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Return to the Slough of Decayed Language
The sentence forgiven the extent to which delayed matter below the boards at one’s feet a narrow poison crowding egress to the book splayed with foliage wind blown beneath contemp. A rotting potion of the stand. Leather uppers become the lang. One voice taken by the spring. One voice expelled. The forest aglaze.
A card stuck under a stone:

*The forest is what it isn’t.*
The other, last, former, previous, alternate, lost, decayed, forgotten, to come. The forest. That is, that was, has been, will have become the book.
Rapt in the forest
Taken cover in the book

The book was a forest
The forest never was a book
& yet.