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WATCHING AS THE HAND OPENS

Maybe, as with most
orchard visits,
it was fall.

Probably my step brothers
mulled over the rotting apples
lying in the arched kingdom

of green
grass,

toeing the hyena
flesh spots,

slowly noticing
each one –

split
open.

There were so many
orchards near us;
going to an orchard

would have been
something we would
have done.