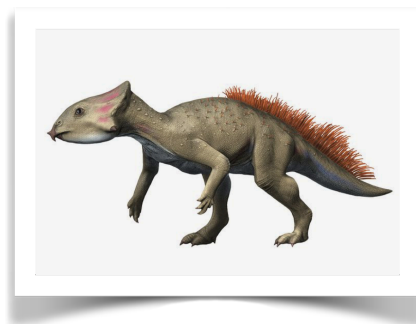




with Jill Haywood

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Avui a l'Story Time escoltem una història sobre en Danny, un noi molt entreñable. Ha trovat una pedra magica que el transporta a la era dels dinosaures .

Danny's discovery 3: Danny's wish comes true

La setmana pasada vam deixar el Danny quan tot just havia agafat la pedra i la magia va començar.

As he clutched the stone, he made a wish deep in his heart: to see a real, living dinosaur.

In an instant, the world around him began to blur and shift. Trees and hills disappeared, replaced by a prehistoric landscape. Danny found himself standing in a lush, ancient forest. The air was thick with humidity, and strange and wondrous plants surrounded him.

There were bushes with enormous leaves, huge trees with thick bark. As he cautiously walked deeper into this primeval world, Danny's heart raced with excitement. Where was he? A bush to his left began to move. Danny hid behind a tree to watch. His eyes lit up in delight when he saw what walked out from under the bush. It was an Aquilops, one of the smallest dinosaurs ever! It only weigh about 1.5 kilos. "That's smaller than our neighbour's Chihuahua!" thought Danny.

The tiny dinosaur was looking at him uncertainly. "Hmmm," thought the boy, "You're a herbivore. I wonder if you like nuts and seeds." He pulled an energy bar from his jacket pocket and tore the plastic wrapper. Carefully breaking off a small piece, he held it out to the small creature.

“Here boy, yummm, lovely nuts. Come and get it.”

Danny held his breath as the Aquilops came towards him and ate from his hand. The boy could not stop smiling as the miniature dinosaur allowed him to stroke it's bony head.

“A dinosaur! A real dinosaur! Did I hit my head in the museum? Am I dreaming? Am I really here?”

The distant rumbling of the earth signalled the approach of something enormous. Looking through the towering ferns, he saw a massive, long-necked Brachiosaurus peacefully munching on leaves.

Overwhelmed by the size of the Brachiosaurus and the surreal beauty of this prehistoric world, Danny's legs began to shake. He leant back against the tree and then slid to the ground. The little Aquilops jumped onto his knee and rubbed its head against Danny's chest. The boy looked back and forth from the Aquilops to the Brachiosaurus and put his hand on the ground to feel the damp earth of the forest floor.

“I'm here. I'm really here!” he whispered in amazement.

The Brachiosaurus continued to graze peacefully in the distance, unaware of the amazed boy and his tiny companion. Danny knew that this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and he decided to savour every moment of this incredible adventure.

As the sun cast shadows through the ancient trees, Danny sat on the forest floor, surrounded by the sights and sounds of a world long past.

The boy sat for an hour just watching the enormous Brachiosaurus with its incredibly long neck. It could reach high into the trees to eat the best leaves. As he sat, Danny fed more of his energy bar to the little Aquilops on his knee.

A large insect came towards Danny and he got ready to move as he really did not like insects. Four legs were fine, no legs were fine, nothing wrong with snakes, but he really did not want to be near anything with six legs, eight legs or however many legs this scary thing had. Before the worried boy had time to move, the Aquilops moved. It ran across the forest floor to the insect and jumped on it. The tiny dinosaur walked back to Danny, climbed back onto his knees and lay down with its head on Danny's stomach.

The boy was surprised. The little creature had defended him. Had it sensed his fear? Danny stroked its head gently. “You are a wonderful protector,” he said quietly. Danny thought of a story his teacher had told him at school about a small boy called David and a giant man called Goliath. The fought and David won even though he was a lot smaller. David was very brave.

“You know what?” Danny said quietly to the tiny dinosaur on his knee, “You are brave and you defended me. I am going to call you David. Dino-David!”

Suddenly the ground began to vibrate. Something very big was coming. The Brachiosaurus stopped eating and walked away in the opposite direction. The noises got louder and louder.

What was coming?

Hem vist que el desitg del Danny s'ha fet realitat. Fins ara els dinosaures que ha vist han sigut amables pero aquest gran que ve, ho ser ?

B  doncs, ho sabrem la setmana vinent.