

## How to Bring the Extinct Back to Life

An abandoned house stood at the edge of a long forgotten road. Inside the house there was nothing but space, and the dusty steps led up to an old door-less bedroom. As you walk into the bedroom you can see gaps in the floor where floorboards once were, and if you turned to your left you can see shattered windows above an old rotten bookcase. On the bookcase are copies of every book that has ever been written. But one book was missing. Two hundred years ago, someone hid its cover under the bed, and the book quietly vanished. The book is called 'How to Bring the Extinct Back to Life.'

At night, when the housekeeper is tucked up in his cabin at the edge of the property, the books came to life. Cobwebs blocked the bright flashing light of a black and white television that catches your eye. The aroma of dinner wafts through the air. The sound of pots and pans being washed can be heard. On a shelf of joke books beginning with the letter J a boy called James lived. James was the only one who knew about the book. One night when he was chasing after his dog Bailey, he skidded under the bed and found the cover. James decided that no matter what happened he was going to find that book. "If we find that book we will get to see amazing creatures."

For almost four years, James and Bailey searched for the book. They searched in grimy gruesome lampshades coated in a toxic substance. They searched in an empty mangled wardrobe that stood guard of the entrance of the room. Finally, they searched near the gap on a dusty bookcase, but everything was the same. Then, one morning they came across four Greek gods. The four gods were wearing bright white robes like freshly fallen snow. Each gods robe was trimmed with a different colour. "You have come for this haven't you?" said Poseidon. He presented the book to James. James took the book and read the title 'How to Bring the Extinct Back to Life'. "But" began James. But Poseidon turned and beckoned and James followed.

Poseidon led James through a book and into a cloud. Suddenly, he was on top of the world, he could see everything that was happening down below. When James touched the cloud his hand went straight through it as if nothing was there. Poseidon strode onwards and James followed behind. "Where are we going?" asked James. "To see my brother Zeus" replied Poseidon. Finally, they reached a clearing. There, on a throne made of solid gold sat Zeus, king of the gods. James asked him about the book. "You mustn't read it," shouted Zeus. "I am the only one who's has ever read It and not been sent back to the age of the dinosaurs. I thought I could have fun bringing back the extinct. I thought I could get to see amazing creatures. I thought I could keep my powers. But all that happened was I lost all my powers, and it's not fun after all."

James decided that he would not read the book. "You are wiser than I was," said Zeus. Then he took James home.