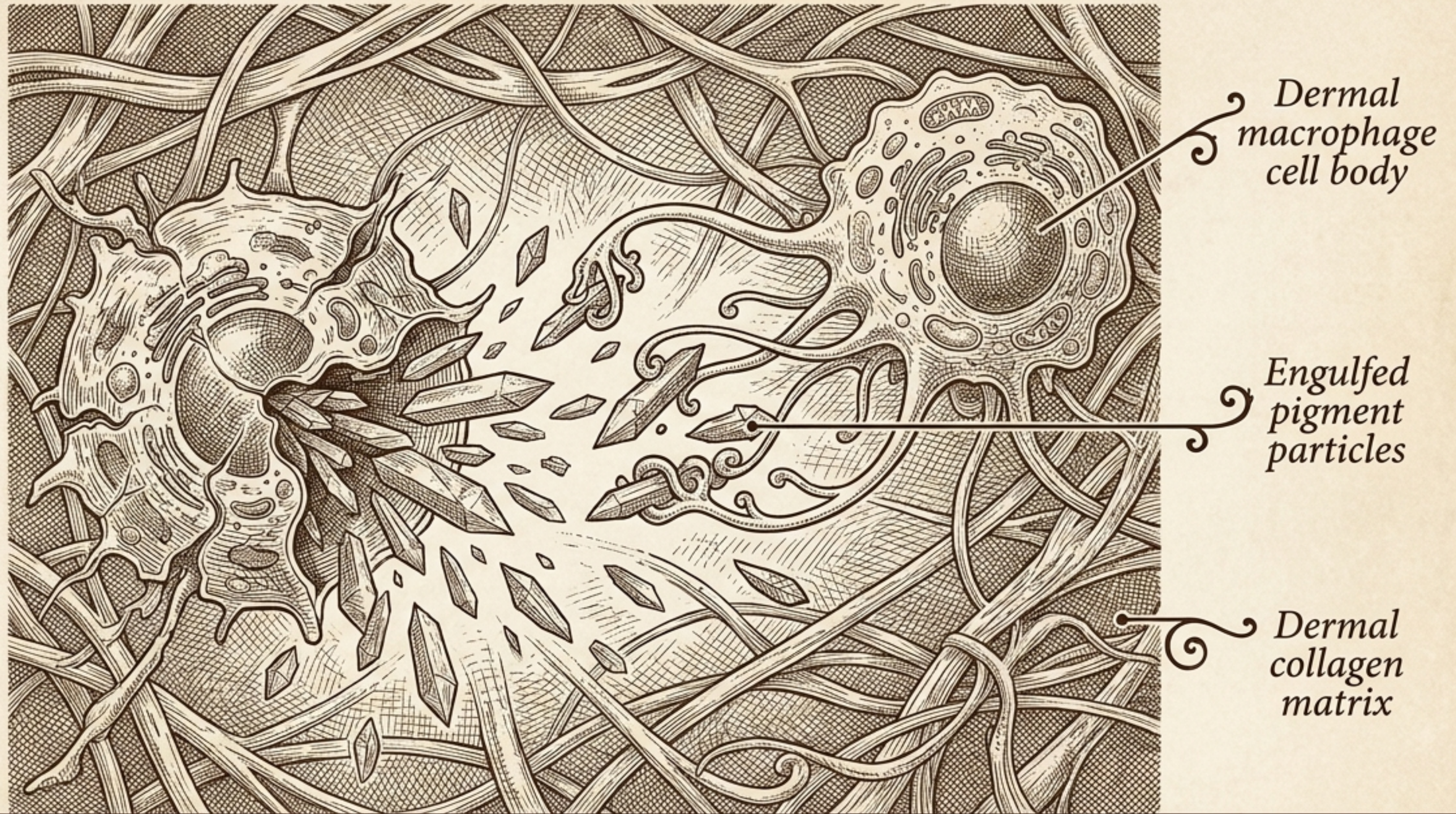




*Dermal
macrophage
cell body*

*Engulfed
pigment
particles*

*Dermal
collagen
matrix*

Dying cells release pigment for immediate recapture by new macrophages.

MACROPHAGES MAINTAIN TATTOO PERMANENCE