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Scuba diving is one of the major hobbies that my wonderful wife managed to impart on me. One thing that has always amazed me about diving is how many beautiful and complex interactions happen under the surface of the water, but sadly remain hidden to most of us. Even with our technological advancements, the majority of our ocean's depths are still a mystery — 'alien' worlds which remain to be explored. Personally, I feel that this reflects our current understanding of (cancer) cell biology, as we have learned much but are still only scratching the surface of the complex processes that occur within our cells. Fortunately, new technologies are providing us with more and more tools to venture out into the unknown 'deep blue', so that we may one day truly understand the underpinnings of our being.

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achter tumor ontwikkeling en therapie resistentie  
in humane borstkanker te ontdekken

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