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Introduction: Beyond the Gernsback Continuum...

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I WAS IN a bar. I think it was in Calgary in Canada. And it was the middle of winter. Or it might have been the bar in Denver in the United States, a little earlier in the same winter. Wherever it was, it was the winter of 2008 somewhere in North America and George Mann and the Solaris team had asked me to join them for a drink. I don't drink often and I don't drink heavily, but I do drink at science fiction conventions, especially when a publisher has invited me to join him. It seemed that Solaris would like me to edit an anthology for them, a hard science fiction anthology or something similar, the book that has become the one