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Peniche Portugal Dinosaurs

Peniche is a pretty seaside town on the west coast of Portugal.

The area's history goes back millions of years. In Peniche within the rocks experts were able to find history that goes back 200 million years ago, to the beginning of the Jurassic period. Studies actual show that at that time Peniche, Lisbon and Coimbra were sea not land. This was before the Atlantic Ocean was formed.

Later when Peniche became land, it was an island, until the 16th century when it became attached to the mainland of Portugal by a narrow isthmus made from silt.

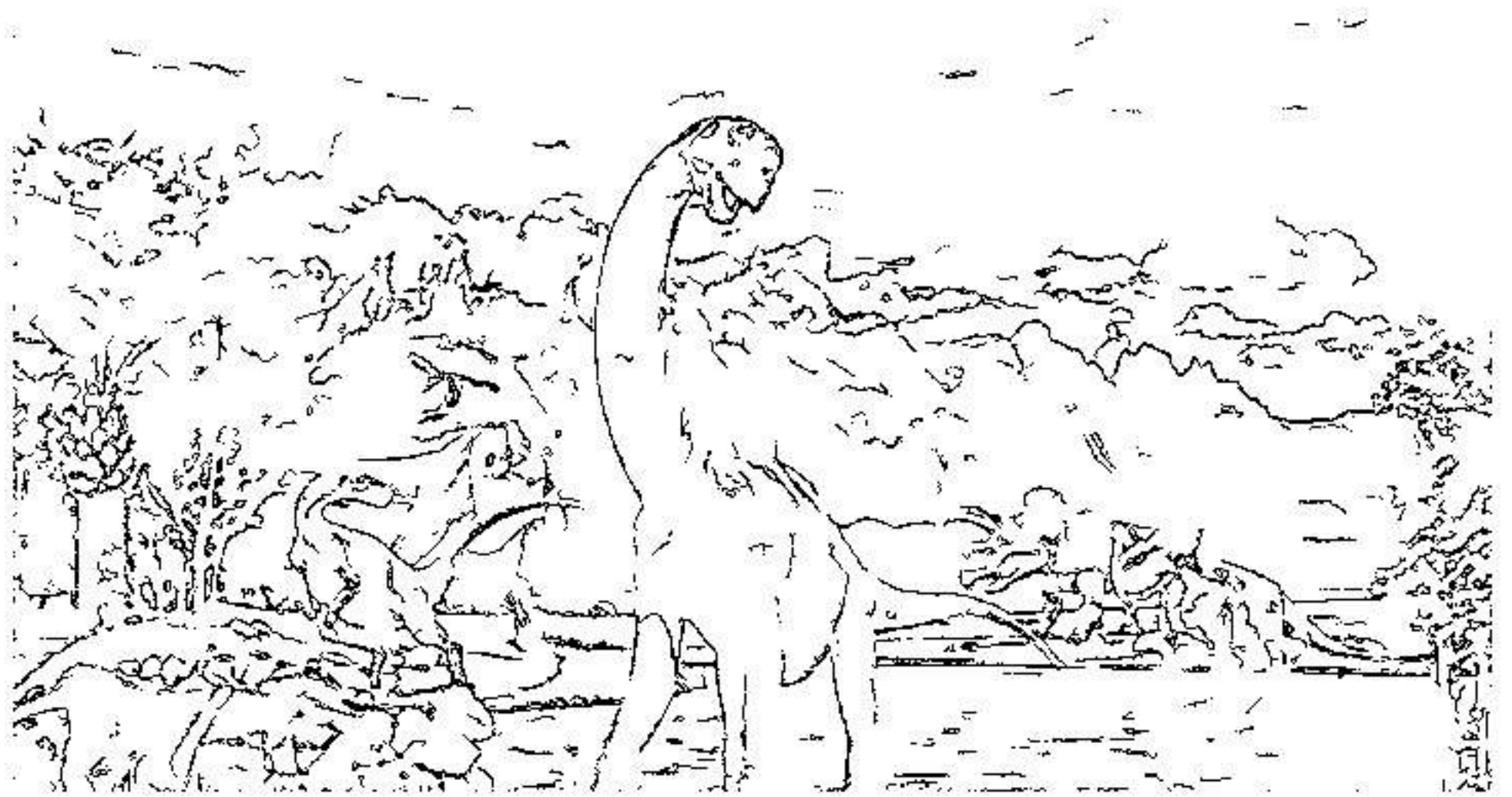
In 1957, the humerus (upper arm) bone of a dinosaur was found in Peniche at the beach, Praia dos Frades. It took a long time to study the bone properly but by 2016, the team knew for sure that it was the bone of a *Duriatitan humerocristatus*: a non-meat eating dinosaur.

Until this bone was discovered, these particular types of dinosaurs were thought to be have lived only in the British Isles, particularly England. This makes me wonder about how some of the countries that we live in today were connected to other countries, thousands and even millions ago!

Have lots of fun and learn more when you visit. You and your family can go to the Dinosaur Theme Park in Lourinhã, only 19 km from Peniche.

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