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From ***Glass Nose: A Novel***, by Ollie Tanner, Rotpunktverlag, 2023:
"He had been employed as a Futurist by The Foundation for over a decade and not once had he ever come up with a scenario which could be confirmed by events as they happened, and it was fine with him, because this is exactly why he had wanted to become a Futurist in the first place, because nothing he ever said was going to happen actually happened. And as long as he kept predicting the future and getting it wrong (and he was always wrong, always), then the future he kept predicting would never happen. If he was right about anything, ever, what it meant was he could predict the future, which

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was an impossibility. And an impossibility cannot come true, which is why it's called an impossibility. He had no idea how much longer The Foundation was planning on keeping him around, but if they knew what was good for them, as well as their clients, they would employ him for an indefinite amount of time. Human civilization depended on it. His thinking about the future was the only thing preventing it from happening. This was the only thing he was sure he was right about: his wrongness made everything right. And to him this was the true daily duty of the Futurist position in which he was employed: to think about what can happen and then put it into words so that it never does."

