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Now Lord Odysseus, the long enduring,  
laughed in his heart, hearing his land described  
by Pallas Athena, daughter of Zeus who rules  
the veering stormwind; and he answered her  
with ready speech-not that he told the truth,  
but, just as she did, held back what he knew,  
weighing within himself at every step  
what he made up to serve his turn.

— Homer, *The Odyssey*  
Robert Fitzgerald, trans.