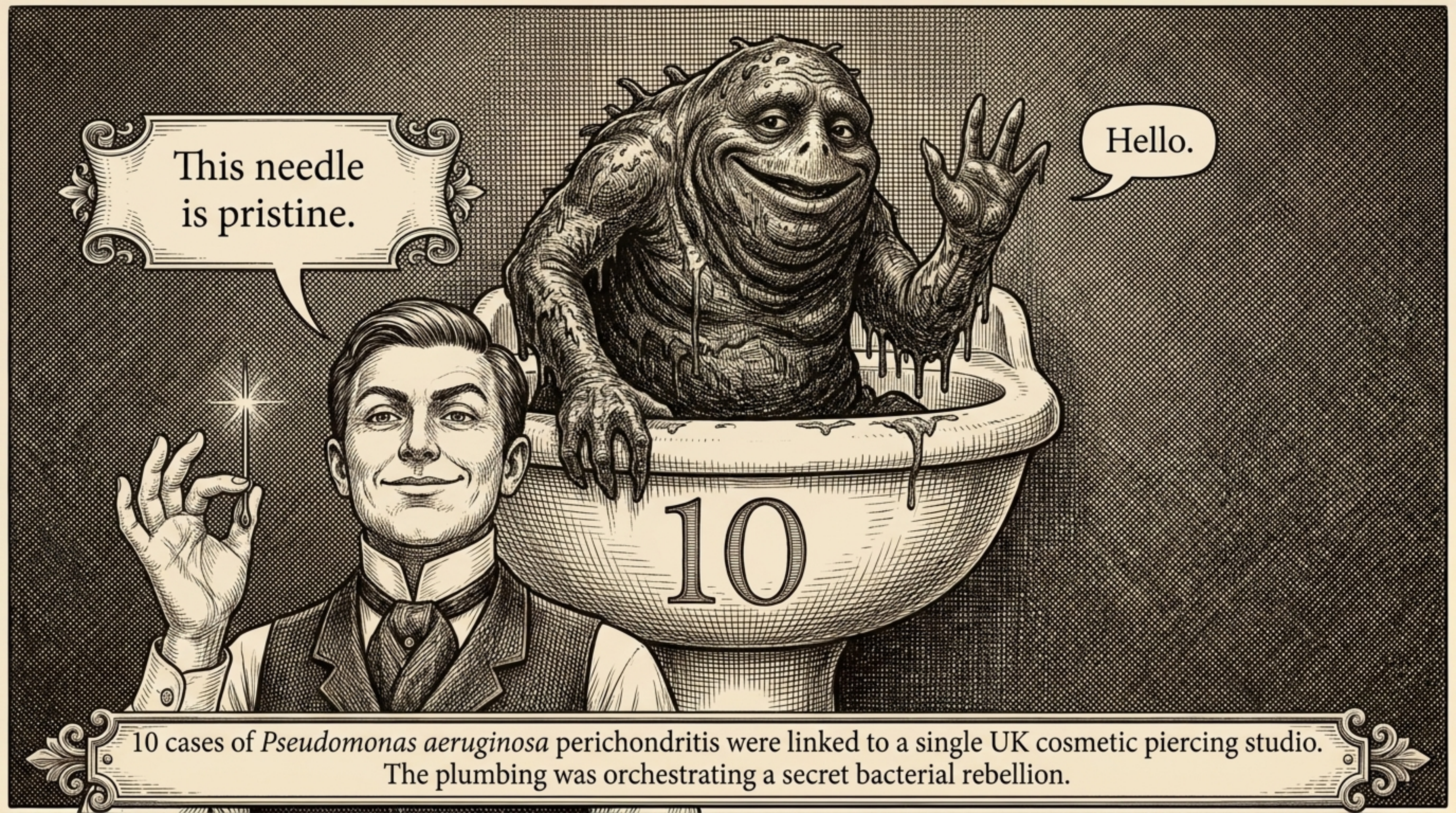


A black and white illustration with a halftone background. In the foreground, a man in a suit and tie holds a small, sparkling needle in his right hand. Behind him, a sink is labeled with the number '10'. A grotesque, multi-limbed creature with a large head and a wide, toothy grin is emerging from the sink. The creature has several limbs, some of which are dripping with a dark liquid. A speech bubble from the creature says 'Hello.' Another speech bubble from the man says 'This needle is pristine.'

This needle
is pristine.

Hello.

10 cases of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* perichondritis were linked to a single UK cosmetic piercing studio.
The plumbing was orchestrating a secret bacterial rebellion.