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There is a dinosaur outside my window

I looked out of the window and I could not believe my eyes. I thought I was still dreaming. It was so big and colourful. It was a dinosaur! It had big shiny white teeth that were so sharp, they could bite through steel. It was so big that its head almost touched the clouds. I was so scared at first because I thought that, if I went outside, it would eat me, but the dinosaur's eyes seemed so kind. And it looked just as scared and confused as I was, so I built up the courage I had and I went outside, still shaking, and kindly said 'hello there dinosaur, my name is Riley, are you OK?' And suddenly, with a quiet, gentle tone, the dinosaur replied 'hello there Riley. My name is Lewis. One minute I was eating some mangoes and then, all of a sudden, I was here. I think I am lost. Can you help me please?' I was so surprised by his response, as I was expecting a big, deep voice that would shake the ground, but Lewis was so friendly and kind and made me feel right at ease. We became friends straight away and he told me all about how he got here. I immediately wanted to help him, so we both realised that if the mangoes sent him there then maybe they would help him get home. So we searched all afternoon and finally came across a big tree full of mangoes. We were both so excited and ran towards the tree. Lewis and I became really good friends after spending all afternoon together and I was sad that he would now have to leave, but we both made a promise that we would see each other again and that I would always look after the mango tree, so there would always be enough mangoes, so Lewis the dinosaur would always be able to visit me. We both said goodbye and I headed home and, even though no one believed me when I told them this story, it didn't matter because, after that day, I would visit that mango tree every week and Lewis the dinosaur would always be there to greet me with his big shiny smile and give me a big dinosaur hug.

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