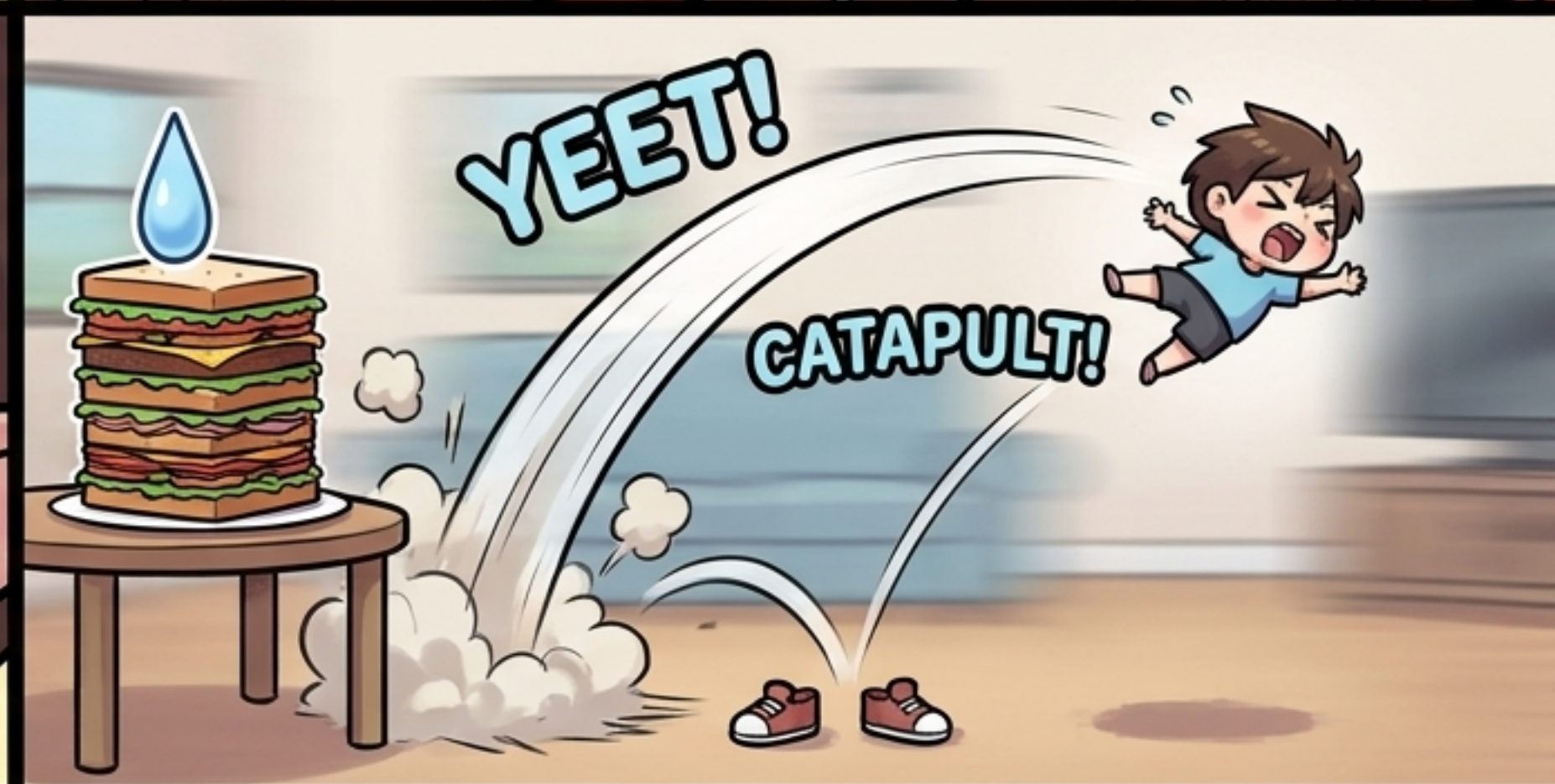




Rigid metallic bars in high-movement oral piercings transfer every muscular motion directly to the healing tissue margin as mechanical stress. Chewing a sandwich should not require a shock absorber.