Kai and the Thunder-Egg Trail



A baby dinosaur is stranded before a storm. Shouting makes it hide. The longer trail and a very familiar sound could be the quickest way to bring it home.

A complete fictional 12-panel mini comic, with AI-generated artwork and separately typeset dialogue. The public sample is not based on a real child photo.

Read left to right, then down. Share the voices. Pause after panel 6 to make your own theory. Personalise the text privately at partytrailgames.com/stories/create. The adventure artwork remains fictional.

PANEL 1 · KAI



“That is one very small dinosaur on a very wrong platform.”

At the prehistoric sanctuary, Pip is cut off by a missing boardwalk section.

PANEL 2 · RANGER



“We have time to make a safe plan. Stay with me.”

Thunder rumbles over the far hills.

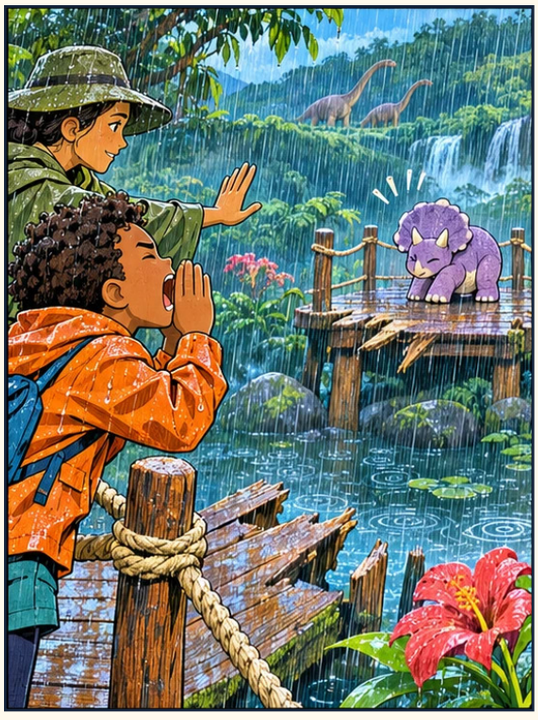
PANEL 3 · KAI



“Fern, shell, star. The long path goes round!”

Three picture markers show a route around the pond.

PANEL 4 · PIP



“Eep!”

Loud calling echoes under the boardwalk and frightens Pip.

PANEL 5 · KAI



“Let’s listen for a pattern instead of racing.”

The ranger suggests trying a quieter, predictable greeting.

PANEL 6 · RANGER



“It knows the nursery rhythm. Let it choose to follow.”

Pip takes one small step towards the safe outer path.

PANEL 7 · KAI



“Fern first. We’re following the pictures, not the thunder.”

The ranger leads along the checked route.

PANEL 8 · PIP



“Prrrp?”

At the shell marker, a rolling stone makes Pip hesitate.

PANEL 9 · KAI



“Two soft taps. A pause. You can take your time.”

One familiar greeting helps Pip start again.

PANEL 10 · RANGER



“The star marker. Nursery gate just ahead.”

The long route has brought everyone to shelter.

PANEL 11 · KAI



“I’m drawing this one for someone at home.”

Pip curls beside its speckled nursery egg. It was never a prize to take home.

PANEL 12 · PIP



“PRRRP!”

A very small victory trumpet. The ranger calls it excellent indoor volume.

What did you notice?

1. Why did the longer route work better than the direct gap?

2. How did the child change the greeting after the first try?

3. What did the ranger do that the child should not do alone?

The clue guide

The fern, shell and star markers show a continuous checked route. The quiet nursery rhythm is predictable and familiar; the group waits rather than pulling or chasing Pip. This is a fantasy dinosaur sanctuary, not real animal-handling guidance.

Take another look: which picture showed a useful clue before someone explained it? Finding the first answer is not always the same as solving the problem.

Make your own four-panel comic

Draw a four-panel adventure where the safe route looks longer. Add three picture markers and a clue that helps a nervous creature choose to move.

The first attempt

The clue

The checked plan

What changes