

# SILENT PAIN

## SODIUM CHANNEL PROTEIN TYPE 9 SUBUNIT ALPHA

I'M ALSO CALLED SCN9A!



WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?

WANT TO COME CLOSER?



DESPITE APPEARANCES, THIS YOUNG PAKISTANI STREET PERFORMER HAS A RARE HEREDITARY DISEASE



ONLY 30 OCCURRENCES IN THE WORLD

SOME-THING'S GONE WRONG WITH SCN9A

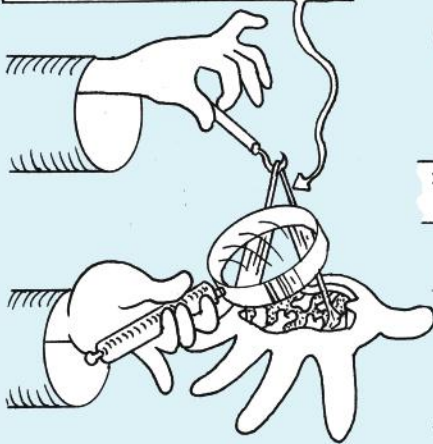
IT DOESN'T SEEM TO HURT HIM

NO... BECAUSE

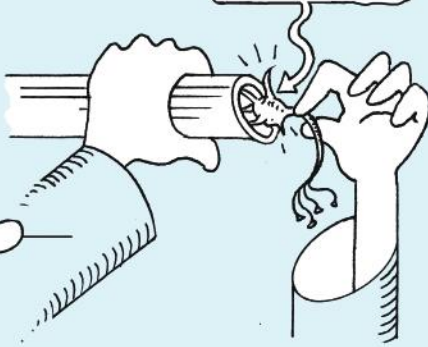
HE'S GOT CIP!... «CONGENITAL INDIFFERENCE TO PAIN!»



LET'S DELICATELY REMOVE PART OF THE BRUISED NERVE

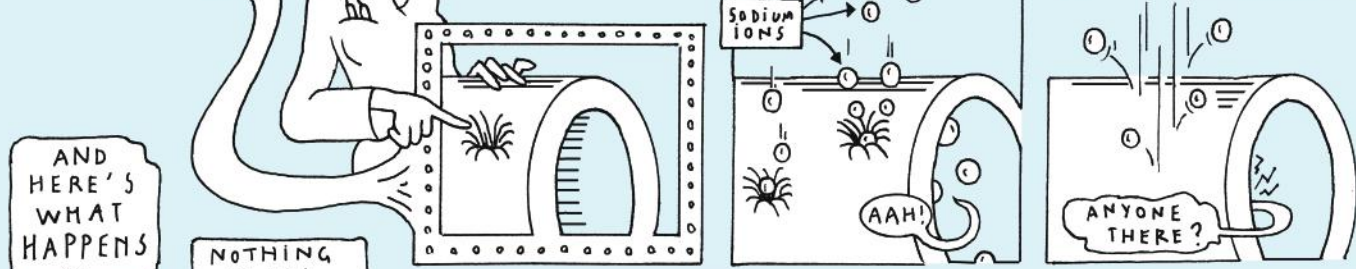
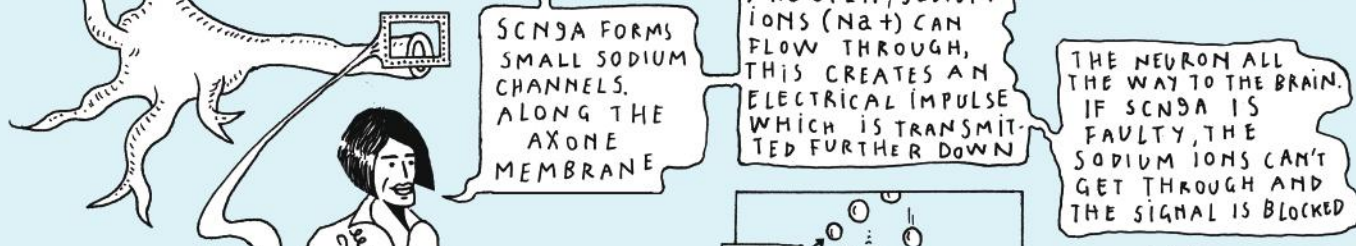
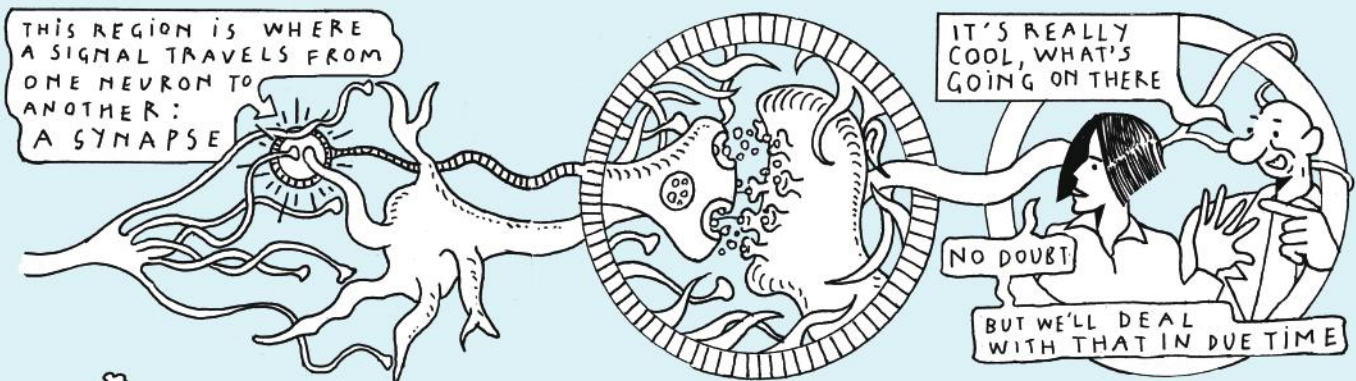


AND EXTRACT ONE OF OUR FRIENDS' 85953798623 NERVE CELLS



NERVE CELLS (OR NEURONS) SEND SIGNALS FROM ALL PARTS OF OUR BODY TO OUR BRAIN, AND VICE VERSA





PAIN IN THE DAYS OF...

