

THE OVIRAPTOR

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Watch out for the Oviraptor, the dinosaur that steals eggs and oval things! If it smells wee, it will sniff out the boy who wet the bed, and steal his balls. Didi hates wearing a nappy at night, and is determined not to let that happen.

Didi often wets his bed, but he doesn't like going to the toilet at bedtime, and he hates the feel of a wet nappy. One day, reading a book with Mum, he sees a picture of an oviraptor, a dinosaur that steals eggs and oval things, runs faster than the wind, and never comes home empty-handed. Didi checks his balls, and grows more and more worried that the Oviraptor will sniff him out. What if it steals his balls? Didi is determined not to let the Oviraptor get its claws on them!

The story of the Oviraptor was inspired by the experience of the author's son. This cute, reassuring story encourages very young children to overcome their fears. It shows them that it's better to face difficult things than to turn away from them. And that when the problem is solved, they know they have learned something and can be proud of what they have achieved!

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It was the same every evening...

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NO!

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Come on, Didi!

No!

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Didi often wet the bed, but he didn't like going to the toilet at bed-time.

As a last resort, Mum would fetch a nappy.

But as soon Didi saw it, he'd start kicking and screaming.

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Nappies are hot and tight,

And wet and horrible.

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One morning, after removing Didi's wet nappy,

Mum read to him about an awesome dinosaur.

"Once upon a time, far far away,

lived the Oviraptor.

It stole eggs and oval things.

It had a sharp beak and a long tail

And it ran faster than the wind."

Didi listened and forgot he was angry.

Then, his eyes opened wide when he thought of his balls.

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Brring ... Brring...

Mum went to answer the phone.

What if the Oviraptor comes to steal my balls? Didi wondered.

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The Oviraptor was holding an egg, and looked as though it might burst out of the book at any moment...

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And look for more eggs...

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If it smells any wee
it will find the boy that wet the bed
and steal his balls.

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The Oviraptor NEVER goes home empty-handed.

Ow!

Ouch!

No!

They've gone!

ROAR!

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The Oviraptor collects eggs and oval things
It uses them in different ways.

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It paints them. It fries them.
It plays basketball with the bouncy ones.
It uses the shells as fertilizer.

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Didi slammed the book shut.
I won't let it get out.

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I won't let it steal my balls.
But he couldn't help worrying: What if it came that night?

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Didi looked around his bedroom.

He thought he heard a dinosaur roaring at him.

He glared at the book about the Oviraptor, and said very loudly:

I won't let you get my balls!

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He took the book to the sitting room.

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And weighed it down with a stone.

Try getting out now!

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Now he could play happily with his wooden bricks.

Knock!

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But when Didi went to fetch his wax crayons from his bedroom, there it was...

How did you get back here?

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Didi picked up the book and ran to the balcony.

Stay away from me!

Huh?

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When Didi went to get more wooden bricks from his bedroom, there it was...

How did you get back here again?

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Didi was determined to get rid of the Oviraptor.

He hid the book under the sofa.

He stuffed it behind the drawers.

He even threw it in the bin.

But no matter what he did, the book kept coming back to his bookshelf.

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Didi didn't know what to do. And it was getting dark...

Suddenly he had a brainwave!

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That night, at bed-time,
He let Mum take him to the toilet.

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I'm ready now!
No nappy, no problem!
I'm not scared of the Oviraptor!

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Lightning cracked the sky. It was the Oviraptor!

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Hey! You're... not scary at all!