

# The Best Time Ever to Be Alive

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Inside the oven, Hansel found bones  
And teeth. Gretel used her iPhone

To order take-out. Perhaps the crone's  
Just hungry, she thought, sometimes old folks

Get cranky when the gas tank's low.  
Hansel used his own incisors to hone

The stumbled-upon teeth. "Witch! I'll choke  
You with a fangwich then brain you with marrow

Cudgels!" Gretel rolled her eyes. Her earphone  
Buzzed. Did she wish to tape her show

Or watch it live? Hansel's moans and groans  
Made that an easy question. Gretel stroked

His hair and told him to relax, let go,  
"Let's pretend this is a sweat bungalow

In a chi-chi spa." He used a wishbone  
To trepan his skull, hoping to rezone

His cerebral cortex. Merlot? Bordeaux?  
Gretel signaled her home cooler to open

A bottle. Surprise me, she typed, hoping  
That horn was the Huntsman's new Peugeot.