Subject: Fire and Champagne
Posted by jmeadows on Tue, 09 Jun 2009 23:26:40 GMT
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Posted by jmeadows on Tue, 09 Jun 2009 23:33:18 GMT
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Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by b_twin_1 on Tue, 09 Jun 2009 23:43:39 GMT
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Dentists..... *shudder*

I don't *think* my dentist has a fish video. I'm not making an appointment though just to find out....

And there is nothing wrong with Chardonnay. A good Chardonnay that is. :d

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by southdowner on Tue, 09 Jun 2009 23:59:45 GMT
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Don’t worry, says Peter. I know the limits of this relationship.

Haha! No wonder you crossed continents to marry :)

and great sympathies - my recent filling pales into insignificance but I do truly empathise (stocks

up on G & B to send via hellmail)

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Ithilien on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 00:01:15 GMT
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Peter is indeed a Good Man. I'm still slightly stunned at the electrocution part. I mean, you PAY this person to do these things to you?

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by abigailmm on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 00:25:34 GMT
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Poppies! Aren't those poppies in the grass in the second lovely photo? We have nice wildflowers here, but no poppies, sigh.

Abigail

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Melissa Mead on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 00:53:00 GMT
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My dentist used a blowtorch.
I Am Not Kidding.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by kfoster2047 on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 02:04:21 GMT
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I thought I had experienced the depths of dentist depravity but slicing off your gums? And cauterizing your flesh at the same time? Yuck, yuck, and yuck!!! Just the thought is going to give me nightmares. The complete failure of local anaesthetic on my system is why any major dental work requires them to put me out completely. I stiff upper lip it through the "minor" kinds like periodontal scaling.

On the other hand, we ALWAYS have champagne cold - my husband knows the limits of our relationship too!

Hope you feel better tomorrow!

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by ChrisW on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 05:34:05 GMT
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Ooh. Sending good thoughts and lighting candles for you and your gums.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Diane in MN on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 06:34:41 GMT
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You want to be under general anesthesia for this, believe me. Waking up from it is not fun, but being awake while they get the little monsters out would be much worse.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Diane in MN on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 07:05:46 GMT
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Ouch ouch ouch! ::Flinches in sympathy:: The cautery procedure makes sense--aside from the blood, you wouldn't want stitches either--but still--! And who would guess that you need to ground yourself? This is education that no one needs to get.

You are a Good Woman to take the hellhounds out in spite of your ghastly dental experience. I hope you drank all the champagne. After all, Peter could drink the Chardonnay. (And nothing wrong with that, either--Chardonnay is fine by me.)

I gather that there is no real aquarium in this pain palace, just the video loop? Hmmm . . . don't

they suppose that patients get just a tiny bit annoyed by the fourth or fifth repetition?

I hope you are feeling much better by the time you read this.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by jaccairn on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 07:45:49 GMT
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That type of dental treatment is enough to put an aversion field around any dentist. At least he didn't use dog pictures to distract you.

On a more cheerful note I just had a quick look at the SFX vampire special and they've a nice two-page spread of your interview, listed in the contents as an unashamed plug for Sunshine which all the people in the office love!

They do mention about not demanding a sequel so hopefully there will just be more visitors to the blog (the web address is listed) and not more letters. (And a sudden surge in demand for the book in the UK)

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 12:00:59 GMT
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And I was thinking, okay, they chose fish because of all those studies that say that staring at swimming fish is hypnotically soothing.

"They" are full of it. :) They've ruined fish for you forever...

My own dentist's walls are covered in kids' crayon drawings, most of them relating to good dental hygiene (no doubt with some parental prompting.) My dentist, and his dad who used to be my dentist, and his sister who's the hygienist, are all VERY good with kids, so they get given all these "thank you for making my teeth clean" pictures and it's all very cute. But the best one is one that's been on the wall since I was a kid; it's a small pencil drawing of a stick-figure with a long dress, a pointy witch's hat, a frowny face and fangs. It's labeled "Ann," which is the name of the hygienist. And it's signed "by John, Age 43." I think she had it laminated...

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Angelia on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 15:29:07 GMT
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Yes, Peter is a good man--I, however, after all of that might have NEEDED a full bottle!

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by anutt on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 17:26:38 GMT
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I just try to avoid going to the dentist at all. Not that this has helped. Last time I went I had six (6!!) cavities. Before that, none. Ever. It did occur to me that he could have been fudging, but it had been three years since I'd been to the dentist, so I suppose I should count myself lucky I didn't need a mouth transplant. But still- GROUNDING you?!?!? That's pure torture. If I'd seen that coming I would have asked to be sedated. And then snuck out while his back was turned.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Karayna on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 19:10:09 GMT
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ouch that stinks! i dislike dentists! and orthodontists for that matter! :p
hope you are feeling better soon!

–But I put in a half bottle, continues Peter. They’re ridiculously expensive, but I thought you might, after all, need champagne.

what a good man!

ok im sorry but i was laughing really hard while reading this post! the way you narrated... lol sorry!

and i believe you like chocolate? :d

sends chocolate

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Karayna on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 19:11:21 GMT

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oh yea and great pictures!

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Stephanie on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 21:57:39 GMT
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Hope you are feeling much better today. I know this was a really long, bad day for you but your descriptions really made me giggle. I'm continually stunned by Peter's sheer good sense - you picked a rare gem. I hope Chaos stays normal - well I mean intestinally healthy - and the bells are good to you!

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:21:13 GMT
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They usually knock you out for wisdom teeth. Be *glad.* :(

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:22:26 GMT
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Sigh. Yes. Because no other dentist will TOUCH me and my crumbly, terrifying teeth. This is true. It's this joker or commuting to London.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:23:10 GMT
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I'm not kidding either! That's what it is! A tiny electric blowtorch!

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:24:02 GMT

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My gods. I would hope you always have champagne *cold.*

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:25:36 GMT
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You are in no condition to be annoyed! What you do think is OH MY GODS THAT'S THE THIRD/FOURTH/FIFTH TIME I'VE SEEN THAT FISH! **HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN IN THIS CHAIR??????**

(And I like Chardonnay fine. Just not when I NEED champagne. :))

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:26:59 GMT
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Oh hurrah--it exists then. I wish they'd mention it on their site. Maybe tomorrow.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:30:32 GMT
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I WANT to make all of you giggle. If I'm going to be tortured and traumatised let me at least get a good blog entry out of it!!!!

. . . And you're right about Chaos and 'normal'. I'll settle for normal digestion!!!! :)

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by b_twin_1 on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:41:20 GMT
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Robin wrote on Wed, 10 June 2009 19:23I'm not kidding either! That's what it is! A tiny electric blowtorch!
Oh... like the ones they use in the kitchen to finish off meringues and stuff? *g*

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by b_twin_1 on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:44:18 GMT
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Robin wrote on Wed, 10 June 2009 19:21They usually knock you out for wisdom teeth. Be *glad.* :(
Err... not always..... only if they think the aforementioned wisdom teeth have troublesome roots. Mine didn't (lower) - so I only received local .... Now if my upper ones decided to descend (unlikely at my age) then we are talking hospital effort.... :S
But I AM glad that I haven't had to have that yet. It was the biggest dentistry proceedure I have had and I hope it stays that way!!

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Melissa Mead on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 00:09:43 GMT
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Mine used the kind chefs use to make creme brulee.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by jmeadows on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 00:11:41 GMT
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Yeah, I was going to say, Jeff just had his out a month ago...and they didn't knock him out.

I expect to be awake for the whole thing. :|

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by librarykat on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 00:53:17 GMT
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I was in my mid-30s when I finally had my wisdom teeth out - only the lower ones needed to come out. And yeah, no general anesthesia at all. There was no pain ... but the pressure and the oh-GOd-it's-CRUNCHING was pretty horrible. <shudder>

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by kfoster2047 on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 01:13:01 GMT
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Oh yes, the crunching sound. When I was much younger (and Novocaine actually worked on me) I had several teeth out (large teeth, small jaw) and that was one of the worst parts - the sound!

Now, of course, Novocaine doesn't work on me at all. Digression - why do dentists NOT believe that? The first time I went to the periodontist, I told him that local anaesthetics don't work on me. Oh, no problem, he says, we have great new stuff. Unnh huh, I say but eventually, I agree to give it a try. So he carefully uses a topical anaesthetic and gently (relatively speaking) injects the first shot. Not too bad. It works, a little, for about 5 minutes. Ow, I say. Oh, you need another shot, says the hygienist. This time, it is not quite so gentle - and it lasts three minutes. Rinse and repeat THREE more times, each time the shot itself getting more and more painful - who knew that the needle could actually feel like it was penetrating my brain - and a more and more grim determined look on my my periodontist's face. At which point I said, NO MORE NEEDLES. So then I came back three weeks later and they put me OUT to do the rest.

But champagne does cure most ills, including evil dentists!

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Black Bear on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 02:12:32 GMT
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Robin wrote on Wed, 10 June 2009 19:21They usually knock you out for wisdom teeth. Be *glad.* :(

Or, not so glad. One of my great fears is that one of my wisdom teeth (all firmly turned 90° and impacted against the tooth in front) will abscess and then I will have to have the dreaded conversation where the dentist tries to convince me to have a general and I tell them I would rather have them pull it out with a ratchet set than have general anesthesia. Phobias are funny things. :) I feel certain if it happens that we can come to some sort of local anesthetic detente... but I'm hoping it never happens.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by skating librarian on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 02:51:38 GMT
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Ever since the "bad dentist" who didn't tell me he was going to knock me out for the removal of a wisdom tooth ... I've been lucky to have a great dentist. A woman dentist who stops when she sees you're in pain. Who knows who you are ... who lets you know that she is a real human being and treats you as a friend.

She also has good thought provoking art on the walls and nothing corny like fish on the ceiling ...

Although I've forgotten context, my favorite ceiling had a poster ... "When you've reached the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Guest on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 16:28:28 GMT
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Dentistry! Aaackkk! I have the opposite problem with local anasthesia-though the needles do feel like icepicks on the way in (I try not to look too closely at the dental instruments, but last time I couldn't help myself, and only the panoply of hardware stuffed into my mouth like very thorny flower stems into a very cramped and uncomfortable vase kept me from an unseemly outburst to the effect of " Holy *#$@! what gauge is that?! How can you be allowed to jam a needle the size of a garden hose into my face?!"). I do get numb, which is nice, but afterwards it takes forever to wear off. It turns out that I'm sensitive to the epenephrine that they spike the anasthetic with to make it long lasting. Last time I had a couple of fillings, half my face was completely numb for more than seven hours which really stunk because I had to give a lecture on Mycenaean Greece that afternoon and not only did I look like I'd had a stroke, but I kept biting my tongue. My poor students were torn between sympathy and hilarity the whole time.

So for all fellow sufferers, (especially Robin, who had to submit to the indignity of fish videos as well as gouging, burning, and slicing) I send you virtual, calorie-and-dental-decay-free chocolate

and adult beverages (I tend to skip the wine and go straight for the vodka in these situations-of course it's good for me-it's antiseptic!) to cure what ails you.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by AJLR on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 21:05:03 GMT
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I suppose you wouldn't like this game? You could try imagining it's your dentist at your mercy...

:d

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 23:39:09 GMT
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No, not always. Usually.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 23:39:45 GMT
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I DIDN'T LOOK.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 23:42:50 GMT
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Hmm. Well, I'd better not tell you my wisdom-teeth-extraction story then . . . (of course there's a story . . .)

I'm surprised at how many of you are signing on saying you were NOT knocked out for wisdom teeth pulling. Everybody I seemed to know had been, when I was next in the queue.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 23:44:42 GMT
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I don't actually *want* my dentist to treat me as a friend. As a human being is *quite* sufficient. And we do seem to have come to some parity since I found out he has HORSES.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Robin on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 23:47:01 GMT
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*****AAAAAAAAAAUGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHH*****

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Black Bear on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 23:53:30 GMT
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Robin wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 19:42Hmm. Well, I'd better not tell you my wisdom-teeth-extraction story then . . . (of course there's a story . . .)

No no, tell the story! My phobia doesn't exist beyond the borders of my own brain--and now you've got me curious.

Wisdom tooth extraction is becoming generally less common, at least over here. My dentist's always told me it's a complete crock to get them taken out, unless there's an infection going on. He's said some pretty choice stuff about money-grubbing oral surgeons who say "oh, you'll need to get those out, they'll push your other teeth out of line!" Except, of course, that they don't, and can't. :)

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by shalea on Fri, 12 Jun 2009 13:36:56 GMT
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Black Bear wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 19:53...My dentist's always told me it's a complete crock to get them taken out, unless there's an infection going on...

Or presumably in a case like mine where they were coming in sideways. The situation was bad enough that my jaws were LESS swollen after the surgery.

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Black Bear on Fri, 12 Jun 2009 17:53:09 GMT
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Yowch! Yeah, sideways isn't so good. :) I think I've only got one that even stands a chance of erupting, the others are wedged tight. I devote a lot of mental energy to keeping that one right where it is...

Subject: Re: Fire and Champagne
Posted by Kathy_S on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 04:22:42 GMT
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Black Bear wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 19:53 He's said some pretty choice stuff about money-grubbing oral surgeons who say "oh, you'll need to get those out, they'll push your other teeth out of line!" Except, of course, that they don't, and can't. :)
But I procrastinated and the lower teeth went crooked with a vengeance! Of course as it turns out the rotten wisdom teeth were impacted and coming in sideways.... I was out for the ultimate extraction, but the aftermath involved a week of flying on painkillers.