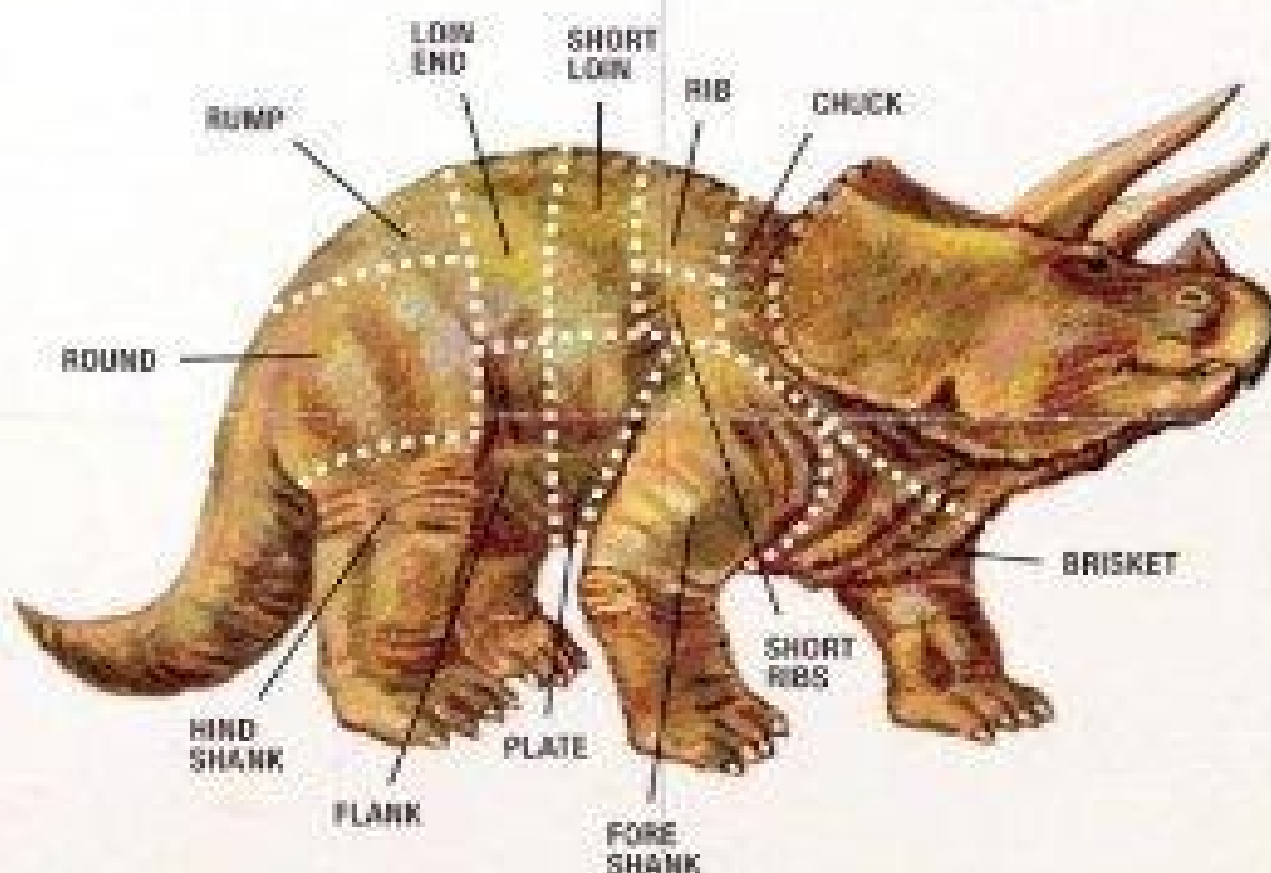


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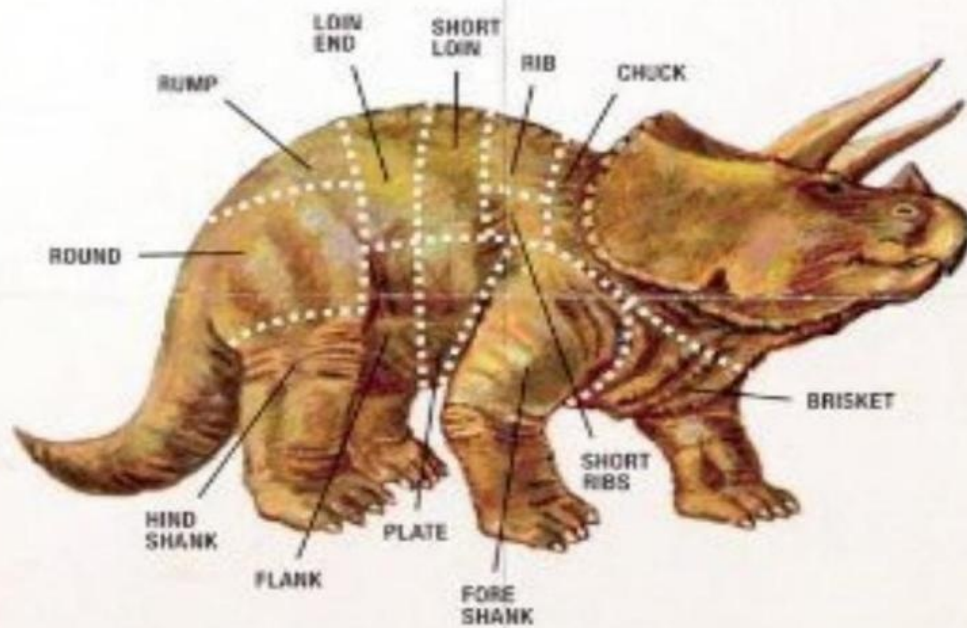


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*There is something insane and self-contradictory  
in supposing that things that have never yet been done  
can be done except by means never tried.*

—Francis Bacon, *The New Organon*

*That's not the way the world really works anymore.  
We're an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality.  
And while you're studying that reality—judiciously, as you will—  
we'll act again, creating other new realities, which you can  
study too, and that's how things will sort out.*

—unnamed George W. bush senior adviser,  
speaking to *New York Times* reporter Ron suskind in 2002

*Don't Believe the Truth—I don't know what the title means.  
It's a pothead thing, innit?*

—Liam Gallagher of Oasis, discussing his own album



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