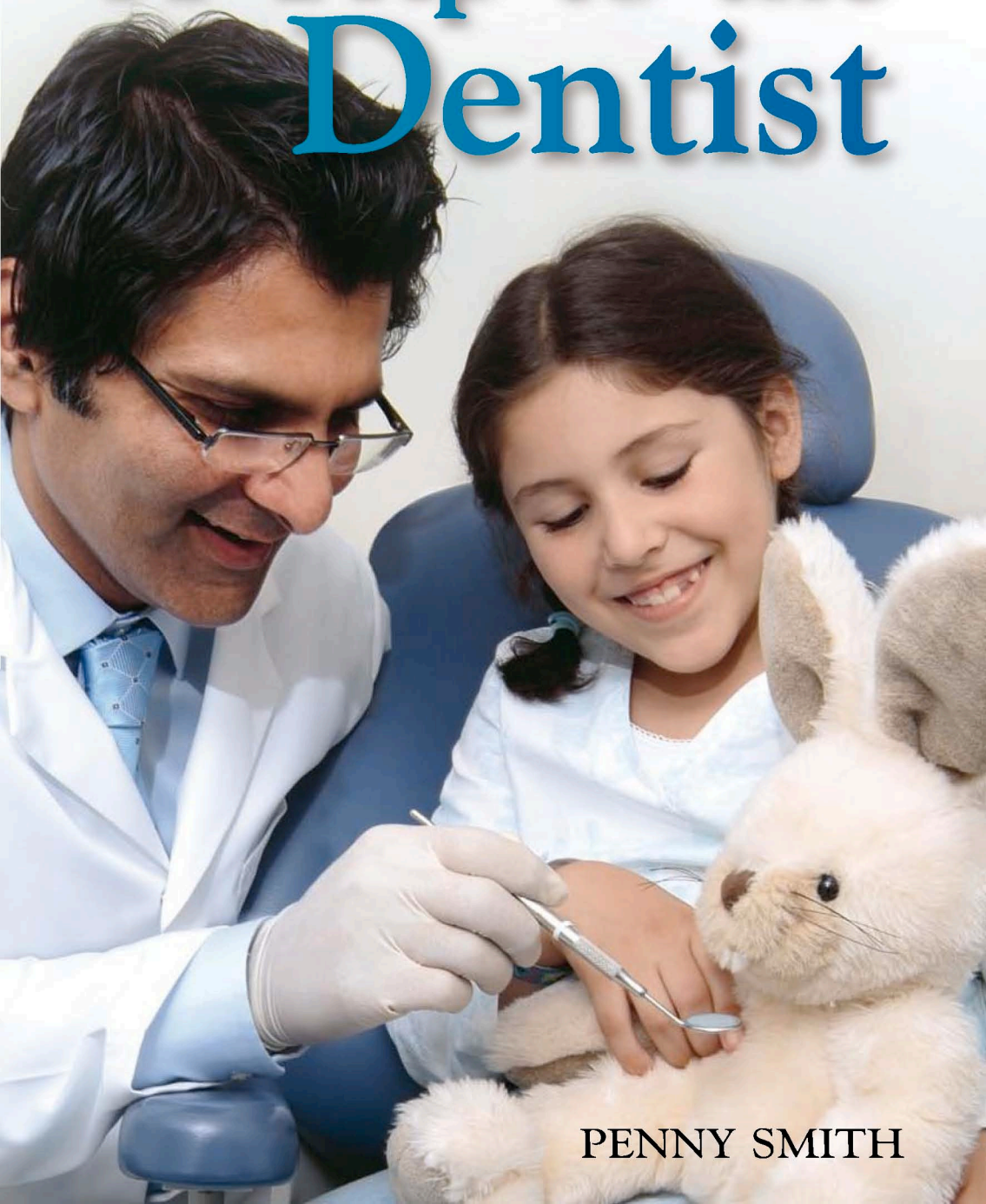


A Trip to the Dentist



PENNY SMITH

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I have read this book



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“Come on, get your coats,”
called Mom.

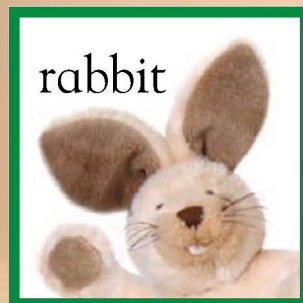
Sarah and her brother, Josh,
tumbled into the room.

“It’s time to go
to the dentist
for your checkups,”
said Mom.



Soon they arrived at the dentist's office. Mom told the receptionist their names.

“I want my teeth to stay strong and white like Rabbit’s,” Josh told her.

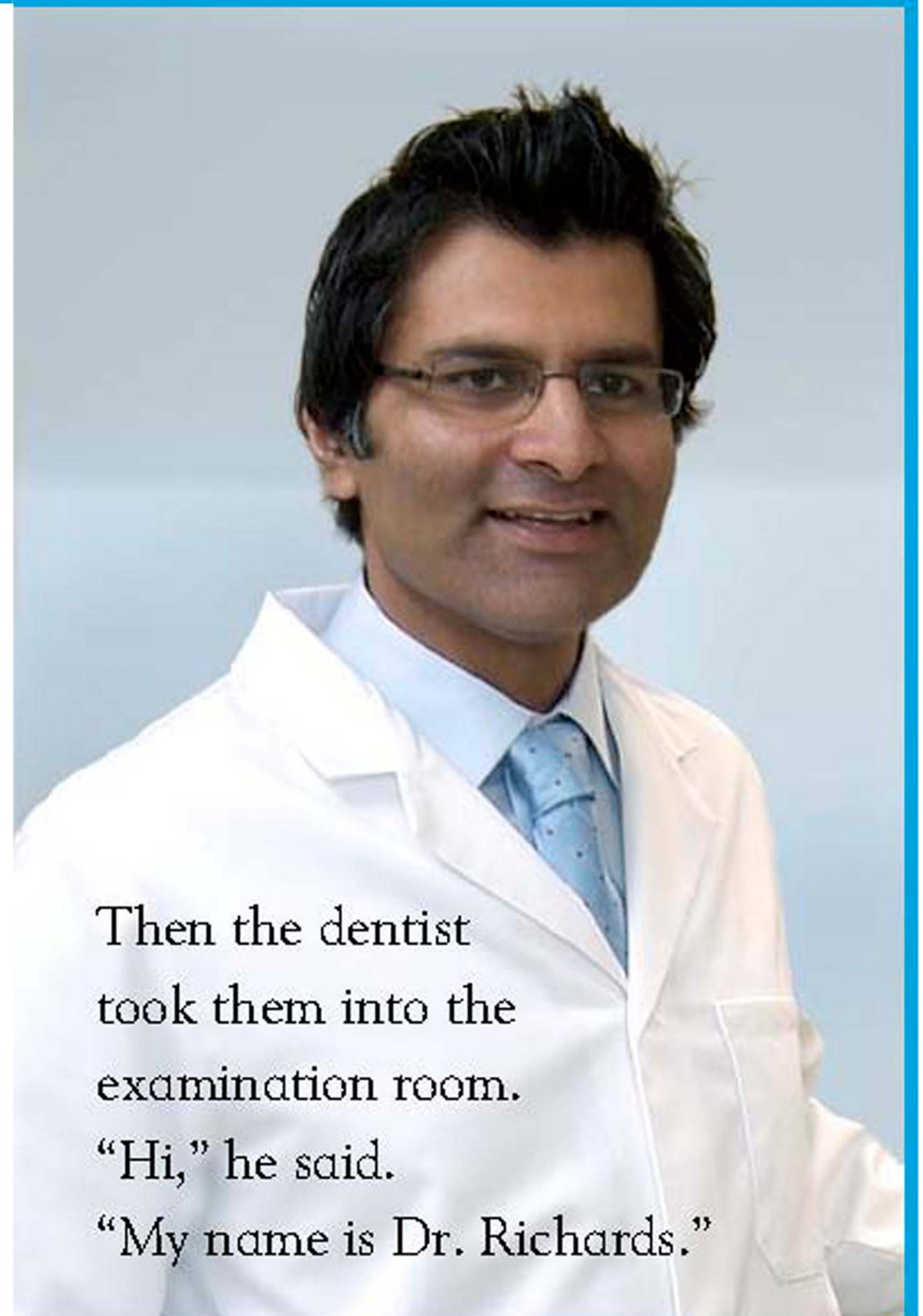


rabbit

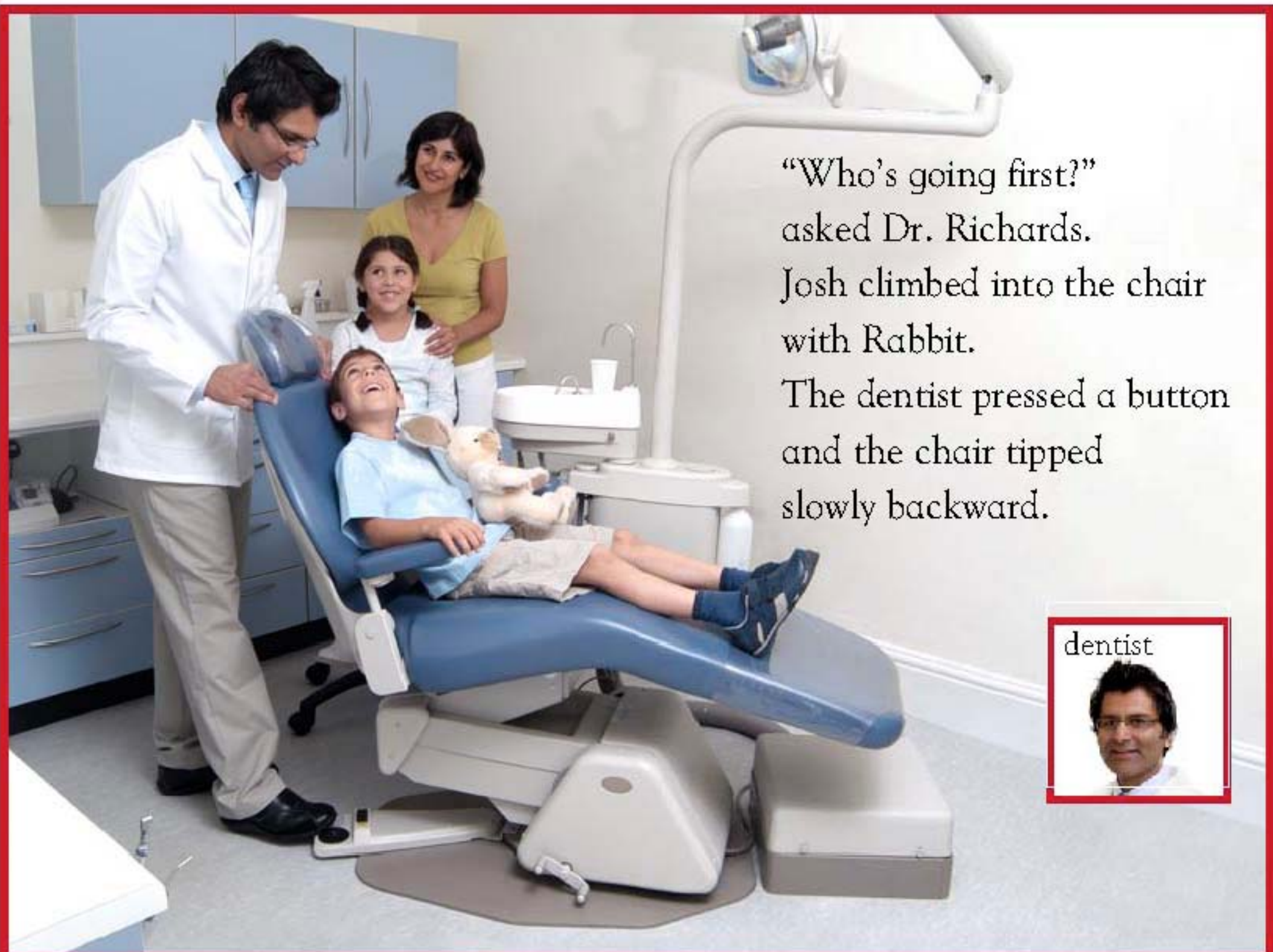




The children played in the waiting room until it was time for their checkups.



Then the dentist took them into the examination room.
“Hi,” he said.
“My name is Dr. Richards.”



“Who’s going first?”
asked Dr. Richards.
Josh climbed into the chair
with Rabbit.
The dentist pressed a button
and the chair tipped
slowly backward.

dentist



“Open wide,” said Dr. Richards.
First he checked Josh’s gums.

Then he used a small mirror
to look for holes called cavities
in Josh’s teeth.

He didn’t find any cavities.

mirror



“You need to take extra care of the molars at the back of your mouth,” he said. “Right now there is a sticky layer on them. This is called plaque. It can cause cavities, so you need to brush it away.”

molars



Dr. Richards
showed Josh a good
way to brush.

toothbrush



“Squeeze a pea-sized
blob of toothpaste
onto your toothbrush.
Then gently brush
in little circles,” he said.

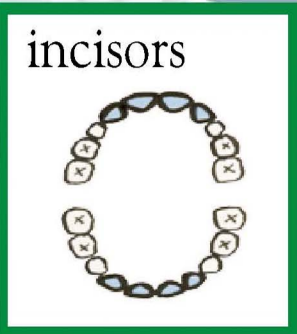
Josh tried brushing Rabbit's teeth.
"How often do you brush
your teeth?" asked
Dr. Richards.

"Every day, I think," said Josh.
"You should brush twice a day,
once in the morning and once
before you go to bed," said
Dr. Richards.





incisors

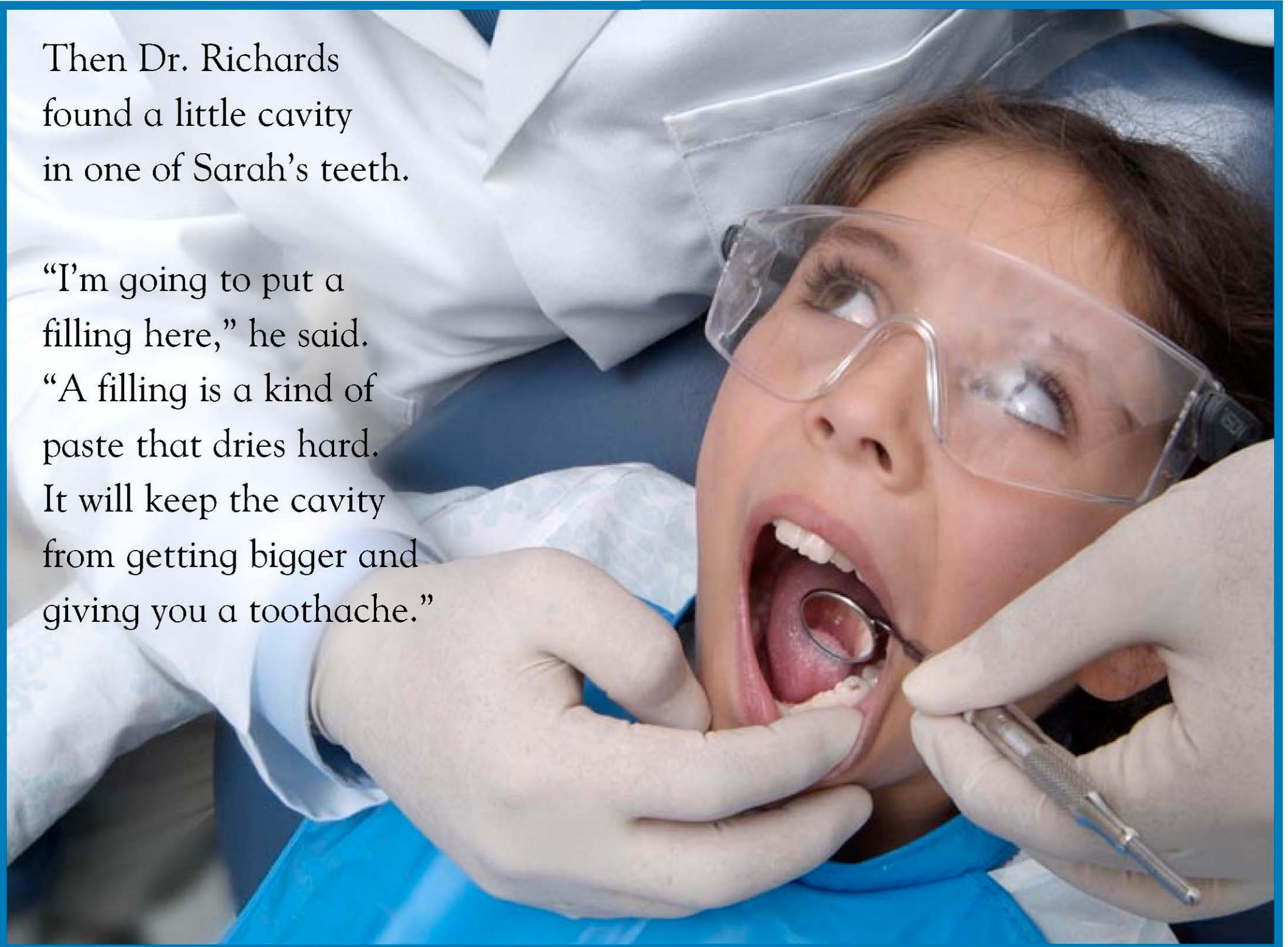


Then it was Sarah's turn. "You've lost six of your baby teeth," said Dr. Richards.

"New incisors are growing at the front. Soon your other baby teeth will get wobbly and fall out. You'll have 32 new teeth in all."

Then Dr. Richards found a little cavity in one of Sarah's teeth.

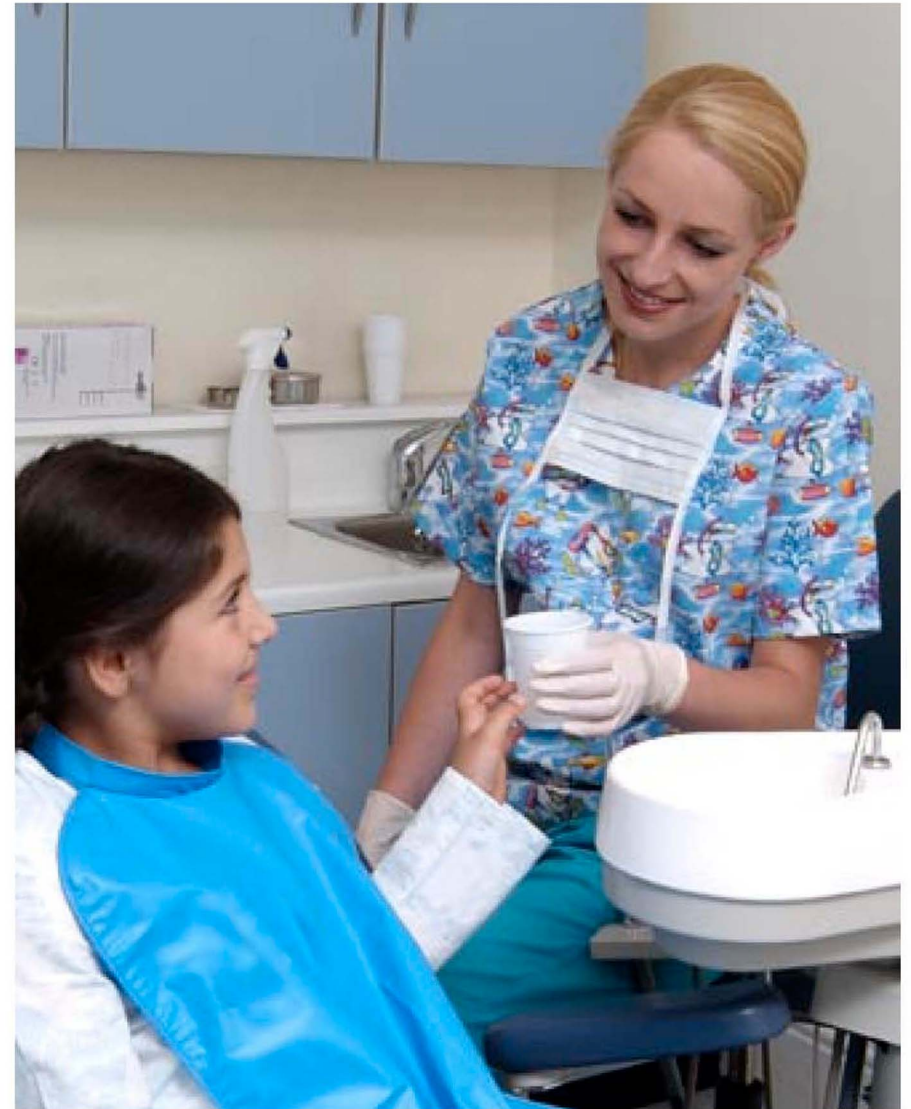
"I'm going to put a filling here," he said. "A filling is a kind of paste that dries hard. It will keep the cavity from getting bigger and giving you a toothache."



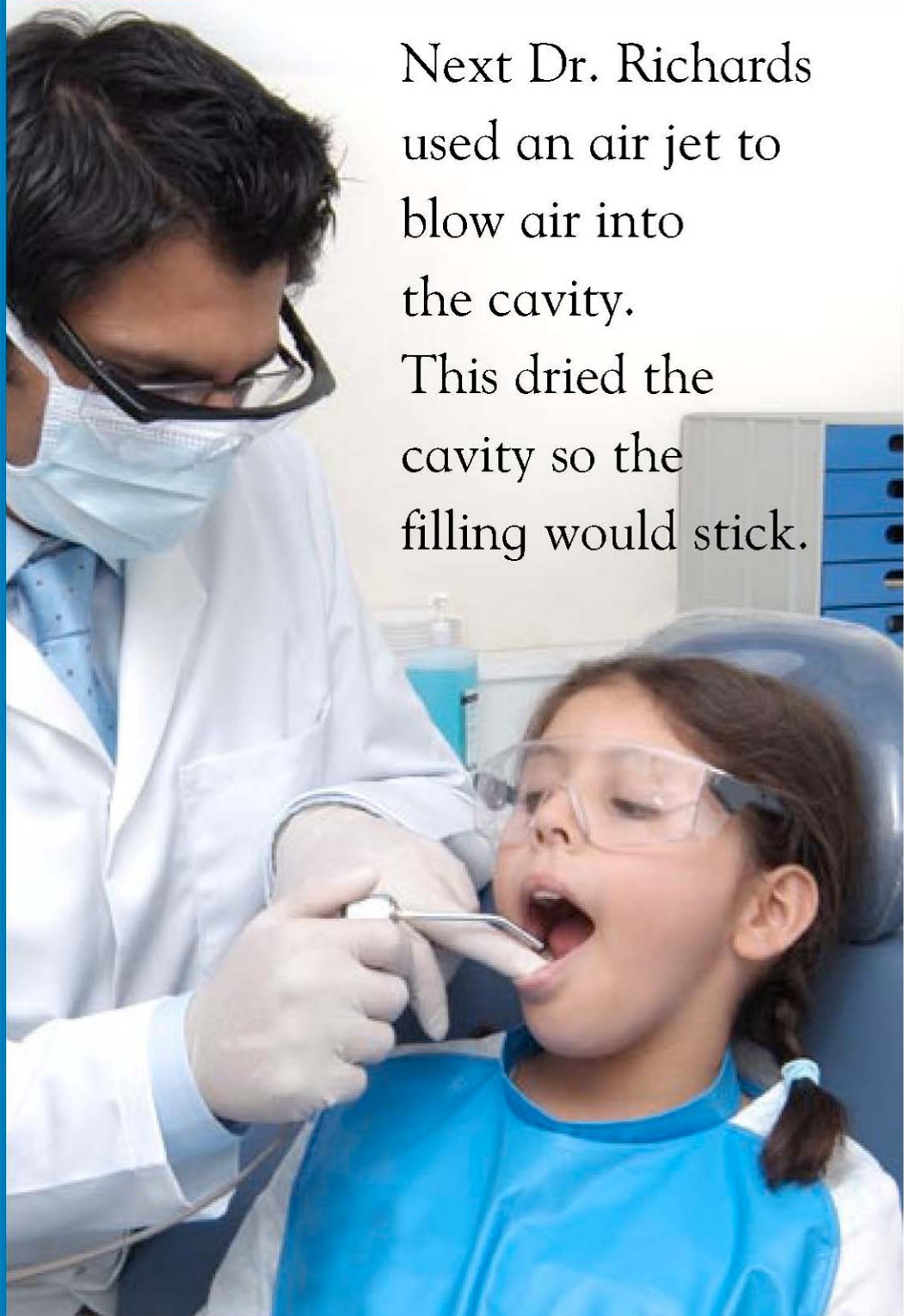


First Dr. Richards cleaned out the cavity using a drill. His assistant, Carol, used a suction tip to suck out any saliva, or spit.

Then she gave Sarah a cup of water to rinse out her mouth.

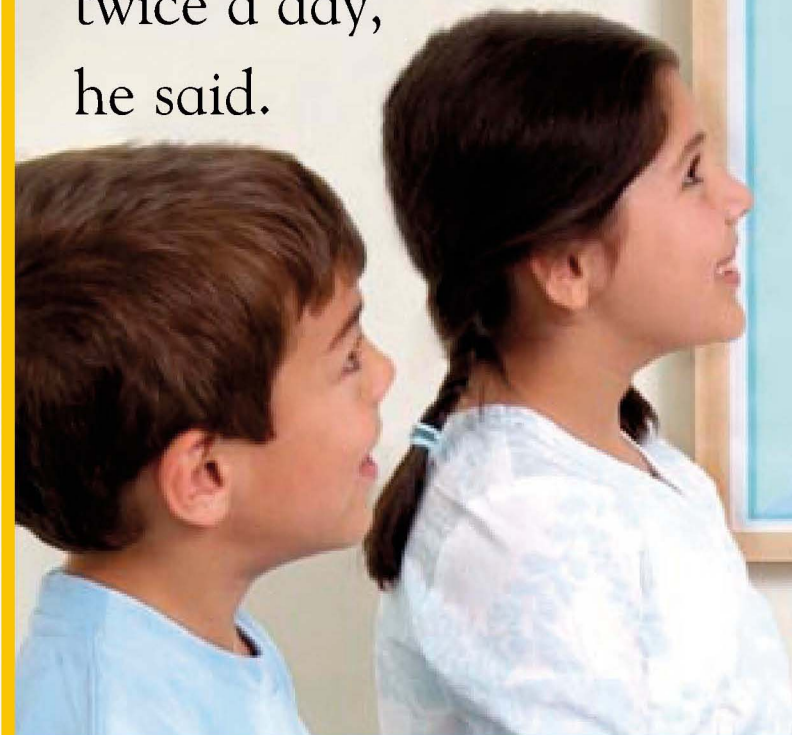


Next Dr. Richards used an air jet to blow air into the cavity. This dried the cavity so the filling would stick.



Then he pushed the filling neatly into the cavity. "All done," he said.

Then Dr. Richards pointed to a chart. It helped explain how to prevent cavities. “Don’t have sugary drinks or candy very often, and brush your teeth twice a day,” he said.





As they were leaving,
Dr. Richards gave Sarah and Josh
each a sticker of a smiling rabbit.

sticker



The sticker said,
“To keep your teeth
sparkling clean and bright,
brush early in the morning
and last thing at night.”

And that’s exactly what
they did!





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Pre-level 1

Fishy Tales
Colorful Days
Garden Friends
Party Fun
In the Park

Farm Animals
Petting Zoo
Let's Make Music
Cuentos de Peces *en español*
Dias llenos de color *en español*
Meet the Dinosaurs

Level 1

A Day at Greenhill Farm
Truck Trouble
Tale of a Tadpole
Surprise Puppy!
Duckling Days
A Day at Seagull Beach
Whatever the Weather
Busy Buzzy Bee
Big Machines
Wild Baby Animals
A Bed for the Winter
Born to be a Butterfly
Dinosaur's Day
Feeding Time
Diving Dolphin
Rockets and Spaceships
My Cat's Secret
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A Trip to the Zoo

I Can Swim!
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A Day in the Life of a Dancer
A Day in the Life of a Firefighter
A Day in the Life of a Teacher
A Day in the Life of a Musician
A Day in the Life of a Doctor
A Day in the Life of a Police Officer
A Day in the Life of a TV Reporter
Gigantes de Hierro *en español*
Crías del mundo animal *en español*
A Trip to the Dentist
Spider-Man: The Amazing Story
I Want To Be A Ballerina

Level 2

Dinosaur Dinners
Fire Fighter!
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!
Slinky, Scaly Snakes!
Animal Hospital
The Little Ballerina
Munching, Crunching, Sniffing,
and Snooping
The Secret Life of Trees
Winking, Blinking, Wiggling,
and Wagging
Astronaut: Living in Space
Twisters!
Holiday! Celebration Days
around the World
The Story of Pocahontas
Horse Show
Survivors: The Night the
Titanic Sank
Eruption! The Story of Volcanoes

The Story of Columbus
Journey of a Humpback Whale
Amazing Buildings
Feathers, Flippers, and Feet
Outback Adventure: Australian
Vacation
Sniffles, Sneezes, Hiccups, and
Coughs
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Ice Skating Stars
Spider-Man's Worst Enemies
Meet the X-Men
Let's Go Riding