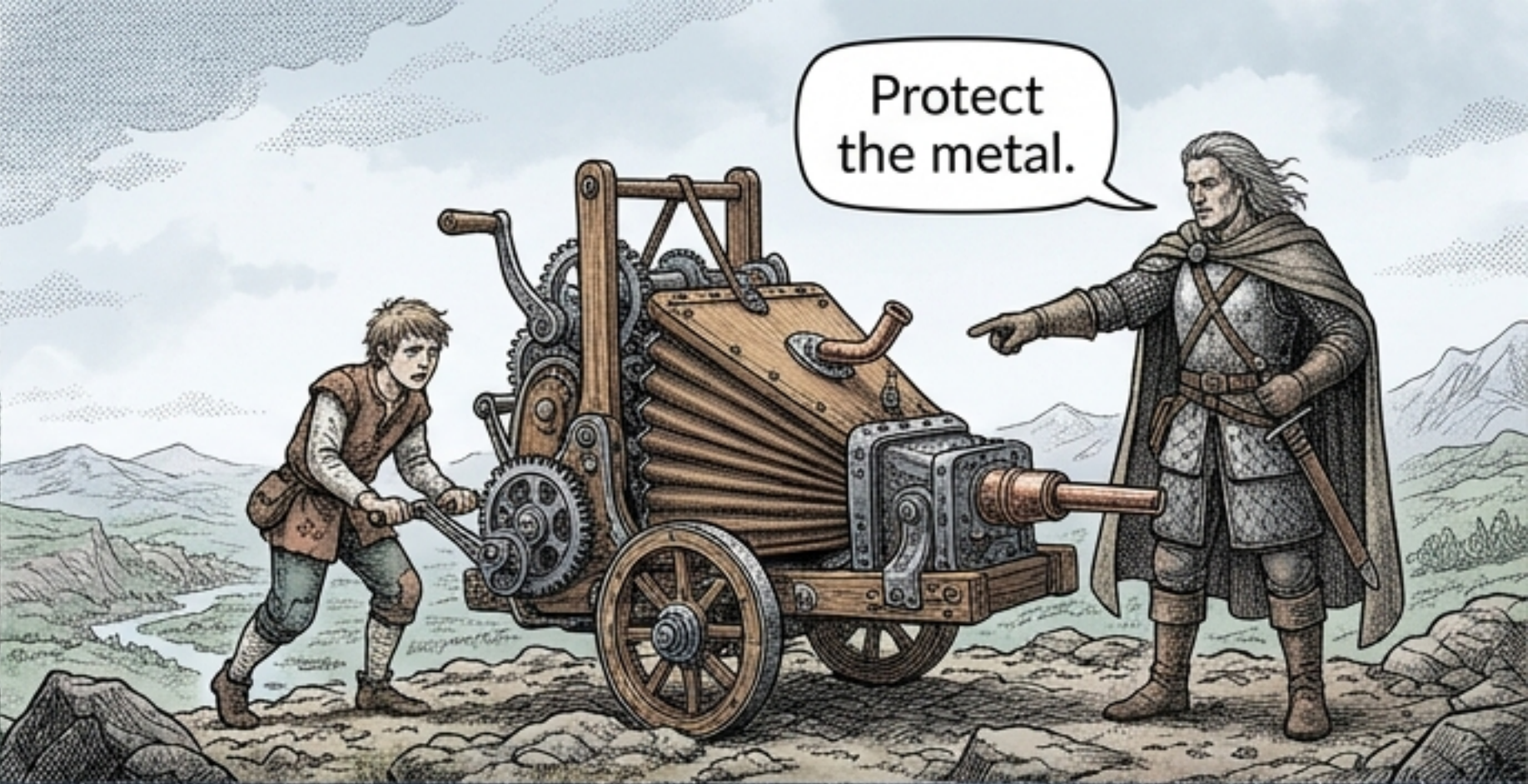




Exposed titanium reacts with oxygen to form a thin and stable surface oxide layer that shields the metal beneath.

Some enthusiasts prefer to manually supervise the oxidation process.