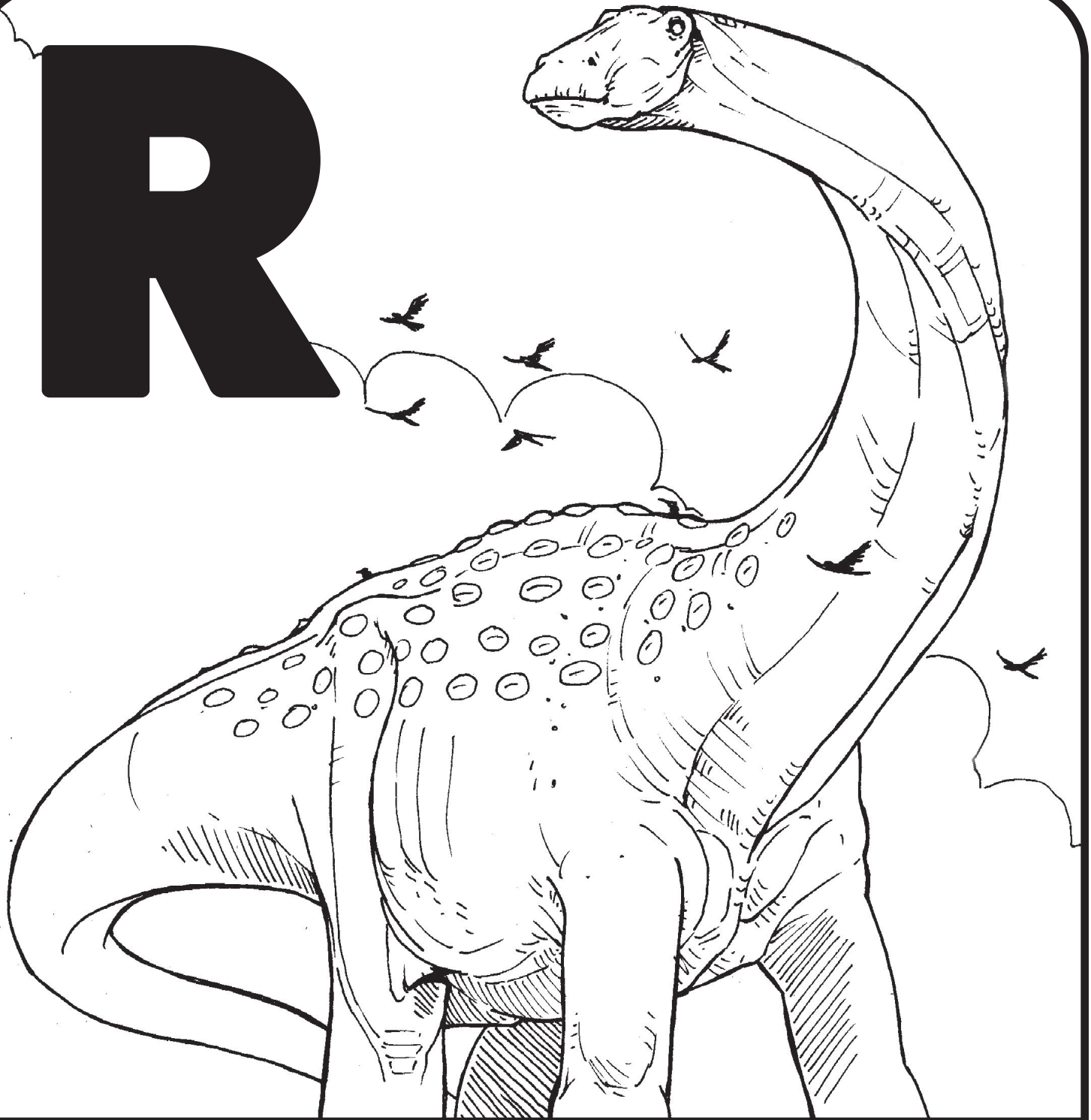


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Scientific Name: *R. krausei*

Name Origin: "Rapeto" refers to a mischievous giant of Malagasy folklore and "saurus" meaning lizard

Discoverer: A team lead by David Krause

Type of Dinosaur: Sauropod

Geological Period: Late Cretaceous (Campanian-Maastrichtian)

Age: ~70-66 million years ago

Height: 1.8 meters (6 feet) hip height

Length: 15 meters (50 feet)

Mass: ~10 tonnes (22,046 pounds)

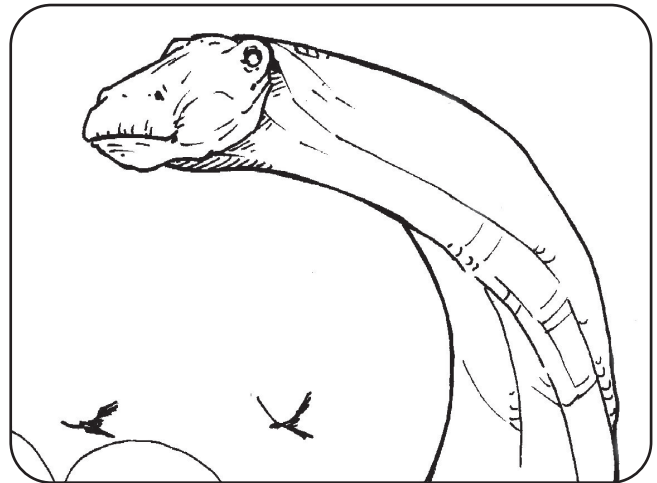
Diet: Herbivore

Location: Madagascar

Fun Facts: The remains of at least 23 individuals of *Rapetosaurus* have been identified so far. When *Rapetosaurus* hatched, it would have been about the size of a chihuahua.

Further Investigation:

The *Rapetosaurus*, like other Sauropods, was a long-necked, small-headed herbivore. Compared to most Sauropods, the *Rapetosaurus* was small, reaching lengths of 49 feet. Research Sauropods to see how large they could get. Can you name the largest one of all?



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