

Denterino



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The Ranterino in...

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Sitting in the waiting room chair,
Clutching her purse,
The mother asked the nurse
When the new dentist started there.
The mother's little girl was sitting quite still.
Looking at the windowsill.
On it was a photo
In a purple frame.
In it was a purple picture.
Then she heard her name.



She turned and with her mother saw,
At the open dentist's door,
The new dentist was just standing there
With a purple dentist jacket
And a lot of purple hair.
The Ranterino smiled and said
With a gentle nod of the head,
'How are you today?'
The little girl grabbed her mom
As she heard the Ranterino say,
'Come this way.'



The little girl looked at her mom
And clung to her so tightly
As she sucked her thumb.
'I don't want to go in there.
He's got purple hair.'
'Don't worry,' said her mom
Looking down with a frown.
'I'm sure he's a lovely man
And he's the cheapest dentist in town!'





‘Is the cheapest also the best?’

The little girl asked.

‘Now then, my dear, don’t be funny,

You know we don’t have much money.

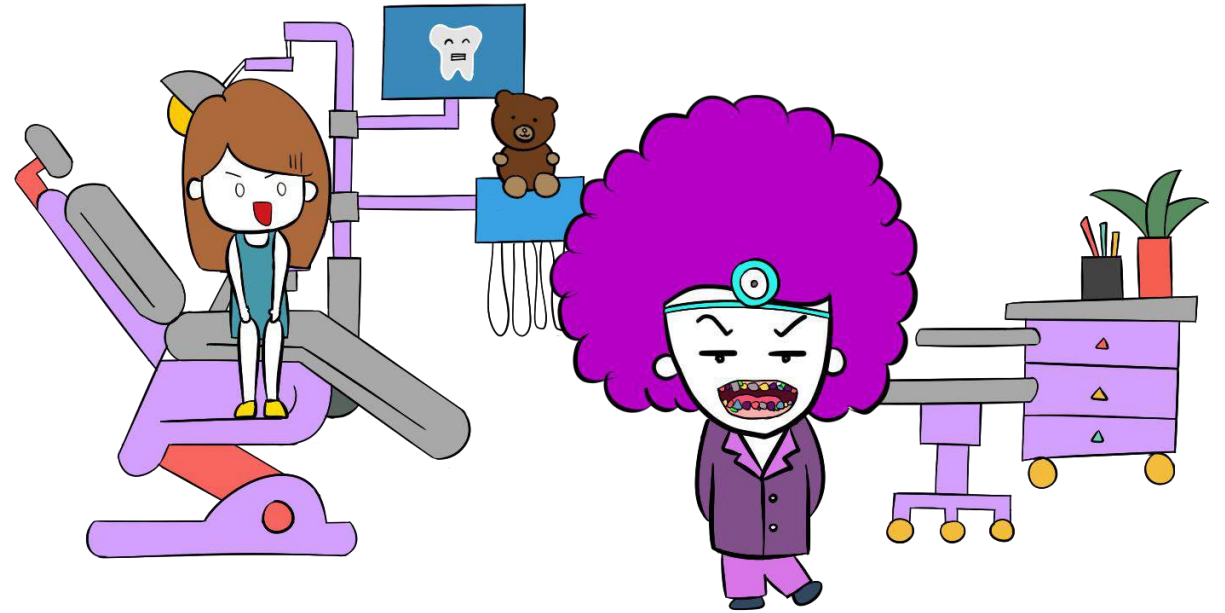
But I’m sure there’s no need for you to worry.

Now in you go,

We’re in a bit of a hurry.’

2 minutes 23 seconds later

The little girl walked in through the door
And jumped into the dentist's chair.
'Well, aren't you a brave little one!
Most kids come in kicking and screaming.'
The Ranterino opened his mouth and laughed.
The little girl looked inside his mouth
And saw the most terrible sight...
A top row of brown and purple fang-like teeth
With a row of hideous purple stumps beneath.



Feeling brave and courageous,
With the Ranterino standing there
Looking disgusting and outrageous,
The little girl had the courage to say,

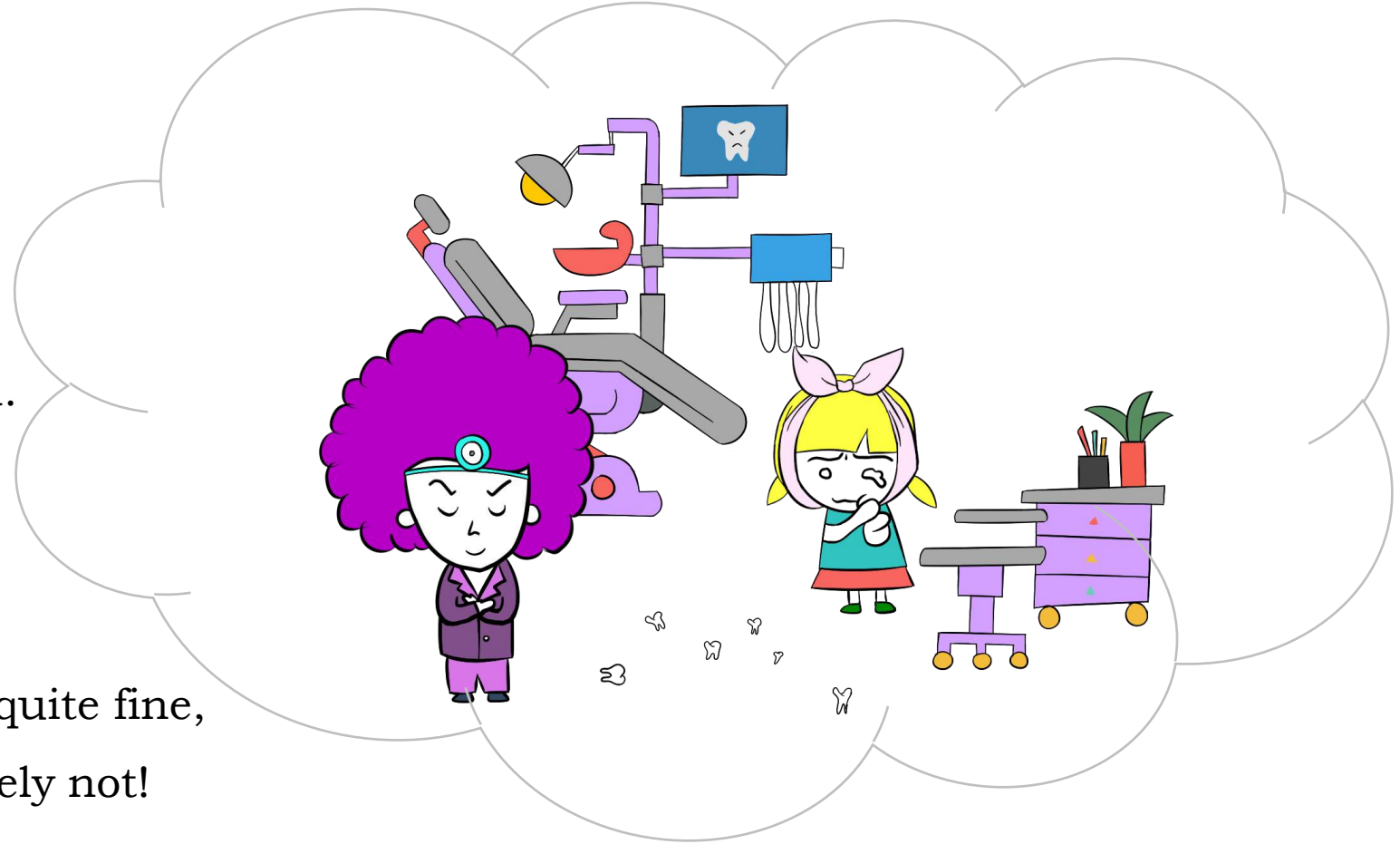
‘I heard someone came here

Just the other day...

And all her teeth were fine.

Now she’s got no teeth at all.’

‘Oh I remember her,’ the Ranterino said.
‘She was quite tall...
Well, yes, I had to take them all out.
Without a shadow of a doubt!
Although her teeth might have seemed quite fine,
I can assure you they were most definitely not!
I could see quite clearly that over the next 70 years
They would probably rot.
Now open wide, let’s take a peek.
I haven’t got all week!’



He went and picked up some kind of drill.

The little girl looked and said, 'I feel quite ill.'

'Don't worry,' he said as he put it down

And picked up a scalpel with a frown.

'I can't remember the last time I used this,'

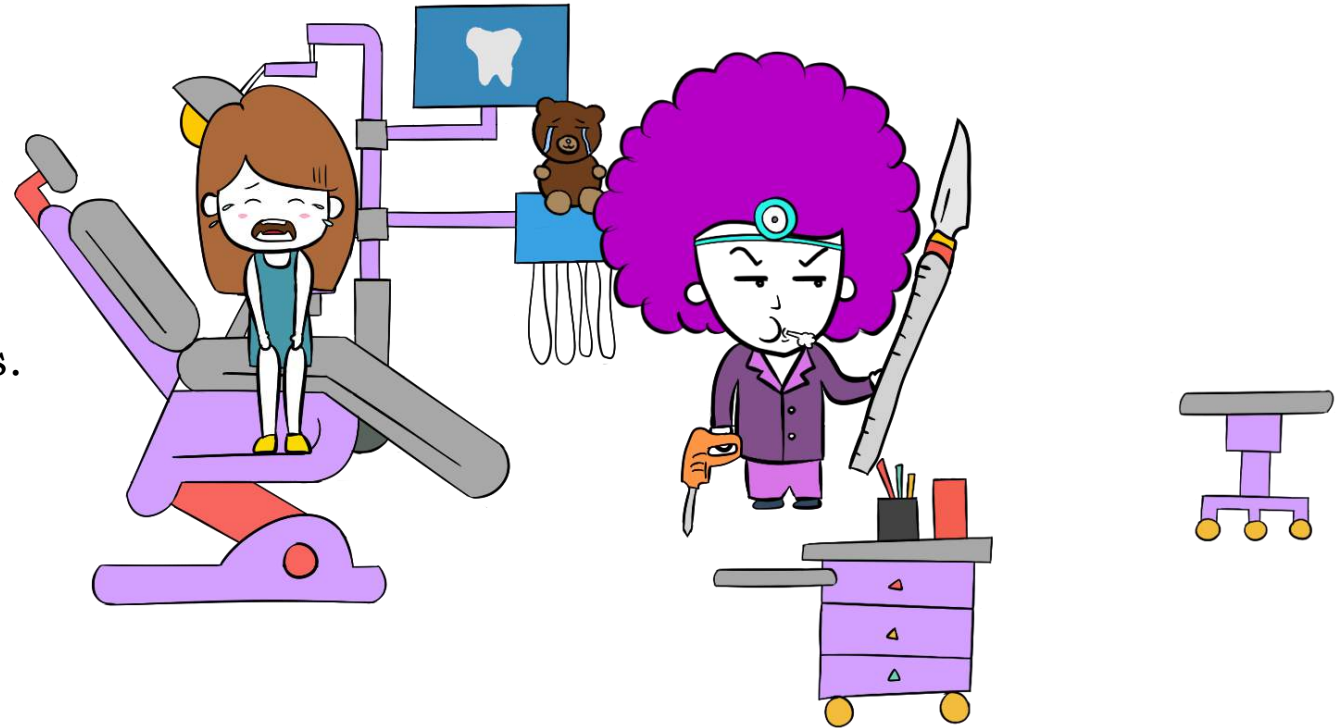
He said to himself with a cheek-puffing hiss.

The little girl in the dentist's chair

Really wanted to run away somewhere.

But soon the Ranterino was by her side.

The little girl finally cried.





Look at these!

The Ranterino began to boast,

Pointing to his awful teeth...

‘Haven’t been brushed since 2003!!!!’

‘Don’t cry, don’t cry,’ the Ranterino said

As he slowly lowered his head.

‘Ah, yes,’ he chuckled

‘I can see the problem here.

You brush your teeth twice a day

To keep your teeth in this shiny-white way.

That’s no good, bad habit, my dear.

You should only brush your teeth once a year.

Once a year, at most!

The little girl looked aghast

As the Ranterino put on his dental mask.

‘So what are you going to do?’

Terrified, she managed to ask.

‘I’m going to give you some good advice, that’s all.’

The Ranterino started to say.

‘If you keep on brushing your teeth twice a day

You will never get teeth like mine!’

‘Oh, ok,’ said the little girl, ‘Fine.’



The little girl jumped down from the purple dentist's chair.

The Ranterino smiled beneath his purple dentist's mask.

'Now, little girl, if anyone should ask,

Tell them I wanted to take out all your teeth.

If you can do that for me,

Then this will be

The last time you ever have to see me.'

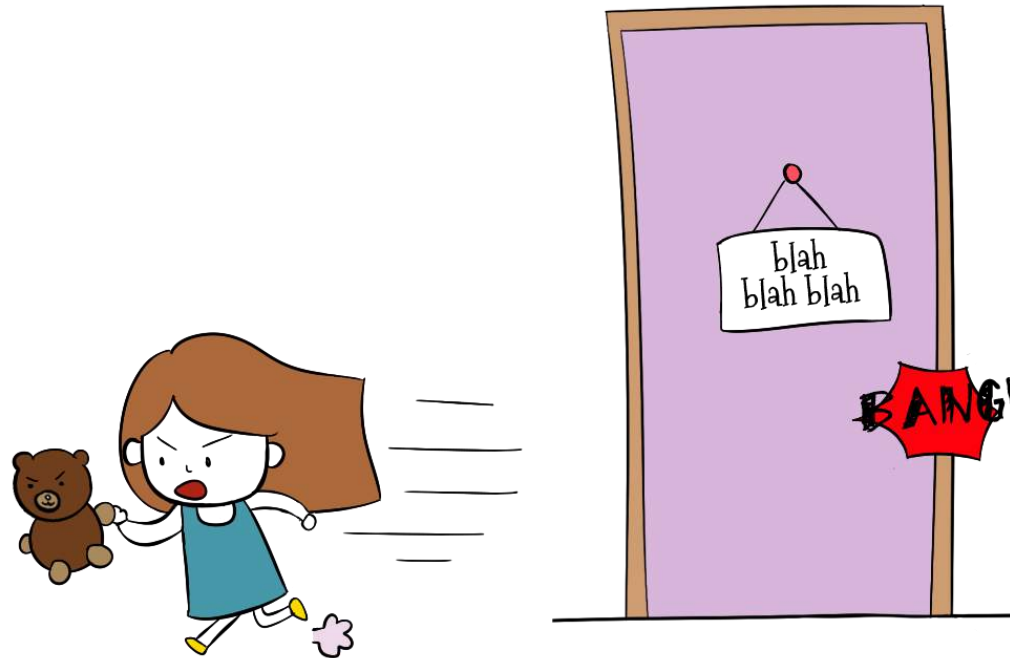


The little girl ran out the room

And the Ranterino laughed.

‘I may be a very miserable and scary purple creature

But sometimes it’s my best feature.’



The End

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