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speculating in ways derived from their unique circumstances: lacking political power, they imagine future spaces and different places-with a twist. Nineteenth-century thermodynamics (theorized in Scotland), Celtic Otherworlds, and a Scotland always on the ""other side"" of history open unusual futures for Mitchison, Spark, Lindsay, Mitchell, MadDiarmid, Morgan, Crumey, Fitt, and Gray.