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## *Vernaculiar* (vər-nāk'yə-lī'ər)

Here's where things get interesting.  
 Here's where Herodotus meets Nixon  
 in the anterooms of Heaven. Here's  
 how we play the game of *Never*: you  
 keep talking and I keep listening.  
 Here's how we play the game of *Probably*:  
 you cry & I stare at the floor.  
 When one player says something sad  
 like "I can't do this anymore," the  
 other player may challenge it, or if he  
 or she chooses to pass, the lightning  
 humiliation round begins.