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Editorial Matters

I flew off to London on July 12 on an overnight flight with Locus unfinished. I don't have trouble working on airplanes so was able to put in a very productive 10 hours writing, editing, and proofing. My only problem occurred when I reached Heathrow Airport and went looking for a Federal Express drop. I was told there was none in the airport and I would have to go to the cargo airport many miles away. The Fed Ex cargo office told me they only accepted cargo over 500 lbs and I would have to go to the small package office which was many miles the other side of Heathrow. By the time I had finally mailed the news

stories and corrections back to the office, several hours had passed, I was still at the airport, and the taxi bill was £30! I eventually got to my hotel, cleaned up, and headed for the pub to meet the other surprise guests for Brian's party. Unfortunately, I had forgotten that a 5 p.m. meeting in London really means 6 p.m., and I spent a worrisome hour sure I was in the wrong pub. One of Brian's sons noticing the lost look on my face, eventually introduced himself and rescued me. The rest of the evening was mostly a blur, thanks to two days without sleep.

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