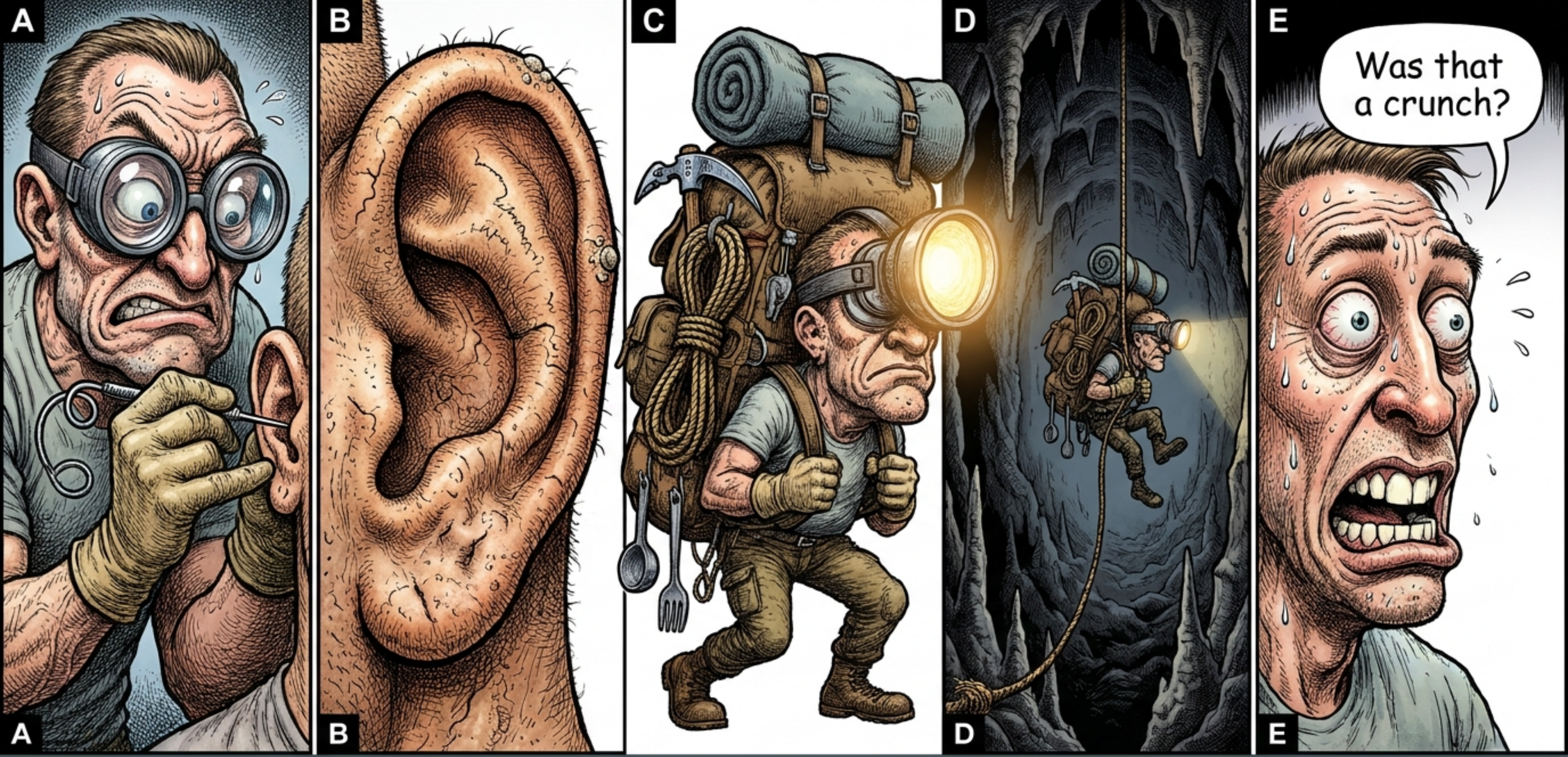


The conch cartilage is substantially thicker than the outer rim, resulting in a longer transit time for the needle and a deeper pressure sensation.

The expedition through the tissue required extensive provisions and a detailed topological map.