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All the while, as we were speaking,
We were cutting a path through a forest,
By which I mean a dense forest of shades.
— Dante, Inferno, translated by Mary Jo Bang

†b. Of a wood: The edge, margin. Obs.
— eaves (œ efes), Oxford English Dictionary

Something is happening.
To the book?
— Lyn Hejinian, The Beginner, via Pamela Lu

What about The Woods?
— Corin Tucker via Carrie Brownstein, Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl
The Other Forest

*In darkness the scaffolding is foliage.*
— Lisa Robertson
The book was a loop
Via *I found myself lost*
*In a wood*
The book was a loop &c.

The book was made of wood
We gathered in
The leaves this time
Already behind the absent
Line traced in the trees met

Overhead the weaving
Cage are you there
Are you moving
Are you read
Are your hands covered
In text are you listing
Recall the forest from the flames
A floor papered with leaves
The creatures elsewhere
Sentence hung from the canopy
Vines a grammar buffering
The calls of no beast seen

The book or the woods
An archive a selection
The language or the past
No one visits those stacks
You come to on a dare

Ignore the ash at
The efes brushed by ghosts
Translated in the marginal
Moat around the spread