

Tooth or dare?

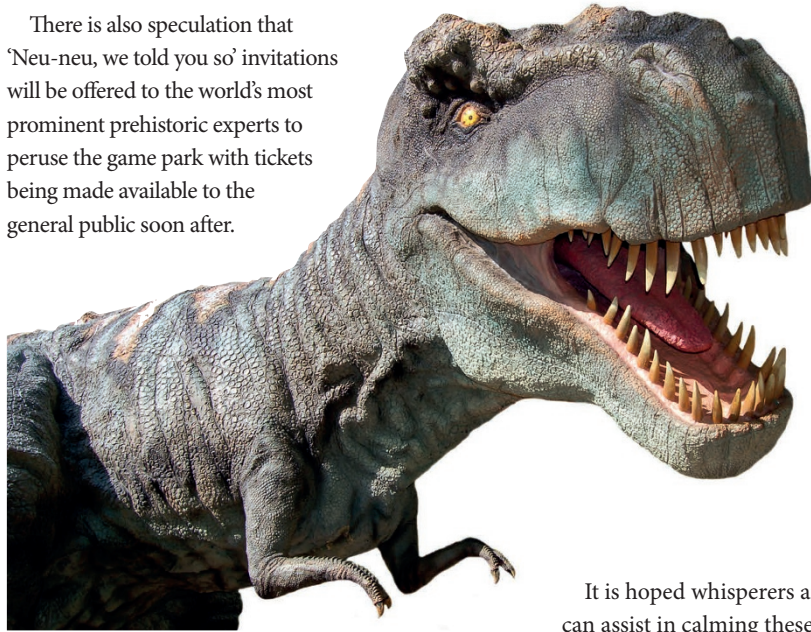
In this ever-evolving world of scientific advancement, a meteoric blast from the past might be just what the planet needs, according to a team at the University of Kinderos Buenos in South America.

The team has discovered pulpal stem cells in fossilised tooth remains. They believe it is only a matter of time before dinosaur safaris become a reality.

Dr Rawry Claws, who headed the team, gave a press conference earlier this month at which he hailed the discovery as the 'fearless existence of troubled species that can be raised from the dead long after their expiration date', thus questioning Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest.

Rumours amongst palaeontology circles are now rife about the existence of guarded warehouses with eggs ready to hatch at any moment.

There is also speculation that 'Neu-neu, we told you so' invitations will be offered to the world's most prominent prehistoric experts to peruse the game park with tickets being made available to the general public soon after.



Fear of being eaten alive, however, is obviously a contraindication.

For candidates brave enough to apply, perks include reduced indemnity fees since displeased patients will probably exercise termination of the clinician(s) rather than seek pay-outs or regulatory hearings. Other incentives listed are a substantial salary in proportion to the mammoth tusks ahead, relocation package, and full pension if the candidate is lucky enough to make it to retirement age.

In an effort to ease reservations of those applying for any roles, a statement accompanies the job description. It assures potential applicants that the artistic directors have taken the time to watch every disaster movie at their disposal to avoid repeat script writing and formulate sensible Health and Safety and RIDDOR policies.

It is hoped whisperers and tamers can assist in calming these rediscovered beasts to prevent the riotous anger such as that seen on display in *Jurassic Park/Jurassic World*.

Spoilers are that Tom Booker (a.k.a. Robert Redford) has been enlisted to assemble a cast. Nick Fury and his S.H.I.E.L.D. crew are on standby if the resurrected species cannot be hypnotised into the fluffy performances seen in *The Land Before Time*. Naysayers warn it will not be easy to teach an old dinosaur new tricks.

Professor Ross Geller from the Friends Institute of Palaeontology has so far been unavailable for comment since 2004.

By Hussein Hassanali

The carious tooth

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

By Judith Sinclair-Cohen

The carious tooth is an ugly truth
Which well you may see in The Chair;
But uglier yet is the truth we forget
Of how it first came to be there.
Kiddies and grownups too,
Even dentists like me and you,
Can all get that tooth –
That ugly tooth –
The tooth of precarious hue!
It's sugar, pernicious and far from
nutritious,
That will surely caries invite.
And frequent sweet sips passing through
those lips
Can ruin your apatite (sic)
So - if you diagnose, an overdose of
sucrose
(So bad for general health too)
Quite apart from that tooth –
That carious tooth –
You'll stave off diabetes too!
Thus, the cure for this ill is not just
fill'n'drill,
Rather to minim'l intervention aspire!
And to repair – in haste – with fluoride
in paste,
Then brush till you gently perspire.
Lest all lose their teeth (both above and
beneath)
Here's something on which to chew:
Without further ado
Let ALL hear that truth -
'bout that carious tooth –
And to caries we'll say: Too-da-loo!

In memory of John Gerald Clement

Judith Sinclair-Cohen is an independent consultant in public health, living in Modi'in, Israel.

Satellite images on Leakopedia have reported that spatial enclosures have been created at Area 51 to house the larger than life creatures. Furthermore, leaked documents have shown soon-to-be-advertised positions for veterinarians and dentists, especially in search of those specialised in supersized macrodentology.

The job specification clearly requests dentists with climbing experience who are not afraid to scale giant structures. Those with knowledge of setting up drilling platforms is desired, but not essential, as full training and support would be provided.