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PREFACE

My acquaintance with the Basques began with the many works of Don Julio Caro Baroja. His gentle yet firm guidance fundamentally altered my understanding of anthropology.

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