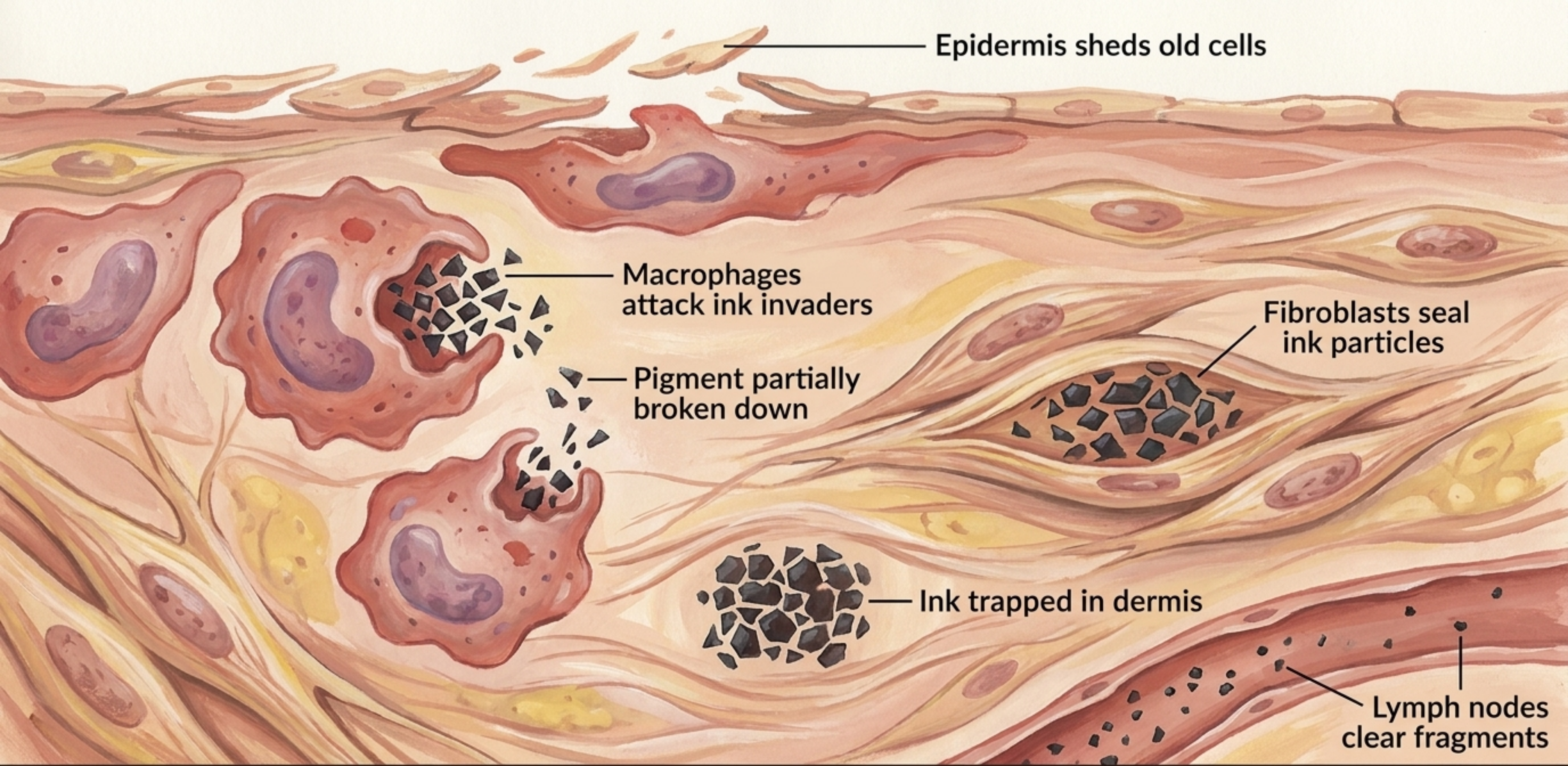




Epidermis sheds old cells

Macrophages
attack ink invaders

Pigment partially
broken down

Fibroblasts seal
ink particles

Ink trapped in dermis

Lymph nodes
clear fragments

Specialized immune cells attempt to clear the foreign pigment but ultimately trap it in place.

MACROPHAGES AND FIBROBLASTS SEAL INK