

In the Beginning

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In the beginning there was the Computer and the Screen, and the Computer was inert and void and darkness was over the face of the Screen. And the Author's finger pressed the Power Button and the Computer Booted Up and there was Light on the face of the Screen. And the Author saw it was good.

And the Author's hands hovered over the keyboard and then descended, and the Author entered "Create New Document" and there was a New Document and it was clean and pure. And the Author saw it was good.

Then the Author paused, an Idea had come to the Author.

And the Author typed "O" and "N" and "C" and "E" and the pristine whiteness of the Screen was separated into black and into white and a Word, "ONCE," was created and the Screen was no longer blank and without Content. And then the Author again typed and followed the Word "Once" with other Words: "UPON" and "A TIME..." and Word followed Word; and Words in all their variety became Verbs, Nouns and Pronouns, Adjectives and Adverbs and a Sentence came to be. Metaphors and Similes and mingled in the Sentences and found their places and the Sentence was finished with a Period, and Punctuation also came to be. POV and Narratorial Reliability were brought forth. The Sentences begat Meaning. Characters were brought forth and the Sentences were Populated. Character spoke to Character and there was Dialog. Description was brought forth and Imagery came to be.

As Sentence followed Sentence, Paragraphs formed one after another, and a Chapter came into being, and then another Chapter and another, and the Chapters swirled and Coalesced and found Order and Internal Logic and a Story was brought forth upon the face of the Computer and grew, and the Story settled and mellowed over time and was Edited, and the Story was full and complete with Consistent Verb Tense, Round Characters, thought provoking Themes, and Closure in a thrilling Final Scene.

And the Author saw it was good and clicked "SAVE" and was done.