

Famed International Paleontologist Excavates World's Largest Dinosaur

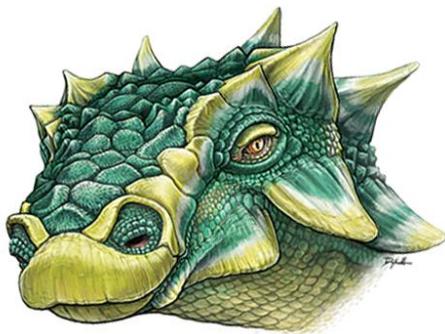
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Tomorrow, International Paleontologist, Yashuda Kansida will announce the recent discovery of a new species of dinosaur, she describes as having, "the size of a brontosaurus, the ferocity of a tyrannosaurus and the speed of a velociraptor." It is the first discovery of a new dinosaur variant in more than 100 years.

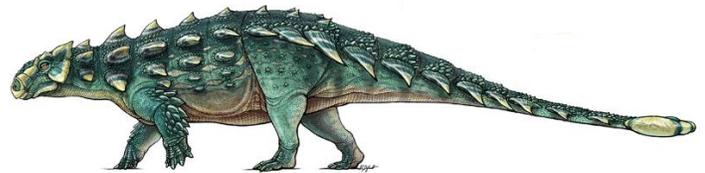
Kansida, working alone in the mountains of northern Korea, says she first uncovered a small faceplate from this leviathan earlier this year. "At first, I thought it was an arrow head used to take down a mastodon, as it appeared larger than my hand, and it was chipped and broken on the end. However, after I ran a carbon dating analysis on the fossil, I realized it predated the mastodon over 10 million years."



She says it took more than a month to excavate the rest of the fossils, which comprise nearly the complete skeleton of the beast. Kansida credits a pre-historic tar pit with serving as a protective tomb for the massive bones.

"Apparently, the creature got stuck in the tar and simply died of exposure. No predators or scavengers could reach the body as the tar impeded anything or anybody from reaching the remains."

Kansida's initial findings were leaked last week when she texted this image to a colleague:



Apparently, while at an international paleontology conference in Munchon, North Korea, Yashida using her I-Phone displayed a computer-generated image of the massive beast. A North Korean patriot sitting next to them in the hotel cocktail lounge, used advanced North Korean eavesdropping technology to intercept the image. The image then was reported to the government before it went viral on the paleontology web.

Kansida's findings, while exciting for many dinosaur buffs, are viewed skeptically by others. One critic commented on Kansida's claim that this leviathan was able to run at cheetah-like speed, "How can she conclude that? A beast of this proportion would be lucky to stand upright, much less run."

Kansida herself is a controversial figure in the paleontological world. In 1999, she claimed to have fossil proof of Noah's Ark, excavated on Mt. Sinai. Her finding caused both a scientific and a religious controversy, yet to be resolved.

Tomorrow's announcement is anticipated to be equally controversial, as Kansida has named the discovery after herself. She calls the beast *Yashuda Kansidasdaaurus*.