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BETTER THAN DINOSAURS

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TAGLINE: We're here. We're extinct. And we're better than dinosaurs!

CONCEPT: At the glitzy, Oscar-like Extinction Awards Show, all of the fascinating and weird extinct animals that aren't dinosaurs get some long-overdue recognition.

STORY: The Extinction Awards have always been hosted by Tyrannosaurus Rex, but this year T-Rex finds himself saddled with an unwelcome co-host, Coelacanth. She's not going to be quiet about all the non-dinosaurs who deserve some overdue recognition. T-Rex's frustration grows as non-dinosaurs start racking up awards. T-Rex thinks he's found the solution when he learns Coelacanth, once thought to have died out the same time as the dinosaurs (65MYA), is in fact still alive. This news crushes Coelacanth's spirit. Feeling guilty, T-Rex realizes that Coelacanth can still win the coveted Fossil of the Year because she's a living fossil.

CHARACTERS:

T-REX He thinks dinosaurs are obviously the best extinct animals ever, with himself as the awesome-est of the awesome. So he wonders why this year he's stuck with some fishy co-host who

won't shut up about all these boring non-dinosaurs. To make matters worse, these creatures go on to win lots of awards. Oh, the injustice!

COELACANTH It's her first year as co-host and she's here to prove there are plenty of extinct animals that are just as good (or maybe even better?) than dinosaurs.

...and a fascinating cavalcade of nominees, award winners and audience members from all over our wondrous fossil record.

LET'S LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT OUR CHARACTERS:

ANOMALOCARIS (ah-NOM-ah-LAH-care-iss): [Info/What it looked like](#)

COELACANTH (SEEL-ah-canth): [Info/What it looked like](#)

EURYPTERID (You-RIP-tuh-rid): [Info/What it looked like](#)

HALLUCIGENIA (huh-LOOSE-eh-GEN-ee-ah): [Info/What it looked like](#)

LIVYATAN (liv-YA-tan): [Info/What it looked like](#)

MEGATHERIUM (meg-ah-THAIR-ee-um): [Info/What it looked like](#)

MICRORAPTOR (MY-crow-RAP-ter): [Info/What it looked like](#)

MOSASAURUS (moh-SUH-SAWR-us): [Info/What it looked like](#)

NIGERSAURUS (NYE-zher-SAWR-us): [Info/What it looked like](#)

OPABINIA (O-pa-BIN-ee-ah): [Info/What it looked like](#)

SPINOSAURUS (SPINE-oh-SAWR-us): [Info/What it looked like](#)

STEGOSAURUS: [Info/What it looked like](#)

THERIZINOSAURUS (Ther-i-ZIN-oh-SAWR-us): [Info/What it looked like](#)

TRICERATOPS: [Info/What it looked like](#)

TRILOBITE: [Info/What it looked like](#)

TYRANNOSAURUS REX: [Info/What it looked like](#)

WOOLLY MAMMOTH: [Info/What it looked like](#)

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PANEL ONE

EXT. GLAMOROUS AWARDS SHOW THEATER - NIGHT

It's awards night! Glitz! Glamor! Klieg light shoot bright beams into the night sky.

For the venue, think Grauman's Chinese or Radio City Music hall, but with Mesozoic touches. Instead of Greek columns, giant Ginkgo trees rendered in marble. Instead of human statues, dinosaurs.

ANNOUNCER (OFF)

Welcome to the 15,374th Annual
Extinction Awards! We may be extinct,
but we live on in the hearts of our
fans, and award shows like this!

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PANEL ONE

EXT. RED CARPET - NIGHT

Extinct animals in tuxedos and evening gowns enter on the red carpet as paparazzi cameras FLASH.

ANNOUNCER (OFF)

Animals from all strata of the fossil record are out in force, and the question on everyone's lips: Who will walk away with the top prize of the night?

(New balloon, big)

Fossil of the Year

PANEL TWO

INT. AWARDS SHOW THEATER/STAGE - NIGHT

A red curtain rises, reveals a stage flanked by tall statues of the "EXTINCTY'S" a gold statue like the Oscar or the Emmy, but of a trilobite instead of a human.

ANNOUNCER (OFF)

Now please put your claws, paws and tentacles together for your host...
TYRANNOSAURUS REX!

PANEL THREE

INT. AWARDS SHOW THEATER/STAGE

T-Rex enter the stage in a tux. Confident, smiling, this is one Theropod who loves the spotlight.

T-REX

Greetings! I just want to say, you are all SO lucky to be here. I am truly amazing!

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PANEL ONE

INT. AWARDS SHOW THEATER/STAGE

As T-Rex soaks in the applause:

ANNOUNCER

And your co-host... COELACANTH!*

CAPTION

* SEEL-ah-canth

PANEL TWO

INT. AWARDS SHOW THEATER/STAGE

Uh-oh! T-Rex was not expecting that.

T-REX

Seela-WHO-now?

PANEL TWO

INT. AWARDS SHOW THEATER/STAGE

Coelacanth, in a dazzling evening gown, enters from the wings, grinning and waving at the crowd.

COELACANTH

Thank you! Thank you! It's so wonderful to be here. Makes dying out millions of years ago totally worth it.

PANEL THREE

INT. AWARDS SHOW THEATER/STAGE

TWO SHOT: T-Rex and Coelacanth

T-REX

I don't have a co-host. I've never had a co-host.