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Hai argues that these writers focus self-reflectively on the unstable capacity of words to have material effects and to be censored,