**34 | ASSERTIVE**
When it comes to the crunch, only a few people have the courage to intervene.

**48 | INVENTIVE**
Majd Al-Naji wants to convert plant waste and plastic into fuel.

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Political debates on social media frequently get out of hand.

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Climate activists are not only taking to the streets but also going to court.
China – a partner in transition
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The dead of the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic

Baboon troops are famous for sticking together as they traverse the savannah in search of food. For almost a decade, a scientist has been studying a group of olive baboons in Kenya. She wants to understand what holds the group together.

Civil courage is essential in a free society. Yet, when it comes to the crunch, few people dare to protect the victims of crime or to take an active stance against hatred and racism. What motives, what conditions inspire civil courage?

Cheaters can leave. In the case of the bacteria that’s exactly what is wanted. If single cells are to become multicellular organisms, too much cohesion can be counterproductive for the colony.