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Alpha male seeks lower stress level

From Prof Mike Robinson

Sir, It is inferred that alpha male baboons have higher stress levels than beta males because of the conflicts to maintain the highest rank ("Alpha baboons feel the strain", FT.com, July 30).

I am an alpha male with ambitions to become a lower-stress beta. My stress levels arise because I actively seek conflict. Not just academically, as in attacking flawed hypotheses. I notice any opportunity for conflict — a closed right of way, a misleadingly advertised product.

My alpha status is a result of conflict-seeking. Conflict is not thrust upon me as a result of my alpha status.

This observation, of course, may not generalise to baboons.

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