

Dr. Pincatcher's Legacy



The Lip-o-Suctionizer wasn't Dr. Pincatcher's only foray into the world of experimental cosmetic surgery. When Bernard Dinklaker came to him troubled by an unsightly scar that ran from the tip of his left ear all the way down to his chin (the consequence of trying to eat sushi that was too fresh for comfort), the doctor proposed using The Cosmatron to fix his face. The Cosmatron was a surgical device that fit snugly over the patient's head and resembled a miniature iron maiden. Although Pincatcher couldn't promise a 100% successful outcome – the procedure was untested on humans – he did point to a case study in which six laboratory weasels emerged from the operation with countenances much handsomer than before the surgery. At least to other weasels. So Bernard consented to the procedure. Afterwards, the scar was indeed gone; no trace of it remained. However, there was what the medical community termed “collateral damage.” Now, when a thoughtless churl called him “four eyes,” he or she wasn't necessarily referring to the corrective lenses Dinklaker wore. But Bernard took the change in his facial features in stride. And, indeed, his peripheral vision had improved by nearly twofold. The Cosmatron also doubled the number of Bernard's mouths, and again the high school band director chose to see the glass half full. Now he could give twice as many flute lessons in half the time! So, all was well! Until that one day when Bernard visited the zoo and found himself strangely attracted to ... the weasels.