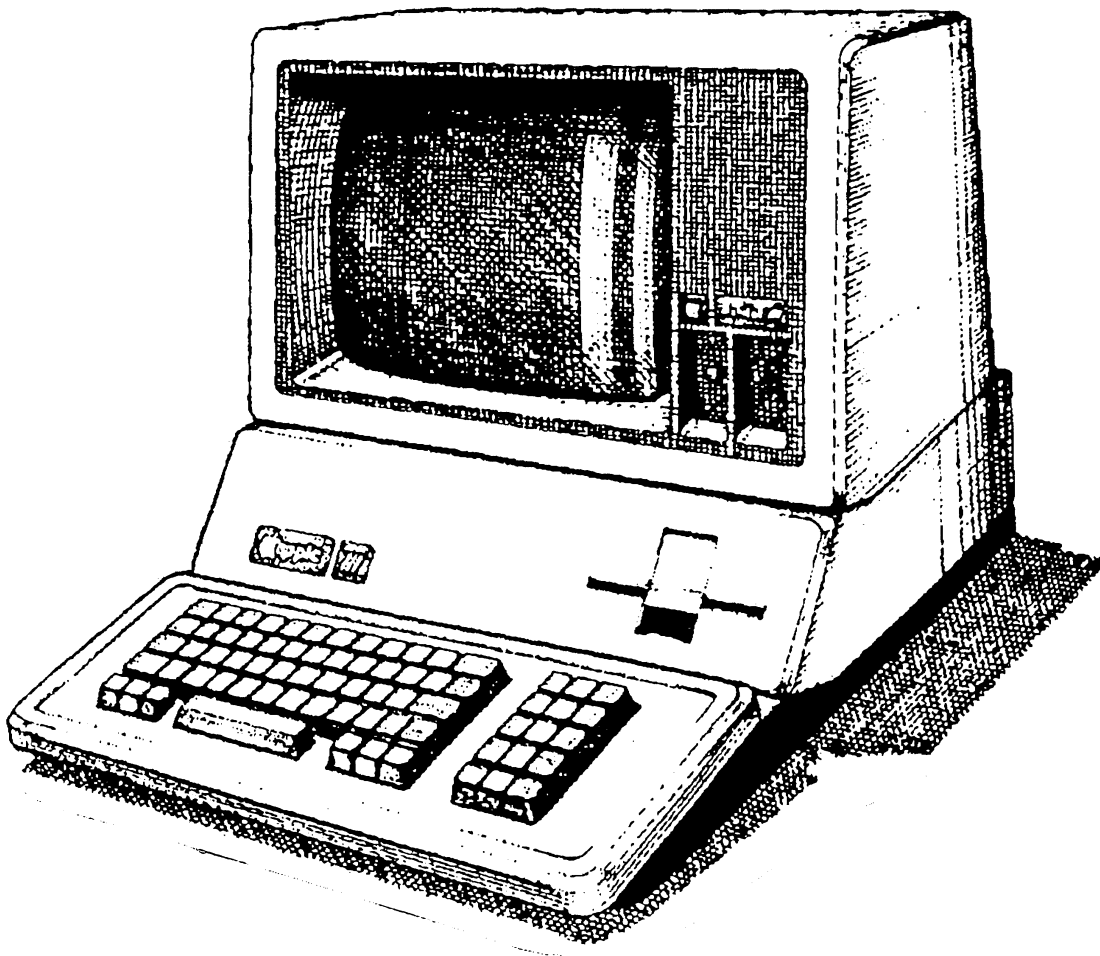




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"The Land of the Orphaned Families"

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There was in this great world of ours,
The greatest kingdom ever known.
Its name was simply "Computerdom",
And thousands called it "home".

Now this kingdom was divided,
By beliefs and values and cash
"Apple" and "IBM" were two of the groups,
And often would they clash.

But this is not my story,
For my story has to do
With a few small families in "Apple"
Called "///" & "Mac" & "]]"

Now "]]" was doing very nice,
And he had a bit of land
He called his three estates "+", "c", and "e"
And the ruler of "Apple" smiled upon this man.

The "Macs" were new in town
They had quite a bit to do,
They weren't sure they'd make it,
Being next door to "]]"

And now I come to the saddest group
Of all those in this land.
The family called "///" had tried
But could not make their stand.

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The ruler of "Apple" had not liked them
Since they first began
He said they caused him trouble
And cost him money & food & land.

But the family "///" was a hearty bunch,
And they would not give in
they worked through jeers and laughs
And looked with hope to their kin.

The "///+"s had just moved in
but they were not doing well
But together they worked & waited
And feeling of hatred swelled

Then early one morning
the horrible news arrived
The ruler of "Apple" was going to stop
Sending food & tools & supplies.

But some wealthy families nearby
Saw their plight and said
"This is a very good family,
they deserve money & tools and bread."

So with the aid of these rich families
the "///'s" began to thrive,
And the "family that would not die"
began slowly to climb.

And one day soon thought they
We will be strong enough
to take over "Apple"
and do to them what we must.

(The End)