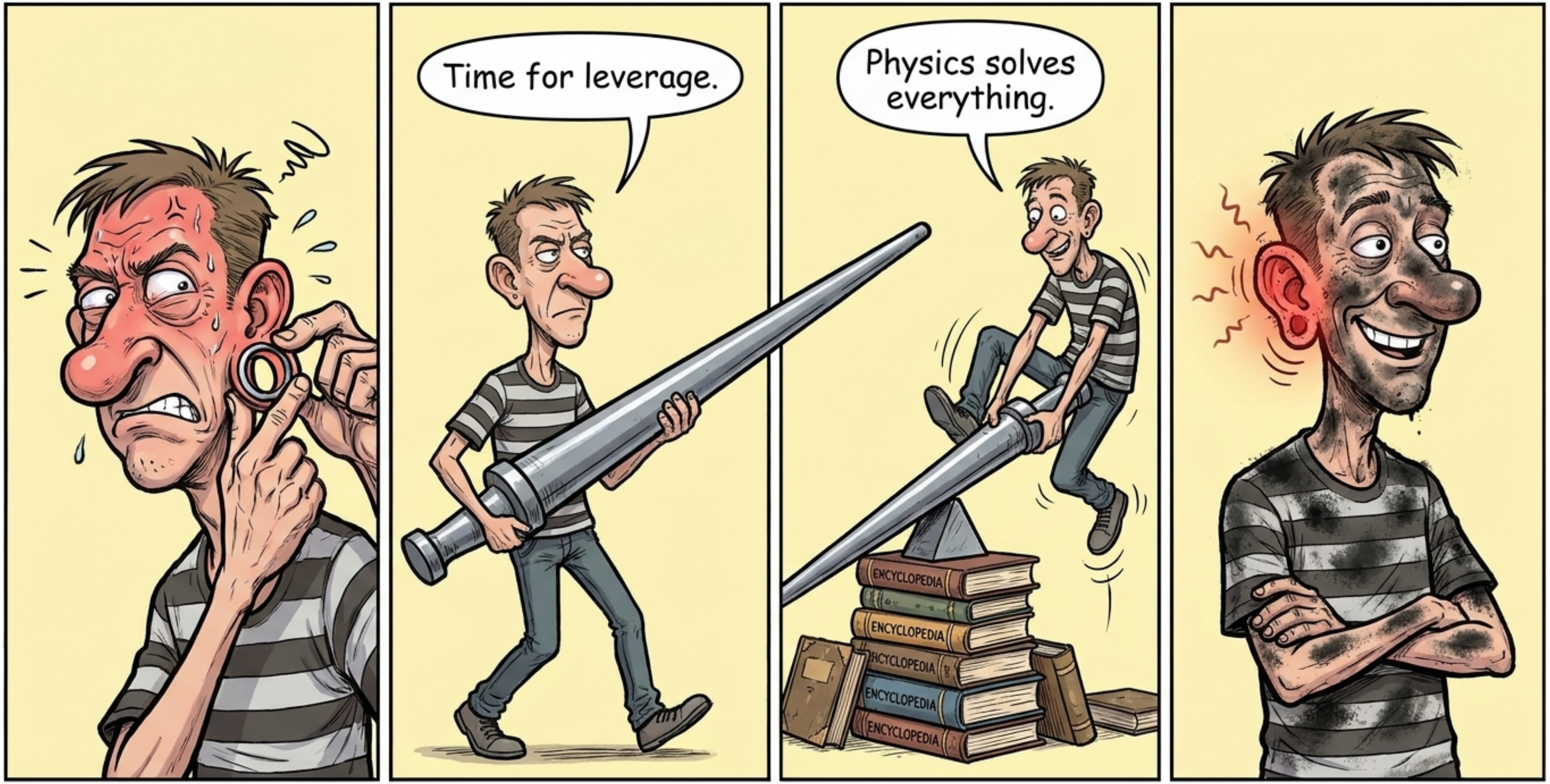

A taper can make a difficult stretch appear successful because its shape applies leverage gradually.

Mechanical advantage easily solves everything except the actual problem.