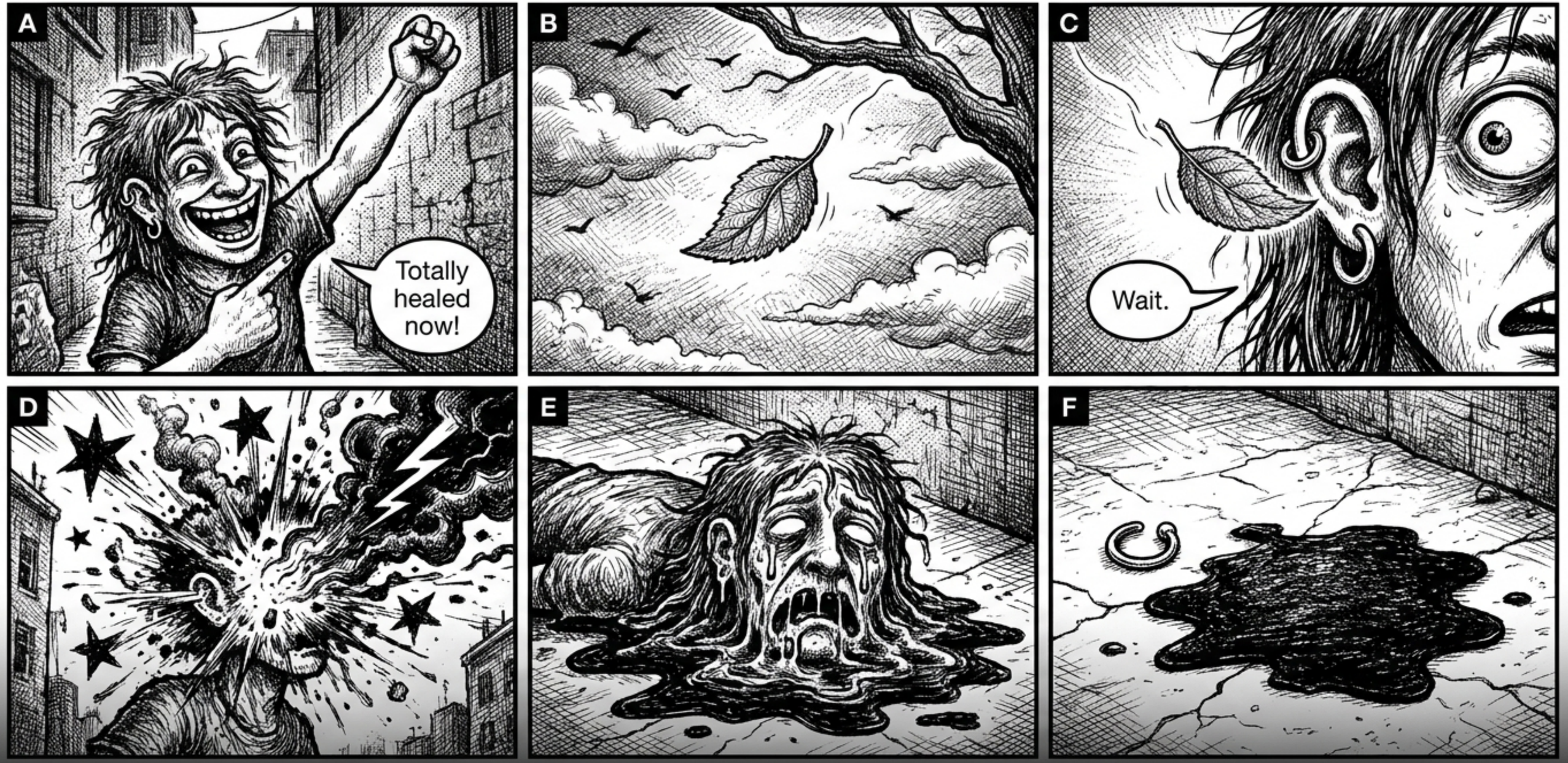


A cartilage piercing that feels fine can experience a sudden return of intense soreness if the fragile, immature collagen matrix is disturbed.

The gentle celebratory tap proved to be a catastrophic structural miscalculation.