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Cover illustration: Death is looming. A mycelial mass of *Stagonospora nodorum* (transformed with a green fluorescent protein reporter) encroaching over healthy wheat tissue (red). The pathogen is one of several known Pleosporales fungi that uses proteinaceous necrotrophic effectors to disable host plants carrying dominant susceptibility genes. The image was taken under a confocal microscope (original photo taken by Kasia Rybak).