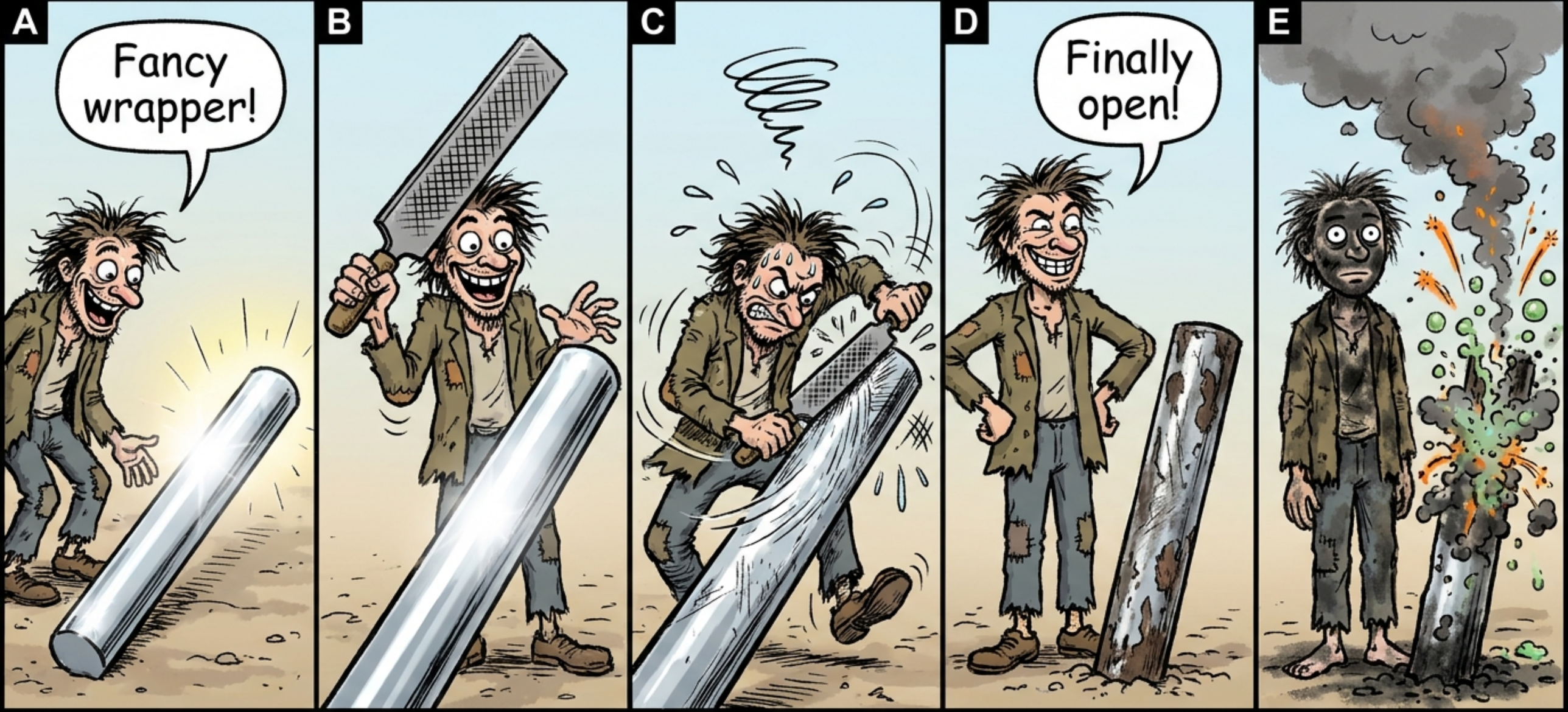


Scratching or breaching the outer oxide film of an otherwise stable metal causes the exposed surface to behave like a highly reactive material.

He assumed the shiny barrier was just fancy packaging.