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After the self-help seminar, he keeps adding the phrase “as a successful person” to his sentences. As a successful person, I feel like watching TV tonight. As a successful person, can you help me wire the bathroom? He feels about 14% better, which, as a successful person, is a lot. What do you do in the face of real tragedy? she says. What phrase protects us from old age, from death, from the world and its empty spaces? As a successful person, I have no idea. It is the softest of boundaries, his spell, in constant motion, a barely wrought surface at all times surrounding him and, now that he thinks of it, her, too.