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The creation of Caeiro and of the discipleship of Reis and Campos...

The creation of Caeiro and of the discipleship of Reis and Campos seems, at first sight, an elaborate joke of the imagination. But it is not. It [is] a great act of intellectual magic, a magnum opus of the impersonal creative power.

I need all the concentration I can have for the preparation of what may be called, figuratively as an act of intellectual magic — that is to say, for the preparation of a literary creation in a, so to speak, fourth dimension of the mind.

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