

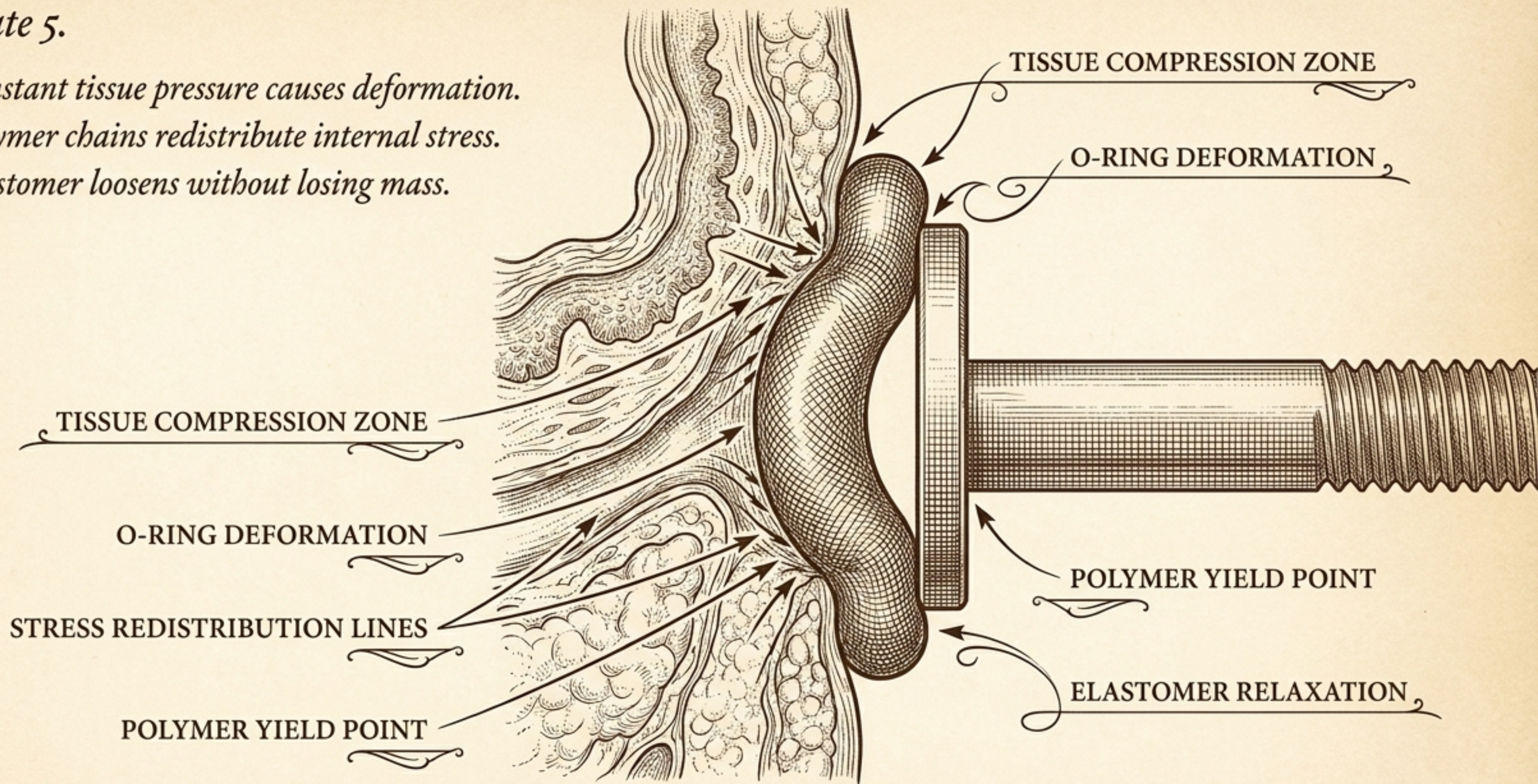
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Plate 5.

Constant tissue pressure causes deformation.

Polymer chains redistribute internal stress.

Elastomer loosens without losing mass.



Constant deformation forces internal polymer chains to yield over time.
ANTICIPATE VISCOELASTIC STRESS RELAXATION.