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“As you set out for Ithaca, pray that the road is long, full of adventure, full of lore...And if you find her poor, Ithaca will not have fooled you. Wise as you have become, with so much experience, you must already have understood what Ithacas mean.” — Constantine P. Cavafy (1911)

A friend of mine recited to me the above poem in a discussion on our future plans in our lives and in this science. A lot of years have passed and a lot of things have changed since then. I have begun my acknowledgment with this poem because I want to address it to the readers of this book who had or still have the same feeling as me.

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