

- Dialogue Sample –

Sabine Goes to the Dentist

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(Harry is seen sitting in his dentist chair, looking quite bored. Above him is the sign advertising his establishment: "The Happy Drill - Pet Dentist Shoppe". A radio can be seen in the office.)

HARRY

(singing)

It's terrible being a dentist.
People spit at you.
It's terrible being a dentist.
People don't open.
Say, "Ah" I say.
Say, "Ah" I say!
Ah. Ah! Ah!!
Then they bite down on my drill.
Worst of all
People do not pay their bill.

RADIO ANNOUNCER

Flash. We interrupt this aria to bring you news of an emergency. Be on the lookout for an escaped pre-historic Saber Tooth Cat. She is extremely dangerous. Repeat, she is extremely dangerous, and has been known to have eaten humans 10,000 years ago. She can be identified by her one broken fang. We now return you to your regularly scheduled dental office music.

(Harry abruptly shuts off the radio, with a disbelieving "bah" sound and gesture.)

HARRY

(singing)

You see I always wanted to be an opera singer,
But I couldn't really sing
So my mama made me settle
For the high speed whirl of the dentist drill.
But -

HARRY (*cont'd*)

(*singing*)

I couldn't take the screaming
or the people complaining,
With my back to the wall
So now I'm trying...

Animals! See.

(He points to the "Pet Dentist" part of the sign. Sabine Saber Cat ¹ is in the doorway below the sign. She had entered after the above "complaining." Note, one of her two characteristic protruding and curving fangs is broken. She has the harried look of someone being chased.)

SABINE

Okay, you can stop that screeching. I can't even hear myself purr.

HARRY

Welcome, what can I...oh I see.

SABINE

(Acting the tough cat.) You looking at me?

HARRY

No offence. I'm Harry - the most prodigious savior of dentine and enamel on earth - scourge of plaque - architect of the finest edifices made of braces you'll ever see.

SABINE

You mean you fix teeth.

¹ The role of Sabine was originally written for a bright, spunky (some might, less charitably, say "bossy") 10 year old girl to play.

HARRY

Uh...yeah.

SABINE

Good, I broke mine busting out of the slammer. If you don't fix it, I'm going to eat you.
(She growls.)

HARRY

Let's not get excited.

SABINE

Sorry but this broken fang is ruining my whole aesthetic outlook.

(singing)

What's a Saber Tooth Cat.

HARRY

(singing)

Now,
Where have I heard that?

SABINE

(singing)

Without two good sabers,
I can't eat my neighbors.

HARRY

(singing)

That's what I get for my labors?

SABINE

(singing)

When I feel my two front teeth,
I know who I am---