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Gustafson et al. report in the 29 June *Nature* that a marine ciliate, *Mesodinium rubrum*, steals organelles from ingested algae (*Nature* 2000, **405**:1049-1052). Although *M. rubrum* does not appear to ingest other food, or to maintain permanent symbionts, the ingested organelles help the ciliate to keep photosynthesizing and to maintain a high level of cell division.

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