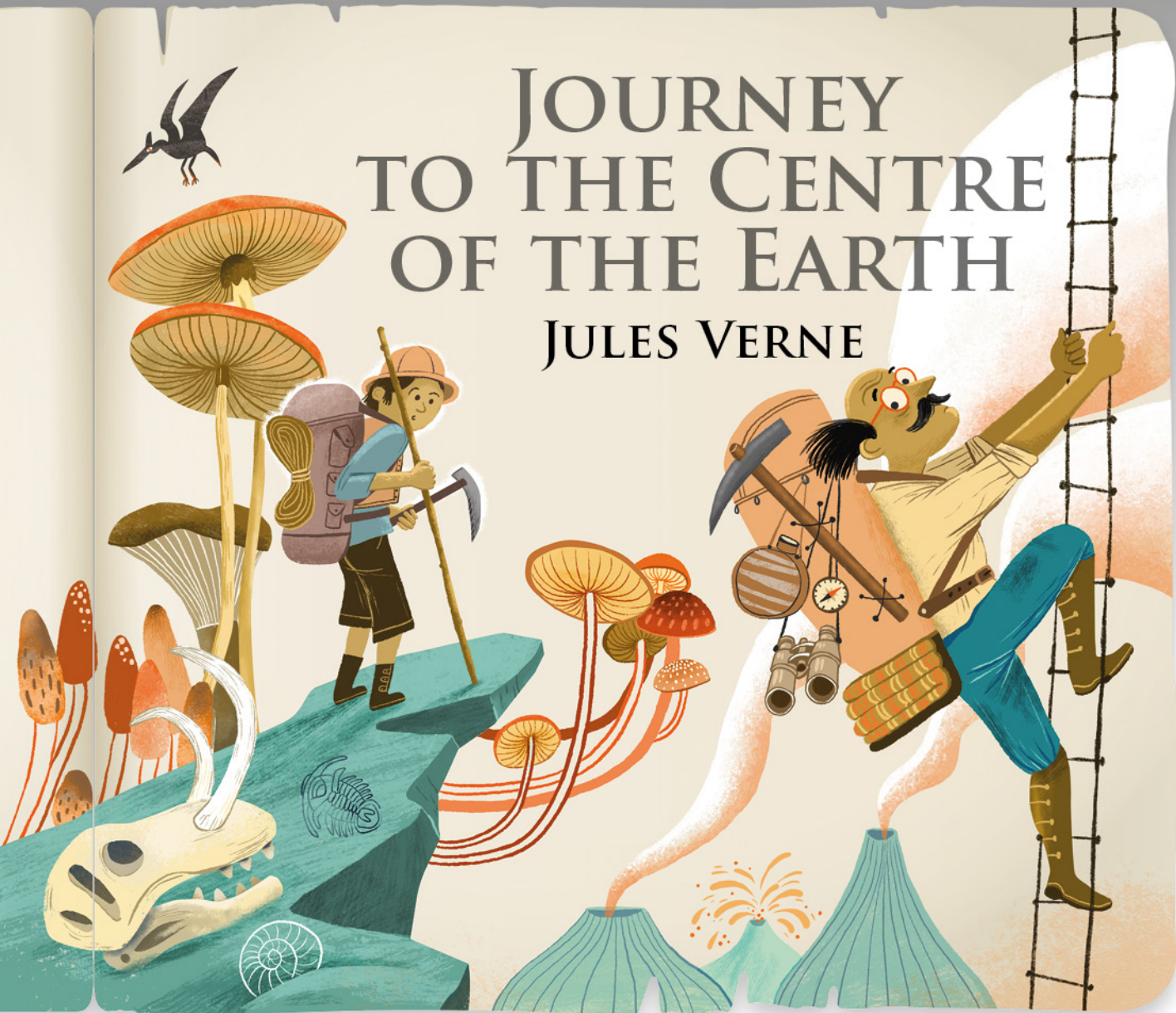


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JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH

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My name is Axel and I'm the assistant to my uncle, Professor Otto Lidenbrock. One day, the professor summoned me to help him decipher a tattered piece of parchment he had found inside a very old book. On the parchment were strange signs that hid a secret message. The message read:

Through the Sneffels volcano, you can go down
to the centre of the Earth. I've done it.

Arne Saknussem.

'Saknussem, the Icelandic explorer!' exclaimed the professor enthusiastically.



The professor was very keen on the idea of exploring the centre of the Earth.

'We'll travel to Iceland and go down the volcano,' he told me.

'Why do you want to do that?' I asked him.

'In order to make great discoveries in the name of science, Axel. It'll be a great adventure!'

In a couple of days, we had the equipment ready. We were taking everything: warm clothes, lanterns, scientific instruments, weapons and food. Even sticks of dynamite and a first-aid kit, in case anyone had an accident.

