

FASTIDIOUS X ARRIVES IN EUROPE

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SOUTHERN ITALY, A LAND THAT SINCE ANTIQUITY HAS FORGED DEEP-ROOTED BONDS WITH ITS OLIVE TREES AND THEIR EXQUISITE OIL.



HOWEVER, THE OLIVE TREES ARE SLOWLY DYING...

I HAVE A NASTY FEELING FASTIDIOUS X COULD BE BEHIND THIS EPIDEMIC. THIS COULD BE A DISASTER!

AFTER SOME ANALYSIS...



OH NO! IT'S XYLELLA FASTIDIOSA!

YES, I AM VERY FASTIDIOUS!

YES, IT WAS XYLELLA, BY THEN KNOWN TO BE ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS PLANT PATHOGENS IN THE WORLD.

WE NEED TO INFORM THE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY.

THIS IS A RED ALERT - A DANGEROUS PLANT PEST IS ON THE LOOSE!

THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES RAPIDLY ALERTED THE EU PLANT HEALTH OFFICE IN BRUSSELS.



BRUSSELS

PARMA

ROME

THIS IS SERIOUS! WE NEED SCIENTIFIC ADVICE - WHO YOU GONNA CALL? CALL EFSA*!

* THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY (EFSA) IS A EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY THAT PROVIDES SCIENTIFIC ADVICE TO AUTHORITIES AND COMMUNICATES ON RISKS ALONG THE FOOD CHAIN, INCLUDING PLANT HEALTH.

EUROPE IS AT RISK. XYLELLA MAY ATTACK MANY PLANTS IN MANY REGIONS.



EMERGENCY MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO COMBAT XYLELLA AND FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH INTO CONTROL METHODS.

MEANWHILE, SCIENTISTS FOCUSED ON LEARNING MORE ABOUT XYLELLA AND TRYING TO FIND A TREATMENT THAT COULD PROVIDE SOME HOPE.



EU EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PREVENT INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF XYLELLA

EU RESEARCH FUNDING TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO CONTROL XYLELLA



HMM... COULD THESE INSECTS, SPITTLEBUGS, HAVE A ROLE IN THE SPREAD OF XYLELLA?

TO BE CONTINUED...