

ASSISTANT ZUCKERMAN

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Science is awesome!

You grew up watching Bill Nye, Nova and Mythbusters. There was never any doubt what you were going to do with your life. You were going to do science! Make awesome discoveries! Discover awesome things! Think awesome places!

That didn't make sense towards the end. That's okay. Science!

Anyway, you didn't do so great in school. They said you didn't focus. That was absurd. Focus is one of your greatest qualities. Quality is one of your greatest foci!

But the quality of your work wasn't the greatest, you have to admit. Your professors must have thought so too, because you flunked out of college three times.

Then there was a period you don't like to think about very much. There was a lot of picking up garbage, flipping burgers, playing the bongos on subway platforms. Eventually, you found a job cleaning at night in a research lab. Your plan was coming to fruition! SCIENCE!

So you started cleaning there, and you would find scientists' notes lying around, and you would leave notes of your own. Corrections. Little stuff, mostly, but it was amazing how muddled their thinking could be sometimes. You could see the answers so clearly.

One day, your boss, Dr Solan called you into the office early. He said they knew it was you leaving those notes. He asked if you'd like a research assistant position. You said "duh, of course!" You tried not to jump for joy too much, but it was hard.

So, research assistant! You're not in charge, but at least you're doing science! It's a start! You've bounced around a lot from project to project. On every one you try to add something - do some of your own experiments on the side. It doesn't bother anyone, and sometimes you find out something really important. Plus, nobody really questions the lab assistant puttering around with some equipment, as long as you get the rest of your work done.

Lately you've been in charge of dosing the experimental subjects in Project Resonance. They're developing a genetically-engineered supervirus that alters brain chemistry. It's going to cure autism, which would be awesome! You have some ideas of your own for how to improve the virus. You've been trying them out on a few patients. Nobody has to know. It'll be fun. Science!

Assistant Carlisle is the other Research Assistant. Carlisle already has a bachelor's degree and is going to go to grad school for SCIENCE!

Dr. Calo is Post Doc! Calo is learning to do more SCIENCE! You like working for Calo. Calo has neat ideas, but sometimes doesn't want to work with you.

Dr. Solan is your boss. You're so excited to be working for a real SCIENTIST! It's awesome!

Dr. White is really cool. You want to be just like Dr. White someday.