They love to dance the horn-pipe

SERGEANT CORDEN Stop! Stop it!

DINOSAURS What's that? What's wrong?

SERGEANT CORDEN Stop dancing the hornpipe!

DINOSAURS Oh. Sorry. My apologies.

GENERAL TRUELOVE Attention Space Dinosaurs! This is the British Army! Please identify yourselves - who are you? What is your business here?

CAPTAIN KEITH Who are we? Arr, let's tell'em lads!

CAPTAIN KEITH AND ASSEMBLED DINOSAURS

We are the Dinosaurs And our ancestors Were minding their own business when The robots came and kidnapped them And, indirectly us Conscripted Dinosaurs We knew our day would come We'd steal a ship and sail away In search of Pieces of Eight And a bottle of rum

We worked out a way to fight The Giant Robots was to ignite A volcano, which they seem to be allergic to And while they all sniffed and sneezed We set sail on starry seas For our old home port, which is where we met you We are the Dinosaurs And we will confess It could be argued that we've been Ever so slightly too keen On massive violence But we are Dinosaurs That's just what we do But now the Robots have arrived It looks like we're all gonna die So how about a truce? Though in the past we've disagreed We're gonna make a mighty team Man and Dinosaur, come together at last And there's no one left alive Human, Sauron who'd deny That we're gonna kick some Giant Robot Ass

GENERAL TRUELOVE Am I addressing the leader of the dinosaurs?

CAPTAIN KEITH That you be, missus, that you be!

GENERAL TRUELOVE And are you suggesting some kind of ... relationship?

CAPTAIN KEITH Aye, that we are, so we be!

GENERAL TRUELOVE In that case, we accept

DINOSAURS AND HUMANS Yarr! Hooray!

TERRY Wow! Grandad, I think Mum's just made peace with the Dinosaurs!

GRANDAD Eh? What?

TERRY She's shaking hands with the Dinosaur leader... and smiling at him - Grandad! Are you listening?

GRANDAD Oh, yes, yes. But I was just thinking - did they say something about Giant Robots being allergic to volcanic ash?

TERRY I think so yes, but ...

GRANDAD And why are they destroying cars, I wonder?

TERRY I don't know, does it matter?

GRANDAD I think it might, you know, I really rather think it might. Terence! It's time that you and I embarked upon... a Literature Search!

GRANDAD

Let's do a literature search

And define our terms

TERRY

Let's do a literature search With a range of keywords

GRANDAD AND TERRY

Literature search, ba-ba-ba, ba-ba-ba Literature search, ba-ba-ba Ba-ba-ba-ba Ba-ba-ba-ba!

NARRATOR But alas we must leave Terence Truelove and his grandfather to their literature searching, and return instead to the secret army base, where the nascent Human-Dinosaur alliance is experiencing... teething trouble.

The Secret Army Base

(a knock at the door)

GENERAL TRUELOVE Come in Corporal! I see the Space Dinosaurs are still eating our troops during training exercises. They're like a bunch of animals!

CAPTAIN KEITH Animals is it?

GENERAL TRUELOVE Ah... oh. I was expecting... er...

CAPTAIN KEITH Yarr!

GENERAL TRUELOVE Yes. Well.

CAPTAIN KEITH What is this human emotion you call... slight awkwardness?

GENERAL TRUELOVE I'm frightfully sorry Captain... Captain ... why, I don't even know your name!

CAPTAIN KEITH My name? They calls me Captain Kill-Claw Murder-Teeth.

GENERAL TRUELOVE Oh.

CAPTAIN KEITH Or Keith, for short.

GENERAL TRUELOVE Well, Keith, in that case you must call me Muriel.

CAPTAIN KEITH Why thank'ee Muriel. That's an handsome name for an handsome human!

GENERAL TRUELOVE Oh! Why, thank you Captain!

CAPTAIN KEITH Keith!

GENERAL TRUELOVE Keith.

CAPTAIN KEITH Muriel...

GENERAL TRUELOVE

You're a Dinosaur I'm a general If you want reasons to keep apart I can think of several But the problem is this: I find you very very very strangely attractive

CAPTAIN KEITH

I like to run amok You keep it military Two souls entwined harmoniously Is something we could never be It's ridiculous but it's True I find you very very very strangely attractive

GENERAL TRUELOVE AND CAPTAIN KEITH Incompatible down to our DNA

CAPTAIN KEITH

I ought to want to slash and bite you

GENERAL TRUELOVE

And I ought to be afraid

GENERAL TRUELOVE AND CAPTAIN KEITH

Love has never ever been as blind as this I find you very very very strangely attractive

GENERAL TRUELOVE I'm a general

CAPTAIN KEITH

I'm a dinosaur

GENERAL TRUELOVE

Are we mad to think that this might work?

CAPTAIN KEITH

Yes, of course we are

GENERAL TRUELOVE

But how can I help it if

CAPTAIN KEITH

I can't believe I'm saying this

GENERAL TRUELOVE

The simple truth of it is

GENERAL TRUELOVE AND CAPTAIN KEITH

I find you very very very strangely attractive

CAPTAIN KEITH Muriel!

GENERAL TRUELOVE Keith!

CORPORAL SHAW Ma'am?
GENERAL TRUELOVE Oh, Corporal, I didn't see you there. Keith and I... that is, the Captain and I were discussing our little problem.

CORPORAL SHAW You mean the "They keep eating us all the time" little problem?

GENERAL TRUELOVE That's the one. Did you put together that guidance document I asked you for?

CORPORAL SHAW Yes Ma'am!

CAPTAIN KEITH Let's hear it then!

CORPORAL SHAW

Since the moment that you landed on the planet You've been appalled to hear your habits called barbaric You might think that's what we're for But we regard ourselves as more Than freshly picked free range and organic

GENERAL TRUELOVE

To put it simply we would rather Be in your hearts than in your larder

CORPORAL SHAW AND GENERAL TRUELOVE

Please don't eat us, we want to be your friends Not your ingredients

GENERAL TRUELOVE

So before you munch your lunch kindly consider Your dinner could be someone else's little sister And if you say

CAPTAIN KEITH

But she was yum!

GENERAL TRUELOVE

While later talking to her Mum Don't be surprised if her reply is somewhat bitter

CORPORAL SHAW

You might think she's being rude But she is not on the menu

CORPORAL SHAW AND GENERAL TRUELOVE

Please don't eat us, we want to be your friends Not your ingredients

CHILDREN OF HUMANITY

Please don't eat us please Let's all live in peace We are not your tea Please don't eat us please

CORPORAL SHAW

Please don't masticate my mother

GENERAL TRUELOVE

Please don't dine upon my Dad

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CORPORAL SHAW

And please do not slice up my brother When you fancy a kebab

GENERAL TRUELOVE

Take the lead from our example

CORPORAL SHAW

Take a leaf out of our book

GENERAL TRUELOVE

You might like eating other species

CORPORAL SHAW

Human beings never would

GENERAL TRUELOVE

What's that? Oh well, that's different

CORPORAL SHAW AND GENERAL TRUELOVE

No, you can't look in the kitchen Please don't eat us, we want to be your friends Not your ingredients

CHILDREN OF HUMANITY

Please don't eat us please Let's all live in peace We are not your tea Please don't eat us please CAPTAIN KEITH Well I think that'll do the job right nicely Muriel!

GENERAL TRUELOVE Good. In that case - Corporal!

CORPORAL SHAW Ma'am?

GENERAL TRUELOVE To Battle!

CORPORAL SHAW Yes ma'am!

CAPTAIN KEITH Yarr!

NARRATOR And so it came to pass that humans and Dinosaurs were able to set aside their differences and venture into battle with The Giant Robots. A battle which would finally, once and for all decide... the fate of the earth.

The Battlefield

COMPANY

The Dinosaurs marched out that morning Their horns and their claws held high With the armies of the human race Stood proudly by their side Then the robots, they hoved into view Like a great moving city, a city of evil They knew - Oh they knew What they had to do

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They were caught in The final confrontation Facing Total Devastation Fighting, Fighting for the fate of the earth For the fate of the earth The first shot rang out A Tyrannosaur fell The human beside him let out a yell And said

CORPORAL SHAW

No! No! No surrender, 'til this war is won

COMPANY

Then with a laser and a mechanical laugh A giant robot sawed him in half And said

GIANT ROBOT

Ha ha ha ha ha This is going to be fun!

COMPANY

They were caught in The final confrontation Facing Total Devastation Fighting, Fighting for the fate of the earth For the fate of the earth For the Fate Of The Earth

We would lay down our lives For the Fate Of The Earth We will stand up and fight For the Fate Of The Earth Will be decided Tonight For the Fate Of The Earth Man and dinosaur For the Fate Of The Earth Will fight like never before For the Fate Of The Earth Let loose the Dimetrodons of war

NARRATOR A giant robot, the size of a former Polytechnic's Engineering Building drop-kicks an armoured tyrannosaur across the roof-tops of a burning city, his machine gun spattering the night sky, bellowing as he flies. Then the steel behemoth itself comes under attack from a combined fleet of enhanced Pterodactyls and human jet fighters, screeching missile after missile into its iron hide as it slowly falls to the street below where it narrowly misses a speeding car driven by Terry with his Grandad in the passenger seat clutching a paper in one hand, a phone in the other, and between them the answer!

GRANDAD

Iridium! Iridium!

That's how you get rid of them

That rare, precious metal, that defines the KT boundary,

Which we thought was the meteorite that wiped the Dinosaurs

out

But no!

This literature search shows it was the failed final defence of the first dinosaurs

They ignited volcanoes, to try and send out a blast

Of Death to robots

Iridium is death - Death to robots!

COMPANY

But then his phone reception is gone As they crash into an Iguanodon Gone mad with battle, who says

IGUANADON

Yarr! Prepare to be food!

COMPANY

They try to turn, but find themselves trapped By a Giant Robot - they're under attack From both sides now - surely this must be their doom?

NARRATOR

Terry looks at his Grandad, and says

TERRY

Well we tried

NARRATOR

And his Grandad says

GRANDAD

Yes

But I'd hoped, all in all That we'd get to the end in one piece

NARRATOR

Then suddenly, racing down the street Comes his daughter, Terry's mother, the General And she's riding, oh how she's riding Captain Keith She stops, climbs down from his back And says

GENERAL TRUELOVE

Iridium? As found in car spark plugs?

CAPTAIN KEITH

Oh and look - I've got a Grenade launcher. Ain't that handy?

NARRATOR They put one inside the other, then the General looks at the robot and says

GENERAL TRUELOVE Pick on someone your own size, leave my boys alone!

NARRATOR And she fires the plug straight into the monster's side.

COMPANY There's a ball of fire, a scream of pain As the robot explodes in a hail of metallic rain NARRATOR Which cuts down the insane iguanodon which you may remember was threatening to kill them earlier

COMPANY

They'd been caught in The final confrontation Facing Total Devastation Fighting, fighting for the fate of the earth For the fate of the earth And now they've fought in The final confrontation Avoided Total Devastation Fighting, and winning for the fate of the earth For the fate of the earth

GRANDAD So you got my message about Iridium then?

GENERAL TRUELOVE We did Dad - but how did you work it out?

GRANDAD Simple really - as I say, Iridium defines the Cretaceous Tertiary Event boundary which marks the disappearance of the Dinosaurs and, as meteorites are the main source of Iridium on Earth it was only logical to assume that that was its source. However, Iridium is also found in Volcanic Ash, in spark plugs...

TERRY ... and on Wikipedia.

GIANT ROBOT (*fleeing*) Typical small-planet local bureaucracy!

TERRY Look! They're running away! Let's get'em!

TERRY

You thought that you could beat us Because you were so immense With no fear of tiny dinosaurs And even smaller men Each one of you thought on your own You could take all of us on I think it's fair to say that you've been Proved completely wrong We all do a little bit A little bit of good And when we're all together Then those little bits add up Let's shout "Hooray" because today We've well and truly proved That a lot of little bits together Make up something huge So if you do a little bit Don't be belittled by Those who do a lot of nothing That's in any way worthwhile Let's all get on with our little bits And let's take a little pride Knowing we are all a little bit Of the future of man...

CAPTAIN KEITH

And Dinosaur!

TERRY

... and Dinosaur-kind!

NARRATOR And so, the fate of the earth was decided, and there was much rejoicing. Songs were sung...

St Mary's School

NEWSREADER ... meanwhile, Year 11 children at St Mary's joined in the celebrations by singing a song for their new Dinosaur Friends

THE CHILDREN OF HUMANITY

We love you Dinosaurs You're our best friends We love your eyes and tails and teeth And the fact you sometimes eat Teachers for tea

NEWSREADER And the Dinosaurs joined in with a display of traditional dancing.

The Battlefield

NARRATOR And across the entire planet everyone, man and dinosaur alike, rejoices. Everyone, that is, except for one man.

TERRY Grandad, what's the matter? You look... worried.

GRANDAD Worried? Well, yes, yes I am. I mean to say, it doesn't make sense, does it?

TERRY What, an attack on the earth by Space Dinosaurs, interrupted by Giant Robots eventually defeated by the discovery of a weakness for a rare element?

GRANDAD No, that makes perfect sense. What I mean is, well, Dinosaurs as domestic servants? They can't even carry a duster, let alone mix drinks. They'd be terrible - you'd have to really hate Dinosaurs to travel all the way across the galaxy - twice! - just to belittle them like that.

TERRY But why would anyone want to belittle Dinosaurs so much?

GRANDAD Exactly! And then there's The Giant Robots themselves. Someone must have built them, but what manner of creature would ever need Robots that big?

TERRY And what did they do to them to make them hate Dinosaurs so much?

GRANDAD Precisely! As I say, it doesn't make sense!!

NARRATOR But before he can investigate further the skies above the planet darken once more...

TERRY What was that?

GRANDAD It looks like... a second moon! And it's going to crash into our moon!

TERRY It's smashed the moon! We're all going to die!

GRANDAD But look - that new moon, it seems to be ... Green!

TERRY Green?

GRANDAD Give me those binoculars! My word! It seems to have a tail! And... yes, and legs, and tiny forearms.

TERRY And what's that huge thing round thing? Is that an eye?

GRANDAD And look - a gigantic mouth opening. I think it's going to speak!

NEW MOON Yarr! I've come to collect me robots, so I have!

TERRY Oh my God - that's no moon! That's a ...

COMPANY

Dinosaur Planet! (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet! (ah-oo, ah-oo, ah-oo) Dinosaur Planet (ah-oo)

The End

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