

Neil Gunn Writing Competition

The Prehistoric Predicament

"MUM Can you get me a drink? I feel lightheaded," said an 11 year old boy called Darius who has a test today.

"Sure thing sweetheart" said the boy's mum, Karen.

"Ughhhh I don't feel good, I don't think I can go to school."

"Ok... guess you're not going to the swimming pool with your frie..."

"Actually mum I think I could still go to the pool. I'm not contagious or anything right?"

"Well let me check your temperature in case you have a fever."

"NO NO NO I wouldn't because it would hurt me and you do not want to agitate my cold right. Okay but come on a walk you're probably sick due to you're

lack of fresh air so come on a walk with me, get dressed into your clothes and we're going on a walk with me to feed the duckies at the pond we have lots of stale bread so hurry chop chop.

1 week later

"So mum, since I feel better, can I go to the forest with my friends?"

"Sure"

"Thank you mum, you're the best."

Meet my friends: Timmy who's the brains of the group really.

Brad who knows a lot about marine life .

And me, who is the Dino nerd and animal nerd.

So anyway, back to what happened. We venture out deeper and deeper to find a fossil, a fossil of anything really. Instead, we found some wolf fur so that was cool but we found a small cave! It had an egg in it but it's not a bird egg and it seems to have been abandoned by its parents, no creatures were nearby.

“THIS IS A DINO EGG its a utahraptor egg! THIS IS UNBELIEVABLY HAPPENING!”

“Darius calm down, let's show it to the scientists they can handle it on their own.” said Brad.

“NO NO NO- I'm sorry, how old are you again?? WE can't hand it to scientists, it's way too precious to be held captive and used like a weapon.”

“It's gonna be hard not to tell anyone we found a dinosaur egg on an adventure through the forest Darius.”

“So whos bringing the dinosaur egg to their house?”

“ME! I will take the dinosaur egg home.”

“Okay. Sure Darius but something bad happens don't call me! Whatever let's go home.”

So there, egg, I'm gonna study you all day and night because you are a dinosaur egg and you are supposed to be extinct but somehow you are in front of me! I think I'll just go get some strawberries and a drink.

So during this small space of time... crack! The egg decides to begin hatching.

Darius calls Brad. (RING RiNG) “Yeah the egg's hatching!”

“WHAT! Darius I told you this would happen!”

“Uhhh ooohhh!”

“Now I recommend bringing it to the scientists, anyway I gotta go. See you tomorrow at school, I hope!”