

INT. PRINCETON BUILDING - DAY

A smoked glass OFFICE DOOR WINDOW with gold lettering reads "The Institute for Advanced Study - Natural Sciences". A hand KNOCKS on the door. Scuffling can be heard inside.

ALBERT  
(behind the door)  
Who is it?

VOICE  
It me, Niels Bohr.

A lock CLICKS. The door opens and Einstein nervously looks down the halls. Albert ushers BOHR into

THE OFFICE

And then closes and locks the door behind him. Dominating the room is a chalkboard covered with equations. ENRICO FERMI, stands in front of the board, chalk in hand.

BOHR  
Enrico, this is a pleasant  
surprise. I've read that --

Bohr walks directly to the chalkboard. The answer of a huge complicated calculation is  $E=MC^2$ . He takes off his hat.

ALBERT  
I wasn't convinced before this, but  
Fermi's work is conclusive.

FERMI  
I've successfully created a self-  
sustaining nuclear chain reaction  
in the laboratory.

ALBERT  
Who else knows?

BOHR  
Rutherford and Thompson in England,  
Leo in Hungary, Joliot in France,  
us, and -

ALBERT  
Heisenberg?

BOHR  
I haven't spoken to him. But, I  
just got back from Europe.

Bohr twists his hat and pauses.

BOHR  
(uncomfortable)  
Germany took over the uranium mine  
in Czechoslovakia.

FERMI  
Dear god.

BOHR  
Have either of you spoken to your  
government?

FERMI  
No.

Albert goes to the window and sees an idyllic campus.

BOHR  
Will you?

ALBERT  
I have spent my whole life seeking  
only knowledge. Hoping to simply  
add a little bit to mankind's  
collective wisdom. Not for profit,  
not for fame, but for the sheer joy  
of it.

ALBERT  
I see no wisdom in making the most  
destructive weapon in history.

BOHR  
With or without you, someone will.

ALBERT  
If they do, it will be a great  
tragedy.

FERMI  
Albert, I think what Niels is  
saying, is that no matter what we  
do, someone will. It's only a  
question of when. And who.

Albert rubs his face, and the weight of the world is on him.  
He looks at the board, and shakes his head.