

# SECRETARY STEVENSON

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## The Big Hat

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You never thought you'd go from a dirt poor ranch hand's kid in Texas to serving in the Cabinet as Secretary of Agriculture, but that is right where you wound up. To think that going into politics was a spur of the moment thing in response to a snide comment from your first spouse. Who knew?

You've lived by the seat of your pants most of your life, guided only by your firm convictions. People seemed to like that when you ran for Congress looking to protect farm interests that were being badly brutalized by people back in Washington. You, the fiery newcomer, toppled a six-term Representative and were sworn in at the ripe age of 30. You wound up serving six terms as well and making a name for yourself along the way as a real salt of the earth type who sticks to your guns. When President Carroll asked you to serve as the Secretary of Agriculture, you made it clear that you wouldn't give up your loud voice. The President said that was just fine, so you took the job.

Blast it all! If you'd had a clue President Carroll was stupid and reckless enough to sign off on things like bio-engineered weaponry you'd not just have refused to sign up for the job, but would have been one of the biggest critics trying to drag down the administration. When you finally found out about it all though, it was far too late for that. The Resonance virus was already out there, tearing up the country you loved. Rather than walk when the cow was already out of the barn, you decided to stick around and call in every favor you could to help clean this mess up. You and President Carroll are sure going to have a real long talk... if you both survive.

**President Carroll** got the country into this mess by recklessly supporting biological weapons. If Carroll survived this, you are going to demand the President's immediate resignation.

**Vice President Richardson** was one of the few people with the backbone to stand up to Carroll, even if it didn't get used until far too late. You would support Richardson as President in place of Carroll.

**Secretary Guiterrez** is the only other person in the cabinet you trust. Gutierrez can be a bit unrealistic at times, but at least Gutierrez's heart is in the right place most of the time.

**Commander Garrity** looks very familiar, but you can't quite remember from where. Why would you know a random military officer?

**Speaker Lancing** is the head of the opposing party, and you've had some fine old fights, but at least that one has the stones to stand up against Resonance. The Speaker of the House is probably the President's most powerful opponent, which may lend some pull to your objections.