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Gramps held the rooster
with his left hand
and swung the ax
with his right

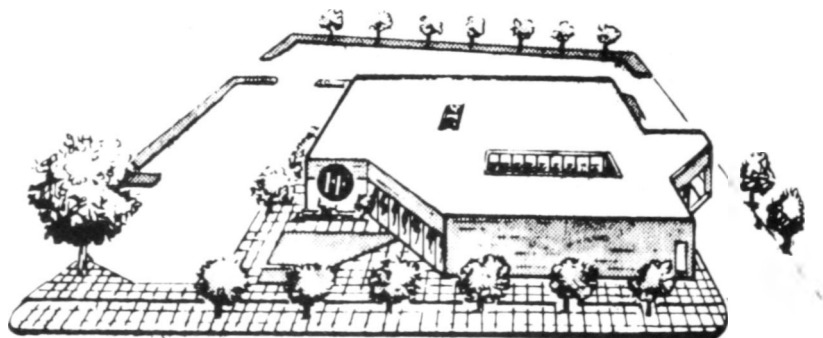
the silver
edge sliced
clean
and whumped
into the elm stump
where it stuck
handle up

the red-combed
head lay
staring off
of the stump
looking sideways across the garden

at the bronze body
flapping wings
lunatic hopping
that spurted blood
and feathers
out among the rows of green onions

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