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Harrowdown Hill

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20 And when this Bretayn was bigged by this burn riche,
Bold bredden therinne baret that loveden,
In mony turned tyme tene that wroghten.
Mo ferlyes on this folde han fallen here oft
Then in any other that I wot syn that ilk tyme.







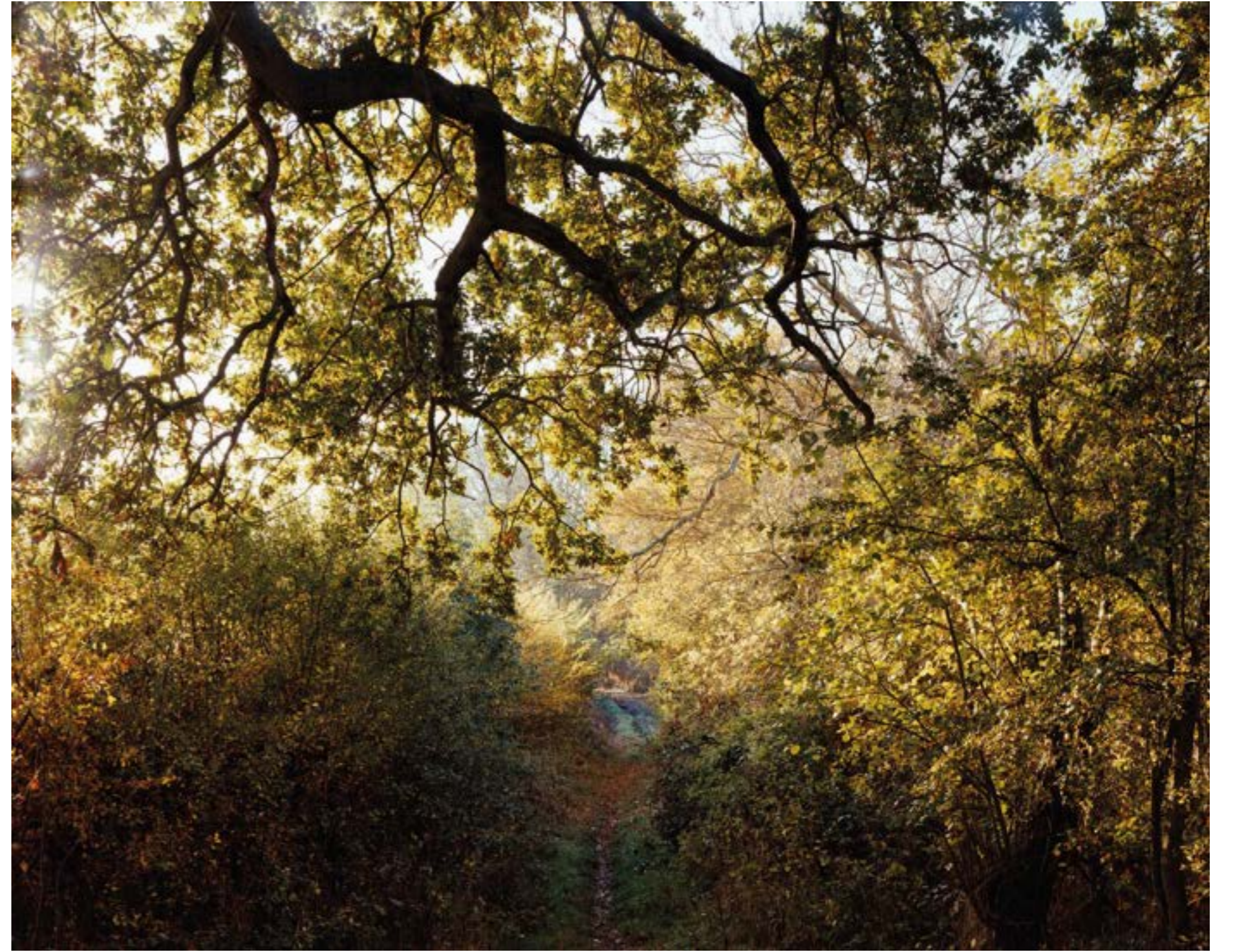


































































































































On the morning of the 18th of July 2003 at approximately 9.20am the body of Dr David Kelly was discovered in woodland on Harrowdown Hill, not far from the Oxfordshire village of Longworth.

A public enquiry found that he had died by suicide.

From 1991 up until the time of his death, Dr Kelly had been a lead member of the scientific teams tasked by the United Nations with monitoring and removing Iraq's chemical and biological weapons capability.

The circumstances surrounding his death are the starting point for this book.

The text on page five is taken from *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, (Penguin Books, London, 1972). The poem, written in Middle English, was composed at the end of the 14th century. In a new translation, published in 2007, the same section reads:

After Britain was built by this founding father
a bold race bred there, battle-happy men
causing trouble and torment in turbulent times,
and through history more strangeness has happened here
than anywhere else I know of on Earth.
(*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, Faber and Faber, London 2007)

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