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Hanging up during the cast? It's called a tailing loop. It is a casting problem, but I think there are many causes. Starting the forward cast too soon (too short a pause), and uneven power application on the forward cast are two such causes.

An overpowered cast with an abrupt, high "stop" will also do it.

What's happening is that you get the rod tip moving forward in a straight line, and then on the power stroke, the rod tip dips lower than that. Your nice parallel loop turns into a circle, and the fly coming forward crosses the line.

For me, anyway, yeah, it's worse with long soft rods, and soft leaders. There are also certain casting situations on stream where I run into issues. If I have all the room in the world, it's rarely a problem for me. But if I'm trying to avoid that bush on my back cast, and altering directions during the forward cast, I often run into issues. I'm not sure if it's the slight direction change, or just paying attention to one thing and losing attention to the rest of my mechanics. But in those situations, sometimes moving a few feet is enough to change my angle to avoid it.