

Uh oh!

I had been out of town. I didn't look at the calendar. I didn't receive the postcard to remind me of my dental appointment. My excuses were many. Several days after returning home from my trip, I glanced at my calendar and saw that I had overlooked my scheduled examination. Aww.

No one really wants to go to the dentist, but I gritted my teeth (forgive me) and rescheduled. As I settled into the dental chair, I apologized to the dental hygienist for missing the previous appointment. "My postcard reminder must have gotten lost in the mail," I said. To this she replied, "Yeah, we get that alot."

Our authors and illustrators in this issue had many approaches to the theme, whether making amends for a forgotten date, or trying to cheat fate, or having a revelation about what "today" really means. Enjoy today as you read **THEMA**.

— *VHoward*