

Science is not about the lone scientist off in his lab doing mysterious work. Not now, and you doubt it ever was. Science is a machine, science is a funnel for data, taking raw material and crafting results. That machine operates through hard work, determination and leadership. You run a tight ship for crafting new theories and finding new data. At your old job, you had three post-docs and four or five graduate students. Your job was to find the hot new work, learn how to pursue it, and apply your post-docs and students to that work. Their job was to figure out how to turn these theories into publishable material. If you found something really exciting, you might put all three post-docs on it, and whoever got results first got to publish. That might seem harsh, but the students who succeeded in your lab all went on to high profile jobs. Those that didn't, well, they didn't have the devotion science requires. There are plenty of good jobs for science teachers and lab technicians. Brute forcing your way through a Ph.D. does not automatically entitle you to a lab of your own.

Several years ago, you were at a conference where Dr Calo, a young, idealistic post-doc was talking about his new ideas for modifying gene therapy viruses. He had some good ideas, but he was working alone, and it was clear that his research wasn't really progressing. You took his ideas, and gave them to your post-docs. In less than a year, you had a new delivery virus, one that was far better than anything that had been used before. It seemed to have no side effects, and better yet, you had a very easy way to turn transmission on or off. It could be used to spread immunity throughout a population, or deactivated and kept to one person.

That's what got you the job here at the Resonance Project. You have been developing your virus with new gene therapy agents to cure Braiden's Syndrome and act as crowd control. You have had some problems with turning off transmission, but it's getting better. Even better, you now have Dr. Calo working under you. After you published first, he was set adrift, but you convinced Resonance to hire him. His ideas were good, and you hoped that, in a well-tuned machine, he would have more success.

Dr. Solan is very bright and recognizes some of the problems with academic science, but still thinks that being brilliant and working hard is enough. The Resonance project could be so much better organized if you were in charge.

Corporal Breckinridge doesn't take the job of guarding this facility seriously enough. Too many times you have seen Breckinridge joking around with the subjects or playing games on a phone rather than paying attention.

Dr. White thinks that science can be done by a lone scientist banging their head against things until they make a breakthrough. If you were in charge of this project, Dr. White would not have a job here.

Dr. Calo is a brilliant, young post-doc. After Calo floundered in academia due to being unable to compete with your lab, you offered a position here. From here, maybe Dr. Calo will even be able to launch a successful career, with the right guidance.

Dr. Yu is too focused on personal problems to really be a great scientist. Dr. Yu started much of this research, and really got the project going, but there are reasons that Solan is officially in charge.