



**FIELD TRIP**  
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Characters: Thomas  
Jordan  
Alison  
Tiara  
Logan

Mrs. Smith  
Dr. Johnson  
Miss Kelly

All the children were EXCITED.

Today they were going to meet a new friend -- the DENTIST.

At exactly nine o'clock, the big yellow school bus parked outside the classroom.

Logan was the first to climb in.

"Oh, boy!" said Logan, "this bus is as big as the one my dad drives!"

Sure enough, the bus could fit all the children from the class. And it even had room for more.



“Will the dentist’s office be this big?” asked Tiara.

“Almost as big,” answered Mrs. Smith. “But it’s filled with many interesting things; things you can’t find on a bus.”

The children’s eyes sparkled. They could hardly wait to see all the new things the dentist would show them.



Soon they were at the dentist' office.

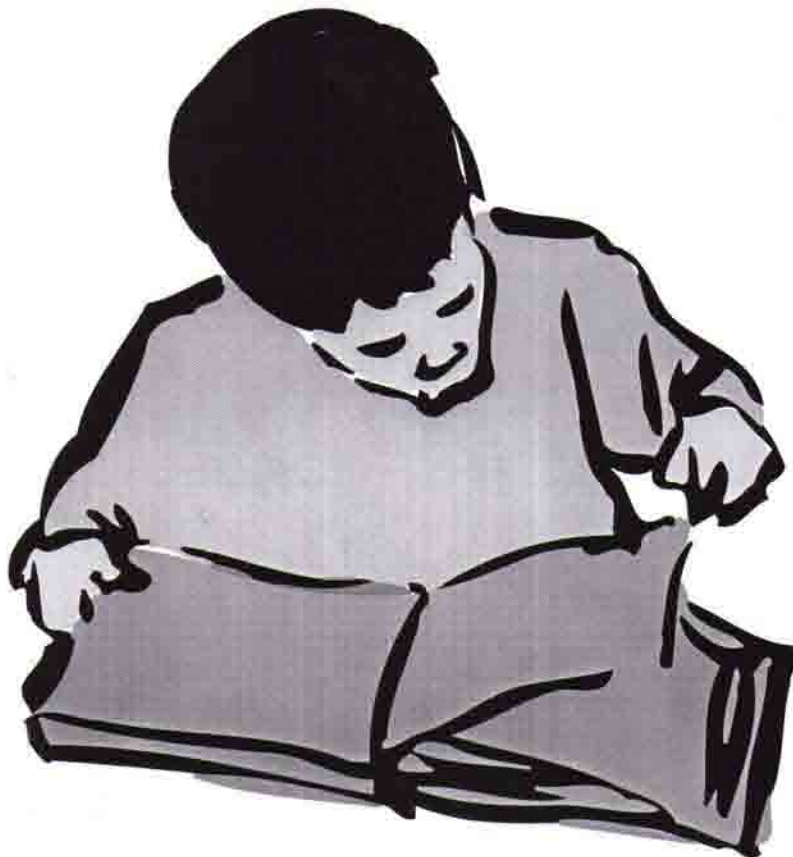
Mrs. Smith opened the door, and the children followed her inside.

They entered a small room. It was quiet and filled with all sorts of things. There were plants and pictures, big stuffed chairs, and even some books and magazines.

"Look here!" squealed Alison. She pointed to a nearby table.

"There are plenty of storybooks I can look at!"

Thomas, also delighted, found a children's magazine. He picked it up eagerly and showed it to everyone. "My favorite magazine!" Thomas exclaimed.



At that moment, a friendly looking woman stepped into the room.

"There's Miss Kelly," said Mrs. Smith. "She's the *dental hygienist*. She helps the dentist keep your teeth clean and healthy."

"Hello, everyone," Miss Kelly said with a big smile. "I'm very happy to meet you."

"Is this where the dentist works?" asked Logan.

"Well, he doesn't work right here in this room," she answered.

"This is called the *waiting room*. You can wait here until it's your turn to see the dentist."



The children were so busy listening to Miss Kelly that they didn't see Dr. Johnson come into the room.

"Hi, boys and girls!" he said with a grin.

"Oh," they murmured in surprise.

"You must be Dr. Johnson," shouted Tiara. "You're dressed just like the dentist in my picture books!"

Dr. Johnson was happy that the children recognized him. "Let me show you some other things you may have seen in pictures," he said.



In the next room were many small things. Some were small and shiny. Others were very big and were stick to the floor or wall. Some even made noises or could be moved!

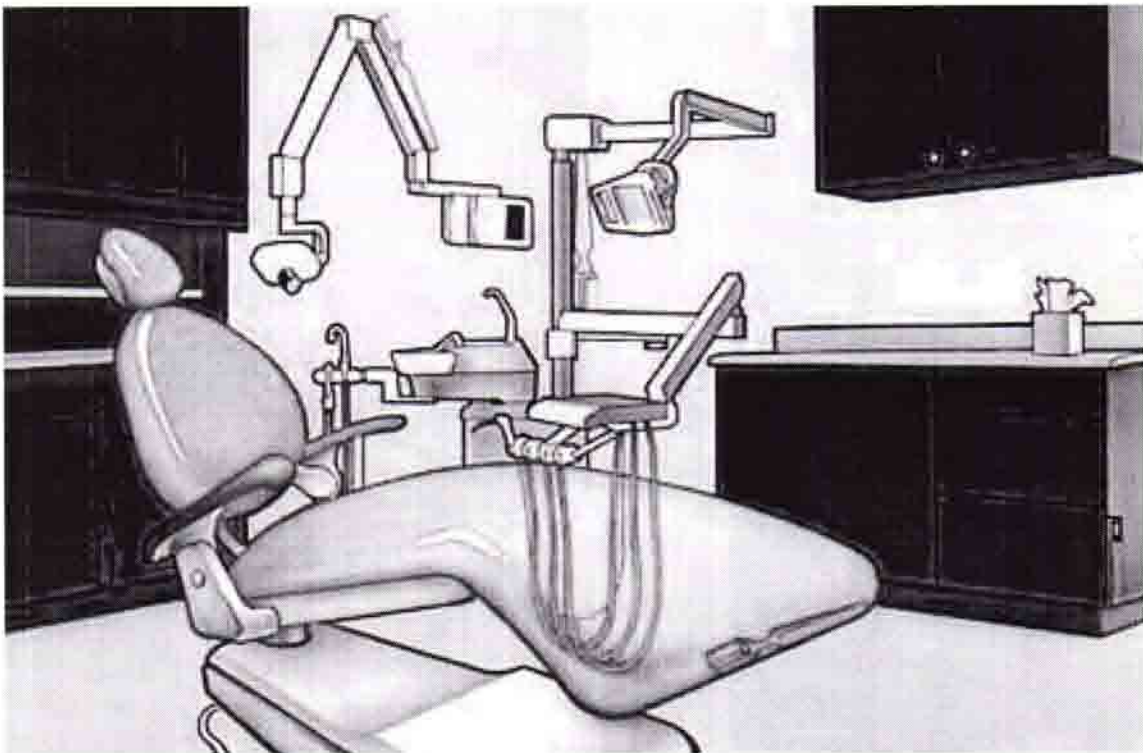
There was a sink for the dentist to wash his hands. A mirror hung on the wall over the sink. And there were lots of drawers to hold Dr. Johnson's tools.

"What's that chair doing in the middle of the room?" asked Alison.

Miss Kelly replied, "You lie back in the chair while the dentist looks inside your mouth. It can tilt backward. It also goes up and down."

"Can I try it?" Jordan asked excitedly.

"Sure you can," said Miss Kelly. "You can each try it, one at a time, when Dr. Johnson looks at your teeth."

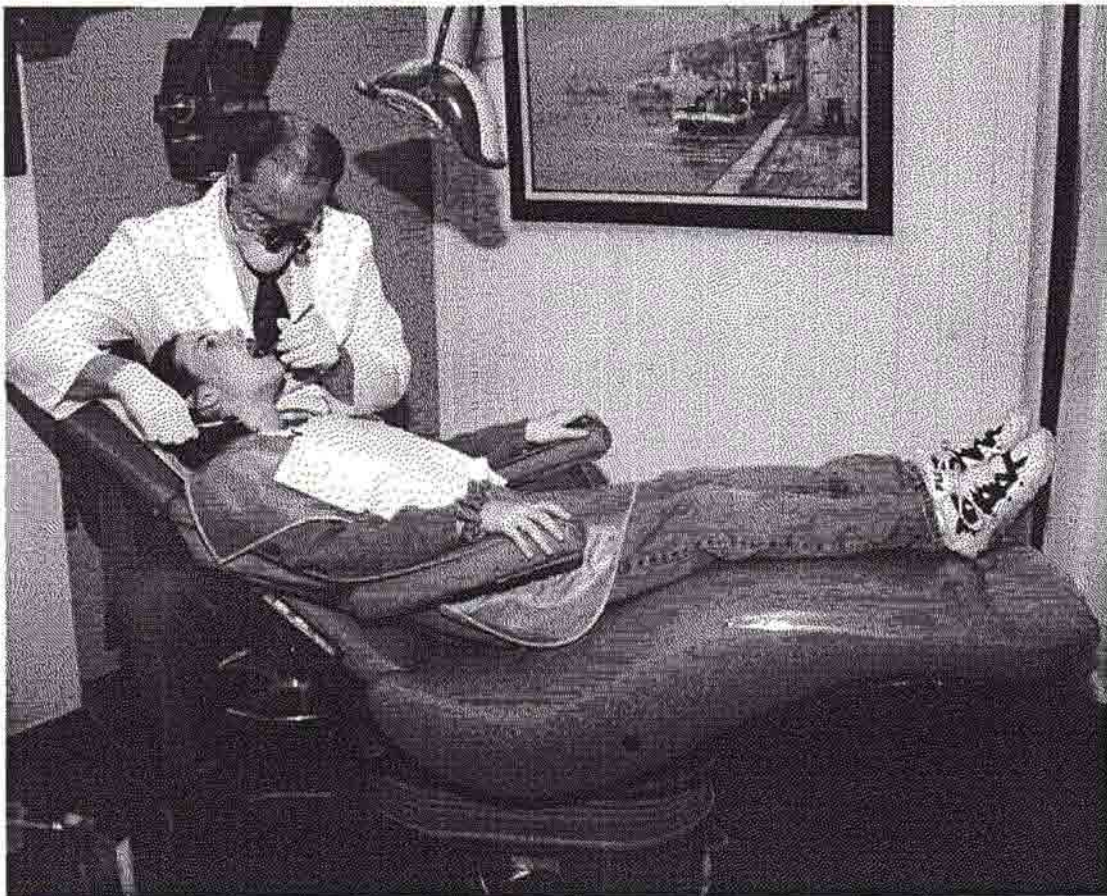


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“It shines into your mouth so I can see all your teeth,” answered Dr. Johnson.

Then he picked up a gleaming *mirror* to show the children. “I can also use this tiny round mirror to see the backs of your teeth.”

It sure was tiny, but it had a long, shiny handle.



Next to the chair was a silver tray. It had all sorts of tools on it. There was an *explorer*, which is a pointy silver stick to help the dentist check each tooth.

There was a jar of a special gel with *fluoride* in it. Fluoride helps make teeth strong.

And there was a special minty toothpaste in a small bowl.

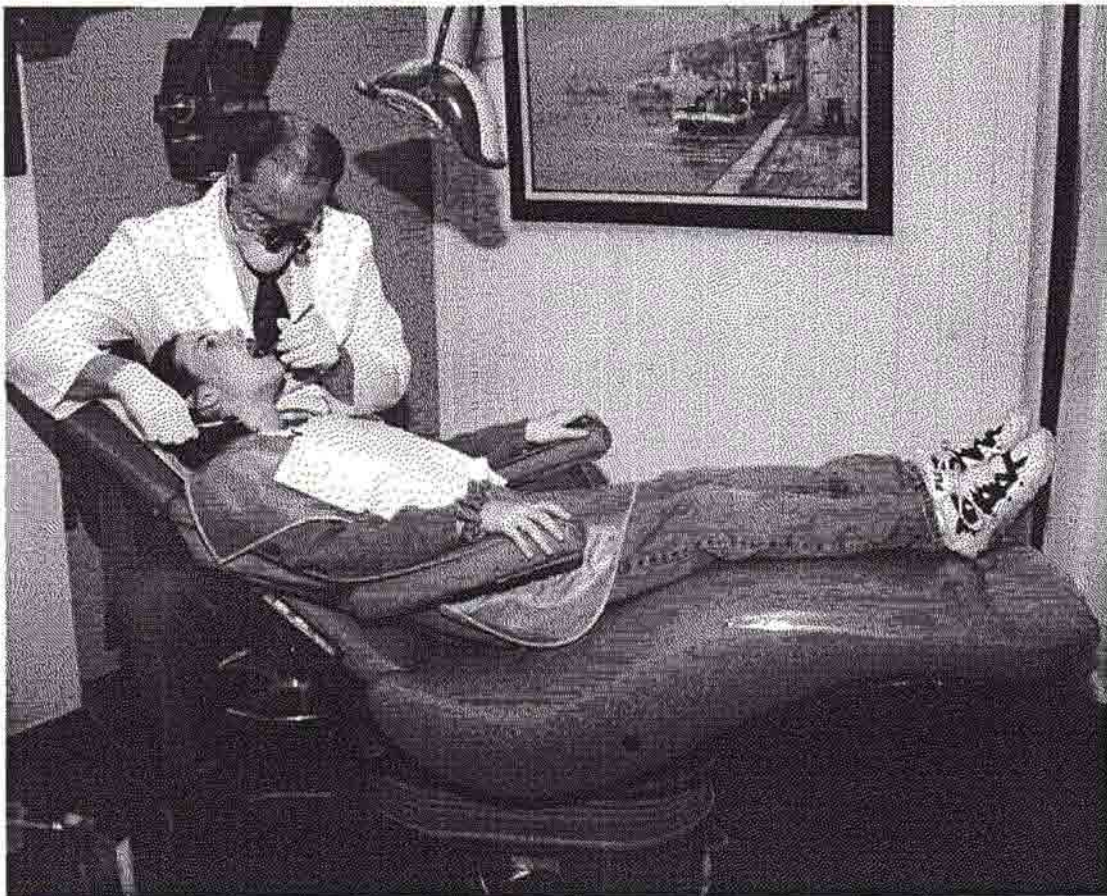


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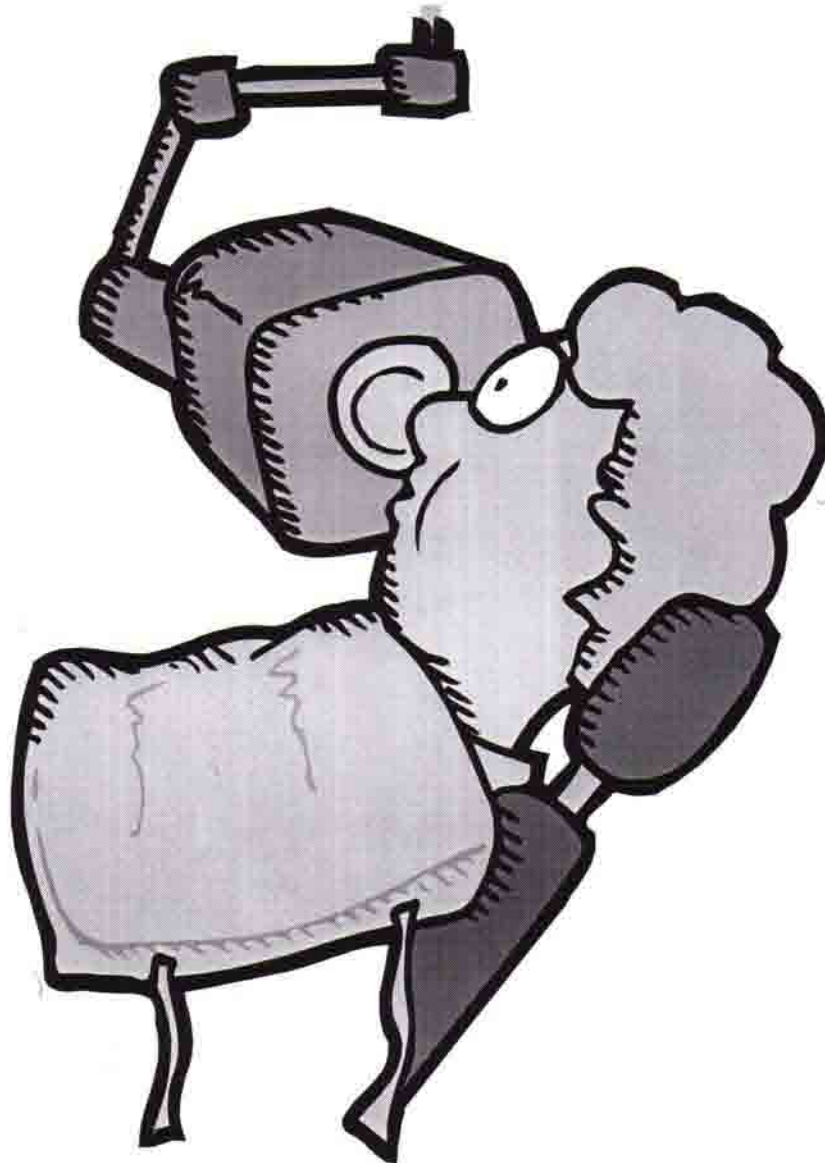
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Jordan pointed to a long machine on the wall. "That machine must make lots of noise. It's really big!"

"It is big," said Miss Kelly, "but it only makes a soft, short buzz. It's called an *x-ray machine*. It takes pictures of the inside of your teeth so we can be sure they are strong and healthy."

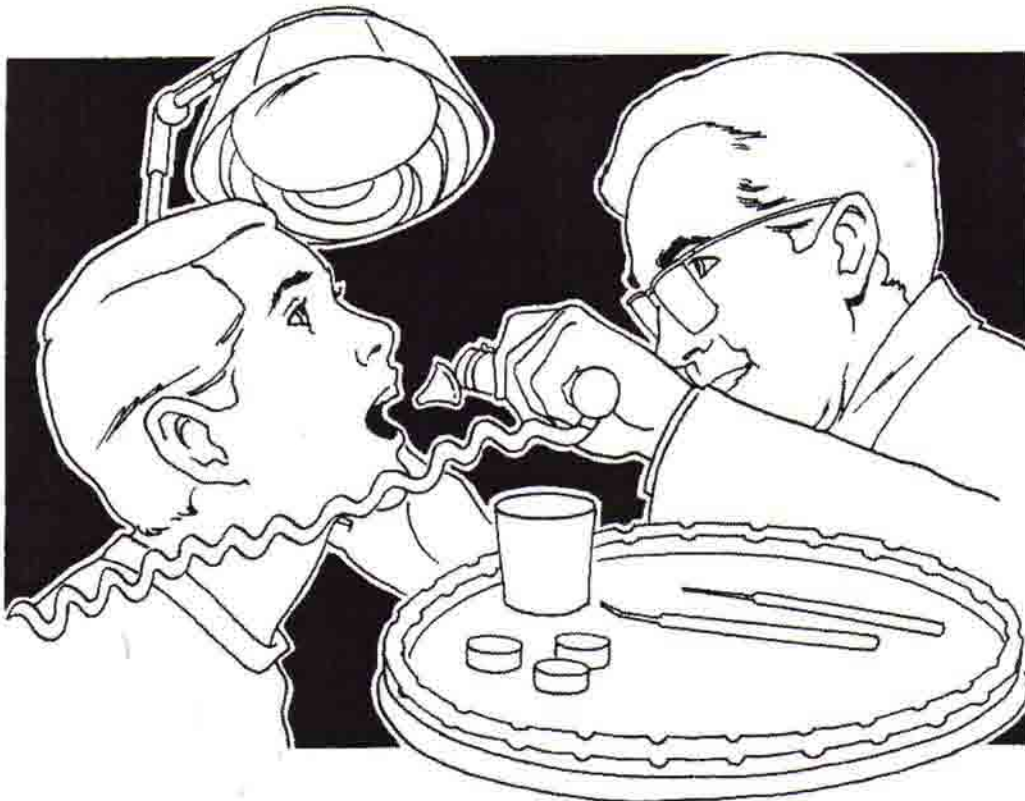


“Why are water and hoses over there?” asked Alison, pointing.  
“Are they for watering the plants in the other room?”

“No, no,” said Dr. Johnson with a smile. “The *hose* lets me squirt water on your teeth, to clean them. It also sprays air to dry your teeth.”

And saying this, Dr. Johnson sprayed a little bit of air on Alison’s hand. It was warm and gentle, like air let out of a balloon.

Soon all the children wanted Dr. Johnson to squirt their mouths with water and clean their teeth with his special toothbrush. They were happy to have this nice, caring man as their friend.



Dr. Johnson took some toothbrushes out of a drawer. There was a red brush, a blue brush, and a green brush. There was a white brush and a yellow one. So many colors to see!

And, Dr. Johnson gave one toothbrush to each child. Do you know what color Thomas, Jordan, Alison, Tiara, and Logan chose?



The children thanked Dr. Johnson. They thanked Miss Kelly, too, for showing them so many new things.

Now the children could hardly wait to go home and try out their colorful new toothbrushes!

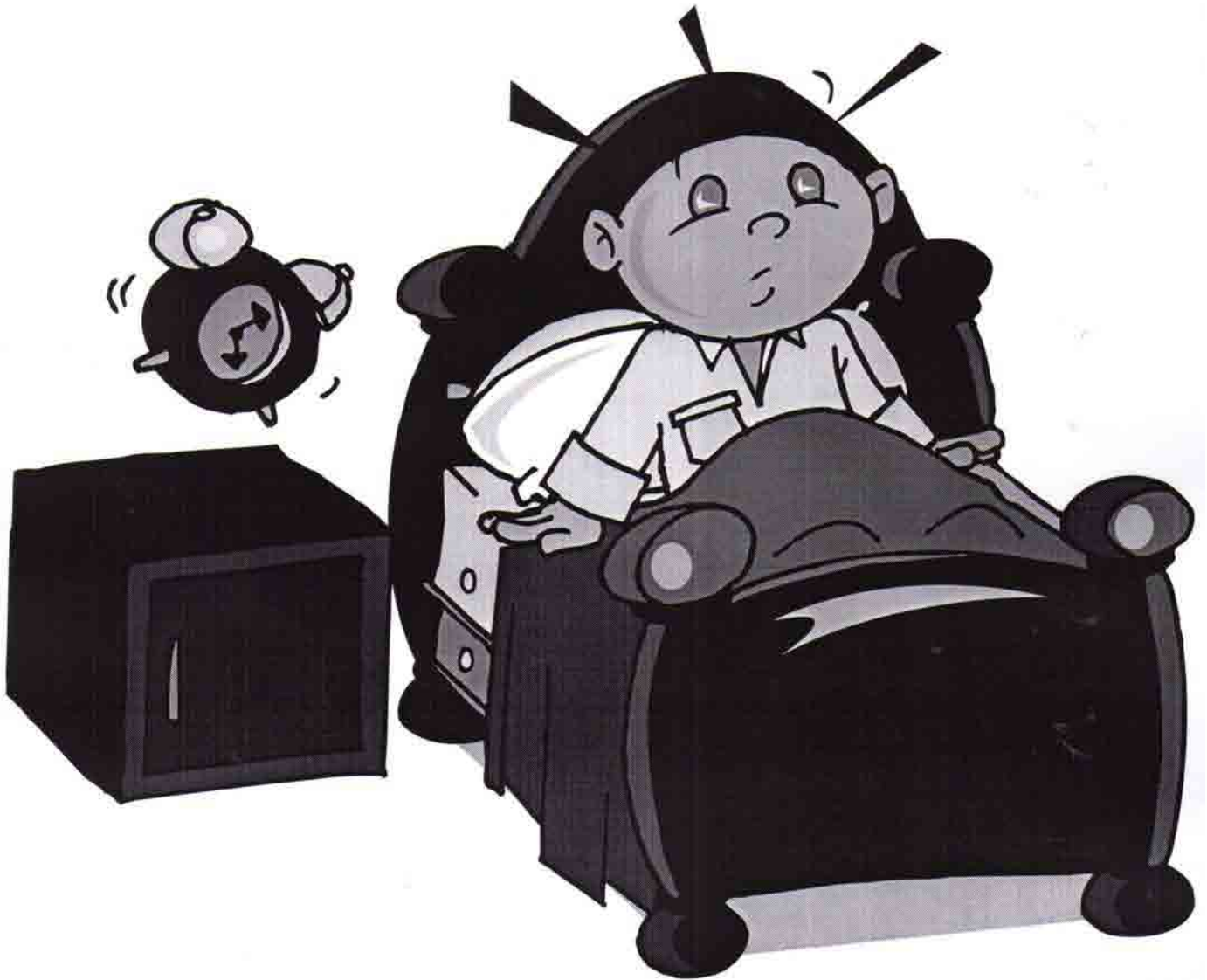
They had lots to tell their family about what they had seen!



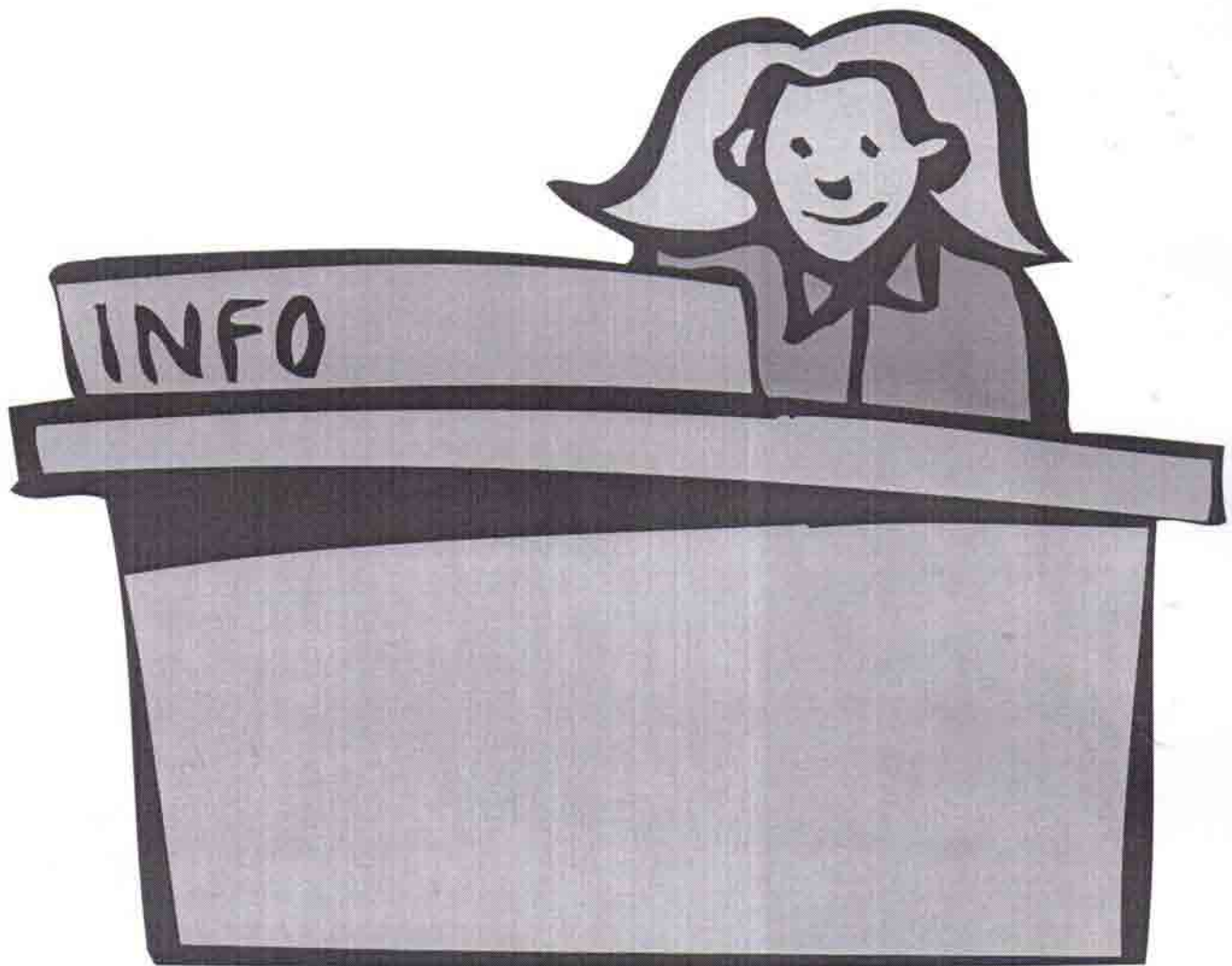


# THOMAS VISITS THE DENTIST

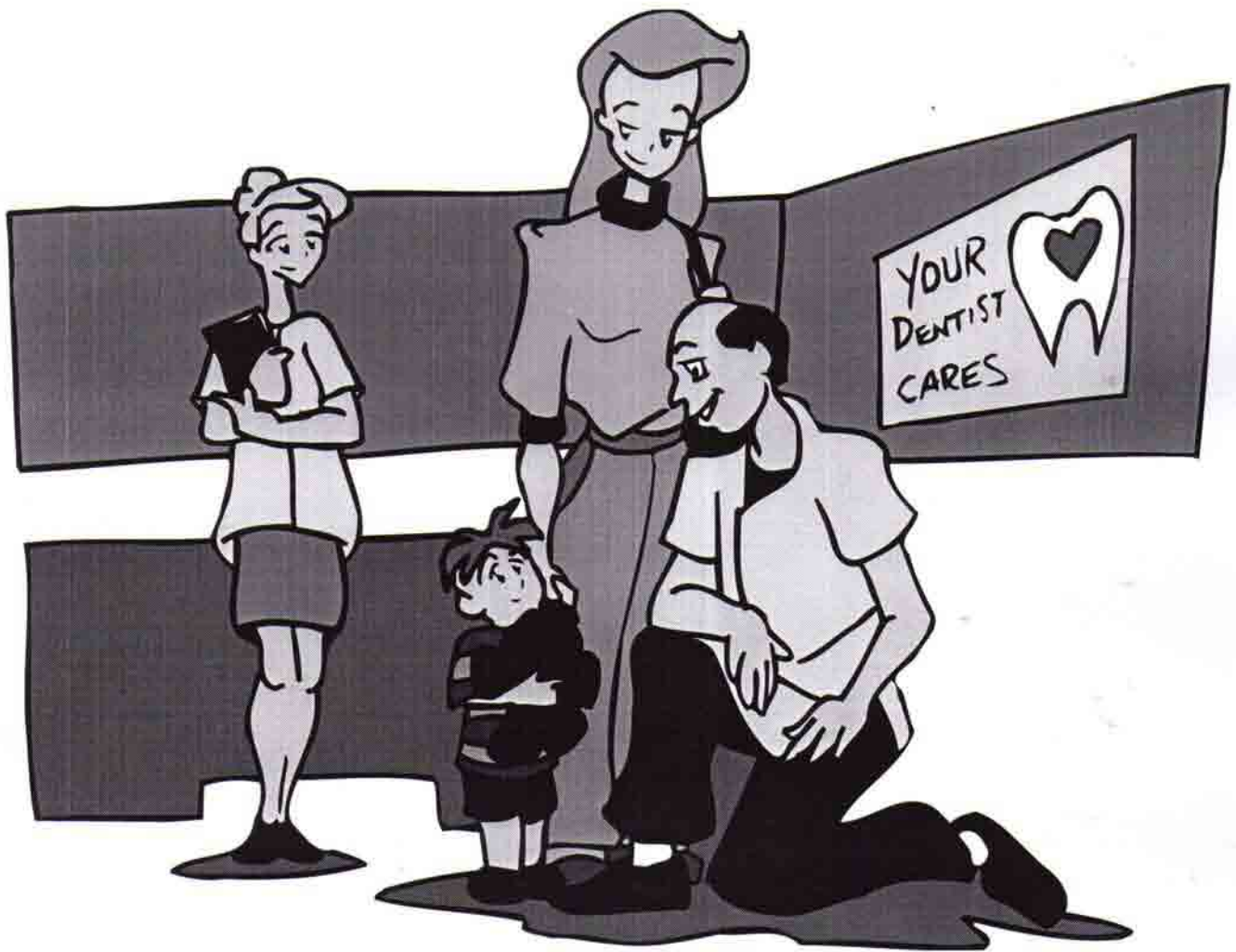
Thomas *woke up.*



**Thomas** *walked into the office with his mother.*



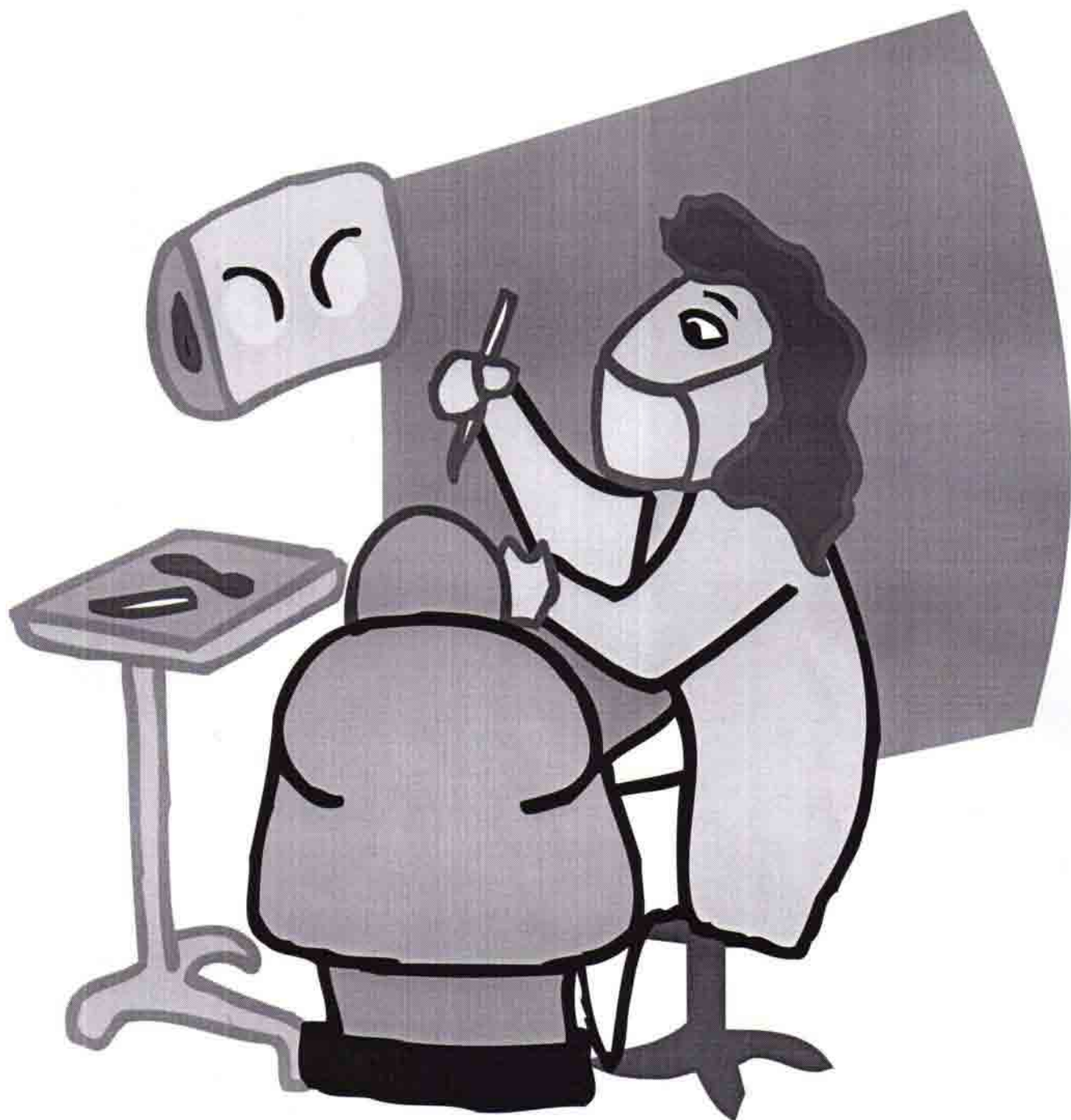
**Thomas met Dr. Johnson, the dentist.**



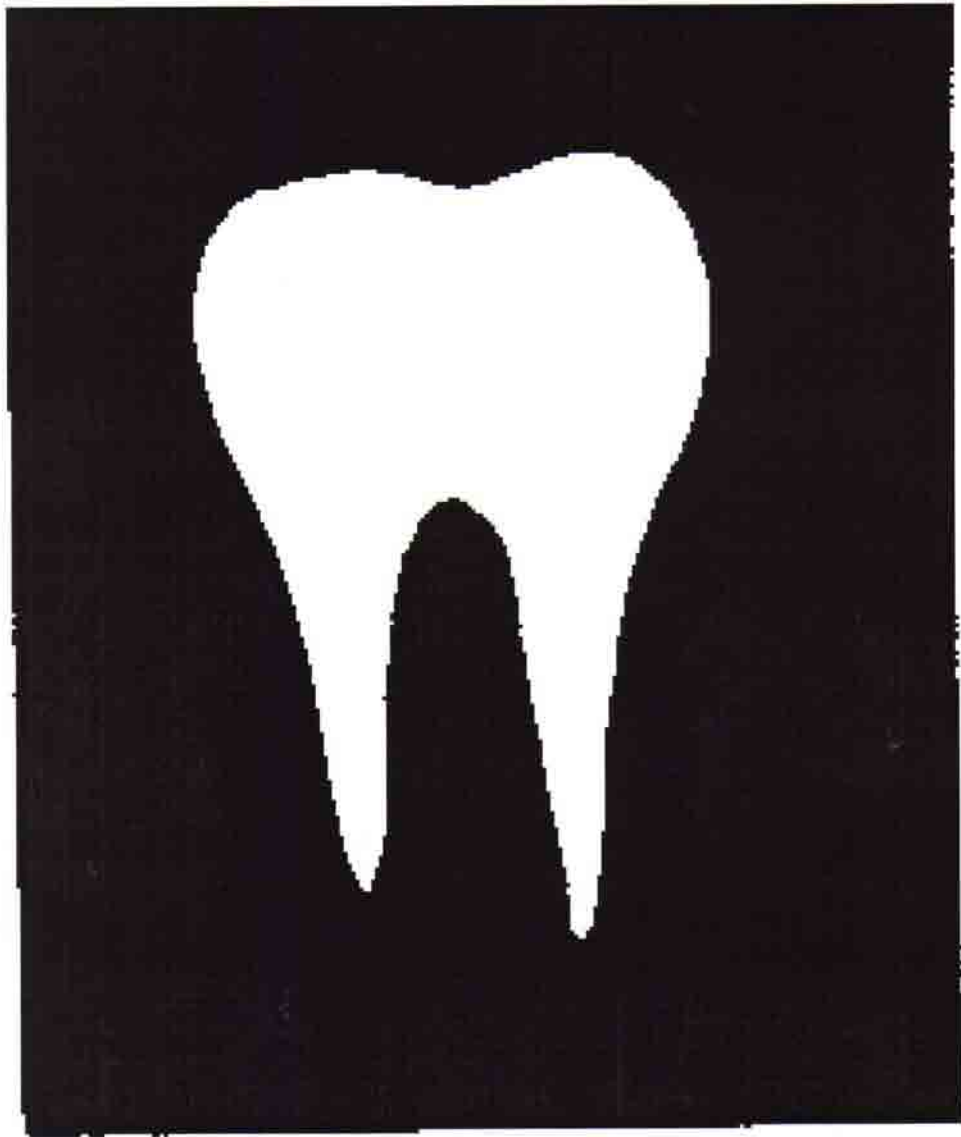
**Miss Kelly** *took X-ray pictures of*  
**Thomas' teeth.**



Miss Robbins *cleaned his teeth.*



**Thomas** *saw the X-ray pictures of his teeth.*

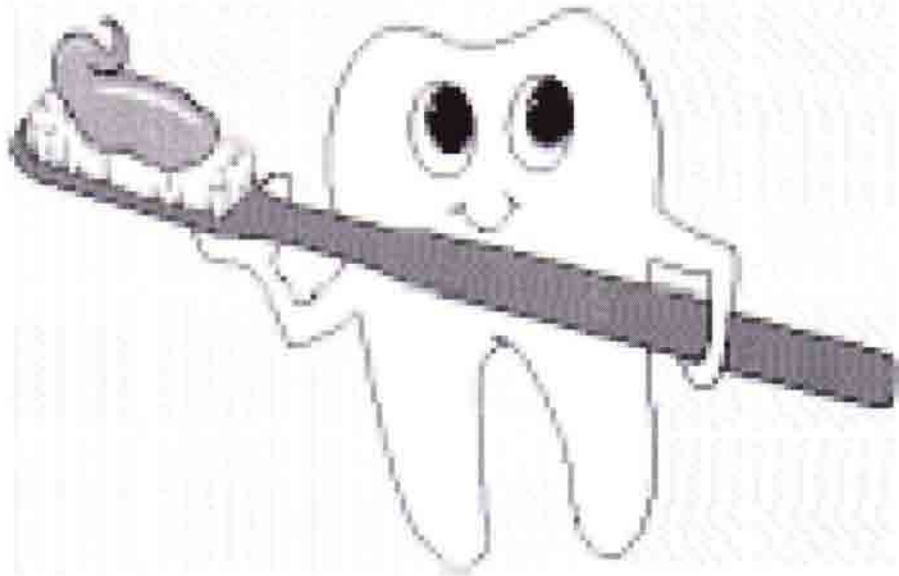


**Thomas** *had a great visit.*

*He got a new toothbrush.*



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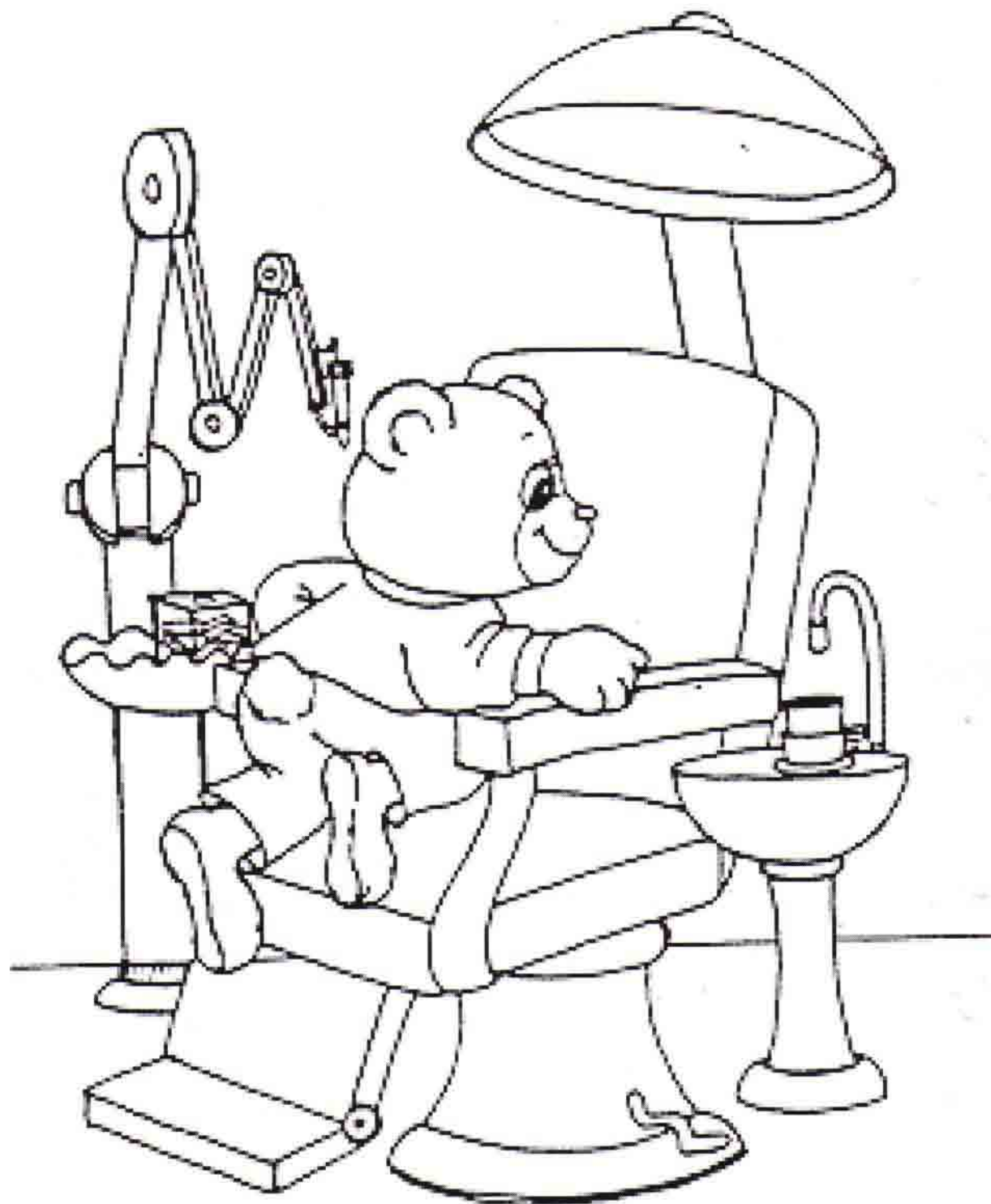


# A VISIT TO THE DENTIST

## Coloring Book

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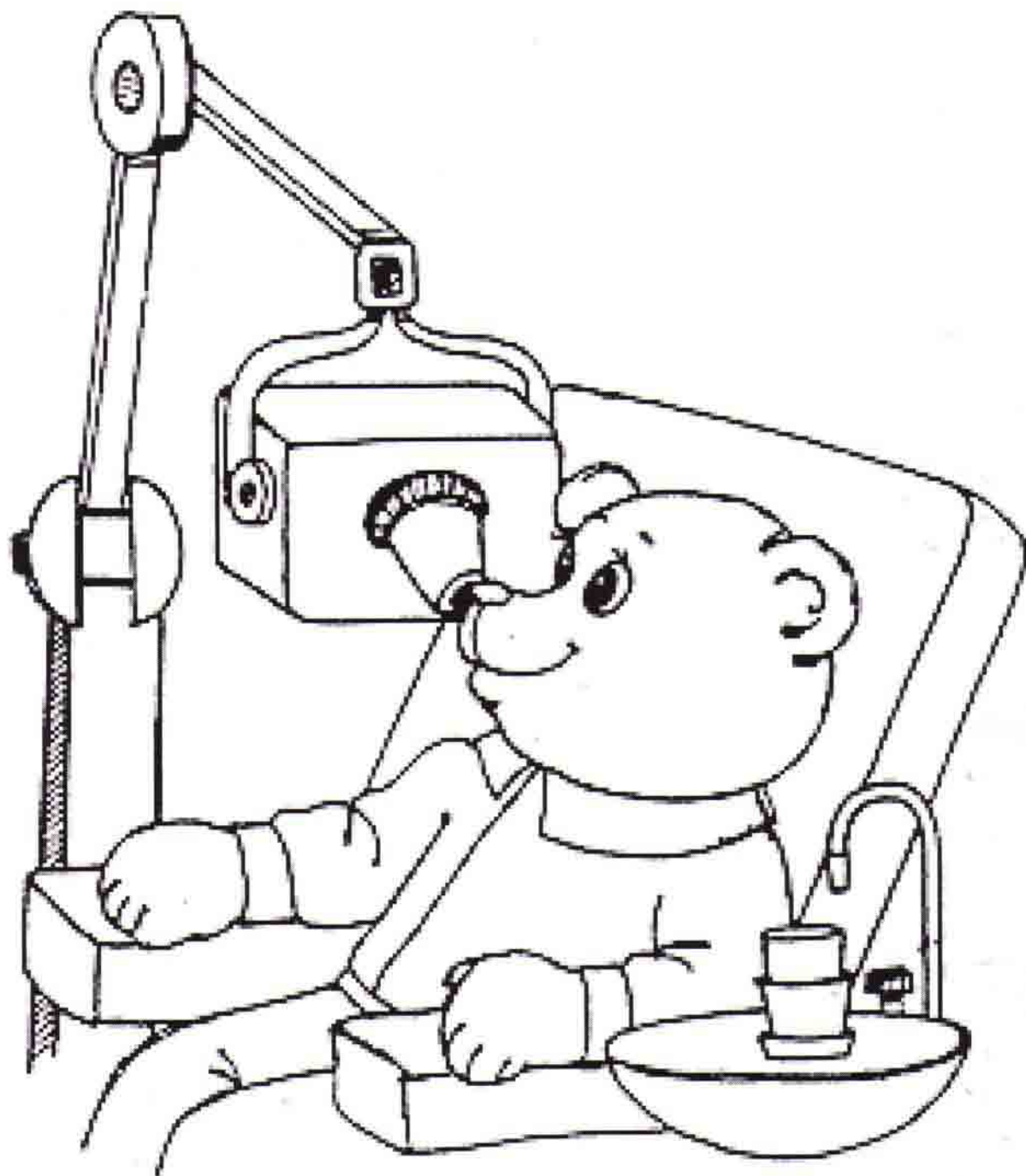
Dr. Bear tells me to climb  
into the chair.

2



Then Dr. Bear says . . .  
"Open wide, please."

3



You may have X-rays taken.



Dr. Bear is cleaning my teeth  
with little tools.

5



Remember to brush daily.



Remember to have your teeth cleaned and checked twice a year.