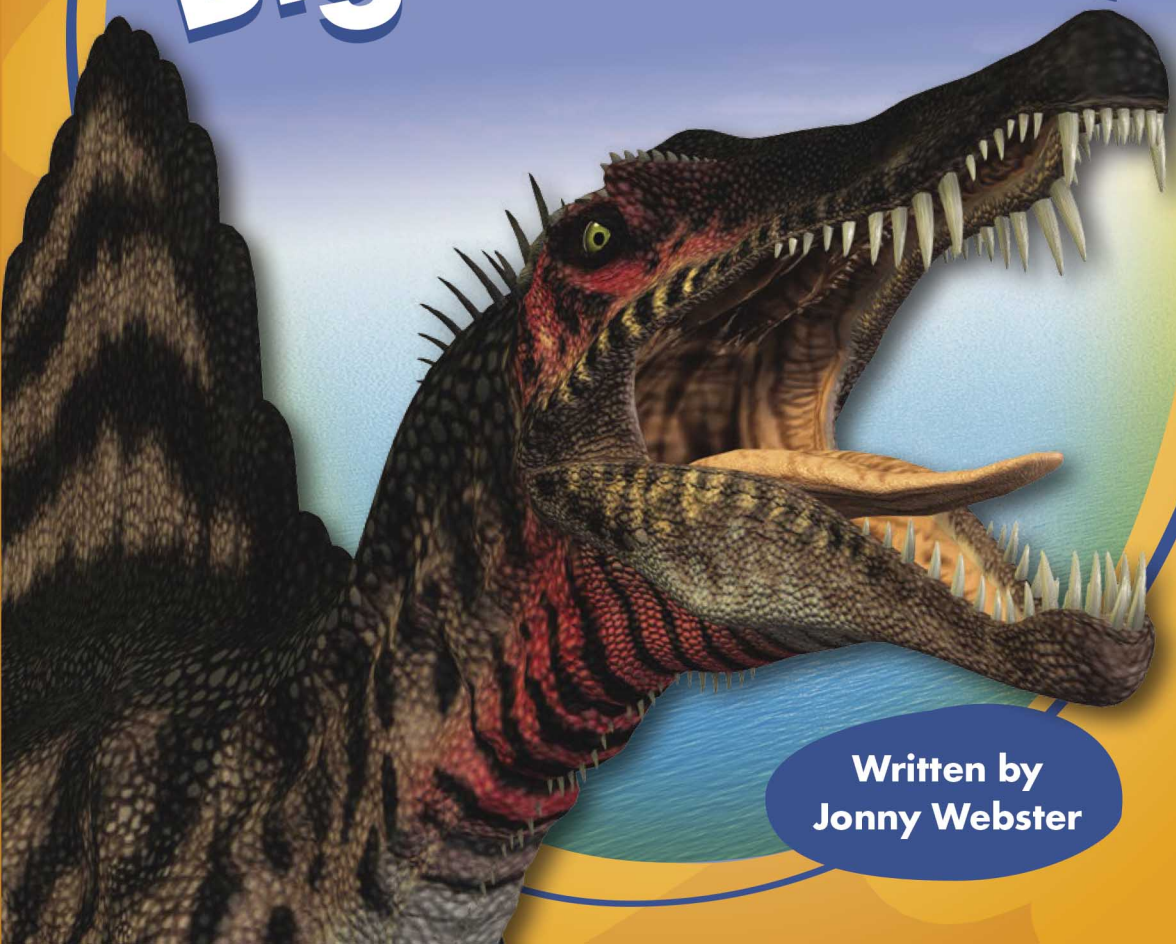
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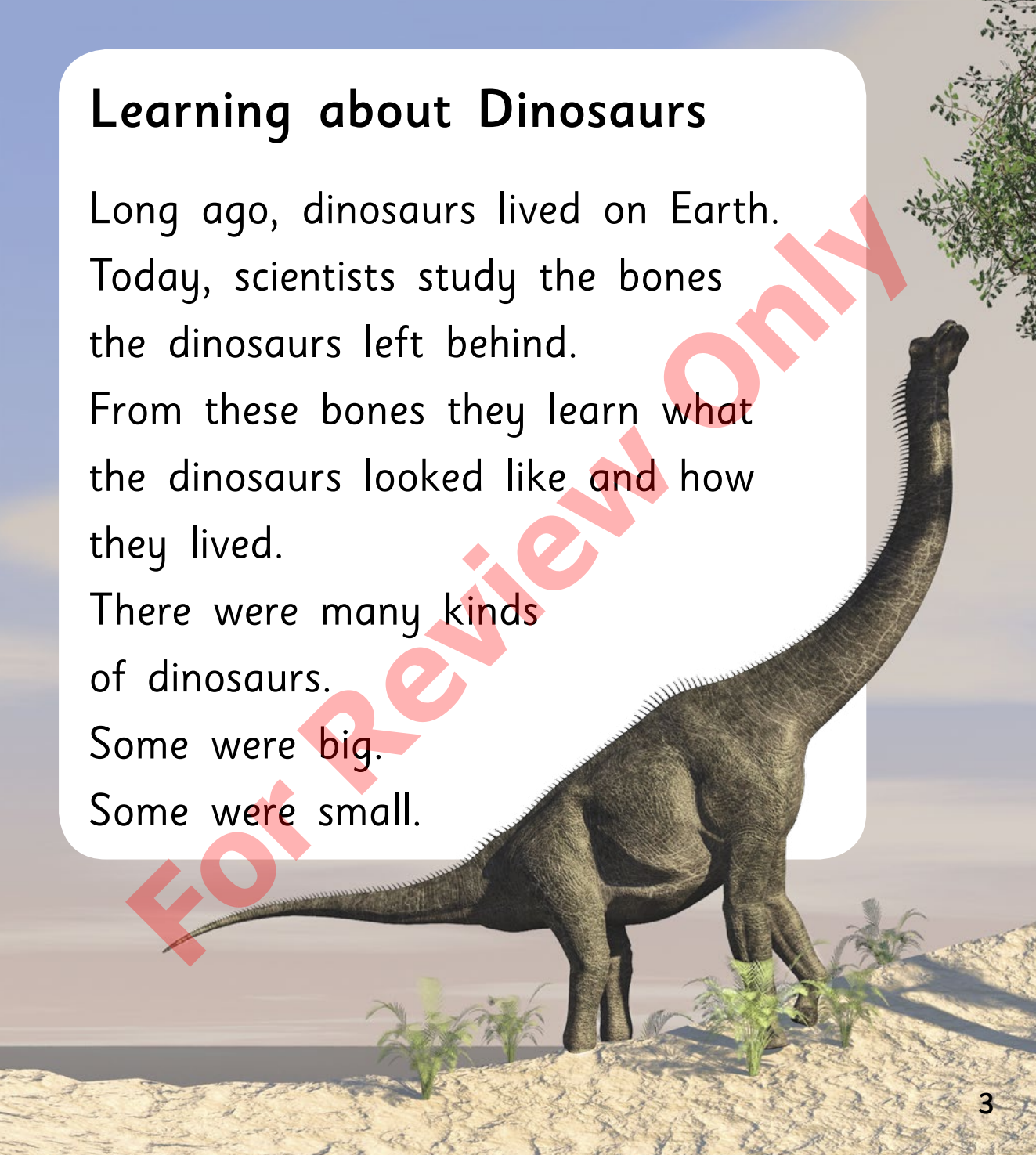
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Learning about Dinosaurs

Long ago, dinosaurs lived on Earth.
Today, scientists study the bones
the dinosaurs left behind.
From these bones they learn what
the dinosaurs looked like and how
they lived.
There were many kinds
of dinosaurs.
Some were big.
Some were small.



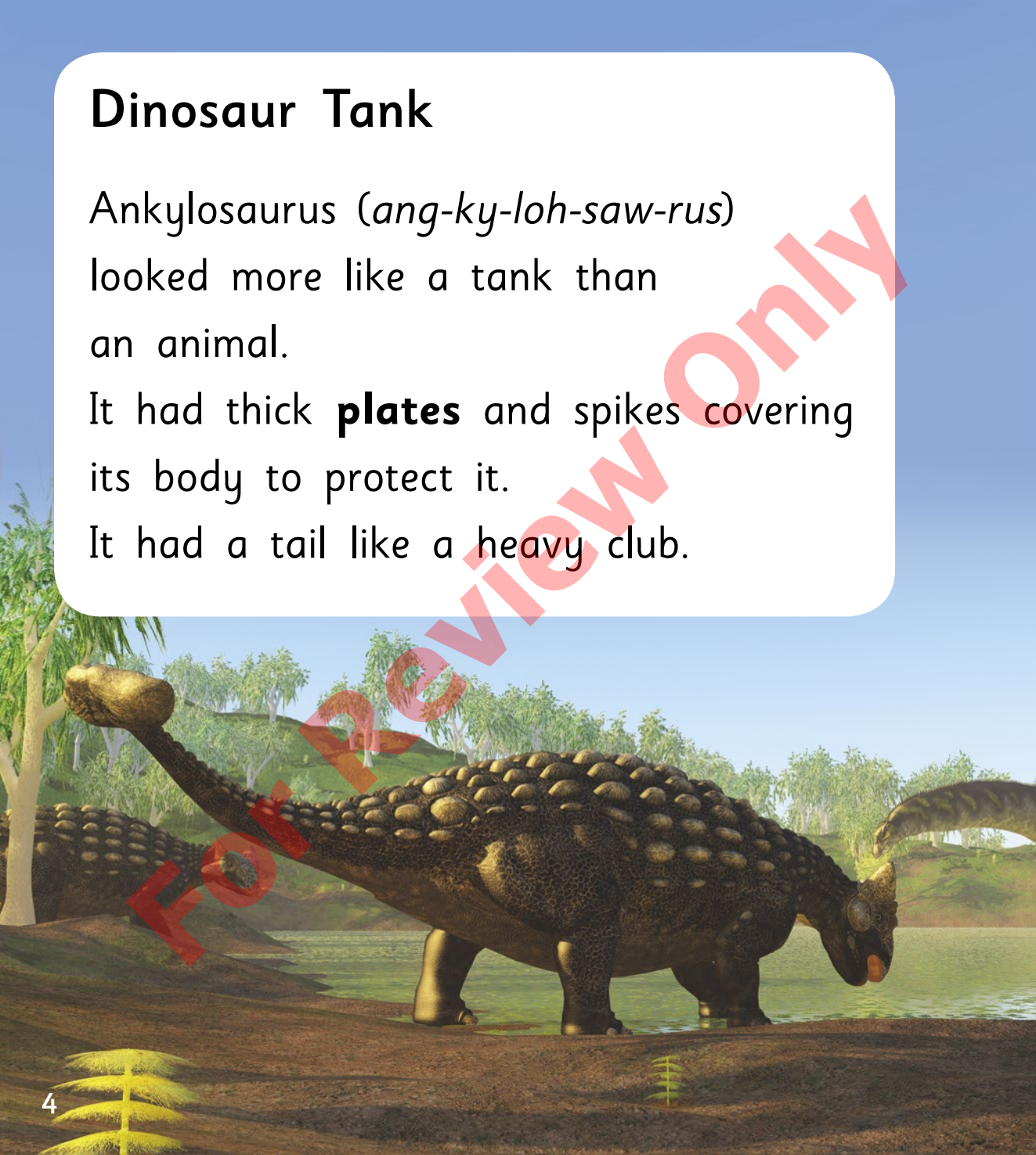
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Dinosaur Tank

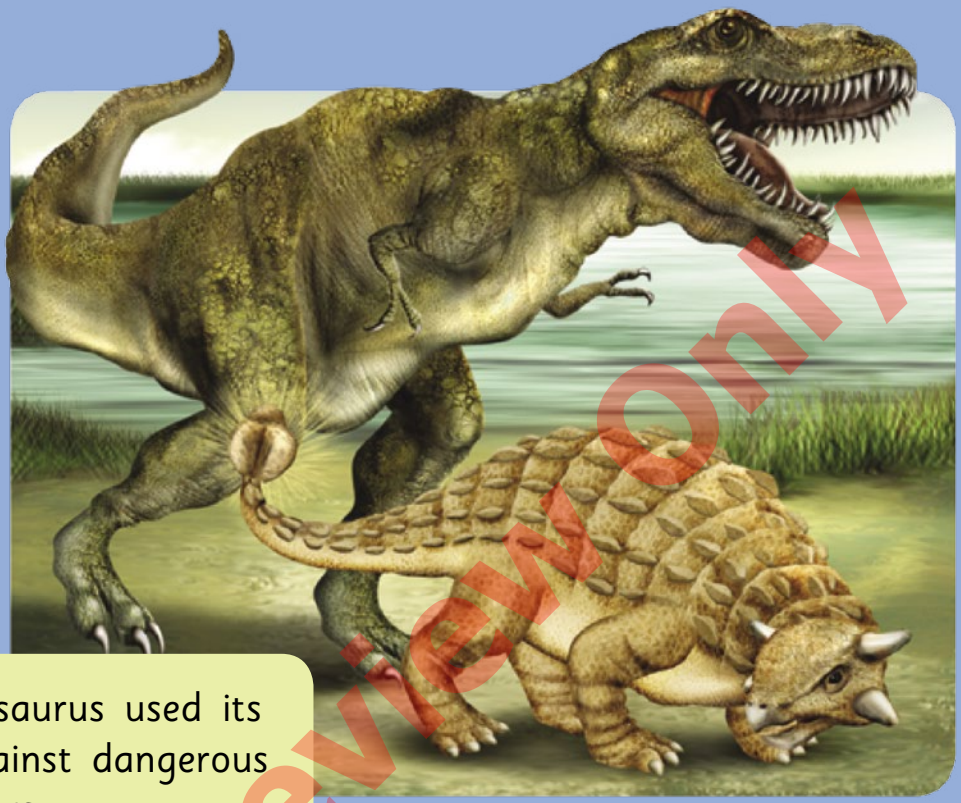
Ankylosaurus (*ang-ky-loh-saw-rus*) looked more like a tank than an animal.

It had thick **plates** and spikes covering its body to protect it.

It had a tail like a heavy club.



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Ankylosaurus used its tail against dangerous dinosaurs.

Ankylosaurus was very big and heavy. It could not run away from **predators**. Instead, it would swing its large tail in a fight.

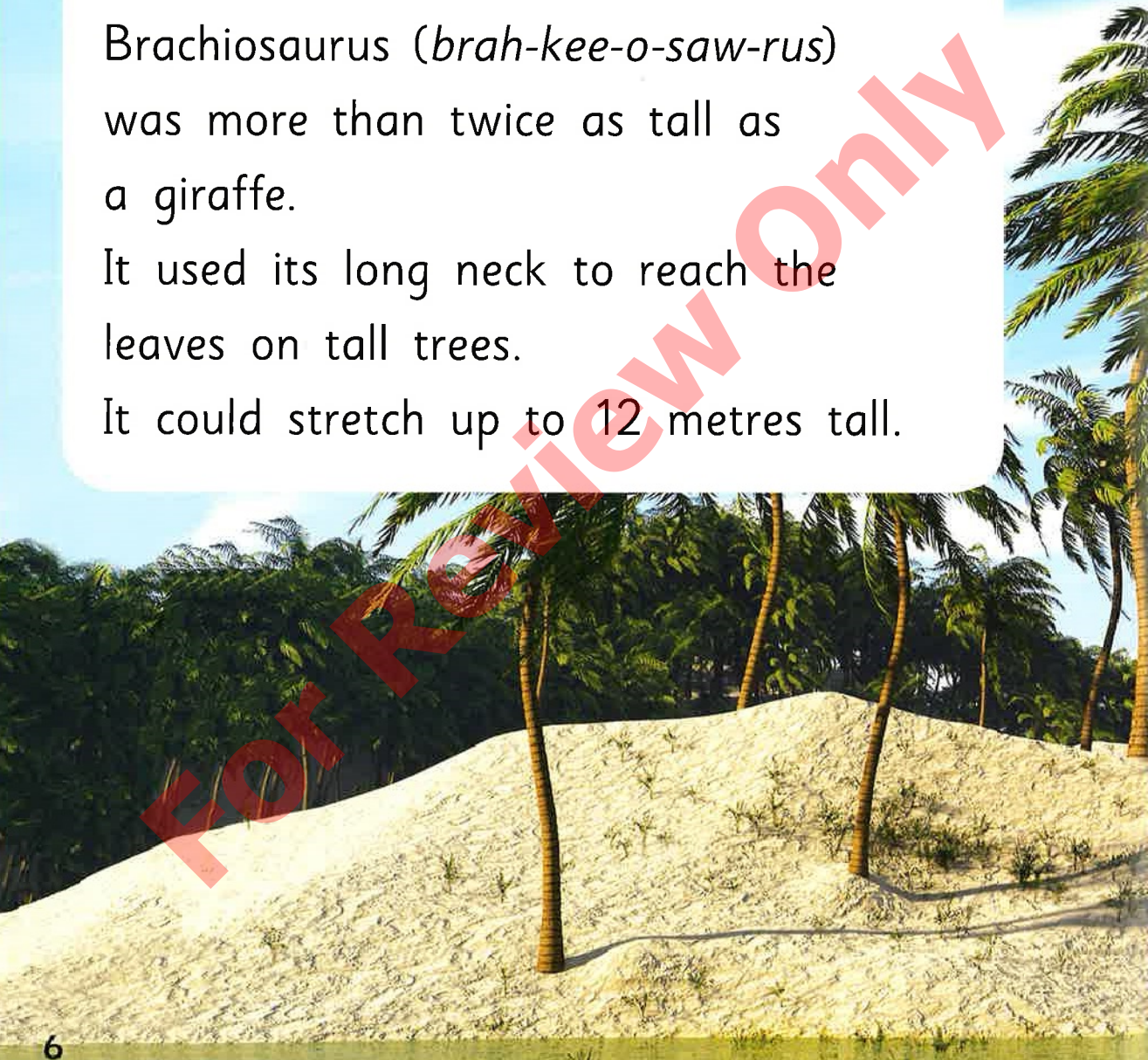
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Terribly Tall

Brachiosaurus (*brah-kee-o-saw-rus*) was more than twice as tall as a giraffe.

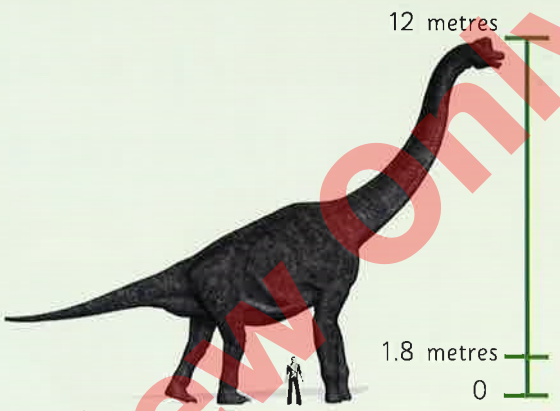
It used its long neck to reach the leaves on tall trees.

It could stretch up to 12 metres tall.



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Brachiosaurus and Human Comparison Chart



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Big Wings

The biggest of all the flying reptiles was Quetzalcoatlus (*kwet-sal-ko-at-lus*). Its wings were 11 metres from tip to tip, or as long as a bus.
Each wing was covered in leathery skin.

Quetzalcoatlus would swoop down and grab its **prey** in its toothless jaws.
Some people think Quetzalcoatlus flew over water to catch fish.
Other people think it caught small dinosaurs to eat.

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