



CURIOUS CREATURES

'If upstairs was full of wonders, downstairs was even more so. The storeroom was full of things that were too weird to be put on show.

The pair passed a number of curious creatures pickled in tanks. There was a shark with two heads, a giant tortoise the size of a baby elephant and a snake as long as a cricket pitch. Overlooking them were stuffed conjoined twin owls, a mighty lump of red rock that looked like it had fallen to Earth from another planet... and an egg so big it must have belonged to a Megalosaurus. A prehistoric human skull squatted on a plinth. It was bizarre looking, half human and half ape.' (pages 130 – 132)

TASK: Complete the picture on the next page of the Natural History Museum storeroom shelves by using the information in the extract above as well as your own imagination.



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