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Three visionaries walk into a bar in Utah. Well, they actually were there to debate at an international conference. Two were staying at The Inn at Temple Square (Fantasy alert — in real life this Hotel has been demolished). And they all agreed before their meet-up to drink the same thing in the spirit of solidarity. One of them might have liked a martini. One, since the meet-up was from 3pm to 5pm, would have preferred High Tea, and the third really wanted Coca-Cola, no caffeine. When they arrived, they discovered affinities as they debated. Near Beer, a topic that at first blush seems against the whole idea of Green Near Beer. The consultant felt that Near Beer was too weak of a beverage to make people feel ‘drunk’ when they physically are not.”

To strengthen our metaphor, the bar was serving Green Near Beer for the day. (It might have been St. Patrick’s Day, but Near Beer was the only bar drink available since this wasn’t a “private” club.)

The three are respectively a Consultant, an Arch Evangelist and a Librarian, all with a strong perspective and position on Green OA. Finding they could not all agree on the ostensibly topic of the meeting (Green OA), they fell to considering the situation of Green Near Beer, a topic that at first blush seems unrelated to the topic, but to which topic each discovered affinities as they debated.

The consultant felt that Near Beer was too cheap, and besides, would drive real beer out of the marketplace. So he came down firmly against the whole idea of Green Near Beer. The Arch Evangelist saw the potential of Green Near Beer because of its lower impact on driving skills and simpler production process and the ability to make people happy to be the next great wave, and the librarian opined that it would reduce the cost of going to a bar (something he’d never done before) and might mean more people could get something for almost nothing and could spend their meager dollars on something else. (I did warn you this was a fantasy, didn’t I?)

Would Green Near Beer drive real beer out of the marketplace, or could the consultant save the world of higher production value real beer? Would the Arch-Evangelist’s hope be fulfilled? Would the librarian get his wish? Stay tuned for the next fantasy meeting report from your intrepid fly-on-the-wall reporter. AKA — the Nemesis.