

= Dinosaur (Kesha song) =

" Dinosaur " (stylized as D.I.N.O. \$.A.U.R.) is a song by American recording artist and songwriter Kesha , taken from her debut studio album Animal (2010) . The song was written by Kesha in collaboration with Max Martin and Shellback ; the latter two also produced the song , while all three are responsible for the instrumentation . The song 's conception stems from an encounter Kesha had with an older man that had been hitting on her , which she compared to a prehistoric dinosaur . " Dinosaur " is a dance @-@ pop song that lyrically discusses an older man that is attempting to hit on a younger female , which is ultimately rejected . The song received generally negative reviews from music critics . Upon the release of Animal , " Dinosaur " charted on the South Korea Gaon International Chart , peaking 107 respectively .

= = Writing and inspiration = =

" Dinosaur " is a song written by Kesha Sebert , in collaboration with Max Martin , Shellback ; the latter two are responsible for the song 's production . The song 's lyrics and conception use a metaphor , comparing an older man to a prehistoric , carnivorous dinosaur . All three composers were responsible for providing the song 's instruments . The song 's recording was commenced at Maratone Studios , in Stockholm , Sweden , by Martin and Shellback . While being interviewed by Rolling Stone , Kesha was asked about her writing technique and how her songs come to fruition , which she explained using " Dinosaur " as an example . The singer explained that the song 's conception was auto @-@ biographical and that it stemmed from a previous experience she had when an older man had been hitting on her , which she elaborated on : " I just write about what I live ? literally , my entire record is totally autobiographical , because I think there 's a great pop song in anything and everything , any situation . There 's a song called ' Dinosaur ' about this old guy who was hitting on me , and his toupee was kind of falling off , and I was like , ' Oh my God , you 're so old , you 're prehistoric , you 're like a dinosaur . D @-@ I @-@ N @-@ O @-@ S @-@ A @-@ you are a dinosaur . ' "

= = Composition = =

" Dinosaur " is a song composed in the dance @-@ pop genre . According to digital sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Sony @-@ ATV Music Publishing , the song is written in the key of E major and the tempo moves at 128 beats per minute at a jungle beat . Kesha 's vocal range in the song spans from the lower note of E3 to the higher note of E5 . The song encompasses keyboards , a cowbell , and a whistle in its production , the latter of which has been described as a " whistle @-@ synth . " The song 's lyrics revolve around an older man who is attempting to persuade a younger girl to leave the club with him , to which the protagonist responds with " a scattergun spray of insults . "

Rebecca Blissett of The Georgia Straight described the song as a " percussion @-@ bombed snot @-@ rapper " . According to Andrew Burgess of musicOMH , " Dinosaur " features a " Mark Mothersbaugh @-@ like whistle @-@ synth " and focuses on " the grossness of older men hitting on younger girls " . Burgess cites the line " hey carnivore , you want my meat , I know it " as evidence for this . The UrbanWire 's Cheryl Chia noted that the song is reminiscent of " Girlfriend " by Avril Lavigne , as well as Gwen Stefani 's " Hollaback Girl " . According to Althea Legaspi of The Chicago Tribune , " Dinosaur " contains " lyrical merit in that most women have experienced unwanted advances from a creepy way @-@ too @-@ old man " .

= = Critical reception = =

" Dinosaur " received generally negative reviews from most music critics . Ian Gittins of The Guardian called it a " bitchy put @-@ down of ageing suitors " . Doug Rule of Metro Weekly criticized the song 's chorus , which according to him is " spelt out like a " modern @-@ day Toni

Basil " , saying : " Are we supposed to think that 's cute , even clever ? It 's neither . " The UrbanWire 's Cheryl Chia was critical of the song , saying that it " has the potential to be very annoying after a few rounds . " Billboard 's Monica Herrera also gave a negative review . She used the song as an example of one of the album 's " missteps " , stating that it could " only appeal to the most heartless of teens " . Ailbhe Malone of NME stated that " Dinosaur " contains the pay @-@ off " Honey , your toupee is falling to the left side / Get up and go bro / Oh wait , you ? re fossilized " .

Fraser McAlpine of the BBC was positive in his review of the song . McAlpine felt that " Dinosaur " was the album 's best track , and went on to note that its conception was enough to " drive rock @-@ bores into a state of spluttering fury . " McAlpine 's consensus on the song was that " it is made of nothing but sugar and sass and additives , a song from a young girl to an older man who is attempting to pick her up in a club . All she has to offer him is a scattergun spray of insults , and cutie @-@ pie whistling . It ? s childish and Parental Advisory Required at the same time , and is going to infuriate any adult within hearing range . "

= = Live performances and cover = =

The song was first performed live for MTV Push , a program broadcast by MTV Networks worldwide . The song was later performed as part of her world tour , the Get Sleazy Tour , as it was part of the concert 's set @-@ list . During the performance , Kesha was backed with dancers and band members that were dressed in an array of dinosaur costumes . Actress Heather Morris covered the song in the television series Glee in the episode titled " Prom @-@ asaurus " . It was aired on May 8 , 2012 , and is the 19th episode of that season . The episode 's plot revolves around prom with its theme involving dinosaurs . Morris ' character , Brittany S. Pierce , covered the song in the episode , performing a choreographed dance routine to it . Erica Futterman of Rolling Stone wrote that the episode 's performance was " a small victory " , and concluded that it was the best performance of that episode . Erin Strecker of Entertainment Weekly wrote that the song was " auto @-@ tuned within an inch of its life " , but praised Pierce 's performance , writing " but Brittany can totally move . " Glee 's cover was released for digital download through the iTunes Store on May 8 , 2012 .

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" Dinosaur " ? 2 : 55

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording

Recorded by Max Martin and Shellback at Maratone Studios , Stockholm , Sweden .

Personnel

Songwriting ? Kesha Sebert , Max Martin , Shellback

Production ? Max Martin , Shellback for Maratone Productions

Keyboards ? Max Martin

Cowbell ? Kesha

Whistle ? Kesha , Shellback

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Animal , Kemosabe Recordings , via RCA Records .

= = Charts = =

Upon the release of Animal , " Dinosaur " debuted and peaked at 107 on the issue date of January 3 , 2010 , on the South Korea Gaon International Songs Chart .