What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night

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**BOOK SUMMARY:** Unexplained messes, accidents, and general household chaos lead to a discovery that plastic dinosaurs come alive at night.

**BOOK TALK:** Have you ever come into a room in your house only to find a mysterious mess? Toothpaste smeared on the bathroom sink? Toys strewn about the room? Your mom’s knitting is a knotted mess? You might think your little brother is to blame or maybe the dog. But you’d be wrong. Find out who is responsible in this very messy adventure.

**CHALLENGING WORDS:**  
dinosaurs  
slobber  
topples  
sock monkey  
dry clean only  
clumsy  
dabble  
Picasso

**AUTHOR BIO:** Refe and Susan Tuma are a husband and wife duo who live in Kansas City with their four kids. Refe is a writer, and Susan is an artist. In 2012, they created *Dinovember* on the Internet where they would set up the kids’ dinosaur toys in crazy situations every night to be discovered every morning. The book followed!  
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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**
1. What was your favorite mess the dinosaurs made? Why?  
2. Have you ever blamed a mess you made on something or someone else?  
3. What are some other ways you might try to stop the dinosaurs?  
4. What do you think makes the dinosaurs suddenly stop making the mess?  
5. What do you think it was like creating this book by making messes in the authors’ home?
In the book *What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night: A Very Messy Adventure*, the dinosaurs caused all sorts of problems in the house. Can you imagine the kinds of problems they could cause at school? For each box below, list a room or area in your school where the dinosaurs could cause trouble. Write down what they might be doing in that area. Then take all of your ideas and write them on Page 2 to make a great story!

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Use your ideas from Page 1 of *What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night: A Very Messy Adventure*, to write a story about what problems the dinosaurs caused at school.

**Beginning**

**Middle**

**End**

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