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Dinotopia

The Utopian World of James Gurney's Dinotopia

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Chapter 1

Descended Havoc

Far away of humans, and the rest of the world;
Lies a place, where peace is taught, and knowledge are brought.
There, Happiness spreads through, where human mammals and Dinosaurs co-exist...

Dinotopia: the famous Utopian world of The Writer James Gurney...

One day, it was afternoon, the sun was warm, and the wind was cool,
At that time the sea was calm.

Deep in the Rainy Basin, there was a cave, which was avoided by all; it was told to be a sacred place of carnivores

There laid a whole world called the Ancient World of Dinotopia.

Dinotopians used to live there, until the sunstones were exhausted;
The Dinotopians left to the surface and found all the light they needed in a crater; they "**Found the light**".

Long after that it was called the carnivores' sacred place...

Many raptors and sourians used to roam there, and some raptors used to live there.

One day, a Utahraptor, went on a search for some food, fruit and vegetables, the Utahraptor,
Used to follow his steps back home after collecting enough food; he was told not to get out in rainy days.

Utahraptors always obey for it is a Dinotopian Tradition to obey parents,
And for he knew what it is like to be in the Rainy Basin in a rainy weather.

The Utahraptor was still too young to fight, and he doesn't have a human partner.

He had a female mate; they had no children yet only new-laid eggs in a nest in the Rainy Basin.

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At that time there was a Dolphinback called Matt; Matt arrived to Dinotopia by a "SDV" (Swimmer Delivery Vehicle),

He was a 19 years marine soldier back then, and accidentally the SDV's propellant was tied in underwater weeds, He was rescued by a gigantic eel, which did push him strong enough to free him, and the water current drove the SDV from then.

Matt hoped that the current would drive him to a beach; hours went on, and the oxygen level was decreasing swiftly.

Matt couldn't arrive to a beach in time and had to leave the SDV, from there he swam across the sea, The suit he was wearing provided him with a heat preserving system, which aided him much in handling the cold and salt water.

Eventually he got tired and lost consciousness, when he woke up he was lying on the shores of Dinotopia.

In a few years, He learnt the manner, and the knowledge required; Thou he lacked of mutual understanding and socialistic habits; however he did build the tree house near the beach as he told his friends before.

He had not many friends and always preferred to stay alone in his home.

Matt now studies the seas and learns about aqua and amphibious Dinosaurs, His favorite was Plesiosaurus...

Back to Gartle the Utahraptor, He was looking greedily for more fruits trying to satisfy his female, A summer warm rain dropped, and Gartle was pleased and enjoyed it; after collecting enough fruit and vegetable, He started going back following his footsteps, unfortunately he got lost; he tried to follow his own scent, But the rain had washed everything; Gartle didn't have the smelling sense of carnivores and couldn't return home.

He spent the night under a big fallen leaf, trying to stay warm, He fell asleep rolling around himself covering his stomach.

Sue, she is a Dinosaur rookie healer; she is a mammal life partner of Gartle's female, And used to visit the nest from time to time; when she arrived she asked Sanda, Gartle's female about where was Gartle gone. Sanda repositioned herself in a more suitable position and confessed her demobilized situation, "I can't leave my children in the nest alone" she said in a worried tune. And asked for help after telling where Gartle went.

Sue rushed back to Waterfall City, which was considered as the capital city of Dinotopia;

She quickly informed the elder about the situation, soon the news spread and got to many bounty Hunters.

Hunters were used to locate lost things and animals (including humans); Matt heard the news about the missing raptor and volunteered to the rescue operation solely.

Sue spent the night with Susan in the forest near the nest, And the volunteers discussed the tactics of the operation in Waterfall's Ministry building; they later went all for rest.

At the sunrise, the call out for volunteers was done; There were 2 human males (Including Matt) 5 Carnivore raptors (in truce for meal contract) and 1 human female, That's Sue she was a healing rookie but was always lucky and successive (which qualified her for the assignment).

The team of 3 humans and 5 raptors went soon to look for Gartle.

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The second human, was Eric a forest specialist and an Intelligence Philosopher.

Not long after they set of the city, a Dinotopian raptor followed the pack, it was Sanda; Sue got worried and asked about the nest.

“They are in the safe house of Toodurnclose”, said Sanda
(((Toodurnclose is a city located to the west of Waterfall City both cities are separated by the Twanee Lake, And the rainforest Rainy basin)))*

Matt: “Where do you think Gartle would have gone?”

Eric checked the land and pointed his licked finger up checking the wind, he responded with a serious tone, “Utahraptors don’t travel on rainy days the rain must’ve fallen while he was in the forest, That Gartle was probably collecting food, which took him away from short-time term”.

Sanda jumped talking gladly: “He used to bring me Purplebarries”, and added “I loved them, yummy”****

Sue responded with a trustful pose: “You got the answer, Matt”

Matt: “I’ll lead, let’s go” Matt was traveling a lot in the Rainy Basin and works well as a guide.

Gartle Woke up, the rain stopped, Gartle was confused to which way he should attend to return back; And he went in the wrong way, looking for leads.

On his way, he encountered a fierce enemy a wide pack of Compsognathuses (Also referred to as Compy) ***

They were coming to get him, as he resisted the Compies small but too many; they were too fast in escaping and avoiding attacks,
Gartle was almost cornered and was too tired to sprint longer.

When he was completely cornered “I’ll never get rid of them like this”, he said breathing;
An Oviraptor, jumped out of between the leafs snatching one of the Compies;
The sudden attack enforced terror in the others who fled away,
Gartle was surprised and stood in an offensive position against the Oviraptor.
Gartle got scared of the Furious Oviraptor and asked with s fearing voice: “Who are you?”

The Oviraptor responded as he turned back looking at him
“I was following you to get my food” said the Oviraptor wisely. “And you were a good bait” Added mockingly.

Gartle was offended and stared offensively against the Oviraptor “You’d better run while you can”, with a voice of anger;

“Whoa!” The Oviraptor was surprised “I’m going, I’m going, calm down” said the Oviraptor stepping away,
“You know that your not my type, see-ya!”
The Oviraptor left him running back disappearing among the trees.

Suddenly A splash of blood sprayed all the leafs in red right out from where the Oviraptor went,
Gartle’s terror was overcome with curiosity.

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He waited for a few moments; and since nothing came out he sneaked in, he saw the terrifying scene;
A Fearful Velociraptor had bitten the Oviraptor's Throat and gutted him open;
It started eating rapidly, like if it was hungry for a long while;

And suddenly another Velociraptor appeared jumping from between leafs, it was twice the size of the hungry little one.

The end turned bad and the furious Velociraptor stroke the little Velociraptor's head with one blow,
The little one fell unconsciously
As the Giant Velociraptor trusted his teeth easily in the poor Velociraptor's throat spilling out all the blood.
Gartle was Frightened to death and tried to leave the scene quickly and unnoticeably,
But his carelessness exposed him, the sound and movement of leafs and trunks around him were heard by the Velociraptor, which Jumped high over the plants dropping right on Gartle.
The Velociraptor was a strong adult; it stared at Gartle's eyes,
As Gartle was frozen from the fear which has gotten into him, he leaked on the floor beneath him; he went backwards,
And tripped falling over a small stone behind his right foot

The Velociraptor humphed mockingly, saw that he was small, scared; and turned back going to his recent prey, feasting on it.

Gartle was amazed and instead of escaping he went inside watching;
In few moments his foolish curiosity drove him to ask, "Why did you spare me?"

The Velociraptor ignored him; he was busy eating the Oviraptor.

Gartle growled again with all his voice, "Why have you spared me?"

The Velociraptor turned around slowly looking at Gartle rolling his head a little to the left and then a little to the right,
A cold shiver ran through Gartle's spine as he stared back in to the Velociraptor's cold eyes.

The Velociraptor responded hissing: "Why would I bother killing if I already have enough of what it is for me? Besides you are too small and won't suffice for me".

Gartle asked responding in a low voice: "That seems rational" and asked raising his chin up again, "What is it, that they call you?"

The Velociraptor said proudly "Mine is Havoc, what are you trying to say?"

Gartle heard the name Havoc before, it was famous among the Dinotopians and hunters.

Gartle kept staring at Havoc, with no response
Havoc approached him and they stood snout to snout for a moment.

Havoc moved swiftly trashing Gartle Roughly to the ground;
Gartle Dropped with a slight outcry and dropped the Fruits
He kept his place on the ground lying on his side, pointing his claws and limbs at Havoc
Havoc asked curiously closing up again "Why you do you not flee?"

Gartle responded with a very hesitant tune "Y... You said that you h...had enough dinner, right?"

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Havoc placed his feet on Gartle's stomach, watching him breathing slowly being very scared; and blown up laughing at him;

Thou Gartle didn't have the dare to move Havoc's feet away from him he was surprised!

He had never thought of such habit to come of a carnivore, he felt familiar with Havoc's actions. Havoc licked Gartle's wounds that the Compies had caused and his genitals, and said backing off his talons: "You are too young, You should have stayed longer under the rain;" Gartle was confused, why would he stay longer under rain? "The Compies located your scent easily," Havoc said wisely. "You are still agitated from your last mating; next time when you mate, remember to swim washing off your scent and lay down for a few hours before running to the forest spreading it all over the place" said Havoc insulting him.

Gartle didn't knew what to respond, as he stood back on his feet; The Huge Velociraptor Picked up the fruits and handed it over to Gartle.

As Gartle offered Friendship; which Havoc mockingly tuned it down going away: "Friendship?" repeating mockingly, "If I meet your meat again while I'm hungry, I shall certainly make the best of it, with full appetite" he said not looking back.

Gartle got disappointed with Havoc's threatening response, and went to wherever he thought was the direction home.

Finally he arrived to a cave;
The cave entrance was right across a lake,
Gartle decided to take a nap in that ancient looking cave and wanted to jump over to the cave entrance,
But thought of throwing something first; he found a big plant about his size,
He pulled it with all his left strength out of the soil and threw it over the lake; and observed, as a Mosasaurus jumped out of the water, towards the plant to crush it with its teeth.

Gartle went into shock and his breath went rapidly fast, as he backed away hiding himself under some broken trunks and leaves to rest.

Matt followed the broken plants and sticks searching for better lead,
And soon the foot prints appeared evidently clear; as they sprinted following the foot prints arriving at the blooded leaves.

There were only blood stains, no bodies; nothing else.

Matt and the others were terrified except one of the Raptors went on and started smelling "This is not an Utahraptor blood", he said grinning "his scent is here but not his blood" Said the Velociraptor smelling the stained leaves.

Eric: "If the Utahraptor is alive then he must have kept going forward thinking it's the road home".

Sanda noticed his footprints a little far and notified the others.

All followed the footprints stained with blood drops all around.

The road was muddy and the mammals faced difficulty walking until Matt stopped to clean the dirt of his boots.

As all stood waiting for him Sanda asked looking towards his feet up close "Where did you get these wares?"

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Matt responded as he was scrubbing off the dirt, "it was my commander's, he gave them to me before setting off, He convinced me to wear them before he set on the SDV; He said that they always brought him luck."

The raptor stared at Matt asking curiously: "What is SDV? It sounds unfamiliar"

Matt couldn't answer this too directly because he know the Raptor wouldn't understand it

"It's a human invention of a fish that can carry man underwater", said Matt confusingly.

The pack decided to rest...

The Velociraptor stayed with Matt and Sue, Sanda went with a Blueraptor*****, and the other 3 raptors were young twins, called Alpharaptor, Betaraptor, And Gammaraptor, they went on different directions scooping around.

Silence spread, the sounds of birds and leafs was the only heard noise.

Matt, Stared at sue and the Velociraptor for some time: "Are we going to eat here, or what?" he asked loudly.

The Velociraptor responded: "I thought we were hired to get the foolish Oviraptor back, right?"

Sue got offended and reacted: "It's an Utahraptor and don't you call him 'fool', he is just... inexperienced".

Matt finished cleaning off the dirt and stood up, "Let us keep up north to where the tracks led..." Matt Suggested confidently

The Velociraptor responded turning quickly toward him: "It's better to head west, I can see some broken twigs and branches, over there", the Velociraptor said not looking where he pointed.

Eric said mockingly: "He wouldn't have gone there unless if he really was a death-wishing raptor, The cave to the underworld lies west of here"

Matt and Sue got a terrible feeling. The Velociraptor's eyes opened widely and the dulls became circle, This was an expression of fear appeared in his eyes; the fear was not from the place he was going to, It was his deep concern over the Utahraptor.

Matt, Sue and the other raptors hurried to the Ancient Cave, arriving in haste they stopped in front of it; Breathing constantly; The entrance was blocked by Lake Twaniee; it separated the forest in half the other half was called as the north side.

In the Westside laid the town Toodurnclose and to the South east laid the Capital Waterfall of Dinotopia.

Matt got close to the edge and prepared to jump, as he jumped; the Velociraptor jumped ahead of him grabbing him from the Air striking him roughly to the ground.

A large alligator-like Dinosaur called 'Mosasaurus' Appeared from the bottom of the lake jumping up, reaching the Velociraptor's tail and dragging him back to the water.

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Matt was breathing swiftly and the three Velociraptor twins were looking with fear at the water, The Blueraptor dragged Matt away from the ledge, and followed the Velociraptor diving in.

Not much after that, the lake turned red; blood filled its water.

All got back a few feet, and waited with both aggression and fear.

The Velociraptor, was underwater fighting two Mosauruses, the Blueraptor interfered and could rid of one of them, He soon went out of air, and swam upwards taking a breath.

At the time the Velociraptor's left hind was deeply wounded.
The other Mosasaurus, which was grabbing the Velociraptor's tail, couldn't defeat the Velociraptor, So instead it held it underwater trying to drown him.

Everything became slow, the Velociraptor was trying to get away, struggling to survive with no use; the Mosasaurus' jaw was holding his hind firmly tight, that even the pain couldn't be ignored.

The Blueraptor returned with all speed to knock off the second Mosasaurus, Who went down staring at the Velociraptor, Ravaging "I'LL GET YOU SOMEDAY, HAVOOC!" going down to the bottom.

The Velociraptor couldn't swim with such deep injury in his left hind (leg).

Eventually The Blueraptor had to drag him out of the water, and kept of what he heard to himself.

Once the others saw the Blueraptor Carrying the Velociraptor, They were worried, the twins were glad and marveled with the Blueraptor's mighty strength.

However, the rest were concerned with Havoc's health, not knowing who his true identity.

Matt: "how is he, the Velociraptor?"

Blueraptor, Placed Havoc on the floor, and checked his wounds saying that he needs a bandage to at least stop the bleeding"

Sue Took out the bandage, but the Blueraptor refused her assistance; he took the bandage of her hands and treated the wounds licking and bandaging them.

Blueraptor lifted Havoc's head with his right hand and constantly pressed over his heart with the left hand.

Havoc Started coughing off water and was resuscitated successfully.

"Blueraptor, why have you saved me?" Havoc asked with an exhausted tune.

Blueraptor responded whispering: "Your secret is safe... now rest"

Havoc opened his mouth wanting to say a few more words before falling down revealing that the Utahraptor 'Gartle' was behind them under the leafs near that huge Smudged tree.

Sanda Rushed swiftly finding him lying on the damp soil holding tight to a pocket filled with Purplebarries, He was bleeding;

It seemed that Havoc didn't lick his wounds enough and the bleeding didn't entirely stop.

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Blueraptor, figured the story out, however he kept his conclusions to himself again; saying in himself "why? There is something missing here..."

Once everyone returned to the lakeside, Havoc was gone.

Blueraptor got annoyed and Matt noticed that about him. The Velociraptor twins Alpharaptor and Betaraptor got hungry;

So the pack decided to eat, however Matt was only carrying fruit and vegetables.

That disappointed the Carnivores, who went in search for something to eat.

Sanda and Sue, were taking care of Gartle, Sue have done the best of her skills and Sanda helped by talking to Gartle.

While Sue Bandaged the wounds, Gartle: "I'm sorry for not telling you, I was trying to make it a surprise"

Sanda said calmly "It's all right, all what matters now is you". Gartle, Growled with pain,

And Sanda grabbed his head and held it near her saying sadly "live for me, struggle for the sake of your children".

Gartle responded smiling: "I'll be okay, thank you..." the talking continued as sue heard them,

She smiled and continued treating Gartle.

At the time everyone was busy the Velociraptors went with the Blueraptor on the hunt.

Suddenly Havoc Appeared from between the trees sprinting limply assaulting Blueraptor;

The Blueraptor avoided the pitiful attack with swiftness with out even looking back,

The twins Alpha Beta and Gamma went offensive on Havoc, as Havoc was cutting his way through them,

Beta was instantly killed with a single lethal attack over his skull,

Alpha's face got filled with tears and anger, and went fighting with all his strength. Until, Havoc turned the other two down,

Gamma has retreated with critical wounds, however alpha kept fighting with every breath he had,

Eventually Havoc tightened his bite over Alpharaptor's neck and threw him down scrubbing the soil and stones with him, until alpha surrendered with pain, Havoc then placed his teeth over alpha's throat ready to finish him off;

But the Blueraptor assaulted Havoc from behind; Havoc expected it and attempted to avoid unsuccessfully,

Havoc was trashed down and the Blueraptor said breathing

"I know [breath] that you were [breath] coming back [breath], Havoc, what are you doing in this place?" asked Blueraptor.

Havoc looked at the twins mourning, Betaraptor with deep pain in both physical and spiritual state;

"You can't keep secrets" said Havoc doubted.

Blueraptor turned aside and responded calmly; "You are right about that thing."

And ran back returning to the pack with the remaining twins".

Havoc, regretted his killing to Betaraptor, and wished from his heart for Betaraptor to survive,

And hid him between the large leafs, laid aside of him.

As Blueraptor went back to the pack, Gammaraptor soon couldn't walk, so Blueraptor carried him the rest of the way.

Matt is a Dolphinback, He yet needed to learn honesty and socializing, Sue is a Dinotopian healer who is Sanda's life partner, Gartle was the youngest among the raptors. When Blueraptor arrived to the pack, Gammaraptor was already in an unconscious state.

Sue went berserk and asked about what happened.

Blueraptor didn't have the time to tell them

So he asked another question: "How is Gammaraptor?"

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Sue started checking him out and responded with a sad look, “he’s not going to make it, his wounds are deep and Both of his lungs were pierced by the broken ribs”.

Alpharaptor was hugging Matt with all the left of his strength begging him to do something.

They Watched, Gammaraptor, die in front of them. And their hate grew deeper with anger towards Havoc.

There never was such cruelty in all of Dinotopia.

Gartle was able to walk, slowly and asked about Havoc

That’s where Blueraptor interfered and told them the real story,

The Blueraptor saw that Gartle was limping again, and offered a lift; Gartle wanted to walk;

But Blueraptor insisted claiming a logical explanation

“If you keep walking your wounds won’t heal, and you’ll situation will only get worse.”

That seemed Logical for Gartle and everyone else. So Blueraptor carried Gartle all the way to Waterfall City

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Information Tab

* Please read the “raptor named Hades story” in the Dinotopians National Library to know where exactly Toodurnclose is.

** Some locations from The Dinotopia are used here including the Rainy Basin among others.

*** Compies are tiny carnivores about the size of small cats, they attack in packs and usually there is one male in every pack. They have the habit of collecting shiny Items and attacking small animals, the larger the pack was the larger the victim they picked on.

**** Utahraptor is usually a carnivore, but in this case it has learned to adapt to become an omnivore, this was a condition for meat eaters if they wanted to become citizens of Dinotopia’s cities.

***** Blueraptor: A legendary carnivore dinosaur similar to Velociraptor, it is said to have Ultra raptor levels; this made it super dangerous however they are rare because of there habit of leaving there nests and move to live in different places occasionally.

-- Blueraptors, live in small packs of up to 7 raptors each. And they are able to cause critical damage, for their accuracy and logic is said to be phenomenal leveled as Ultra raptor Level (Article by Regina, Dino Crisis 2™ CAPCOM® Entertainment).

Utahraptor= Named after the state Utah of the United States, where is was first discovered, its bone structure is similar to that of Oviraptors’

Human= Homo-sapiens=Modern Human, stands for the new millennium of humankind that invented the wheel and the computer. Living at the late time and conquering the rest of the earth.

Oviraptor= Egg Robber, Named for robbing eggs, in old Latin studies it was thought that this small weak raptor could do no more, they turned out wrong as the modern science have discovered it’s paralyzing poison ability and the beak-like snout was generally used to crack egg shells and assault victims, it was perfect for both defense and offense. (Article by Regina, Dino Crisis 2™ CAPCOM)

Velociraptor= Swift Seizer, Known for its speed exceeding 65 kilometers per hour, used to attack nests, lives in packs and generally furious.

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