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In one hand you hold a brick of beryllium; in the other, a subcritical sphere of plutonium. You accidentally bang them together and instantly experience (a) the heat of “Chernekov’s Radiation” and (b) the blue glow of super-criticality: you have been irradiated.

The blue glow and the heat mean you have taken a massive, super-lethal dose, also called a “creeping dose.” Strangely, you will walk through the next two days of your life in sublime well-being and good health, but this apparent fitness—the “walking ghost phase”—is of course a cruel masquerade. At the end of two days, your tissues and organs will “crash.” You will hemorrhage. The prospect of death, in the midst of a painful and systemic failure of your whole body, will arrive like a gift. And all this could have been prevented... *by wearing the right suit.*