



## Discovering Logosland

By Wayne Visser

7

### Not Enough Words

How many words are enough? asked Jordan.

That depends on how boring you are.

I'm not boring!

Are you sure? Your dinosaur was pretty boring before I got hold of it.

No it wasn't. The dinosaur in my head was fantastic! Even better than yours. I just hadn't turned the picture into words yet.

And what if you had? How many words would have been enough?

I would have needed at least hundred words to tell you all about that dinosaur!

At least a hundred? That's quite impressive! What would some of those words be?

That's easy! Words like: big, scary, scaly, drooling, hungry, green, fearsome ...

Fearsome! What a great word! What else?

His teeth are long and razor-sharp. His eyes are red and fiery. His legs are bulging with muscles. And his claws are stained with blood.

Don't move!

What?!

Behind you! Don't make any sudden movements. It's a big, scary, scaly, drooling, hungry, green, fearsome dinosaur with razor-sharp teeth, fiery eyes, bulging muscles and blood-stained claws!

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

It's seen us! Run! It after us! It's going to catch us!

It wants to eat us! We're going to die!

It's too fast! We can't outrun it! What shall we do?

We can climb a tree!

I don't see any trees! Use your magic! Quickly!





Uhhh ... let me think ... I imagine a tree for us to climb.

Not enough words! We need more words! Hurry! It's getting closer. I can feel its hot, stinking breath on my neck!

I see a tall tree, with low branches, that are easy to climb and long roots to trip the dinosaur ... There it is! I did it! We're safe! Wahoooo! Creating things is easy!



*Creative Commons 2008*

