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The next topic to discuss is optogenetics

Was what crick was working on before he died and now a real field. Except they are doing it wrong -

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Ed Boyden I/ buds

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Want to meet him

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Anytime just name it

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Stress and Protista SUPER INTERESTING

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Same as plants less like humans

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Protists

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Also and for super different reasons I was thinking last week about VOLVOX a lot

I had to update these chapters for this book and I got assigned the ones on single celled brain pathogens and was so fascinated by endosymbionts

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My chapters were just dumb and academic and which symptoms and meds etc but VOLVOX are amazing

I think we could make a breakthrough here too

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Would you like to talk to ed ?

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Hang on. Yes yes I want to maybe this week?

Anyway you will love this

VOLVOX are not very good pathogens but they are super good Trojan horses. They can harbor really yucky other bugs inside them (called endosymbionts) so that when you want to kill them they release the contents of bad bugs and you get really sick from other stuff and treat the other stuff. Like chlamydia etc

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This is why ppl w naegleria for quickly (horrible endosymbionts) and also why many folks w malaria also have other diseases when stressed. Not bc they have those diseases but bc the bigger pathogens host them till they need them and then release

BUT

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Scientists have been struggling for a while now to figure out how to keep human cells alive in culture bc nothing really works so well and most things are so dirty that they pick up new pathogens or just die

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Volvox are clean vanilla hosts and can be super easily adapted to host and incubate human cells

And why this matters? Volvox can live anywhere. They aren't fastidious. On their own they aren't even infectious.

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So instead of all this fancy science use the belly of a friend

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Plant lab

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Loving ok up
Volvox I'm telling you

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Look it up

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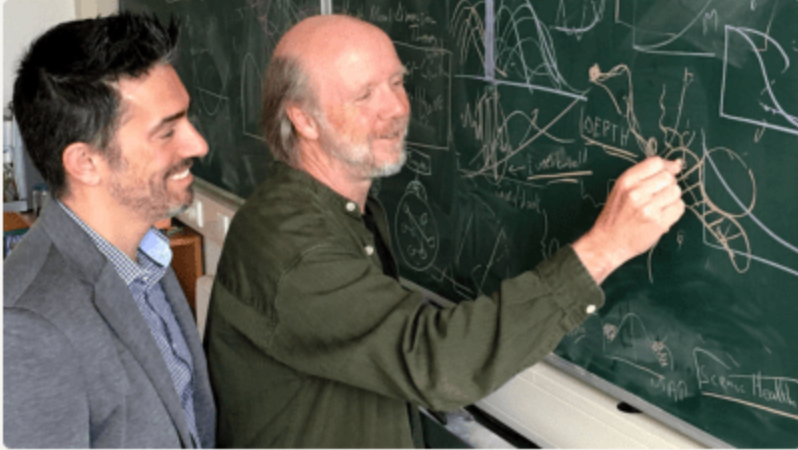
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How long are you in your island?

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Tues then New York

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What time in NYC Tuesday

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