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Joliot-Curie and artificial radioactivity

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Irene was alone at home as her husband Frederic had to give a lecture early in the morning. Their two children were taken for a walk by the nanny, and Irene was sitting at her desk trying to finish a research paper. Recently, the political situation had developed quickly, and in some respects unpredictably. The Nazi party had taken power in Germany, and Irene and Frederic had been amongst those French intellectuals who co-founded an anti-fascist movement in Paris. Despite her political engagements, they had also been very active in their scientific research. This was the reason why Irene had to stay at her desk working on the paper instead of going into the laboratory where she would usually be at this time of the day. Out of the blue, the doorbell rang, and while she was still wondering who could be visiting so early in the day, the bell rang again. It must be urgent, and a bad feeling overcame Irene as she rushed to the door. When she opened it, there stood a man in a uniform who said: "I have a telegram for Frederic and Irene Joliot-Curie – it is from the Swedish Academy of Science." Irene held her breath, and at the same time, several thoughts flashed through her mind, thoughts that started with those stories her mother had told her. ...

The Telegram

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