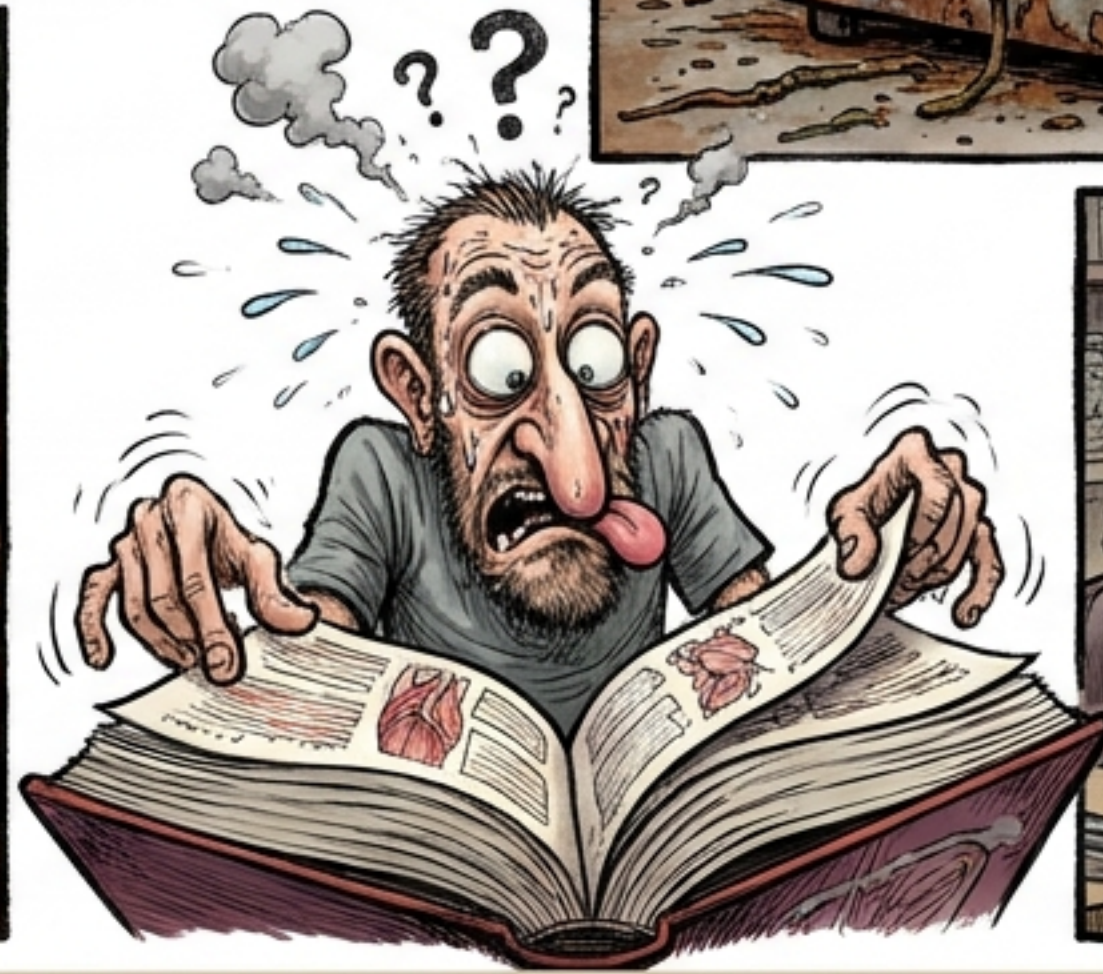




A piercing creates a controlled wound that must accommodate jewelry while tissue remodels around a foreign object. The client insisted her ear was ready to host an abstract sculpture.