

Alternative History: The Truth Behind Big Dental

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FADE IN:

INT. INTERVIEW ROOM

Dramatic orchestral plays as an intro to a tv show starts, ending on the title "Alternative History: The Truth Behind Big Dental." Clips of the INTERVIEWER and DR. CASSIDY talking, laughing, and being very serious come on the screen. We fade into the interview.

INTERVIEWER

Hi Dr. Cassidy, we here at the History Channel are so glad to have you for our new episode of Alternative History! We would love to learn more about the history of dentists from you.

DR. CASSIDY (DEADLY SERIOUS)

Of course, I'm happy to help you uncover the truth dentists are afraid for the American people to learn.

INTERVIEWER (JOKINGLY)

Exactly. Like, why do **only 9** out of 10 dentists recommend *this* toothpaste? What does that other dentist know that we don't?

DR. CASSIDY (GETTING UPSET)

They know it's a scam! They lie straight to our faces on national tv for decades, and no one ever thinks to question it, because why would they say it aloud-

INTERVIEWER (CONFUSED AND WEIRDED-OUT)

Mmmmmm, what do you mean by that?

DR. CASSIDY (UPSET)

The tenth dentist!? Think about it.

DR. CASSIDY (CONT'D)

Since we were kids, we would go to the dentist and they would charge an arm and a leg for pulling a tooth. And then what do they do!? They give you the SAME toothpaste **only 9** out of 10 dentists recommend, and a lollipop!? Do you realize how insane that is, to tell a kid to brush his teeth and then

give him something sweet to suck on that rots his teeth! It's a scam to get you back in their office so they can steal more teeth!

INTERVIEWER (BEING SERIOUS)
Surely you can't be serious?

DR. CASSIDY
As serious as a root canal, which is just another scheme for them to steal our teeth.

CUT TO:

The screen glitches and we see the intro as before, but now with a woman named DR. HARRIS. The interview sound fades in.

INTERVIEWER
So I said, we have got to get this nut-job out of here. This is the History Channel, we're a serious network. We did an episode on how aliens invented pyramids!

DR. HARRIS
Wow, that's truly something. Unfortunately, there are many individuals like "Dr. Cassidy" who believe they've uncovered a big conspiracy.

INTERVIEWER
Exactly, it's not even remotely reasonable.

DR. HARRIS (FUMING)
When actually they've only discovered a small slice of the the whole pie-

INTERVIEWER (CONFUSED)
Say what now?

DR. HARRIS (POINTING TO THEIR TEETH)
Dental insurance being a separate cost from our regular insurance!? They're just bones!?

DR. HARRIS (NO LONGER POINTING - CONT'D)
Bones that we're told are somehow more expensive than any other bone in our

body!? C'mon man!

INTERVIEWER (CONFUSED)
Even if that was true, and it most certainly is not, no one is trying to steal our teeth.

DR. HARRIS
Yes, they are! I believe the whole dental industry is an elaborate, government scheme to collect every last tooth out of American mouths-

INTERVIEWER
You believe? Aren't you a dentist? Shouldn't you know?

DR. HARRIS (SNIDELY)
Well not really-

INTERVIEWER (MOTIONING WITH HIS HANDS)
Alright. Actually, never mind, cut it.

CUT TO:

The screen glitches, but this time the intro is noticeably sped up. A different man named DR. CASPIAN is laughing with the interviewer. The interview sound fades in.

INTERVIEWER
Would you believe it, two conspiracy theorists in one day! How do we keep attracting these weirdos, we're theeeeeeeee History Channel!?

DR. CASPIAN (HAPPILY AGREEING)
It's incredible how short-sighted people can be. Especially when they're so close to the truth.

INTERVIEWER (HEAD IN HAND - EXHAUSTED)
... Not again.

DR. CASPIAN
You see, the truth is the Tooth Fairy is a multi-conglomerate effort to seize all of our teeth to control human reproductivity.

INTERVIEWER (FRUSTRATED)
... Sure, why not!?

DR. CASPIAN

Think about it! If you could be with the most beautiful person in the world, like out of this world gorgeous... but they had no teeth... would you date them?

INTERVIEWER (BEGGING)

Please, just be serious.

DR. CASPIAN

Just hear me out! Your high school crush, your favorite actor, that stranger you made prolonged eye contact with in the grocery line... tell me you would marry them, if they didn't have their teeth.

INTERVIEWER

... What is wrong with you?

DR. CASPIAN

If they had the mouth of your grandpa... would you have a baby with them. Be honest.

INTERVIEWER (SURPRISED)

... No?

DR. CASPIAN (PROUDLY)

Exactly.

INTERVIEWER (DISGUSTED AND LEAVING)

That's it! I'm done! You idiots have ruined the History Channel name!

Dramatic orchestral music plays again as the scene fades.

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