

# ASSISTANT CARLISLE

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## The Young Technician

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Some day you would have been at the top of your field. What with the end of the world though, you're never going to get the chance you deserve. Your future (as well as the futures of so many others) were lost when the Resonance virus got out...

You were the youngest member of Project Resonance. You had completed your undergraduate career less than a year ago at the age of 20, but had so impressed Dr. Solan, one of the top names in neuroscience that they approached you about serving as a lab technician for the top secret government effort they were working on: Project Resonance. To say that this was a coup for you is something of an understatement. Though you were only going to be doing grunt work, once the research went public, your name would forever be linked to what you saw as the next Manhattan Project.

You kept your head low, did impeccable work, knowing that this was the biggest step up that you were ever going to get. That became harder and harder over the course of the time you were working on the Resonance Project. You saw too many big egos, too little caution for the magnitude of what was being done. Who was going to listen to a low-level technician who was still an unknown though? You wish now that you had found some way of speaking up and making yourself heard before it was too late.

**Zuckerman** is Dr. Solan's other assistant. You're a little uncomfortable working with Zuckerman. Zuckerman is one of those Einstein types - too smart and crazy to deal with school. You know Zuckerman is brilliant. That doesn't make it any easier to spend time around someone like that.

**Dr. Solan** is a pretty good boss, and you're learning a lot working here. You're nervous about the direction of Project Resonance, and you've tried to bring this up to Dr. Solan, but no one listens to a technician.

**Corporal Breckinridge** is your only real friend among the military here. Like you, Breckinridge is low on the totem pole and relatively young. You get along well, and it's useful to have a friend on the other side. Plus, you don't really have many people you can talk to here. Zuckerman is useless, and, except for Dr. Calo, most of the other scientists don't really think you're worth their time.

**Dr. Elder** can be rather brusque and opinionated, but is also one of the few scientists here who really takes time to teach you new things and explain how things work. At least when Elder gives you a task you always learn why you're doing it.

**Dr. Calo** is the only scientist here you've really managed to make friends with. Dr. Calo is a post-doc, which should be well above you, but Dr. Raines is a horrible boss. Dr. Calo has less freedom as a post-doc than you do as an assistant. You're not at Calo's level, but you can at least commiserate.

**Dr. Kalish** is paranoid about sharing data with anyone. Early on you tried to offer to help Kalish like you help everyone else out, but Kalish yelled at you never to go into that part of the lab. If Kalish would rather let dishes accumulate than have you come wash them, that's not your problem.