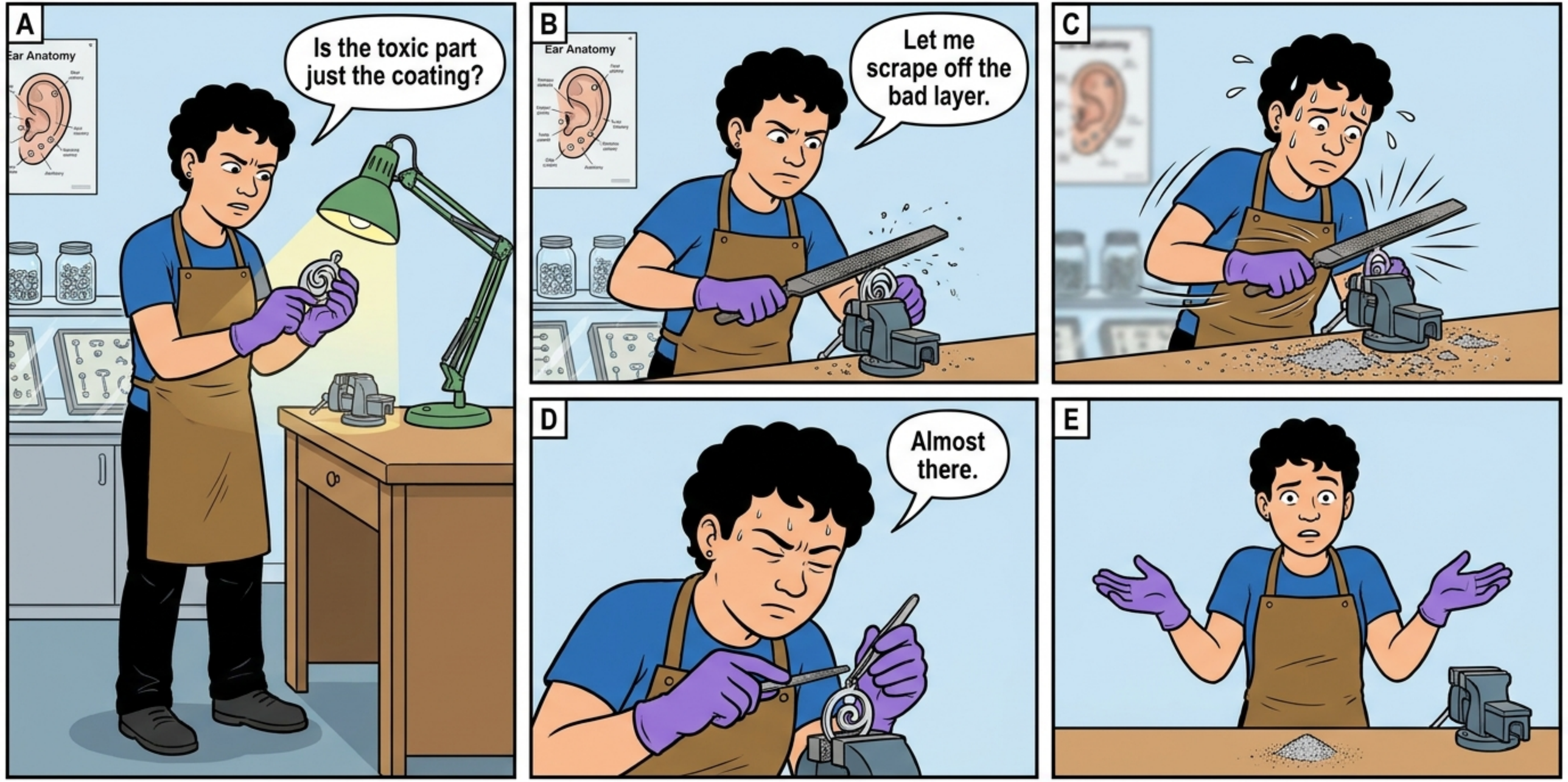


Cadmium in recalled piercing jewellery can form the vast majority of the base alloy rather than a minor surface impurity. Vigorous polishing merely reveals a smaller toxic core.