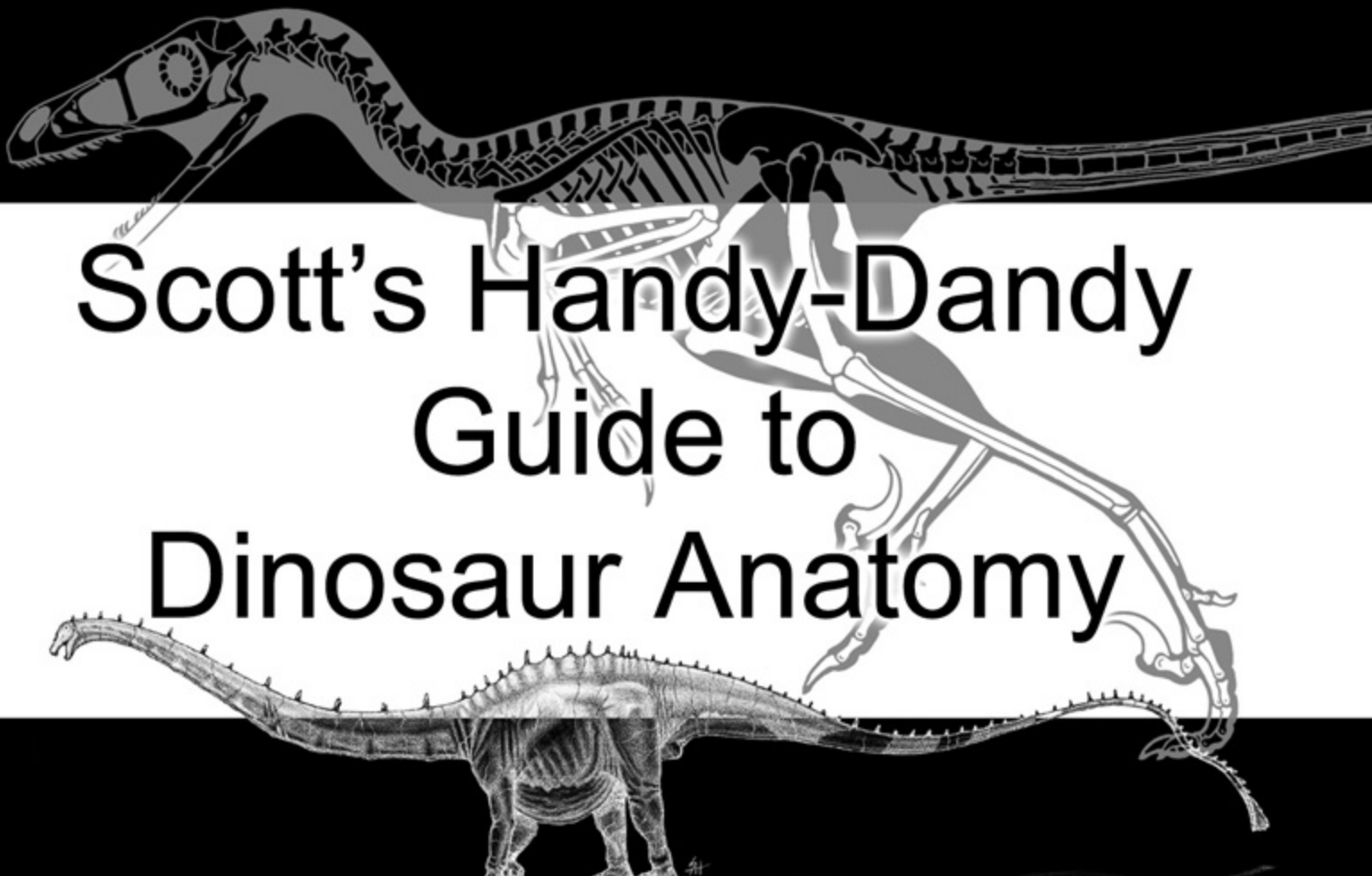

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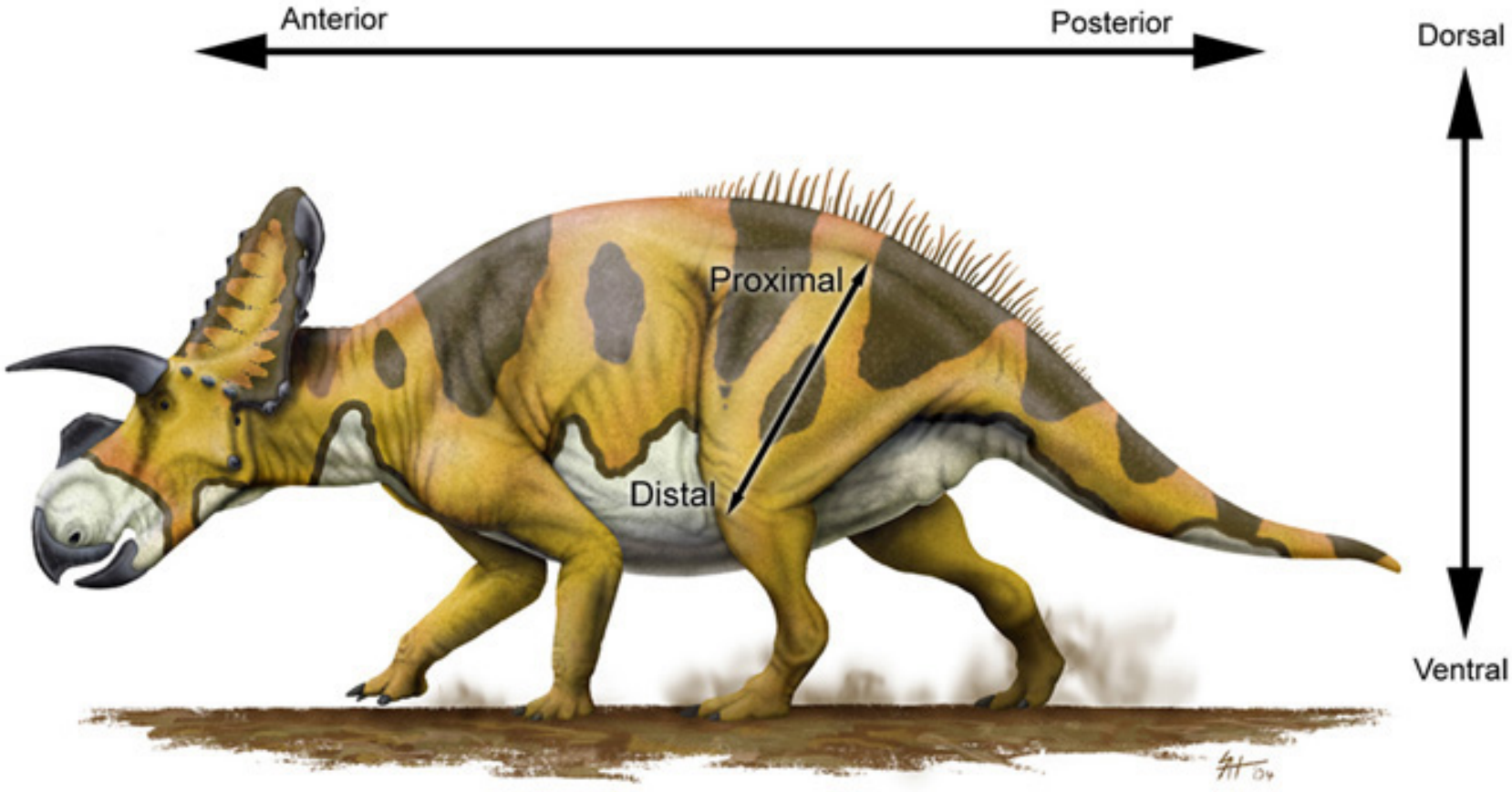
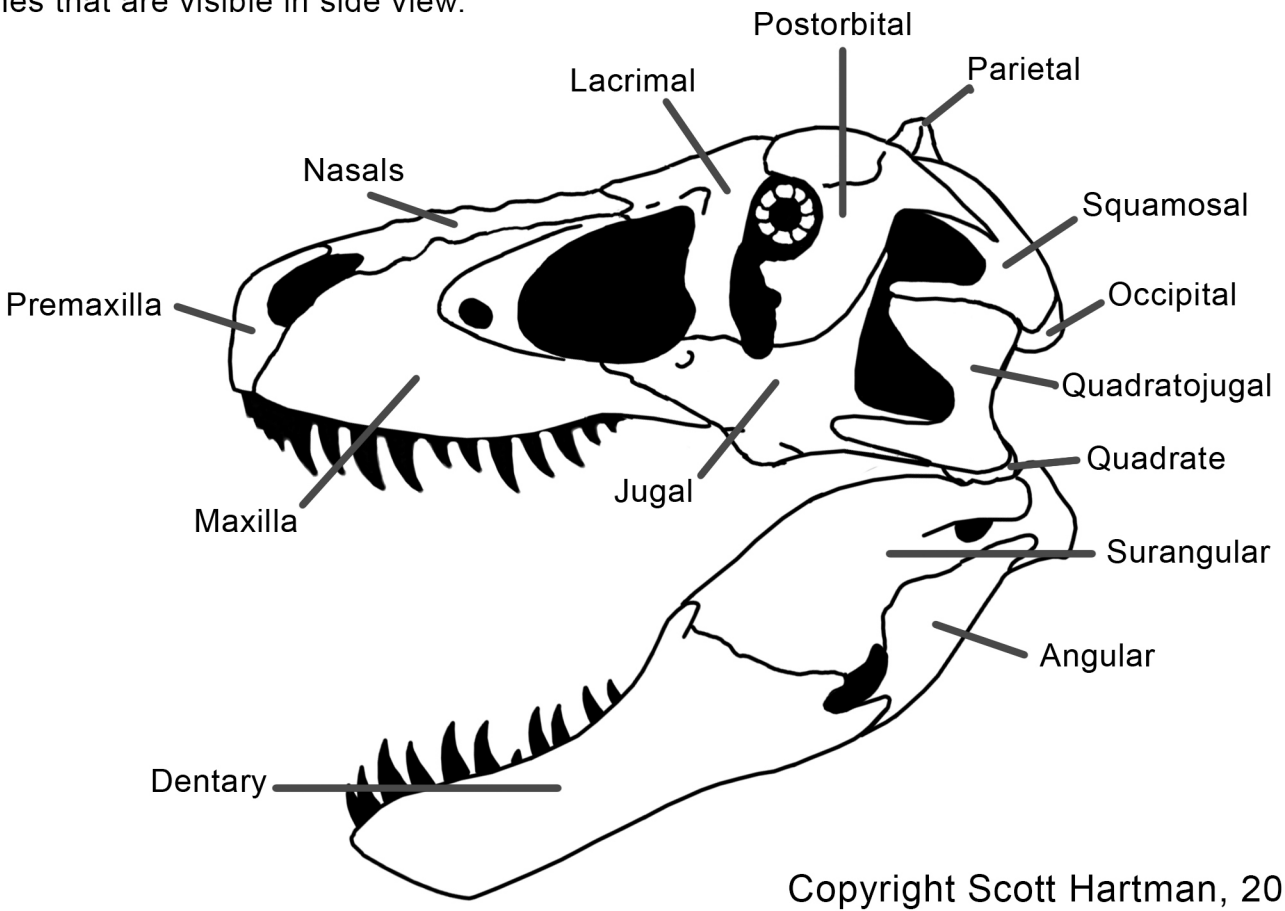


Lateral = towards the side
Medial = towards the midline

External Bones of the Skull

Like other vertebrates, dinosaur skulls are made up of many bones joined together. Here are the ones that are visible in side view.



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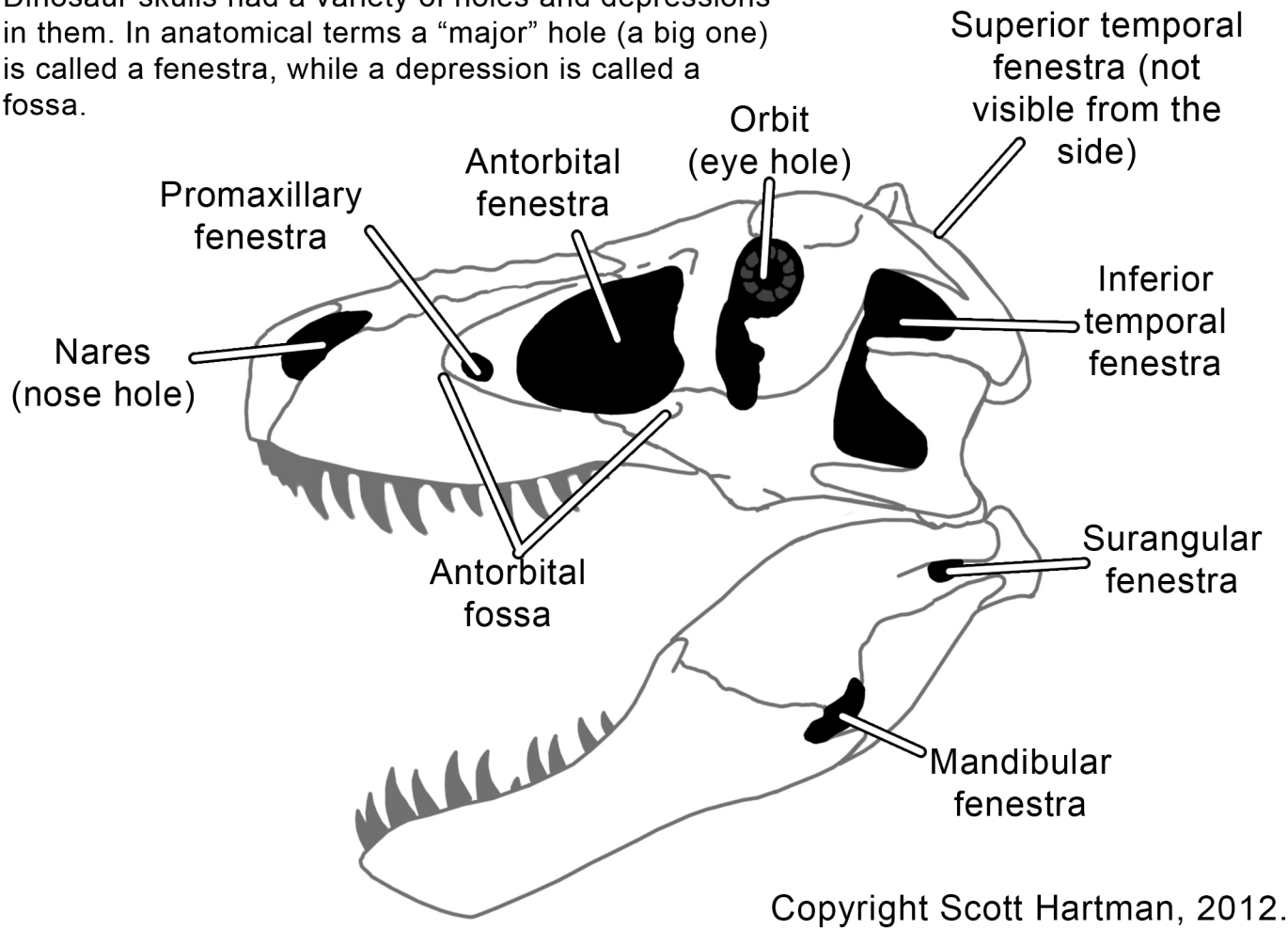
Holes of the Skull

Dinosaur skulls had a variety of holes and depressions in them. In anatomical terms a “major” hole (a big one) is called a fenestra, while a depression is called a fossa.



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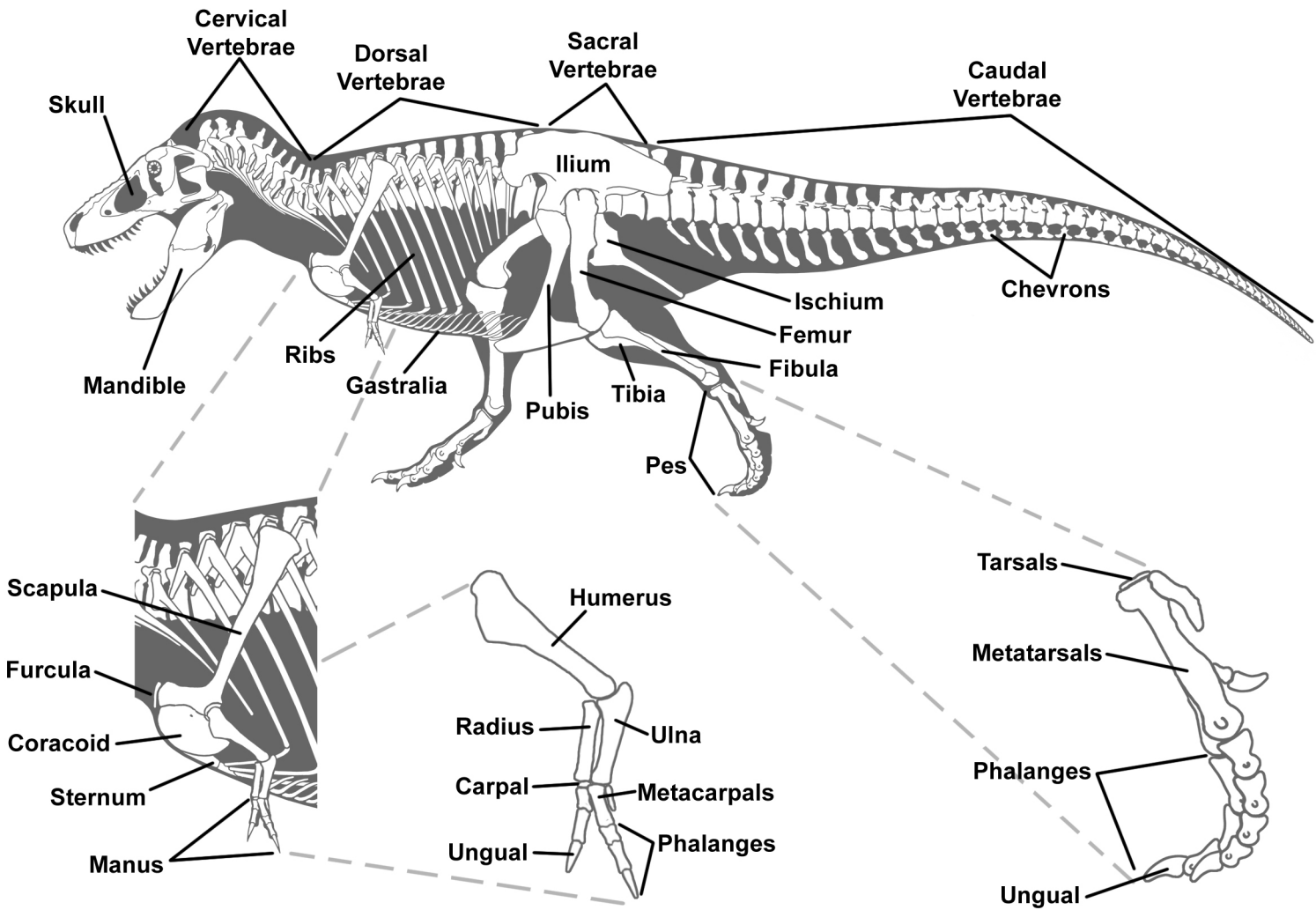

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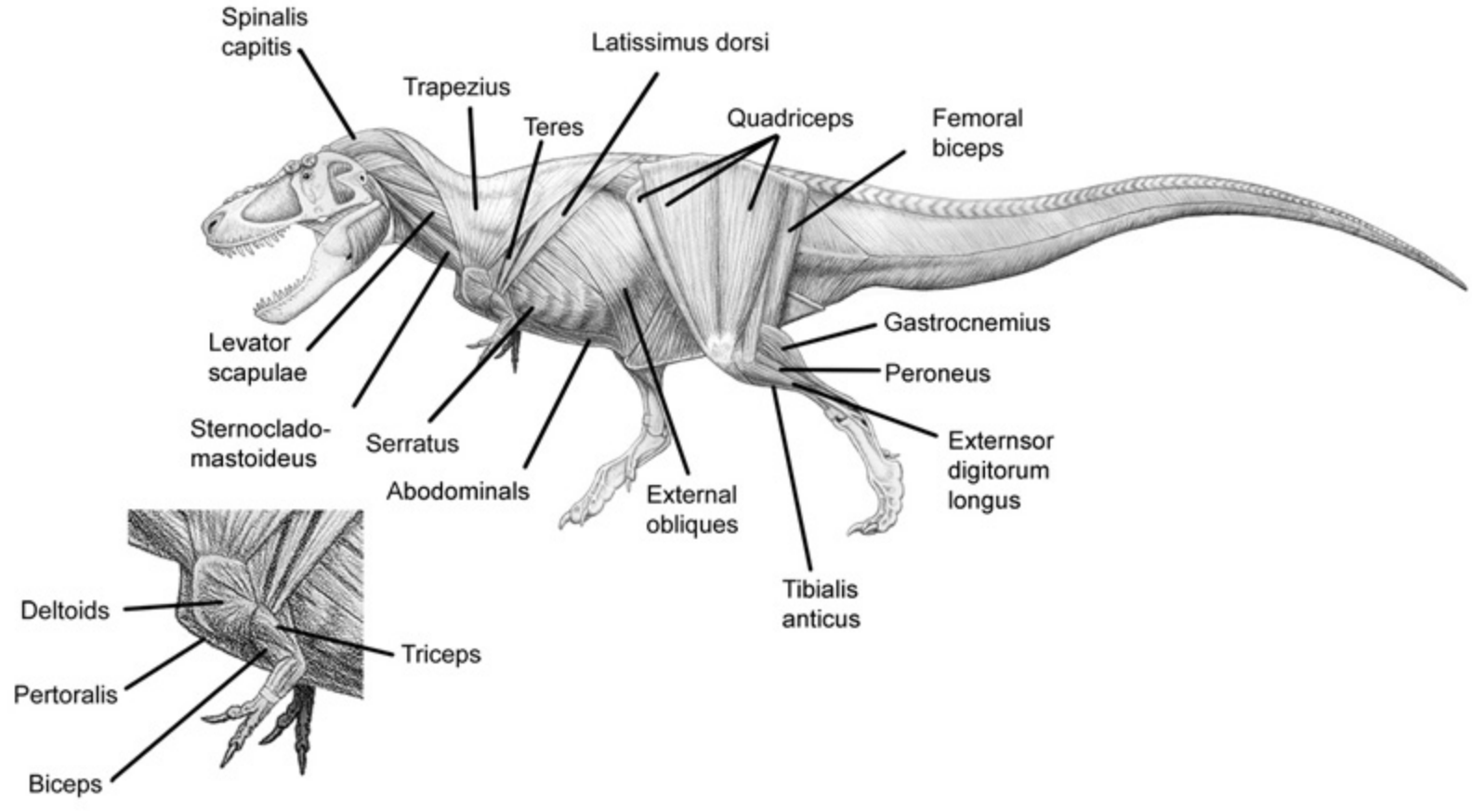
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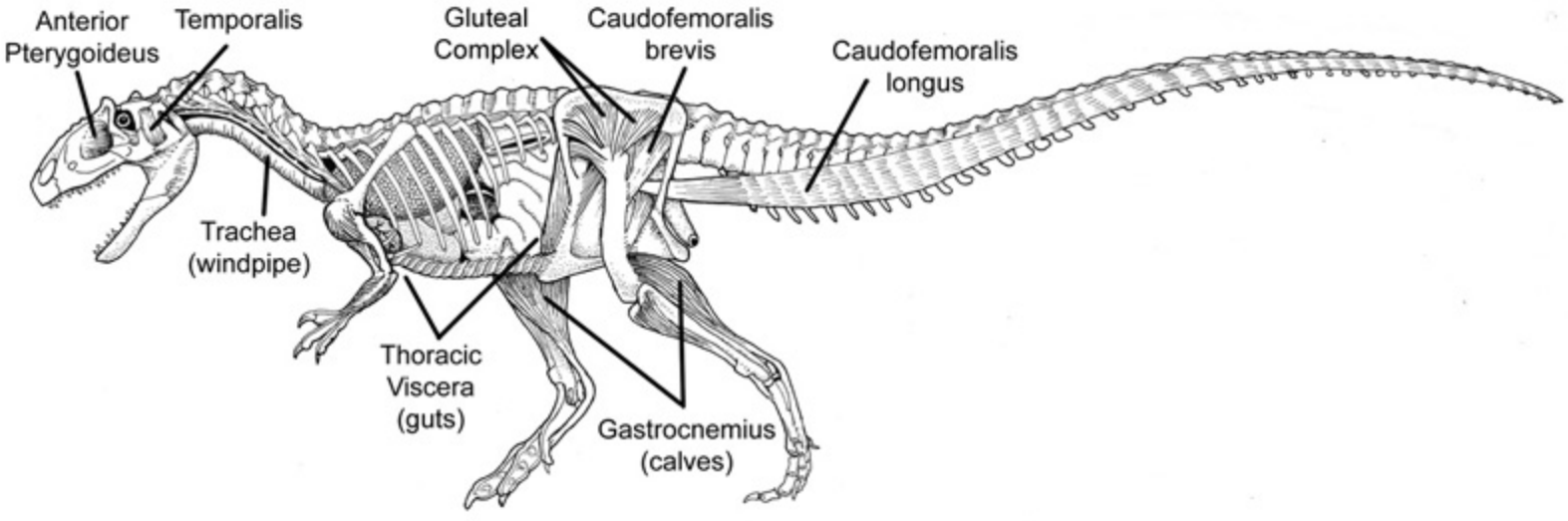
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