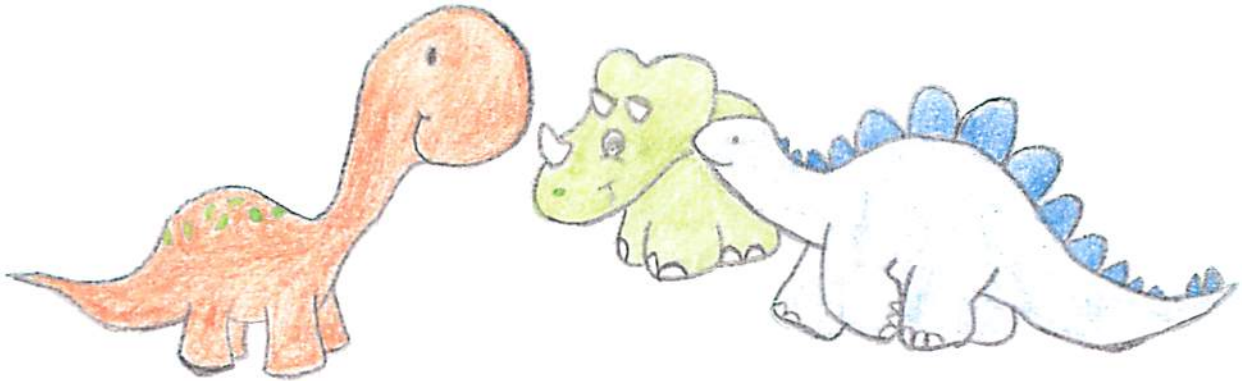


# Deeno the Dino

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Once upon a time, there was a dinosaur named Deeno. Deeno was a very curious young dinosaur. He was orange and had lots of green spots on his back. He had a really long neck; longer than all of his friends. Deeno loved to play with his friends, Steggy, and Cera. However, they didn't always get along. Sometimes they played too hard, and someone got hurt.



One day, while Deeno and his friends were playing outside, there was a rumbling noise. They looked up at each other and wondered what the noise was. They didn't have a clue. Suddenly, they felt the ground moving. It was an earthquake! The ground started to come apart and form a crack. The crack grew larger and larger until Deeno and his friends could not jump over.

Deeno realized he was in trouble. His parents were on the other side of the crack! What could he do now? Of course he couldn't jump over. Deeno and his friends had to find a way to get across the crack. They sat and wondered for a long time until they knew what to do. They needed to walk along the crack until they found a bridge or until the crack stopped. That's exactly what they did.

Deeno and his friends walked for days and days. Finally, they came across another dinosaur. It was the balloon dinosaur. The balloon dinosaur sold balloons to whoever wanted one. Deeno thought of a plan. His friends agreed on his plan, and so, they walked up to the balloon dinosaur.



“Excuse me, Sir,” asked Deeno. “Do you think we can have a couple of balloons?”

“Sure, little one. How many would you like?” replied the balloon dinosaur.

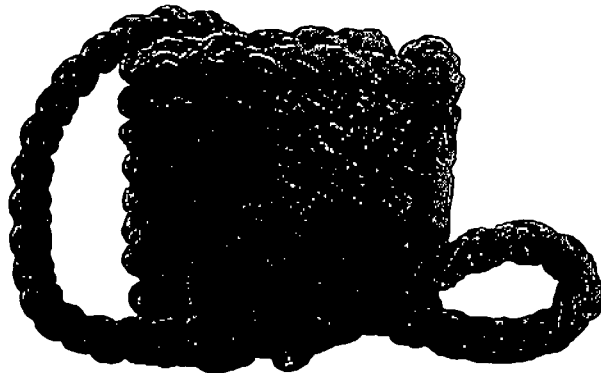
“I think we need four. One for the each of us,” said Deeno. And so, the balloon dinosaur gave them four balloons in exchange for four dollars. Deeno passed the

balloons to his friends. The balloons were supposed to make them fly, but nothing was happening. Why couldn't the little dinosaurs fly? They needed more balloons. Deeno gave the balloon dinosaur four more dollars in exchange for four more balloons. Like before, Deeno gave the balloons to his friends. Still, nothing happened.

All of a sudden, a strong wind came and started blowing Cera towards the crack. She was the lightest of the little dinosaurs, and nobody else was flying.

“Hey! Look! It's working,” yelled Cera. “I think I'm going to make it.” A few seconds after the strong wind started, Cera made it to the other side of the crack. This was a problem. There were still two little dinosaurs on the wrong side. Deeno and Steggy bought two more balloons, but it was no use. The strong wind went away. Deeno and Steggy had to find a different way to get across the crack.

Deeno and Steggy walked for days and days. They walked into the Twilight Forest where there were many tall trees and plants. The forest was on both sides of the crack. There were also many dinosaurs in the Twilight Forest. Deeno and Steggy searched for a dinosaur that could help them cross the crack. Finally, they found the rope dinosaur. The rope dinosaur was happy to see the two young dinosaurs approaching.



“Hi there, little ones!” the rope dinosaur said.

“Hey. Can we use some of your rope, please?” asked Deeno.

“Sure. Feel free to use as much as you want,” replied the rope dinosaur. And so, Deeno and Steggy gathered up some of the rope. With the rope, they walked over to the edge of the crack. They looked over on the other side and saw an enormous tree.

Deeno’s plan this time was much more difficult. However, Steggy was confident that he would make it across.

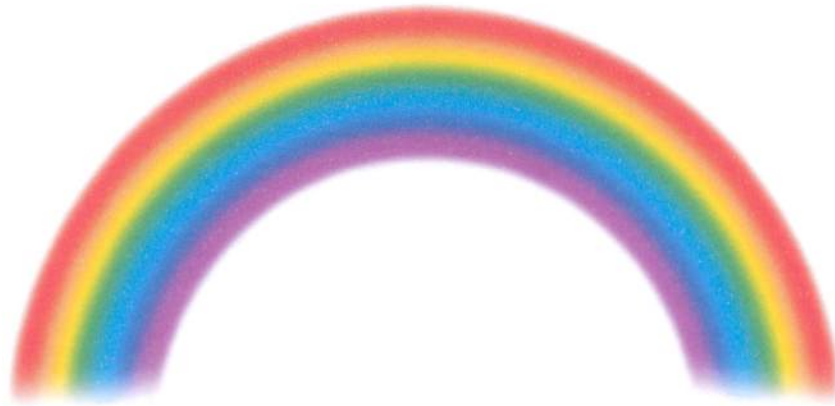
Steggy grabbed one end of the rope and whipped the free end high into the sky. The rope got caught on the enormous tree. Then, with a jolt of bravery, Steggy jumped off the cliff holding onto the rope. He made it to the other side!

Now, it was Deeno’s turn. Deeno did the same as Steggy. He grabbed one end and tried to swing the rope over the big tree. Deeno tried many times, but he was not as strong as Steggy. He couldn’t throw the rope over the enormous tree. Deeno had to find a different way to get across the crack.

Deeno walked for days and days. He crossed many mountains and swam across many lakes until he reached the Land of the Mysterious. The Land of the Mysterious was a very colorful place. There were teal trees, red rocks, purple plants, gray grass, and pink puddles. Deeno was so amazed by all of the colors. He saw some colors he had never seen before. All of sudden, it started to rain. Deeno ran to a teal tree where it was nice and dry. Soon enough, Deeno fell asleep. The rain continued to fall.

An hour later, Deeno woke up. He whiffed the scent of freshly fallen rain. Deeno also noticed an odd figure in the sky. It was a rainbow. The new rainbow had many colors. Lucky enough, the rainbow started on Deeno’s side of the crack and ended on the

other side. The problem was now solved. All Deeno had to do is cross the rainbow. As he was walking on the top of the rainbow, he saw many dinosaurs on the other side. They were his friends and his parents. When he reached the other side, Deeno gave everybody a hug. Everyone was so happy that the three dinosaurs found their way across the crack. Let's hope that there will be no more earthquakes for a while.



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