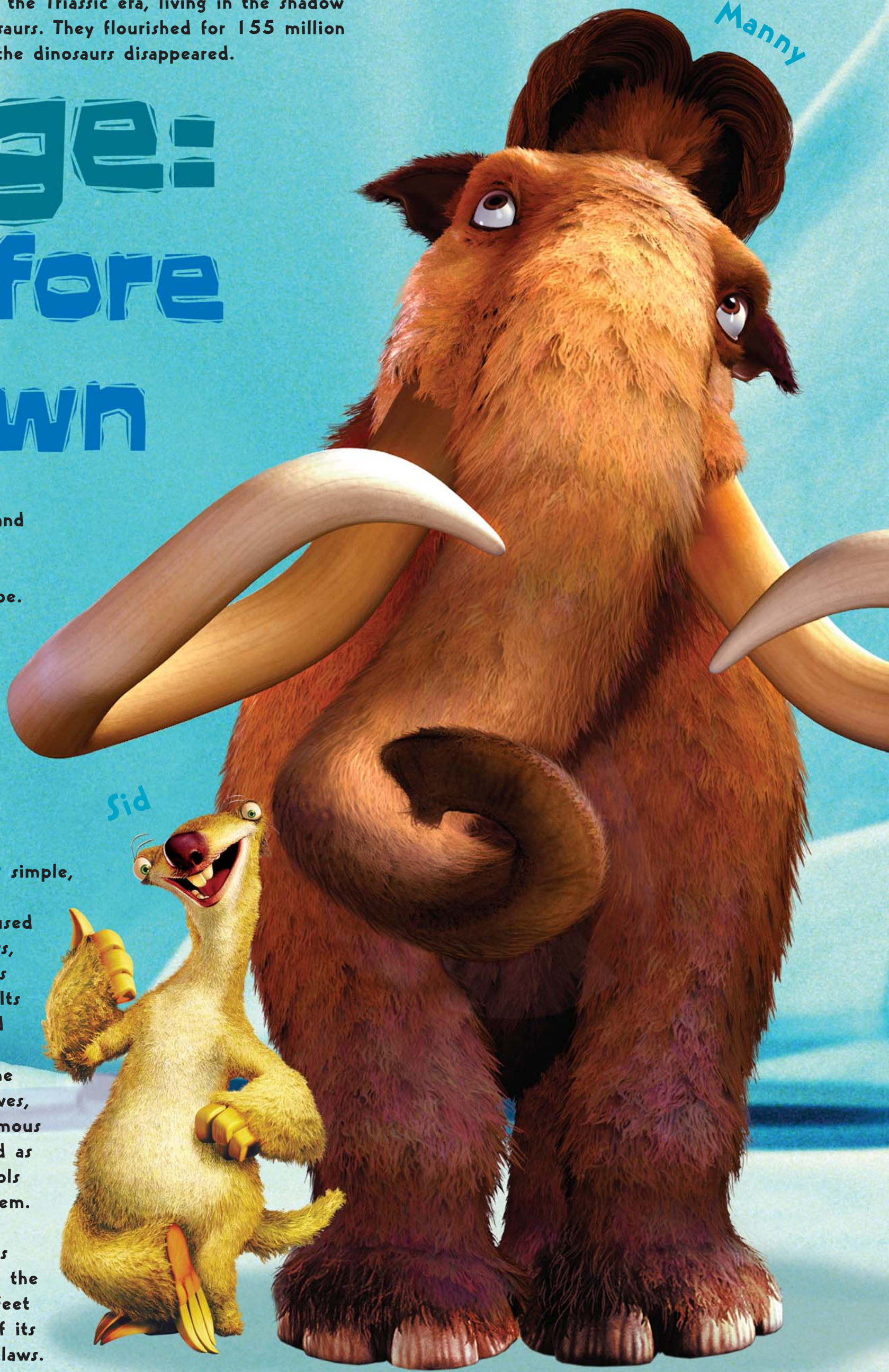


The Ice Age: Mammals Before the Meltdown



Scrat

Mammals similar to the character of Scrat first appeared in the Triassic era, living in the shadow of the dinosaurs. They flourished for 155 million years after the dinosaurs disappeared.



Manny

Crash



Eddie

Like other mammals common in urban and suburban areas who aren't picky about what they eat, **possums** have thrived despite human alterations to the landscape. You might see one in your backyard!

Diego



Sid

The **sloth's** simple, flat grinding teeth were used to chew grass, leaves, tubers and bushes. Its tail was used as a prop to reach into the trees for leaves, and its enormous claws worked as gathering tools to collect them. The sloth walked on its knuckles and the sides of its feet because of its large claws.



The giant sloth is an example of the many giant mammals, or megafauna, that roamed the earth during the Pleistocene epoch.

The **saber-tooth tiger** used its powerful forelimbs to pull down its prey and stab at the softer underside of the animal with its sabers, often as long as a human hand. Then it retreated until after the animal had died to escape the wrath of the mother and other animals of the herd.

The **woolly mammoth's** dense, shaggy coat, four inches of insulating fat, and hump of extra fat on its back, helped it adapt to the coldest of climates. Its large trunk had fleshy projections like fingers that wrapped around grasses and shrubs, its primary diet. Its tusks were used like ploughs to find food and water buried beneath the snow.

Ice Age Mammals We Discovered

Name	Size	Diet	Main Characteristic	Interesting Facts



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