ROBIN AND WILL

ROBIN
Have you written your findings in a paper?

WILL
How could I if I don't have the conclusive data?

ROBIN
If you don't have the fucking data, what on earth are you doing here talking to me?
(pause)

WILL
Might have had other reasons to come back.

ROBIN
No, Will, no, you absolutely have to complete the research before you speak to anyone. Anyone. You have to be note perfect.

WILL
Like you were?

ROBIN
What?

WILL
What do you want from me? Do you want me to vindicate you or to fail to vindicate you or what?

ROBIN
What I want is immaterial.

WILL
Do you still stand by the Hypothesis?

ROBIN
Where's the evidence not to?

WILL
But you never claimed it, never published on it.

ROBIN
Authorship is irrelevant.

Nobody owns the truth. Your task is to make sure it's robust and if it's not, fine, demolish it, nothing would please me more than to be proved, utterly proved wrong.

WILL
Well, that seems beyond me, Dad, sorry.

ROBIN
Nothing's beyond you, Will, believe me.