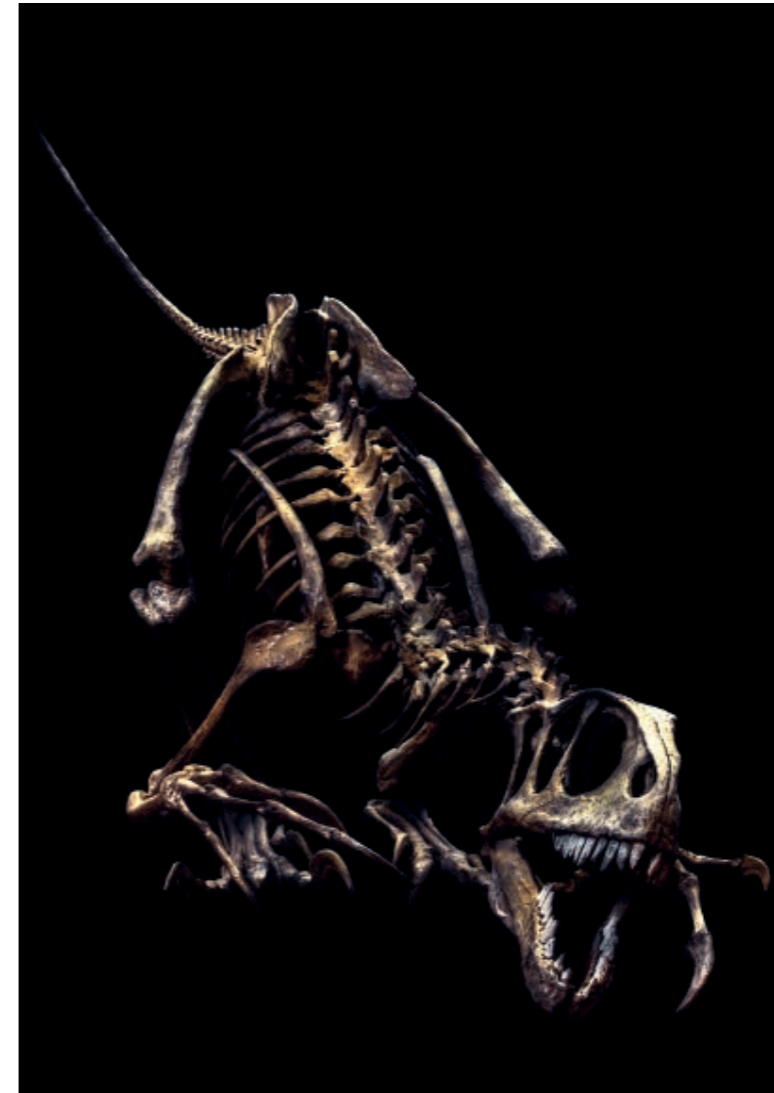




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Scary monsters



Photographer **Christian Voigt**

LURCHING out of the gloom like something from a gothic horror movie, this otherworldly creature (far left) is a 66-million-year-old dinosaur called *Euoplocephalus*. Like its relative *Ankylosaurus*, it was a heavily armoured herbivore with a club-like defensive tail. It was over 5 metres long and weighed around 2.5 tonnes.

The specimen resides in front of a painted diorama in the Senckenberg Museum of Natural History in Frankfurt, Germany. German photographer Christian Voigt placed a black drape behind it to isolate the bones in superb detail. He used a large-format analogue camera to shoot the skeleton, then digitised the images so he could pare away everything but bone, like a palaeontologist preparing a specimen for display.

The other portraits here, shot in museums in Paris and Berlin, use the same technique to show the small, predatory dinosaur *Unenlagia* (top) and a *Tyrannosaurus rex* skull (bottom). They are part of Voigt's Evolution series, on display at London's Bel-Air Fine Art gallery from this week until 20 October.

The touring exhibition also features photos of extinct reptiles and mammals, including an American mastodon and a sabre-toothed cat. *Unenlagia* is exclusive to the London show.

Voigt, the first fine-art photographer given access to the specimens, says he was inspired by the blue whale skeleton in the Natural History Museum in London. ■

Graham Lawton

CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT: EUOPLOCEPHALUS - SENCKENBERG NATURMUSEUM/FRANKFURT AM MAIN. UNENLAGIA-COMAHUENSIS - NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY PARIS. TYRANNOSAURUS-REX - TRISTAN_MUSEUM FÜR NATURKUNDE/BERLIN

