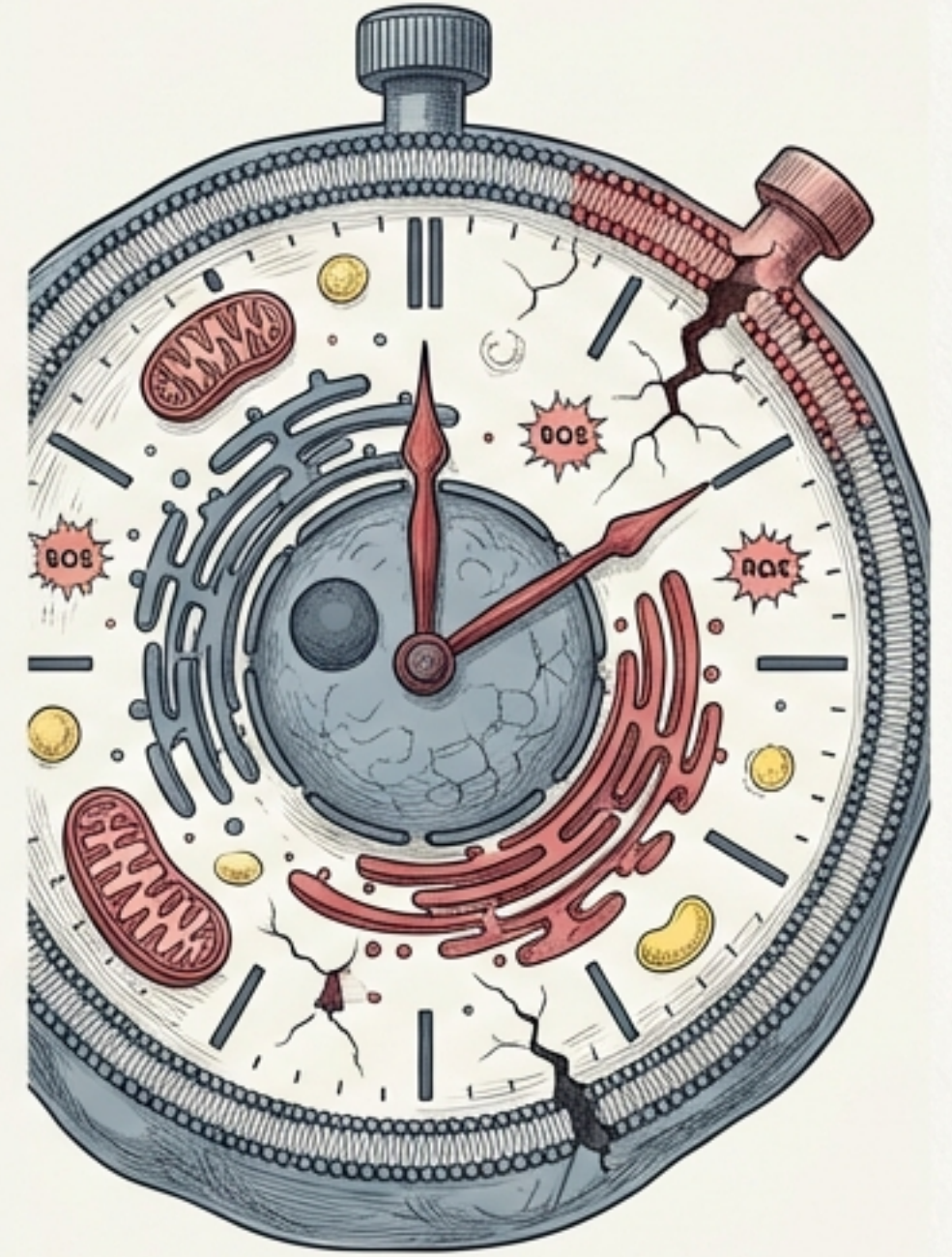




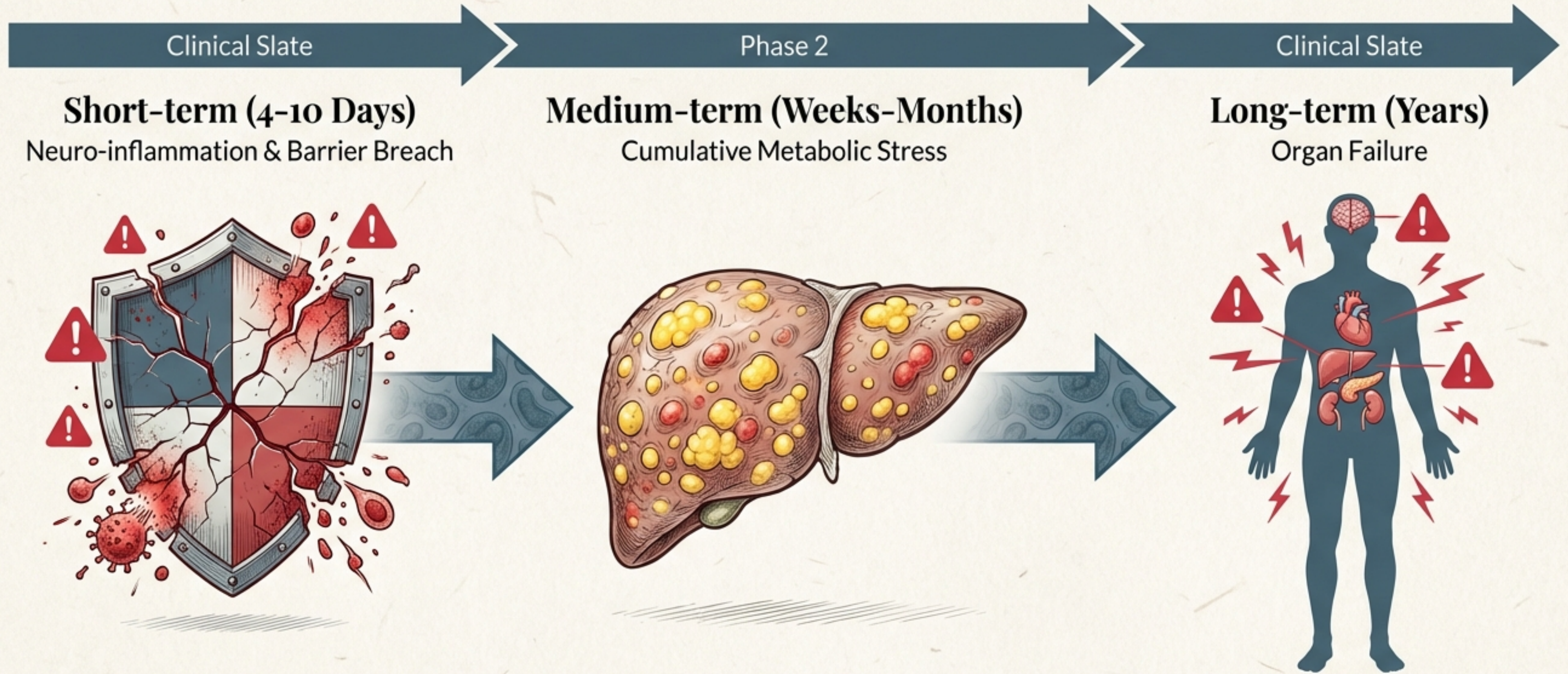
# The Mechanisms of Type 2 Diabetes

The Biological Cost of a Western Diet: A Timeline from Adaptation to Collapse



Scientific evidence reveals that damage arrives faster and cuts deeper than commonly understood. The Invisible Countdown: A journey from cellular inflammation to systemic metabolic failure.

# Damage is a Progressive Journey: From 'Defence' to 'Exhaustion'



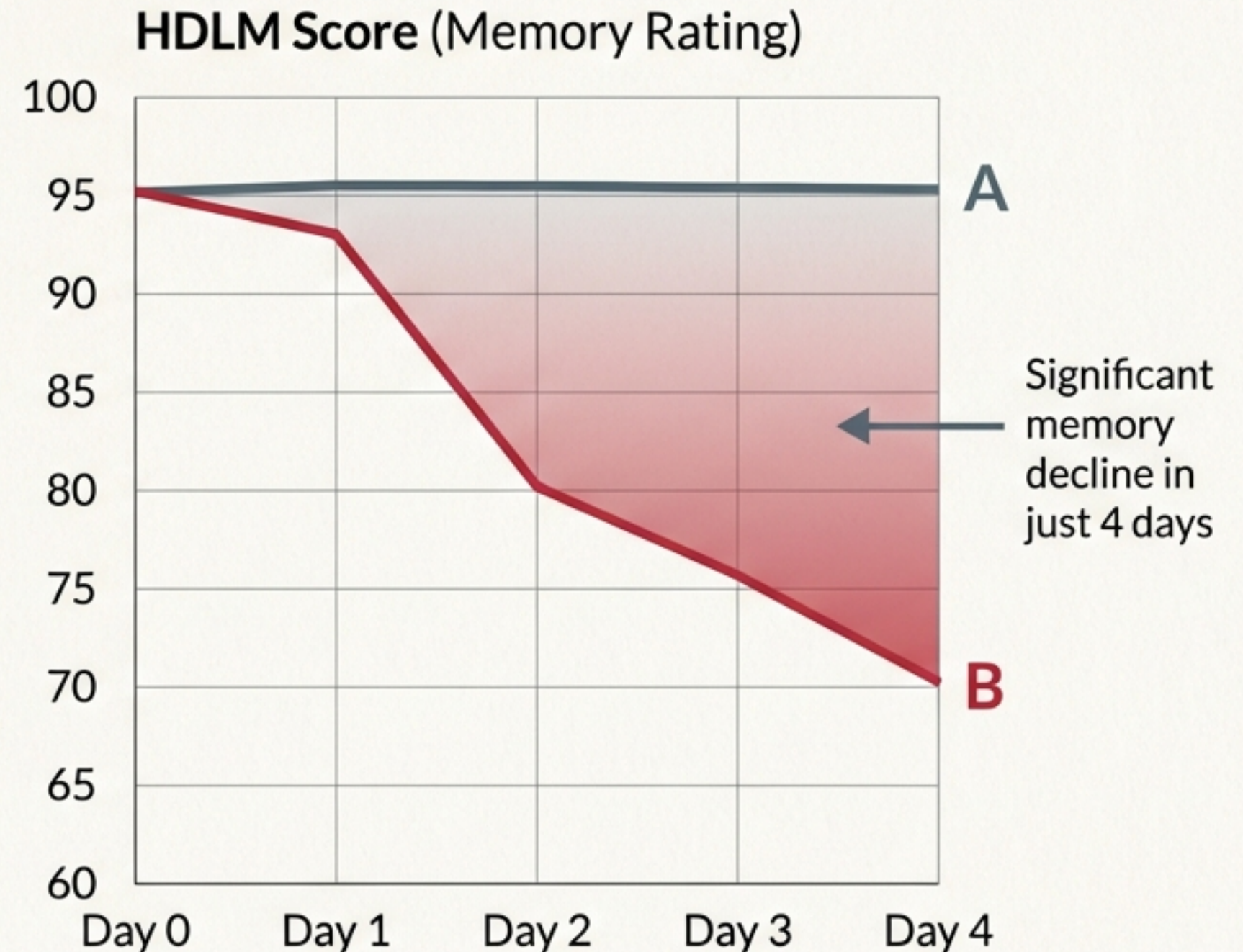
The damage caused by a Western diet is not instantaneous; it is a biological transition from physiological adaptation to system collapse.

# Just 96 Hours: The Blunting of Human Perception

This is the first evidence of short-term damage confirmed in humans. Just four days of a high-fat, high-sugar breakfast is sufficient to weaken hippocampal function.

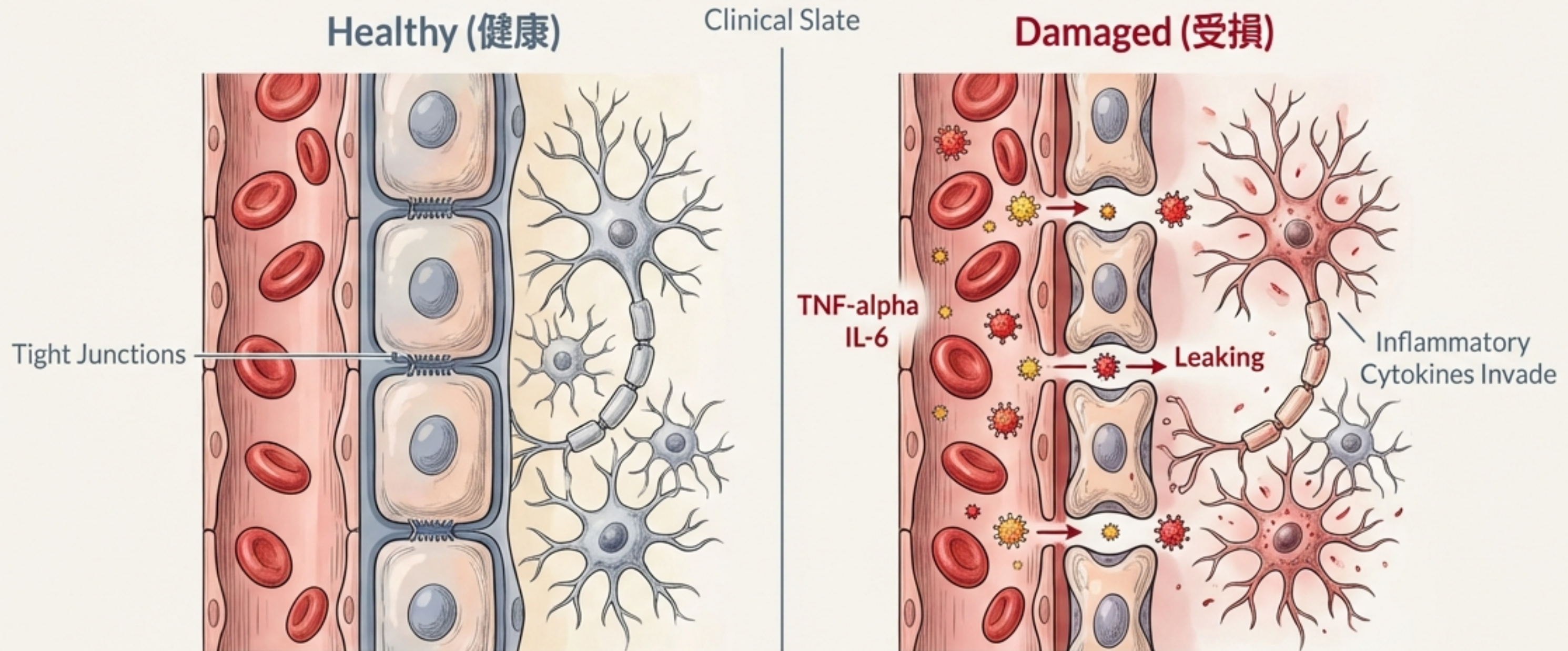
**The Danger:** A reduction in “interoceptive sensitivity.” You begin to lose the accurate judgement of hunger and satiety.

**Key Takeaway:** High blood glucose fluctuation correlates directly with memory decline.



# Day 3: The Collapse of the Brain's Defence Systems

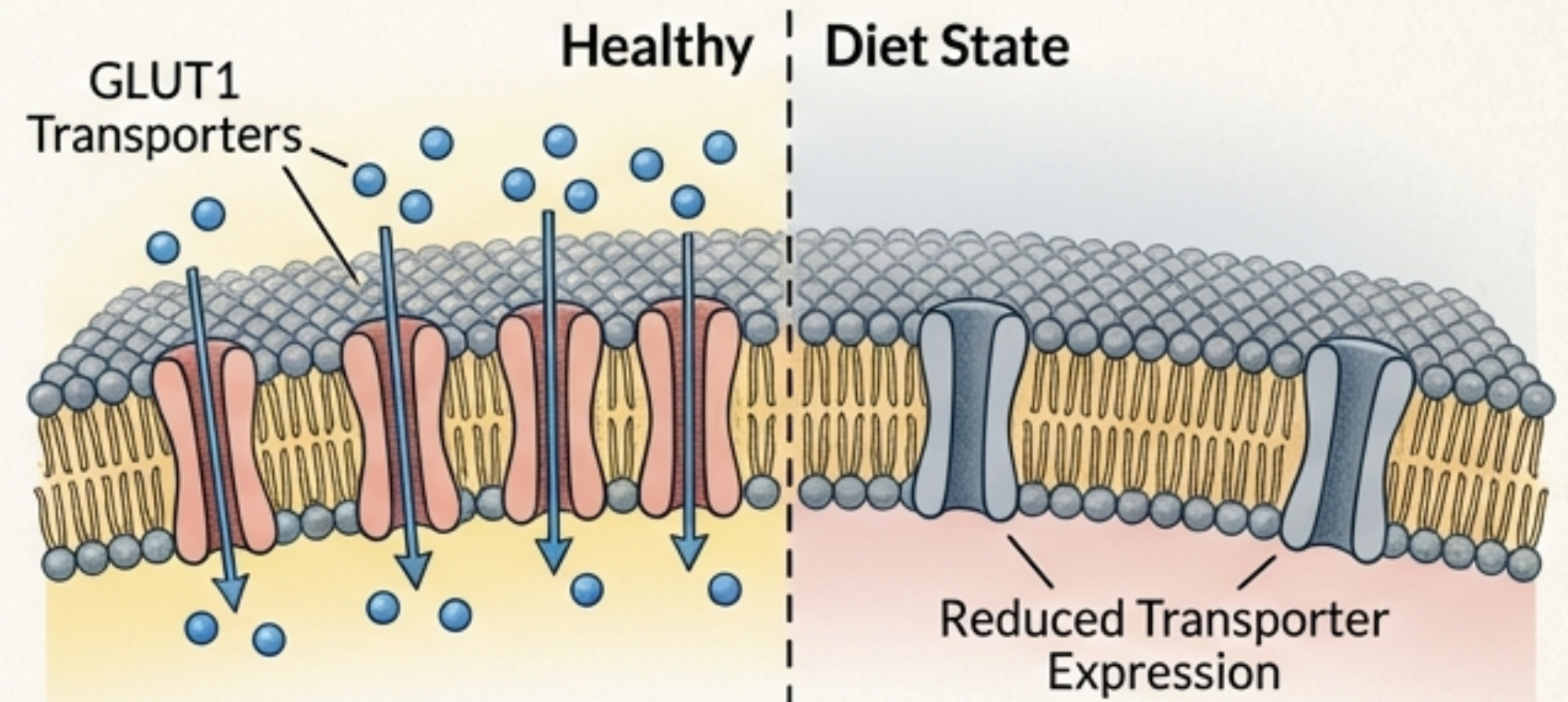
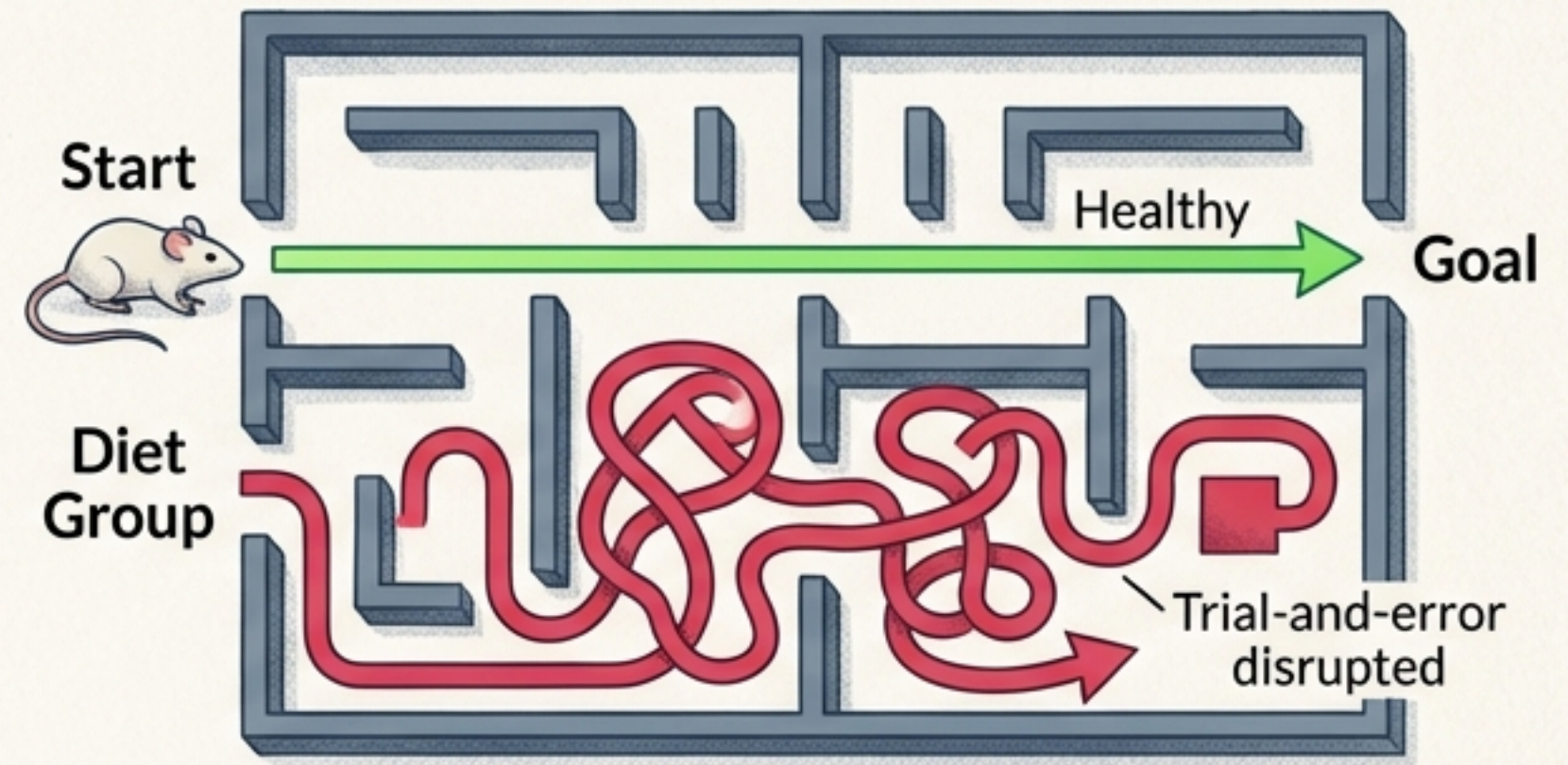
After just three days of a **Western diet**, the brain's fortress (the **Blood-Brain Barrier**) begins to leak. Inflammatory signalling molecules (cytokines) cross into neural tissue. The consequence is **impaired memory function** and potential **depressive-like behaviours**, which often fuel further **comfort eating**.



# Day 10: The Starving Brain in a Sugar-Rich Body

**The Paradox:** Although the blood is saturated with sugar, the transporters responsible for moving energy into the brain (GLUT1/MCT1) downregulate their expression.

**Result:** The brain enters a 'starvation' state, leading to cognitive fog and cognitive rigidity.



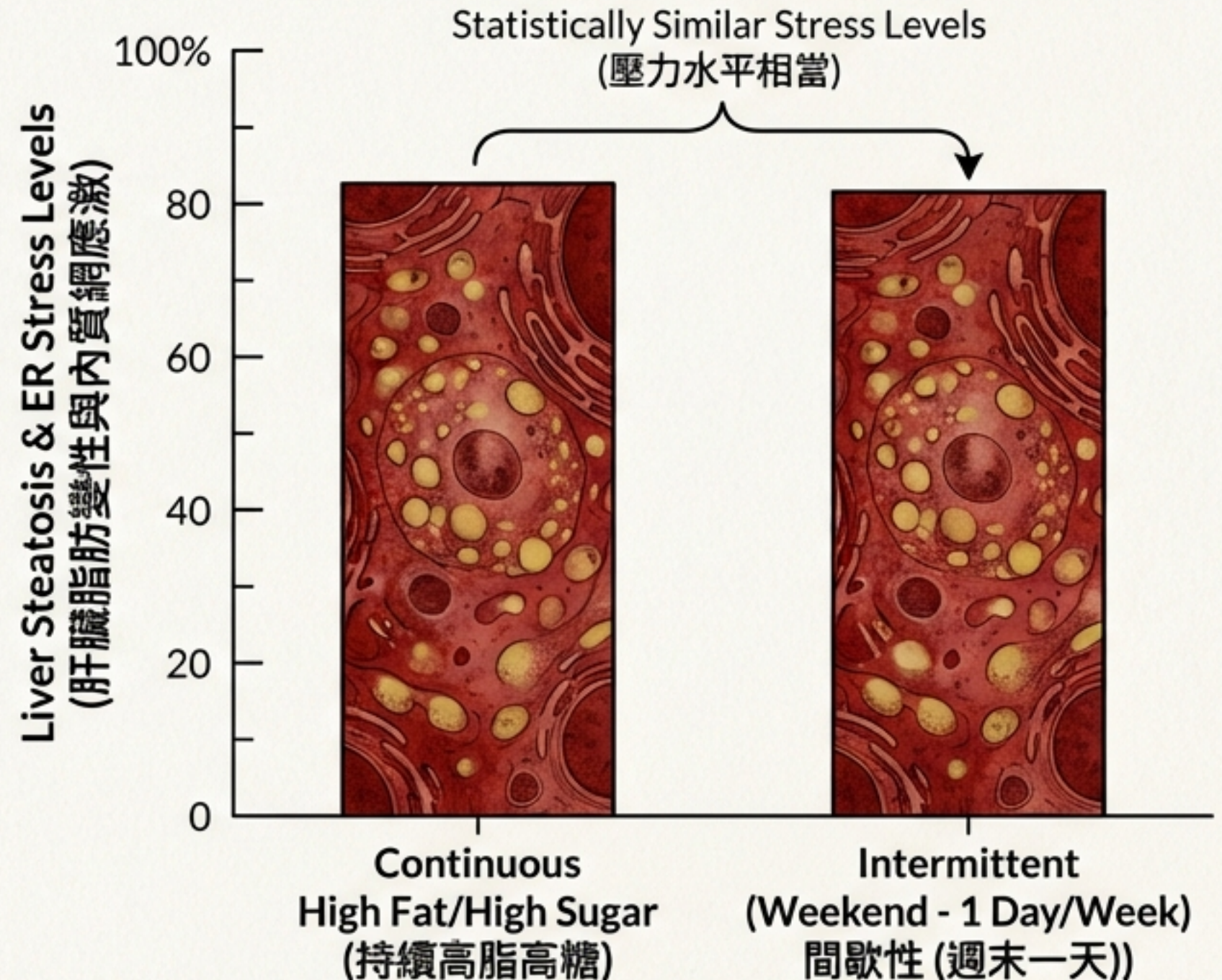
# Myth Busted: The High Cost of the ‘Weekend Binge’

Source: *Nature Scientific Reports* (2023).

Astonishing findings reveal that dietary stress just once a week triggers endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress similar to a continuous bad diet.

The concept of “Healthy Mon-Fri, Binge Sat-Sun” does not offset the damage.

## Liver Steatosis & ER Stress Levels

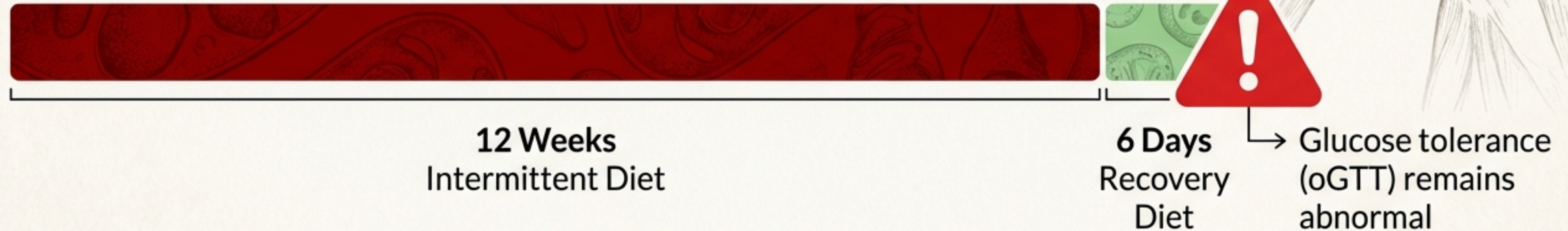


# The Body Has No “Reset Key”

The body’s ability to metabolise sugar is resilient, but repair is slow.

Cumulative Damage > Repair Speed.

Even after returning to a healthy diet for nearly a week, the metabolic markers for diabetes do not reverse.

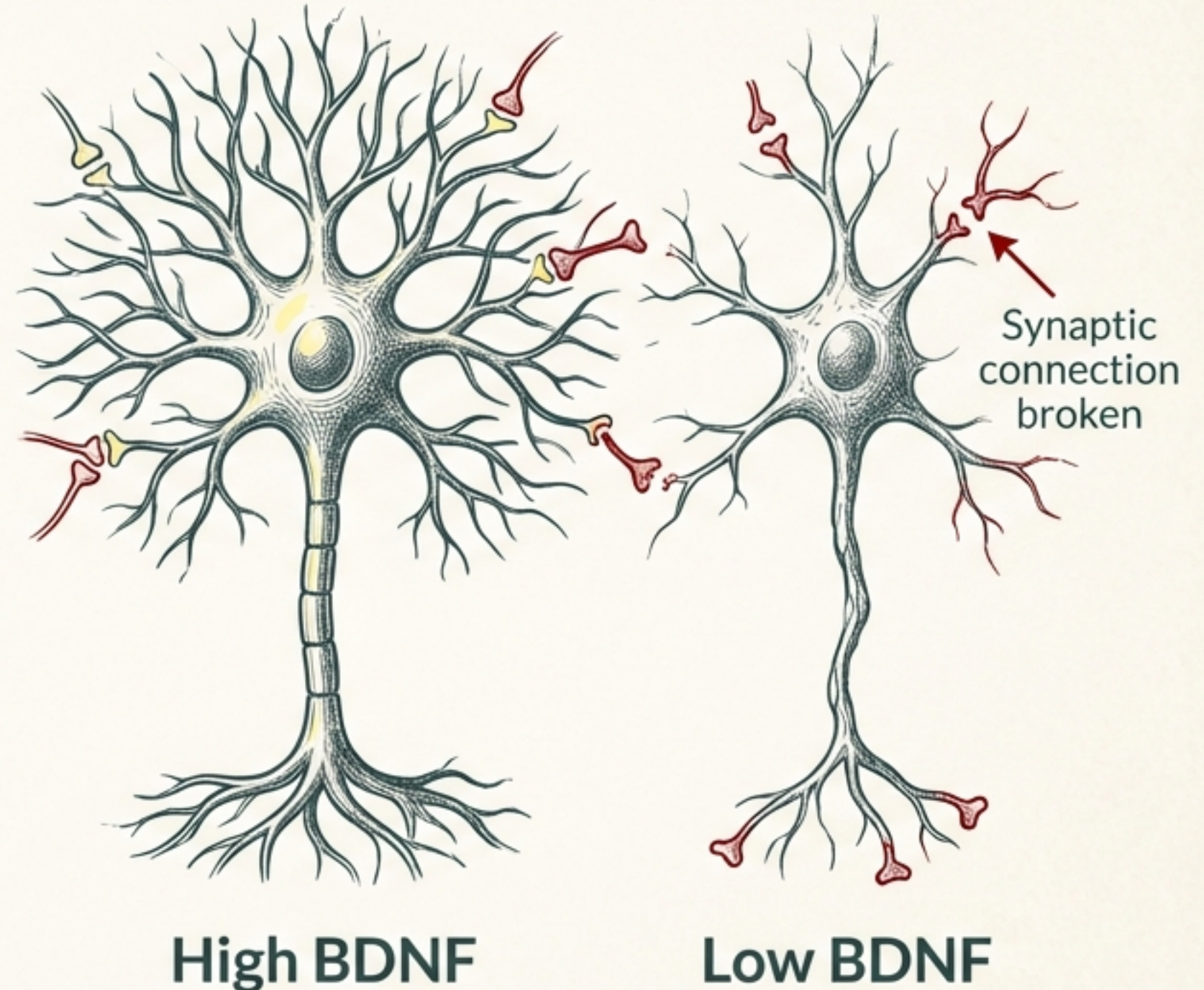


# Month 2: The Exhaustion of Neural Plasticity

BDNF (Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor) acts as the brain's 'fertiliser'. Under **Western Diet** conditions, BDNF levels drop.

**Structural Consequence:** Synaptic connections break.

Spatial learning capacity and neuronal plasticity are lost, cementing poor habits.



# Energy Failure: Mitochondrial Dysfunction

The brain comprises only 2% of body weight but consumes 20% of the body's energy. The

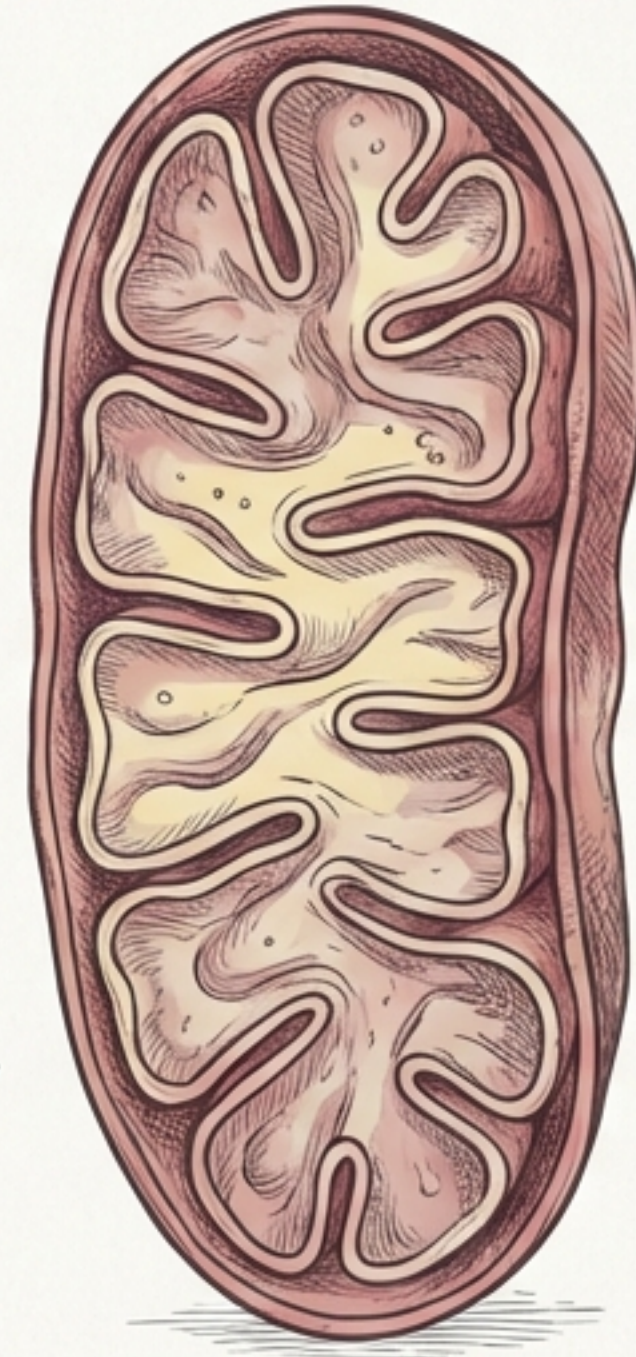
Western diet destroys the “power “power plants” of the synaptic regions.

This energy deficit is a key mechanism behind cognitive decline in metabolic disease.

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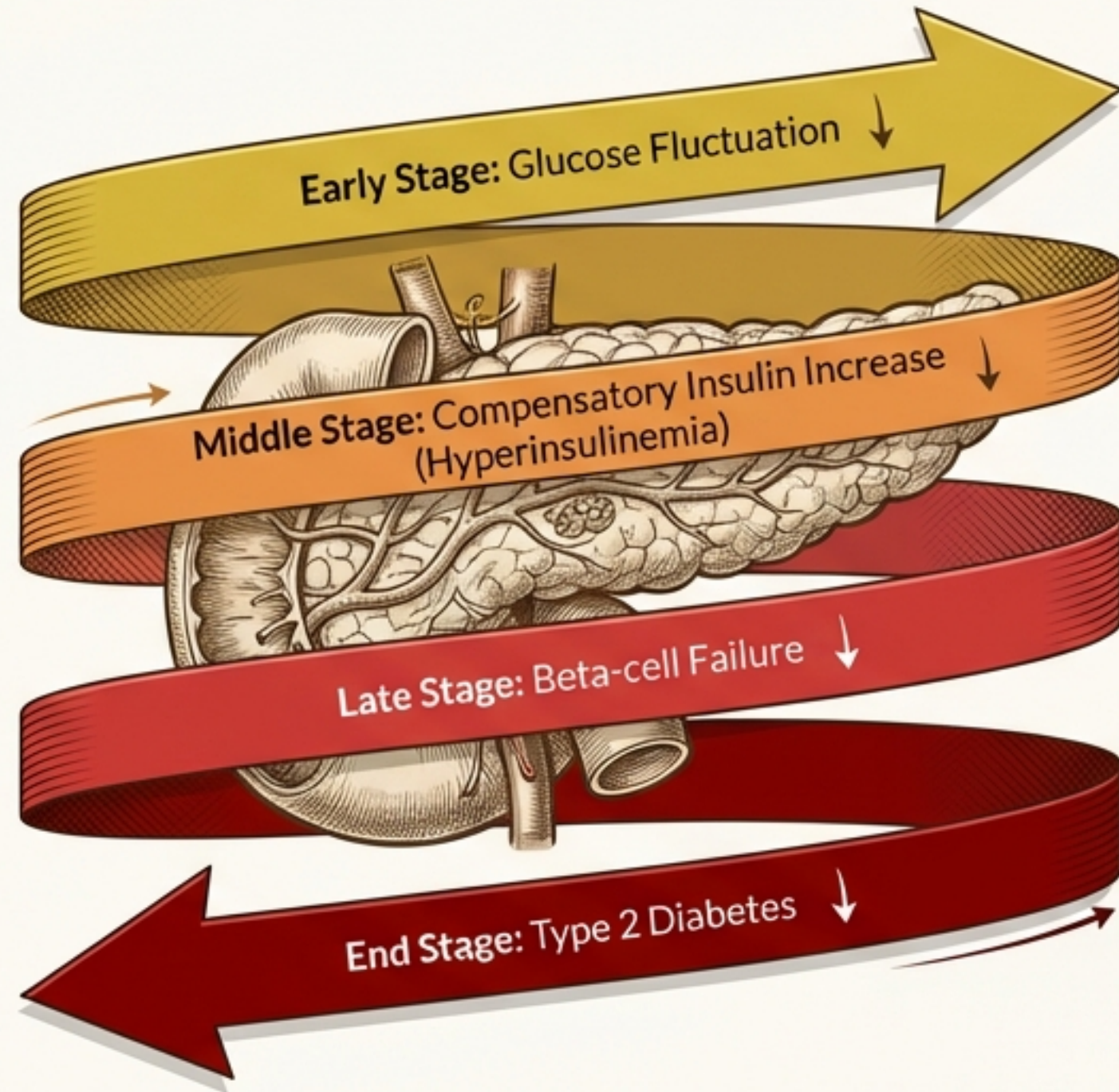
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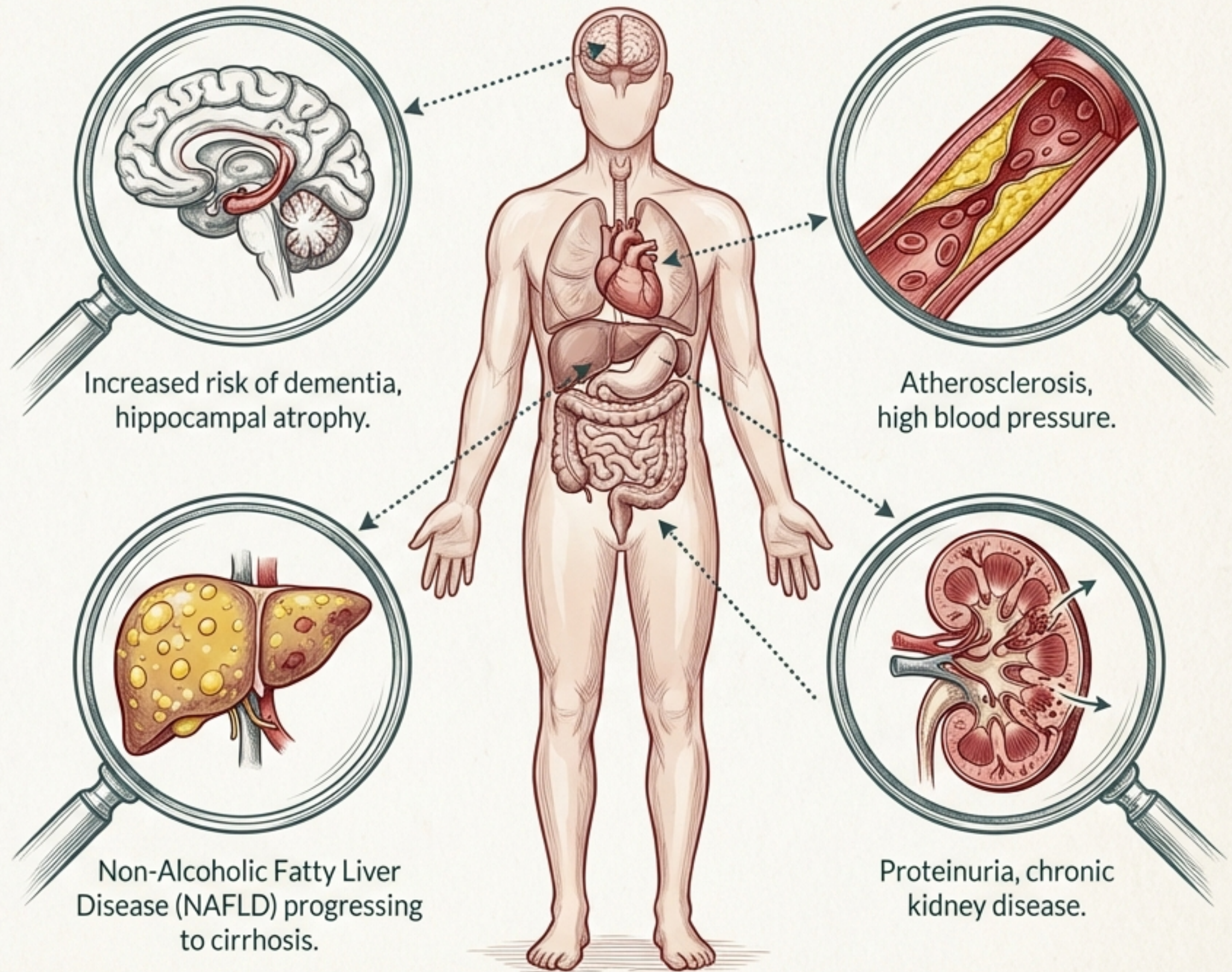
# From Resistance to Exhaustion: The Pathogenesis of Insulin Resistance in Clinical Slate (#2F4F4F)

This mechanism represents the tipping point where organ function shifts from a "Change in Quantity" (secreting more insulin) to a "Change in Quality" (cellular death).

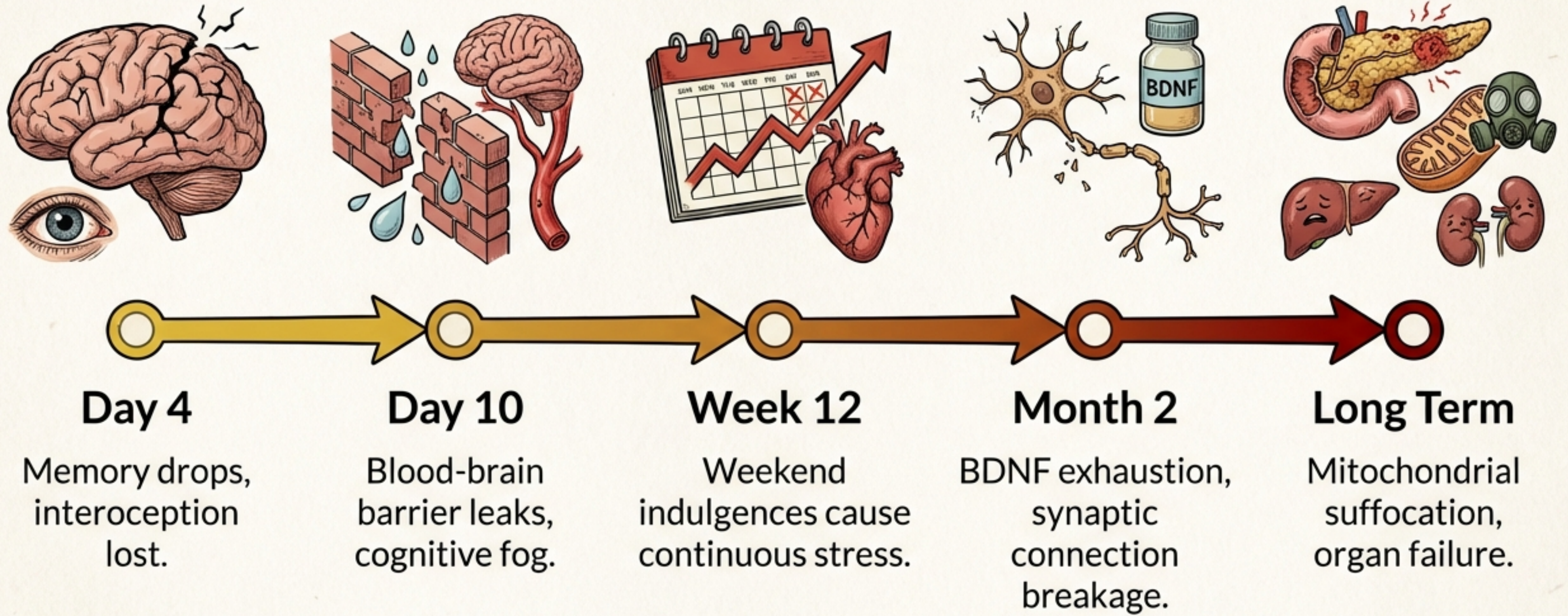


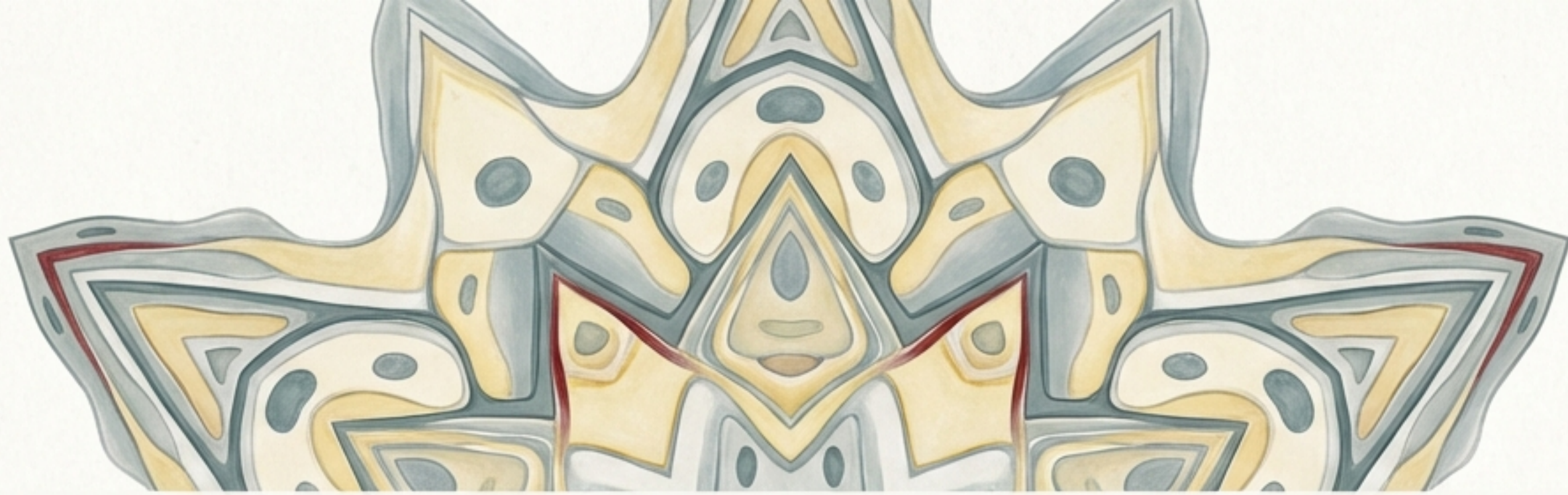
# The Endgame: Systemic Structural Damage

When intake persists for years,  
the risk is no longer just obesity;  
it is systemic organ collapse.



# Overview: The Timeline of Western Dietary Impact





# Your Body Remembers Every Meal

Understanding this timeline is the first step to interrupting the mechanism.  
We must move from “Dieting for Weight” to “Eating for Structural Integrity”.



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Data sources derived from PLoS One, *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, *Appetite*, & *Nature Scientific Reports*.