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Commissioner Chuck Drago
Commissioner John D'Aquila
Commissioner Tina Repp

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4 Commissioner Chuck Drago
5 Commissioner John D'Aquila
6 Commissioner Tina Repp

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11 - Brandon McCaffery, Deputy Executive Director
12 - Jamie Pouncey, Program Administration
13 - Glenda Ricks, Chief of Operations
14 - Marc Taupier, Deputy General Counsel
15 - Elina Valentine, General Counsel
16 - Alana Zimmer, Executive Director

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17 OTHERS PRESENT:

- 18 - Various Members of the Public
19 - The Florida Channel
20 - Zachary Oranje, Appears by phone
21 - Derek Chrans, Appears by phone
22 - Jonathan Zachem, Counsel for PPI, Inc.

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1 Thereupon, the following proceeding began at 9:30 a.m.:

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning, all, and
3 happy new year. Today is January 8th. The time is
4 9:30. This is the Florida Gaming Control
5 Commission's January meeting. Please stand for the
6 pledge allegiance, which will be led by
7 Commissioner Repp.

8 (Pledge of allegiance.)

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much. I would
10 like to note just a few things as we begin 2026.
11 We are obviously at a very important time for our
12 state and Florida's gaming industry. As
13 technologies continue to evolve, market changes
14 occur, and regulatory considerations are out there.

15 With the legislative session beginning next
16 week, we recognize the important work of the
17 governor, the legislature, their staff members,
18 cabinet members as they address critical issues for
19 the state of Florida.

20 As we move forward today and throughout the
21 rest of the year, the Commission remains committed
22 to thoughtful decision making, accountability, and
23 transparency.

24 I would like to thank our dedicated staff for
25 all that you do for us and for the state of

1 Florida, your continued service to our mission and
2 our responsibilities. And so with that, I'd like
3 to proceed today with today's agenda.

4 Can I get a motion for approval of the meeting
5 minutes for November 6, 2025 and December 4, 2025.

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second that motion.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
10 aye.

11 (Multiple ayes.)

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And we are
13 moving into the executive director update.

14 Director Zimmer.

15 MS. ZIMMER: Good morning, Vice Chair. I want
16 to thank all of you for being here today. Happy
17 new year, and especially thank all of you and our
18 staff for a monumental year in 2025. We actually
19 had double the amount of cash seized over '24 from
20 illegal gambling activity.

21 And more impressively, we had five times the
22 number of slot machines seized from 2024 as well.
23 So we are doing impressive things here, and we
24 really are looking forward to this continued
25 success in 2026.

1 And we just again appreciate all your support
2 and the support of our partners across the state
3 who are working with us, so thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5 Commissioners, any comments?

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: This has been a
7 tremendous year in this regard. We had a good year
8 last year, and 2024 went well. Everybody is just
9 getting started in this business over the last few
10 years.

11 And to have these kinds of numbers and to
12 expand the way we did so successfully, I
13 congratulate everybody or everybody and the staff
14 that's been involved with all of this because it
15 takes partnership with all of us.

16 The increased partnerships around the state
17 have been so impressive, and I hear about it from
18 law enforcement people that I associate with
19 throughout the state.

20 I remember when we first started in this,
21 every was, Florida Gaming Commission, what is that,
22 for video games? What kind of a thing is it? Now,
23 they all know about it. Everybody knows about it.
24 Everybody wants to work with us.

25 So kudos to everybody involved. I really do

1 appreciate it. And these numbers are really
2 impressive, especially now when we want people to
3 be educated, understand the need for increased
4 penalties for these illegal casinos.

5 So I just wanted to thank everybody for that.
6 And I agree, it's been a great job.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
8 Commissioner Drago. Very well articulated.

9 Commissioners, any other comments?

10 MS. ZIMMER: We'll turn it over to Carl Herold
11 for our law enforcement update.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.
13 Director Herold.

14 MR. HEROLD: Good morning.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

16 MR. HEROLD: I'd like to also comment on
17 what Executive Director Zimmer just said, and that
18 is fantastic work by the law enforcement team, but
19 it doesn't happen in a vacuum.

20 You know, it's a direct result of all the
21 cooperation that we have here at this table amongst
22 all the partners within the Gaming Control
23 Commission.

24 As well as I want to thank you for your
25 guidance and your support and also Governor

1 DeSantis and the legislature for all their support
2 of us.

3 We've not had any need unmet by them as we
4 move forward in this, so thank you to everybody. I
5 have an update for this past month. It was another
6 productive month, even though it was December and
7 there were a lot of holidays in there.

8 The investigators touched 117 different
9 investigations, which continues to demonstrate the
10 zeal with which they go after the work that they've
11 been assigned.

12 We were actually able to seize 666 slot
13 machines that were involved in 13 different
14 businesses that were closed, illegal casinos, as
15 well as convenient stores and some other types of
16 businesses where these devices are found.

17 Fourteen individuals were arrested with a
18 total of 30 charges across those 14 individuals,
19 and about \$89,000 in money was seized. And then at
20 the same time, two vehicles and one utility trailer
21 were seized, and we're currently evaluating our
22 ability to take those on and utilize them within
23 our law enforcement function.

24 And last month as well, we destroyed 147
25 machines. I'll pause there for comment.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director Herold.
2 And I also just want to compliment the expansive
3 media coverage that continues to capture the
4 activity that your team is doing, so thank you.

5 MR. HEROLD: Thank you. That allows me
6 an opportunity to also thank Melanie Etters, our
7 external affairs person, because of the fantastic
8 work she's doing getting our name out there.

9 Onto our intel and analytical activity. This
10 past month, our intel group conducted 12 different
11 subject background investigations, 6 business
12 background investigations, and then they did 3
13 employee background investigations for internal
14 employee hires.

15 They also attended four intel meetings. And
16 then we also as I speak every month about our
17 investigative leads as they come through, the
18 follow report on our website, this last month we
19 had 238 -- that's a typo there. I'm sorry -- 238
20 total leads that came in.

21 That was up from 214 last month. The number
22 of investigations that were assigned to agents, 21
23 of that 238 were assigned to agents, 106 were
24 transferred to other law enforcement agencies, and
25 68 we put in our pending and unassigned pile or

1 category.

2 And 21 didn't have sufficient information for
3 us to take any type of active investigative actions
4 on it. Fourteen did not meet our commission. They
5 were just various complaints about different
6 things.

7 And then eight were -- it says other there,
8 but they were actually requests for assistance to
9 other law enforcement agencies. And I'll pause
10 there.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago.

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just one question. The
13 intelligence folks tend to be kind of in the
14 background, and we don't see everything that
15 they're doing because they're sneaking around
16 gathering information and so forth.

17 But can you paint a little bit of a picture
18 for us of how they work with the law enforcement
19 folks, people in the industry, and why the
20 intelligence folks are so invaluable.

21 And we're not asking for, you know, specific
22 information. But just in general, how that
23 benefits the agents on the street in terms of
24 making these cases.

25 MR. HEROLD: No. And you're absolutely

1 right. Within the greater law enforcement
2 function, the analysts, the criminal analyst stands
3 with equal standing with an investigative -- a law
4 enforcement investigator.

5 That's not bloviating. That's the real fact
6 in that there is so much in this technological
7 world that we now live in that is going on in the
8 background that for an investigator to actually
9 take some educated action, they need to know all
10 the inter-connectivity between businesses and
11 individuals that the analysts is going to be able
12 to find and cultivate for the investigator.

13 They can look into businesses and be able to
14 see who are all the principals inside that
15 business. Then they all expand out to see what
16 other businesses those individuals are connected
17 to, maybe past criminal activity.

18 And it paints a larger picture for the
19 investigators so that they can have sufficient
20 understanding of how to proceed in the
21 investigation.

22 I'm sure I'm not doing near the service for
23 what these analysts do. I could have honed up on
24 it if I had known you were going to ask me. But
25 they are, they're incredibly important. And they

1 in their own right find additional leads for our
2 investigators to search after.

3 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: And that's what I was
4 getting to. I didn't mean to spring it on you
5 suddenly, but I just wanted you to bring out the
6 importance of the analysts and the intelligence
7 gathering behind the scenes and how agents in the
8 field rely so heavily on that. I appreciate what
9 you said, Director.

10 MR. HEROLD: No. And I always look
11 forward to what kind of question I'm going to get.
12 But, you know, and to add a little later to that
13 whole conversation is that besides all the outreach
14 that our the investigators do, our intel analysts
15 also were there making those connections with other
16 groups across the United States.

17 And they bring back information that -- one
18 thing about criminal activity, if it isn't where
19 you're at, it's probably somewhere else. And it
20 helps us to understand when it comes to our
21 particular area how others have gone about
22 combating it and also what type of information
23 they've been able to cultivate from that, and it
24 helps us.

25 And likewise, things that we see is beneficial

1 to other law enforcement agencies across the United
2 States.

3 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you, Director.

4 MR. HEROLD: Thank you. All right. And
5 then lastly, I just want to talk about warehouse
6 space. We have 80,408 square feet. And with us
7 continuing to take on activities and seize slot
8 machines, we're at about 20 percent capacity left.
9 Right now we have in total 8,313 slot machines.
10 That doesn't necessarily include other pieces of
11 evidence that are not slot machines.

12 But in saying that, I do want to share with
13 the Commission that as of yesterday, we have two --
14 I'm going to say somewhere near 260 slot machines,
15 fish tables, CPU computer gambling devices that we
16 are ready to destroy.

17 So we will be destroying some more slot
18 machines this month here, so we will be working
19 very hard to try and get rid of these machines as
20 they are no longer needed for criminal court.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I want to
22 underscore the point for the 2026 priorities,
23 destruction is a top priority.

24 MR. HEROLD: It is. It is for us. As we
25 move into this next year, we've identified that

1 we're going to be very aggressive in trying -- and
2 not to say that we're not already.

3 But we've painted that as one of our
4 highlights for this upcoming years to make sure
5 that we're very aggressive in getting these
6 machines destroyed in all fashions and sometimes
7 maybe in a very public fashion.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I can say that we're all
9 very supportive of those efforts.

10 MR. HEROLD: As we should be doing, so
11 thank you. And that's -- oh, and then the last
12 thing I would like to share is a personnel update,
13 if you don't mind.

14 And that is we recently interviewed for two --
15 a total of four agent positions, two in Miami and
16 two in the newly-allocated locations of Sarasota
17 where we're trying to make a presence in the
18 southwest Florida area.

19 And then we have onboarded an agent here in
20 Tallahassee, a cyber analyst here in Tallahassee,
21 and a digital analyst. The cyber analyst is a
22 criminal analyst who we are going to expand their
23 tool sets, so to speak, so that they're more in
24 tune with investigating the cyber crimes, someone
25 that would be a hybrid between a computer person

1 and a criminal analyst.

2 And it will be holding unique -- at least as
3 far as I can tell in the law enforcement community
4 to have someone like that because we really do need
5 that. And then on the digital analyst that we
6 hired is someone who is tailored to help us find
7 technology solutions that are tailored toward the
8 law enforcement needs that we have.

9 But also they're going to have some
10 investigative function in that they will be tasked
11 with downloading cell phones that are seized
12 because much of the activity that is criminal in
13 nature is taking place on cell phones.

14 And then also we're going to leverage that
15 individual to also help with the cyber crime that
16 for the most part like the iGaming, the illegal
17 iGaming that's going on and finding ways to
18 intercept those funds that individuals are spending
19 and sending overseas. But that's where we're
20 headed with that.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director Herold.
22 Commissioners, any questions or comments?
23 Commissioner Repp.

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: Good morning,
25 Director Herald. I was just curious if you could

1 briefly give us the status of where we're at or
2 what phase we're at with our accreditation?

3 MR. HEROLD: Accreditation, much like
4 Commissioner Brown was saying, the highlights that
5 we have for this coming year, we have identified
6 that at accreditation, we're to the point that I
7 believe we have all the foundational elements to
8 get us moving.

9 Our goal is to be accredited by the end of the
10 year. If not, at least to the point where we can
11 apply and the assessment can take place shortly
12 after that.

13 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you.

14 MR. HEROLD: Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And, Director Herold, I
16 just want to also thank you for providing a guiding
17 document of your priorities for your law
18 enforcement team as we enter this year.
19 Exceptional work laying it all out.

20 Commissioner.

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: A question on the
22 cyber and digital analyst.

23 MR. HEROLD: Sure.

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Those are new
25 positions for us?

1 MR. HEROLD: They are. We requested
2 those positions in I think this last budget year,
3 and we had some difficulty filling them because
4 they are -- within the scope of what we're doing in
5 law enforcement here is kind of unique.

6 Instead of having multiple positions and
7 marrying those skills together, we decided to try
8 and find individuals or create those positions that
9 kind of fit within the scope of what we're doing.
10 That's what these are, and we're very thankful to
11 have those positions.

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: As part of their
13 training and onboarding, will they be also studying
14 or interfacing with other states that are further
15 along perhaps than we are in cyber security?

16 MR. HEROLD: Absolutely. The cooperative
17 kind of interaction between other states is going
18 to be essential because, like I said earlier, the
19 criminal activity doesn't know any state
20 boundaries. And what we learned from what's
21 happening in other states is going to be beneficial
22 to us.

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Right. I mean, you
24 and I both attended Nickel G's conferences, and
25 this is an extremely contemporary topic.

1 MR. HEROLD: Absolutely.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And an area of extreme
3 importance nationwide in states that do have
4 illegal gambling. It's probably all.

5 MR. HEROLD: You only have to look at a
6 little bit of news as it relates to gambling across
7 the United States, and this is very nearly at the
8 top or within the top one or two.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Got it. Thank you.

10 MR. HEROLD: Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Does that conclude your
12 report?

13 MR. HEROLD: It does, unless there are
14 any other questions.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Seeing none.

16 MR. HEROLD: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: One other question, if
18 I may.

19 MR. HEROLD: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I imagine we are
21 always exploring opportunities for additional
22 warehouse space. While we're diligently destroying
23 machines as they come in, and I commend you on the
24 pace with which we are confiscating machines. But
25 it looks like it might be inevitable that we might

1 run out of warehouse space in 2026?

2 MR. HEROLD: My colleague here next to
3 me, the director of administration is actively
4 working on that for us right now. So with her
5 foresight in finding warehouse space and us working
6 with her, I think we'll be successful. But it does
7 involve us getting rid of machines. We cannot hold
8 onto machines after they have no more use in the
9 criminal proceedings.

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Excellent. Thank you.

11 MR. HEROLD: Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director Herold,
13 for your report. I will note as we get into the
14 substance of our meeting today that we do have four
15 closed attorney-client meetings at the conclusion
16 after public comment today.

17 So at that point, we will ask the Florida
18 Channel to cease. We're going to jump right into
19 our agenda, discussion of renewal application for
20 slot machine license.

21 MS. POUNCEY: Good morning. Jamie Pouncey,
22 for the record. Item 3.1, Case No. 2025-079718 is
23 PPI Incorporated. Their application for slot
24 machine license renewal was received on October 8th
25 and has been deemed complete. We've received all

1 the documents needed. The division is recommending
2 approval of their slot license effective January
3 9th of 2026 through January 8th of 2027.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And the
5 application is not necessarily deemed complete
6 until receipt of payment.

7 MS. POUNCEY: Payment has been received.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

9 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can
10 we get a motion to approve the application for
11 renewal effective January 9th of 2026 through
12 January 8th of 2027.

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll make that motion.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll second that.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
17 aye.

18 (Multiple ayes.)

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Now on to two
20 items, discussion of amended application for
21 pari-mutuel licenses.

22 MS. POUNCEY: Item 4.1, Case No. 2025-088223
23 is an application from Tampa Bay Downs to amend its
24 2025-2026 operating license. They're currently
25 approved for 90 performances, and they are

1 requesting to delete several to total in a result
2 number of 90 performances. They have submitted all
3 the documents required, and the division recommends
4 approval.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. If there are no
6 questions, can we get a motion to approve the amend
7 2025-2026 fiscal year operating license schedule.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
12 aye.

13 (Multiple ayes.)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

15 MS. POUNCEY: Item 4.2, Case No. 2026-000329.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Pouncey, before you
17 begin, I just want to say agenda item 4.2 was added
18 to the agenda after the agenda was made available
19 to the public.

20 I've determined that this change to the agenda
21 is made for good cause, and that notification of
22 the change was made at the earliest practicable
23 time. Thank you.

24 MS. POUNCEY: Case No. 2026-000329 is an
25 application from Gulfstream Park Racing Association

1 to amend their 2025-2026 annual operating license
2 dates. They are currently approved for 159
3 performances. They're requesting to amend by
4 canceling several performances, which would result
5 in a total of 139 performances. They've submitted
6 all the required documentation, and the division is
7 recommending approval of the amendment.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

9 Commissioners, are there any questions on this
10 item? Seeing none, we are ripe for a motion.

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a motion to
12 approve.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
14 second?

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
17 in favor, say aye.

18 (Multiple ayes.)

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. Thank you,
20 Ms. Pouncey. We are going to be going into
21 discussion of default final orders.

22 Mr. Hundersmarck, you're going to be talking a
23 lot today.

24 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Good morning.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

1 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Justin Hundersmarck, for
2 the record. I'll group the similar defaults
3 together, unless you'd like them individually.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Could you go through each
5 of them.

6 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Each of them individually?

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: If you could, speak closer
8 into the microphone.

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Sure.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

11 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 5.1 is Gerald Edward
12 Brooks, Case No. 2024-037401. The division seeks
13 the suspension of respondent's pari-mutuel
14 professional individual occupational license due to
15 a default final judgment for financial obligations
16 related to racing at a Florida pari-mutuel
17 facility.

18 The division completed service of the
19 administrative complaint via email on November 18,
20 2025. Respondent did not answer within 21 days.
21 Therefore, the Commission should enter an order
22 with the following findings, that the respondent
23 was properly served the administrative complaint,
24 did not respond within the deadline, and waived the
25 right to request a hearing;

1 That the factual allegations in the
2 administrative complaint -- amended administrative
3 complaint are accepted as the findings of fact in
4 this case, and that respondent's pari-mutuel
5 professional individual occupational license is
6 suspended until the Commission receives
7 confirmation that the financial obligation has been
8 met.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

10 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can
11 we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation
12 as presented.

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a motion to
14 approve the staff recommendation.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

16 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
18 aye.

19 (Multiple ayes.)

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Item 5.2,
21 please.

22 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 5.2 is Cecilia Sobrino
23 Rodriguez, 2024-072809. The case materials include
24 the administrative complaint alleging that
25 respondent was a patron of and was excluded from

1 Casino Miami.

2 The division seeks permanent exclusion of
3 respondent from all pari-mutuel facilities and any
4 facility of a slot machine licensee in Florida.

5 The case materials include a USPS certified
6 mail tracking information and confirmation of
7 delivery on October 27, 2025. Respondent did not
8 answer by the 21-day deadline. Therefore, the
9 Commission should enter an order with the following
10 findings:

11 That the respondent was properly served the
12 administrative complaint, did not respond within
13 the deadline and waived the right to request a
14 hearing, that the factual allegations in the
15 administrative complaint are accepted as the
16 findings of fact in this case, and that respondent
17 shall be permanently excluded from all pari-mutual
18 facilities and any facility of a slot machine
19 licensee in Florida.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,
21 if there are no questions, can we get a motion to
22 approve the staff recommendation.

23 COMMISSIONER REPP: Motion to approve staff
24 recommendation.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
3 aye.

4 (Multiple ayes.)

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Item 5.3.

6 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 5.3 is Manuel Cepero,
7 Case No. 2025-054088. The case materials include
8 the administrative complaint alleging that
9 respondent was a patron of and was excluded from
10 Magic City Casino. The division seeks permanent
11 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities and any
12 facility of a slot machine licensee of Florida.

13 The case materials include the a USPS
14 certified mail tracking information and
15 confirmation of delivery on November 16, 2025. He
16 provided an election of rights, but it was filed
17 past the 21-day deadline, which makes this a
18 default case.

19 Therefore, the Commission should enter an
20 order with the following findings, that the
21 respondent was properly served the administrative
22 complaint, did not respond within the deadline and
23 waived the right for request of hearing, that the
24 factual allegations in the administrative complaint
25 are accepted as the findings of fact in this case,

1 and the respondent shall be permanently excluded
2 from all pari-mutuel facilities and any facility of
3 a slot machine licensee in Florida.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Hundersmarck, I have a
5 question on this item, as well as a similar
6 questions on Item 5.5. Magic City excluded Cepero
7 until his 21st birthday, which will be [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]. But our order that is being presented is to
9 permanently exclude this patron or this respondent.

10 How will this be enforced or addressed with
11 Magic City and synchronized with the staff
12 recommendation?

13 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So he would be placed on
14 the statewide exclusion list. It would be enforced
15 the same way as it would be for the next three
16 years where the facility is primarily responsible
17 for enforcing that.

18 MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier, for the record.
19 If he's placed on a statewide exclusion list, even
20 if Magic City lifts the exclusion on his 21st
21 birthday, he is still excluded from all pari-mutual
22 and slot machine facilities in the state of Florida
23 while on our list.

24 So while they may in three years when he
25 becomes 21 remove him, they have to follow the

1 statewide exclusion list.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

3 Commissioners, any questions? We are ready
4 for a motion to approve the staff recommendation.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll make that motion.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
9 aye.

10 (Multiple ayes.)

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Item 5.4.

12 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 5.4 is Sean Robert
13 O'Boyle Stone, Case No. 2025-054403. The division
14 seeks the revocation of respondent's cardroom
15 employee occupational license. The division filed
16 a three-count administrative complaint alleging
17 that respondent pled guilty to a disqualifying
18 misdemeanor involving larceny, did not notify the
19 Commission within 48 hours of the conviction, and
20 did not notify within five days of the arrest.

21 The case materials include an affidavit that
22 personal service was completed on November 7, 2025.
23 Respondent did not answer within 21 days.
24 Therefore, the Commission should enter an order
25 with the following findings, that the respondent

1 was properly served with the administrative
2 complaint, did not respond within the deadline, and
3 waived the right to request a hearing, that the
4 factual allegations in the administrative complaint
5 are accepted as the findings of fact in this case,
6 and that respondent's cardroom employee
7 occupational license is revoked.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,
9 if there are no questions, can we get a motion to
10 approve the staff recommendation.

11 Commissioner Drago.

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
14 second.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
17 aye.

18 (Multiple ayes.)

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And lastly, 5.5.

20 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 5.5 is Sergio Melendez
21 Rodriguez, Case No. 2025-055766. The case
22 materials include the two-count administrative
23 complaint alleging that respondent was a patron of
24 and was excluded from both Casino Miami and from
25 Hialeah Park Racing & Casino.

1 The division seeks permanent exclusion from
2 all pari-mutuel facilities and any facility of a
3 slot machine license in Florida. The case
4 materials include the USPS certified mail tracking
5 information and confirmation of delivery on
6 November 10, 2025.

7 They did not answer by the 21-day deadline.
8 Therefore, the Commission should enter an order
9 with the following findings, that the respondent
10 was properly served the administrative complaint,
11 did not respond within the deadline and waived the
12 right to request a hearing, that the factual
13 allegations in the administrative complaint are
14 accepted as the findings of fact in this case, and
15 that respondent shall be permanently excluded from
16 all pari-mutuel facilities and any facility of a
17 slot machine licensee in Florida.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
19 Mr. Hundersmarck.

20 And this is similar again. Magic City
21 excluded the respondent for one year from the date.
22 Again, this is going to be on -- the recommendation
23 is to put him on a permanent statewide exclusion
24 list.

25 But I will note that this individual was also

1 permanently excluded from Casino Miami and Hialeah
2 Park earlier. So was he already on our statewide
3 exclusion list?

4 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: He was not. He was added
5 after this third exclusion.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any
7 questions? All right. Can we get a motion to
8 approve the staff recommendation.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I make motion to
10 approve the staff recommendation.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

12 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
14 aye.

15 (Multiple ayes.)

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Passes
17 unanimously. We are going into settlement offers
18 6.1 through 6.3.

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.1 is St. Petersburg
20 Kennel Club, Incorporated, doing business as Derby
21 Lane and/or Win! Derby, Case No. 2025-001169.
22 Respondent seeks the adoption of the proposed
23 stipulation and consent order to resolve this
24 five-count amended administrative complaint which
25 alleged four violations about limiting access to

1 the surveillance room so people on the access list
2 and by failing to mark the table number on an
3 envelope containing a damaged card that had been
4 withdrawn from playing.

5 Pursuant to the terms of the proposed order,
6 respondent will agree to pay an administrative fine
7 of \$2,375.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, sir.

9 Commissioners, this was one of those that we
10 discussed during our attorney-client session in
11 November. If there are no questions, can we please
12 get a motion to approve the stipulation and consent
13 order.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a motion to
15 approve the stipulation and consent order.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

17 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
20 aye.

21 (Multiple ayes.)

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 6.2.

23 MS. VALENTINE: Item 6.2 is Edgar David Diaz,
24 Case No. 2025-011098. This stipulation and consent
25 order is in front of the commissioners following

1 the commissioners voting unanimously to approve the
2 recommended order filed by the hearing officer in
3 this case.

4 The recommended order recommended that
5 Mr. Diaz be granted his application for a cardroom
6 employee occupational license subject to conditions
7 relating to reporting and any arrest or conviction
8 of a criminal offense and licensure suspension.

9 Based on the recommended order which was
10 adopted by the Commission, commission staff have
11 now presented a stipulation and consent order to
12 commissioners that's been agreed upon by Mr. Diaz,
13 and it contains the license conditions that the
14 hearing officer mentioned, which includes a
15 probationary period beginning as of the date of the
16 stipulation and consent order and ending on the
17 last day of his following licensure period.

18 And in addition, for the probation period,
19 Mr. Diaz would be required to report any arrest
20 within 48 hours and would also upon any arrest or
21 any violation, a criminal violation or
22 administrative violation would agree to surrender
23 his license which would then be canceled by the
24 Commission.

25 Commission staff requests that the

1 commissioners adopt these stipulation and consent
2 order and issue a final order granting Mr. Diaz's
3 license subject to those conditions.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5 Commissioners, are there questions on this
6 item? If not, we are ready to get a motion to
7 approve the stipulation and consent order and grant
8 the license subject to those items mentioned in
9 there.

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that
13 motion.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
15 aye.

16 (Multiple ayes.)

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

18 Thank you, Ms. Valentine. 6.3, please.

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.3 is Hector Garcia
20 Cornejo Y Santana, Case No. 2025-059681.
21 Respondent seeks the adoption of the proposed
22 settlement and consent order to resolve this case.
23 This case came up in the November meeting.

24 The Commission had filed an administrative
25 complaint seeking suspension of the professional

1 license of respondent under 551.0157 due to an
2 unpaid financial obligation.

3 Respondent has since repaid the financial
4 obligation. And pursuant to the terms of this
5 proposed settlement, respondent agrees to pay a
6 \$500 administrative fine, while the Commission
7 agrees not to take any further action on the
8 license in this matter.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

10 Commissioners, any questions? If not, can we
11 get a motion to approve the consent order and
12 stipulation.

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
17 aye.

18 (Multiple ayes.)

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And we're going
20 into request for waivers. We have 7.1 through 7.7.

21 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.1 is Christian Lewis
22 Karcher, Case No. 2025-071167. Here the applicant
23 applied for a cardroom employee occupational
24 license in order to work as a chip runner. Upon
25 review of the application, it was discovered that

1 they had been convicted of three disqualifying
2 offenses.

3 Those were three felony counts of sell
4 manufacture or deliver cannabis from 2017. On that
5 initial application, he answered yes to the
6 question asking about convictions or pleas to
7 current charges.

8 He disclosed some of his criminal record, but
9 got some of the details incorrect, like the fact
10 that it was three counts for the marijuana sale
11 conviction. He also left off two of the other
12 dispositions.

13 He received one deficiency letter asking for
14 records. On the amended application, he again got
15 some details wrong, but provided all the needed
16 records. On his request for waiver, he marked yes
17 on one of the felony questions, but not the other
18 about the felonies.

19 He has been unreachable to the investigator
20 who has tried multiple times to schedule and
21 complete an interview. So his request for waiver
22 is considered incomplete without that interview.

23 He has at least \$768 of unpaid fees from the
24 felony counts for marijuana sale. Here we ask that
25 you authorize staff to issue letter of license

1 denial.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

3 Commissioners, are there any thoughts or
4 comments on this item? If not, we are ready for a
5 motion.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Make a motion to issue a
7 license denial.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Can we get a
9 second.

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
12 aye.

13 (Multiple ayes.)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Item 7.2, we do have a
15 speaker on this. I'll note just to remind him to
16 press star 6 to unmute the phone. We're going to
17 have our staff present the overview first.

18 Mr. Hundersmarck.

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.2 is Zachary Ryan
20 Orange, Case No. 2025-072257. The applicant
21 applied for a cardroom employee occupational
22 license to work as a poker dealer.

23 Upon review of the application, it was
24 discovered that the applicant was convicted of one
25 disqualifying offense, which was felony possession

1 of Alprazolam from 2023.

2 On his initial application, he marked yes on
3 the question about criminal convictions. He
4 disclosed the details of two out of four
5 convictions missing two of the misdemeanor
6 convictions that stem from the same arrest as the
7 felony.

8 He was sent two deficiency letters, both
9 asking for his ID cards. The third letter simply
10 informed him he could apply for a waiver. It seems
11 the division already had all of the arrest records
12 and court disposition records from 2023 when his
13 cardroom employee occupational license was revoked
14 for his convictions and for failure to notify of
15 the convictions and arrest.

16 On his request for waiver, he did not mark the
17 box about felony convictions. However, he had
18 already disclosed the felony by that point. He did
19 mark yes on the question about having had a license
20 revoked in the past.

21 He completed a waiver interview, and the
22 report is included in the materials. In this case,
23 we ask that you authorize staff to issue a letter
24 of license denial.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And before we get to the

1 speaker, just a question on your overview. He is
2 applying for poker dealer?

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And all his fines and
5 probation have been completed; is that correct?

6 MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier, for the record.
7 That's correct, as of March of 2025.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Now I would ask
9 Mr. Oranje to press star 6 to unmute the phone.
10 You have the floor, sir.

11 MR. ORANJE: Hello. Good morning. My name is
12 Zach Oranje, and I live in Ocala.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

14 MR. ORANJE: First, I want to thank all of you
15 for taking the time to review my case and giving me
16 a chance to speak. I'm not here to make excuses
17 for my actions. I know what I did was both wrong
18 and dangerous.

19 I am so ashamed of how low of a place I was
20 when I got my DUI, but I'm doing the best I can now
21 to be a better person. As part of my
22 rehabilitation, I had to do 12 weeks of mental
23 health and substance abuse counseling, 200 hours of
24 community service, drug testing every month, a
25 two-day driver improvement course, as well as lose

1 my driver's license and pay a multitude of fines.

2 At the time of my arrest, I feel I was at a
3 rock bottom in my life using drugs to cope with
4 negative emotions. But the counseling helped me
5 realize that I really needed to work on my mental
6 health.

7 So I enrolled in additional therapy sessions
8 online, and I have been learning more healthy ways
9 to cope with stress, anxiety, and depression. I
10 want to be a contributing member of society, not
11 a detriment to it.

12 Keeping my mental health in check is a top
13 priority for me now. I also have just been trying
14 to be more healthy and make better choices overall.
15 Honestly, I have been doing so much better. I can
16 say with confidence I have not taken a single Xanax
17 or any other pill or legal drug, for that matter,
18 since the time of my arrest.

19 I will never turn to pills again to deal with
20 problems, to party, or for any other reason. After
21 my arrest, I had to move in with my parents. I got
22 a job at a gas station and worked full time for the
23 length of my probation.

24 Recently, my dad passed away, and I moved back
25 to Ocala. I got my driver's license back,

1 completed probation, and I'm renting a small place
2 with a girlfriend I love and our three daughters.

3 She is very supportive as well, as well as my
4 close friends and my family. I'm very thankful for
5 the people in my life and that I have such a strong
6 support system. I'm currently working full time at
7 the Zale's diamond store in Ocala.

8 If I'm able to get my gaming license back, it
9 will make our lives easier. I'll be able to save
10 more money. I'll also be able to go back to doing
11 something I love and have a passion for, something
12 I'm really good at and take pride in.

13 I'm calling in today to ask for a second
14 chance. I deeply regret the actions that led me
15 here, but I can tell you I'm not the same person as
16 I was three years ago.

17 I'm not bitter about the consequences I faced
18 and am taking now, but I'm eager to put this in the
19 past and move forward with the life I want to live.
20 Thank you, everyone who works for the Commission
21 who has emailed me back and forth, returned my
22 calls, and met with me and helped me get this far.
23 Thank you, all, again for hearing my case and
24 giving me the opportunity to speak.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, and thank you so

1 much for your honesty and for the additional effort
2 that you provided here and the information here.

3 Commissioners, are there any questions of the
4 individual? Thank you. If you could just put your
5 phone back on mute, that would be great. We're
6 going to have discussion on this item.

7 Commissioners, are there thoughts or questions
8 of staff at this time from the bench? If not, we
9 are ready for a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I would just I'm inclined
11 to grant waiver based on the offense and
12 information we have up here say he has been
13 rehabilitated since this offense. So I would be
14 inclined to grant that and allow him another
15 opportunity to make a living in the state of
16 Florida.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. That sounds
18 like a motion. Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
21 in favor, say aye.

22 (Multiple ayes.)

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously. He
24 will be granted a license. Thank you. We are
25 moving on to 7.3. We also have a speaker on this

1 item.

2 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.3 is Derek Michael
3 Chrans, Case No. 2025-072282. Here the applicant
4 applied for a cardroom employee occupational
5 license to work as a poker dealer.

6 Upon review of the application, it was
7 discovered that they had one disqualifying offense,
8 which was felony aggravated unlawful use of a
9 weapon on a person from 2012.

10 On his initial application, not counting his
11 temporary license application, he marked no on the
12 question about any convictions or pleading guilty
13 to or no contest to any criminal charges and did
14 not disclose any criminal record when he should
15 have disclosed at least six, possibly more that he
16 pled to.

17 He received four deficiency letters and
18 provided more information with each letter, but it
19 wasn't a completed application until after the
20 fourth letter. His amended application disclosed
21 all of the criminal record, except for calling the
22 one felony a misdemeanor.

23 On his request for waiver, he answered one of
24 the two questions about having a felony accurately,
25 but left another one blank when it should have been

1 marked yes.

2 A waiver interview was conducted August 25,
3 2025, and the report is in the case materials.
4 Here we ask the authorized staff to issue a letter
5 of license denial.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I believe
7 the pronunciation is Mr. Chrans. I'm sorry if I
8 butchered you last name. I apologize. If you
9 could press star six to unmute your phone, you have
10 the floor.

11 MR. CHRANS: I'm sorry. It's Chrans.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Chrans, thank you.

13 MR. CHRANS: Yes, I know what I did was wrong.
14 I admitted it in my investigation. I admitted it
15 to Mr. Washington as well. And I corrected
16 everything that was on the application. And I
17 thought it was sealed or expunged, to which it was
18 not. And it just got sealed probably a month ago,
19 which I have presented that to my case. Sorry.
20 Hello.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Hello. You still have the
22 floor.

23 MR. CHRANS: Okay. I want to thank you guys
24 for having me this morning. I just wanted to
25 answer and touch base on my felony from 2011. I

1 have been rehabilitated back in 2019.

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'm sorry. I didn't.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can you repeat that?

4 MR. CHRANS: Yeah.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It's just a little unclear.
6 If you can repeat that for the record and our court
7 reporter and our commissioners here.

8 MR. CHRANS: I want to admit that I'm sorry
9 for making a mistake on putting the wrongful
10 answers down on my application.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 MR. CHRANS: And that I did not understand the
13 application correctly. Some states only go back
14 four or five years, and I did not know it was a
15 level two background, whatever. I asked the lady
16 at the office in Tampa Bay Downs.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Does that
18 conclude your comment?

19 MR. CHRANS: No. I want to apologize again
20 for everything that I've done wrong on the
21 application not understanding how it was worded on
22 the application. Now all I want to do is become a
23 poker dealer again, enjoy what I enjoy being in
24 life and working as a poker dealer. I enjoy the
25 game, I enjoy dealing, I enjoy the people, and I

1 enjoy the atmosphere.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

3 MR. CHRANS: And I just want to --

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Go ahead.

5 MR. CHRANS: Sorry. I just pause every time
6 because it echos in my phone.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We hear you.

8 MR. CHRANS: Yes. I just want to get back to
9 work. And I know what I did was wrong, and I'm
10 terribly sorry. I want to admit. But, yes, that
11 concludes my speech.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for providing us
13 the information.

14 Commissioners, are there any questions of the
15 individual?

16 Yes, Commissioner Drago.

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just one question, if I
18 could, Mr. Chrans. You mentioned something in
19 2019, but I couldn't understand what it was that
20 you said about 2019. Can you repeat what that was?

21 MR. CHRANS: Yes. I went to domestic violence
22 and counseling classes.

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: In 2019, you were
24 arrested for that at that point?

25 MR. CHRANS: Yeah. I was charged with

1 domestic battery.

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any other
4 questions of the individual?

5 Thank you, Mr. Chrans. If you could, mute
6 your phone. Thank you.

7 Are there any questions?

8 MR. CHRANS: Yes, ma'am.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

10 Are there any questions of staff or discussion
11 here?

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just one as it relates to
13 that. So we have an arrest in 2019, I believe, for
14 domestic battery. Do we have that?

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes. That was adjudication
16 of guilt.

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: That was in 2019?

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago.

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Again, has probation been
22 completed, Mr. Hundersmarck, and fines fully paid?

23 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: He has no unpaid fines. He
24 was sentenced to 18 months probation, plus fines.
25 He completed probation early. This was 2012.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

2 Commissioners, any other comments or
3 questions? Commissioner Repp.

4 COMMISSIONER REPP: I would like to just state
5 my position that the application is very clear. It
6 doesn't say the last five years. It doesn't say
7 the last ten years. It asks to have the criminal
8 information, all of it, acknowledged at the time of
9 the application, which takes staff time to then
10 issue deficiency letters and gather this
11 information yet again.

12 We have a summary of an interview where he
13 stated that he did not report his criminal history
14 because he was told he would not get a license the
15 same day if he did. I believe he was fully aware
16 that if he was truthful, he would not get a
17 license.

18 And he intentionally filled out the
19 application and got it for three months, which, of
20 course, comes to the Commission the omission, which
21 the same is allowed. That in combination with the
22 numerous other contacts with law enforcement in
23 other unique circumstances of this case, I find
24 this file insufficient to grant a waiver under
25 Florida statute section 550.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
2 Commissioner Repp. And I completely agree with all
3 of your comments. If in are no other comments,
4 Commissioner Repp, we're ready for a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER REPP: Make a motion to deny the
6 waiver.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
10 aye.

11 (Multiple ayes.)

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are on to
13 7.4.

14 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.4 is Robbin Elaine
15 Moyer, Case No. 2025-073814. Here the applicant
16 applied for a cardroom employee occupational
17 license to work as a cage cashier. Upon review of
18 the application, it was discovered that the
19 applicant had one disqualifying misdemeanor
20 offense, which was a fraudulent check less than
21 \$500 first offense from 1993.

22 She has had a cardroom employee occupational
23 license before from 2014 to 2015 and was issued a
24 temporary license in July of 2025. On her initial
25 application for the three-year license in 2025, she

1 answered no on the question about criminal
2 convictions or pleas and no on the question about
3 the five listed kinds of dishonesty offenses. She
4 provided more of the documents after each of four
5 deficiency letters. And on her amended
6 application, she disclosed the 1993 misdemeanor
7 conviction and requested a waiver.

8 On that waiver request, she did not mark
9 anything on the question about the listed
10 dishonesty offenses that she should have marked yes
11 for and inaccurately marked yes about one of the
12 questions about felonies when she does not have a
13 felony.

14 She completed a waiver interview, and the
15 report is included in the case materials. All
16 fines were paid. Here we ask the authorized staff
17 to issue a letter of license denial.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Hundersmarck, I have a
19 question about her license. She retained it from
20 2013 to 2015. Was it for the same position that
21 she's applying for as a cage cashier?

22 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I believe so.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Do we know why? Was it
24 just it lapsed? She didn't reapply or pay her --
25 what was -- why did it laps from 2013 to 2015?

1 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: It doesn't say why it
2 lapsed. The VersaCheck, it's the licensing check
3 just shows when it was active.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Director Dillmore, do you
5 have --

6 MR. DILLMORE: Glenda Ricks who oversees our
7 licensing, I think she can provide some additional
8 information.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That would be great. Thank
10 you. Good morning.

11 MS. RICKS: Good morning, Commissioners.
12 Glenda Ricks, for the record. Ms. Moyer was issued
13 a license in 2012 for a three-year licensing cycle,
14 2012 to 2015. I'd like to clarify that license did
15 not lapse. She did not renew it, for whatever
16 personal reasons that she had.

17 She did reapply recently. Indicated in the
18 investigative report that she desired to return to
19 the workforce in this position. The offense was
20 known in 2012. It was an oversight with one of the
21 licensing analyst, so the license was granted back
22 then.

23 When she reapplied recently, the oversight was
24 caught, and we recommended that she go through the
25 waiver process so that we can clarify the records.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I appreciate
2 the thorough background.

3 Commissioners, are there any questions of
4 Ms. Ricks?

5 Commissioner Drago.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So this offense was a
7 misdemeanor in 1993, and we have nothing else,
8 right, that we're aware of?

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: No other convictions, but
10 two arrests. There was a dropped charge for the
11 same thing in 2003 and another for the same thing
12 in 1994. No information is available on the
13 disposition or sentencing of the 1994 one.

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So she was charged two
15 more times besides the 1993 up to 2004, you said?

16 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 2003, yes. Correct.

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: 2003.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila
19 Commissioners, are there any other questions or
20 comments? Yes, Commissioner Drago.

21 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: In terms of her license
22 the last time, do we have any record of any
23 discipline, any investigations, anything like that
24 regarding her and her license at that time that you
25 are aware of?

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Could you come up to the
2 podium, please. Thank you.

3 MS. RICKS: Glenda Ricks regarding the license
4 that was issued for the 2012-2015 licensing cycle,
5 there was no discipline during that period.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you very much.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

8 Commissioner D'Aquila.

9 COMMISSIONER d'AQUILA: So my understanding is
10 basically we have nothing that has occurred in the
11 last 22 years. There are no felonies. It is a
12 misdemeanor, and the misdemeanor here is a check
13 that did not clear?

14 MS. RICKS: That is correct.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, I think
17 Commissioner D'Aquila kind of was alluding to the
18 fact that the amount of time that has lapsed. Any
19 other comments?

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'd like to make a
21 motion to approve the license.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second.

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I would agree as well. Any
25 other comments? All those in favor, say aye.

1 (Multiple ayes.)

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any opposed? Passes
3 unanimously. Thank you. We are moving on to 7.5.

4 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.5 is Steven Lewis,
5 Case No. 2025-073896. Here the applicant applied
6 for a pari-mutuel wagering professional individual
7 occupational license to be an animal owner.

8 Upon review of the application, it was
9 discovered that the applicant was convicted of one
10 disqualifying felony offense, which was bringing in
11 and harboring aliens from 2018. Aside from a
12 temporary license, he has not held a Florida
13 pari-mutuel license before.

14 On his initial application, he marked yes on
15 the question about criminal convictions, but did
16 not actually list the offenses. He was sent six
17 deficiency letters asking for the updated
18 application and the arrest records and court
19 documents.

20 His amended application included all the
21 records and disclosed his criminal record, but had
22 some of the details wrong. On his request for
23 waiver, he marked one question yes about felony
24 convictions, but left another one blank about
25 felony convictions.

1 He completed a waiver interview, and the
2 report is included in the case materials. There is
3 no record of any unpaid fees or fines. Here we ask
4 that you authorize staff to issue a letter of
5 license denial.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,
7 are there any thoughts or comments on this? If
8 not, we are ready for a motion.
9 Commissioner D'Aquila.

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Make a motion to deny.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
12 second?

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
15 in favor, say aye.

16 (Multiple ayes.)

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously, the
18 motion.

19 MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier, for the record.
20 Just for clarification, on Item 7.4, Ms. Moyer, I
21 believe the motion was to grant the license.
22 However, it was a request for a waiver. Would the
23 Commission clarify if that motion includes to grant
24 the waiver and grant the license.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I'm sure

1 Commissioner D'Aquila meant that.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will clarify the
3 motion was intended to grant the waiver.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And the
5 individual who second it also agrees as well?

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yes, I do agree. Yes.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for the
8 clarification. 7.6.

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.6 is Jonathan Jay
10 Mortimer, Case No. 2025-077008. Here the applicant
11 applied for a PMW individual occupational license
12 in order to be an animal owner.

13 Upon review of the application, it was
14 discovered that the applicant was convicted of one
15 disqualifying offense, which was felony prohibited
16 weapons and devices, large capacity ammunition
17 magazine from 2023.

18 On his initial application, he answered no to
19 the question about criminal convictions or pleading
20 to charges, when he should have had at least two
21 convictions on there.

22 He was sent three deficiency letters. The
23 applicant then sent in the court records. It
24 appears investigations obtained the 2016 arrest
25 report, not from him. And he did not send in the

1 2022 arrest report.

2 On his waiver request sent in after the court
3 records, he marked yes on the question about being
4 a new applicant to Florida who has been convicted
5 of any felony. He left the other question on the
6 same waiver document about any felony conviction
7 unmarked when it should have been marked yes.

8 He completed a waiver interview, and the
9 report is included in the case materials. In this
10 case, we ask the authorized staff to issue a letter
11 of license denial.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

13 Are there questions on this item? If not,
14 we're ready for a motion. Commissioner Drago, your
15 motion.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Make a motion to issue a
17 letter of denial.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
19 second?

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll second that
21 motion.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Any discussion?
23 All those in favor, say aye.

24 (Multiple ayes.)

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Passes

1 unanimously. 7.7.

2 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.7 is Matthew Geraldo
3 Santiago, Case No. 2025-080903. Here the applicant
4 applied for a slot machine/cardroom/PMW individual
5 combination occupational license in order to work
6 as a bartender.

7 Upon review of the application, it was
8 discovered that they had one disqualifying
9 misdemeanor offense for theft intent to deprive
10 from 2011. He has not applied for a Florida
11 pari-mutuel license before.

12 He answered no on a question about criminal
13 convictions. He was sent one deficiency letter
14 asking about his arrest. And then on the amended
15 application, he provided the records and did list
16 the two convictions.

17 He filled out the waiver request accurately.
18 He completed a waiver interview, and the report is
19 included in the case materials. They do not have
20 any unpaid fines or court costs. Here we ask the
21 authorized staff to issue a letter of license
22 denial.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

24 MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier, for the record.
25 For clarification, there is no recommendation on

1 this. It's for your consideration for a waiver.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

3 And the disqualifying offense is theft?

4 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I'm trying to look at the
6 background here.

7 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: It was a shoplifting
8 incident.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Earrings?

10 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are there
12 any questions on this?

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: If I just to get it on
14 the record and clarification again in terms of the
15 person's history, 2017 there is arrest for
16 misdemeanor marijuana as far as the conduct, right?

17 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So there's a 2016
18 conviction for disorderly conduct misdemeanor
19 adjudication withheld. He was sentenced to fines.
20 This started as a marijuana possession charge, and
21 he mistakenly called that on his amended
22 application. It was not disclosed in the initial.
23 That's from Georgia.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And he's applying to be a
25 bartender?

1 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Correct.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago, any
3 questions?

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, do you have
6 any comments or questions on this item? The floor
7 is open.

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: Since 2016, was the
9 conviction, is that correct, on the last matter on
10 the marijuana?

11 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: On the disorderly conduct,
12 yes.

13 COMMISSIONER REPP: And has there been any
14 conduct, any law enforcement contact since then?

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Not since then.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any other questions or
17 comments? Is there a specific timeline for us to
18 decide this?

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: The timeline has been
20 waived when he applied for a waiver of the
21 restrictions excluding offenders.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, would you
23 like to defer this and seek more information?
24 Commissioner Repp.

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: There's no letters.

1 There's really not a whole lot here to base the
2 waiver on. I was hoping to see more evidence that
3 would help us make a decision as to whether or not
4 this is something sufficient to meet the statute.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
6 Commissioner Repp. Commissioners.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I agree with that. I
8 think that's probably why we're all kind of
9 stumbling around up here. We don't really have --
10 I don't -- and I'm speaking for everyone. I don't
11 feel like I have enough information. I would like
12 to know more, if we are able to get any other
13 information, in terms of this rehabilitation, would
14 help me make a decision.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

16 Mr. Hundersmarck, we'd like to defer this item
17 and ask staff to seek more information, provide us
18 more guidance so we can make an appropriate
19 decision. Okay?

20 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Okay.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All right. We
22 are moving on to license denials, starting with
23 8.1.

24 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 8.1 is Sherry Ann
25 Hill, Case No. 2025-078132. She is applying for a

1 slot machine/cardroom/PMW individual combination
2 occupational license to work as a beverage server.

3 She has two disqualifying felony convictions.
4 First, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon
5 without intent to kill from 1999. Second, cannabis
6 purchase from 2000. She disclosed both of her
7 convictions on her initial application.

8 It appears she had also been mistakenly
9 arrested after someone stole her identity. After
10 one deficiency letter, she provided a certification
11 from the court that shows the absence of any
12 conviction for that after the arrest for that.

13 She is not eligible for a waiver, so there was
14 no waiver request and no interview. Here we ask
15 the authorized staff to issue a letter of license
16 denial. I'm told she's going to speak.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That is correct. I
18 appreciate that. We do not have her on the phone
19 to speak.

20 Commissioners, are there any questions or
21 comments on this item? Commissioner Drago.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Again, to clarify, there
23 has been nothing since 2000, right, when she was
24 convicted of the purchase of marijuana?

25 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I don't believe so.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And the license that she's
2 applying for is a beverage server?

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Correct. That's confirmed,
4 there's nothing since then.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'm inclined to look at
6 this as a person who has been rehabilitated. We
7 don't have any other information otherwise. These
8 offenses are 25 years, 26 years old. I don't know
9 if I want to stand in her way of getting employment
10 based on offenses that occurred so long ago.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
12 Commissioner Drago. Commissioner D'Aquila.

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will add to
14 Commissioner Drago's comment. Twenty-five years
15 with no criminal activity is quite some time and
16 also adding the type of employment sought here --
17 grant the license.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I would agree
19 with both commissioners. If there are any other
20 comments, we were ready for a motion.
21 Commissioner D'Aquila.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I make a motion to
23 approve the request for license.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
25 second?

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
3 in favor, say aye.

4 (Multiple ayes.)

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously. 8.2.

6 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 8.2 is Casey K.
7 Santiago, Case No. 2025-080536. He is applying for
8 a slot machine/cardroom/PMW individual combination
9 occupational license to work as a maintenance
10 technician.

11 Upon review of the application, it appears he
12 was convicted of one disqualifying felony offense,
13 schedule one or two sell give or distribute with
14 the arrest in 2016 and the conviction in 2018.

15 He sent in an application in an outdated
16 format on October 9th and wrote no for the question
17 about criminal convictions, and he was sent the
18 first deficiency letter asking for information
19 about his arrests.

20 And a few days later, he sent in the most
21 current application format where he marked no on
22 the question on the question about criminal
23 convictions, but he listed the felony. The second
24 letter asked for records on a 2020 arrest, which
25 was a removal or deportation proceeding.

1 He provided a document showing the removal was
2 canceled. And the third letter asked for the 2016
3 arrest report, which he provided. He has no unpaid
4 fines or court costs. He is not eligible for a
5 waiver due to the license type and the felony, so
6 there was no waiver request or interview. In this
7 case, we ask the authorized staff to issue a letter
8 of license denial.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. Thank you,
10 Mr. Hundersmarck. Commissioner D'Aquila.

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yes, a question. I'm
12 looking at the background information. So there
13 was a drug conviction in January 2020 in Fairfax
14 County, Virginia, but it's with the immigration
15 court. Can you explain that for me?

16 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Picked up for removal. My
17 guess is Homeland Security reviewed the felony
18 record. And that's why he was arrested for that
19 proceeding, which was then canceled.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any other
21 questions or comments? Commissioner Drago.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I think for me, it's a
23 little too soon for an offense like that to assume
24 that he's been rehabilitated without any other
25 information that would indicate that he was. A

1 serious offense like that just a few years ago, so
2 I would not be inclined to grant the license.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I would tend to agree with
4 Commissioner Drago with your comments and also with
5 the rest of his background in the file, too. Any
6 other questions? Commissioner Drago.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I make a motion to deny.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
9 second?

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any other discussion? All
12 those in favor, say aye.

13 (Multiple ayes.)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Lastly, 8.3.

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 8.3 is Gregory Travis
16 Shotwell, Case No. 2025-0982208. He is applying
17 for a slot machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel individual
18 combination occupational license in order to work
19 in security.

20 Upon review of his application which was
21 deemed complete, it appears the applicant was
22 convicted of one disqualifying offense that was
23 felony grand theft from 2005. On his initial
24 application, he marked no on both the question
25 about criminal convictions and the question about

1 the listed offenses relating to dishonesty.

2 The first deficiency letter asked for all
3 records about the 2005 arrest. He amends his
4 application to list it, but didn't provide the
5 records. Then the second and third letters asked
6 again for the arrest reports, which he then
7 provided.

8 He previously had a PMW license and was
9 granted a waiver in 2023 for his disqualifying.
10 However, that previous waiver was for a different
11 kind of license.

12 For the slot combo license he is applying for
13 now, he's not eligible for a waiver. In this case,
14 we ask that you authorize a letter of license
15 denial.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
17 Mr. Hundersmarck. You went right to the question I
18 was going to ask about his prior license and
19 whether it lapsed. It did not. It looks like he
20 was working at Gulfstream during that period of
21 time.

22 Do you have more information about the license
23 and what position he was in? He's applying to be a
24 security officer.

25 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: What information were you

1 looking for about the license?

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I would like to know what
3 type it was and what his employment was. I know he
4 worked at Gulfstream during that period.

5 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I don't believe the file
6 says. Our other departments might have it.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It looks like his license
8 expired June 30, 2025; correct?

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I'm not sure. He said yes.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Taupier. Okay.

11 Commissioners, any questions on this?

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: My question is the same.
13 What license did he have prior, and did he have any
14 discipline or any issues while he was licensed the
15 last time?

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I note that
17 Ms. Ricks looks like she's looking that information
18 up.

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: To reiterate the slot combo
20 license he's applying for now is not what he was
21 doing before. The current one is a slot combo.
22 And since 2023, he has maintained continuous
23 licensure. I'm sorry I said that in a confusing
24 way.

25 MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier, for the record.

1 He was issued his license in April of 2023. He was
2 working as a security guard.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And to
4 Commissioner Drago's point, there has been no
5 licensure issues and no disciplinary?

6 MR. TAUPIER: There is nothing in the
7 record to suggest he has any discipline.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Just so I'm clear
9 here, there's been nothing since 2005?

10 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So there was a 2008
11 misdemeanor withheld adjudication for misdemeanor
12 cannibals possession, but it's not 100 percent
13 verified. It's on the court docket, but it's not
14 on the background check.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,
16 if you're inclined to grant a license with
17 basically the same position, other than it's a
18 combo license. I would support that given the
19 amount of time that has lapsed, the position he's
20 applying for, and his rehabilitation evidence.

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'd like to make a motion
22 to grant the license.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that
25 motion.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
2 in favor, say aye.

3 (Multiple ayes.)

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And thank you,
5 Mr. Hundersmarck. We are now on to final orders
6 9.1 and 9.2.

7 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 9.1 is Matthew Luis
8 Perez, Case No. 2025-054235. The case materials
9 include the administrative complaint alleging that
10 respondent was a patron of and was excluded from
11 Magic City Casino.

12 That administrative complaint seeks permanent
13 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities and any
14 facility of a slot machine licensee in Florida.
15 Respondent selected option three stating that he
16 did not dispute any of the allegations contained
17 within the administrative complaint waiving his
18 right to any form of hearing and requesting that
19 the Commission enter a final order imposing a
20 penalty.

21 Therefore, we ask that the Commission
22 authorize staff to enter a final order permanently
23 excluding respondent from all pari-mutuel
24 facilities and any facility of a slot machine
25 licensee in Florida.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

2 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can
3 we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation
4 as presented.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Make a motion to
6 approve the staff recommendation as recommended.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
10 aye.

11 (Multiple ayes.)

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Last, 9.2.

13 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 9.2 is Norberto
14 Fueguel, Case No. 2025-065351. The case materials
15 include the two-count administrative complaint
16 seeking to revoke respondent's slot
17 machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel individual combination
18 occupational license based on defrauding the
19 cardroom operator and to exclude him Florida
20 pari-mutuels.

21 Respondent returned the election of rights
22 selecting option three stating that he did not
23 dispute any of the allegations contained within the
24 administrative complaint waiving his right to any
25 form of a hearing and requesting that the

1 Commission enter a final order imposing a penalty.

2 Therefore the division asks that the
3 Commission authorize staff to enter a final order
4 revoking respondent's occupational license and
5 permanently excluding respondent from all license
6 pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

8 Commissioners, any questions? If not, can we
9 get a motion to approve the staff recommendation.

10 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

12 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
14 aye.

15 (Multiple ayes.)

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Thank you,
17 Mr. Hundersmarck. We are moving on to public
18 comment. We do have a speaker here. I'm going to
19 call him up first before we get to the rest of the
20 public. Mr. Jonathan Zachem. Good morning.

21 MR. ZACHEM: Good morning, Commissioners.
22 Happy new year to everyone. Thank you for allowing
23 me to be here. I'm going to speak briefly on a
24 case that we've had ongoing with the Commission. I
25 believe the facts of the case come from early 2024.

1 And a lot of times when someone sees that
2 lengthy period of time -- and this is for your
3 materials 11.1 for your consideration in your
4 meeting -- they might think that there was some
5 challenge that was associated with it.

6 In this case, it was actually a great line of
7 communication that occurred between the Commission
8 and with the licensee. This has to do with the
9 facility that had some underage people getting on
10 the floor in their slot location.

11 You'll remember that last month we had two of
12 our senior management team come up and speak to you
13 all to make sure that the line of communication was
14 open, for one.

15 But two, that all of your questions could be
16 answered about what goes on, what our operations
17 are. And what we typically see not just in
18 Florida, but throughout the United States and other
19 jurisdictions with how underage activities are
20 handled.

21 Now, from a broad perspective -- and I promise
22 I won't take too long because I know you all have
23 heard from people that are a lot wiser than myself.
24 There are going to be underage people that
25 occasionally get on the floor.

1 As much as we try to avoid this, and we strive
2 for perfection in avoiding this issue, there's
3 going to be human error on occasion or someone that
4 ignored the rules and tries to end up getting
5 around them.

6 We will continue to work with you all to try
7 and stop that from happening. And was said last
8 month, our goal is 100 percent protection of the
9 public. But I think it's important to just have a
10 couple quick facts for your consideration as you
11 discuss it.

12 It was said before in 2024 that we had 1.2
13 million customers that came in. Of those 1,075
14 were minors that were turned away. Eleven did gain
15 access, which is a .001 percent of people that came
16 to our door, and only two actually gamed for a
17 very, very short period of time, which would have
18 been .0002 percent of the people that came to our
19 door actually were able to get any form of access.

20 And when I tell you access, I'm not talking
21 about sitting there for hours. I'm talking about
22 someone walking in the door and sitting right down
23 and being at a machine.

24 They were stopped and turned away and
25 discovered and reported by my client, PPI. In the

1 statute, it looks at the idea of knowingly allowing
2 someone on a slot floor.

3 I would think that we're doing everything to
4 try and stop these things from occurring. And I
5 would question whether or not a knowingly standard,
6 which is a challenging one to figure out as I'm
7 sure Vice Chair Brown would tell you as an attorney
8 and probably Commissioner Drago and maybe all of
9 you in your dealings that knowingly is very tough.

10 And there's been a history of dealing with
11 knowingly, especially in this issue that you see in
12 your investigative file. I believe Attorney Chip
13 Collette that I had the privilege of working with
14 wrote a closing order on this very same matter
15 where he did a deep dive in it to educate the
16 division of pari-mutuel wagering several years ago.

17 And that was the approach that was taken by
18 the agency previous to the Gaming Commission but
19 was the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering and how
20 they addressed these issues.

21 I would say that we will do everything that we
22 reasonably can to turn someone away. And we would
23 love to have any education from the Commission if
24 they see an opportunity to end up making it a more
25 secure environment.

1 As of now, I think all of those elements we'll
2 continue to explore. But I would encourage you to
3 take a close look at this and see if a knowingly
4 standard could actually be met in this case and
5 know you could knowingly walk away from this with
6 the belief and fact that we'll continue to work
7 with you, even at the expiration of this case and
8 the resolution of it to make sure that it reaches
9 the highest standard.

10 Other facilities in South Florida have spoken
11 to us, too. And they want to work with you as well
12 to make sure they achieve that. And we just thank
13 you for the communication and look forward to
14 trying to work with you to make sure that we
15 achieve the highest possible protection of the
16 public.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Zachem.

18 Commissioners, are there any questions? I do
19 want to point something out, though. PPI did come
20 and self-report to the Commission and commend you.
21 Compliance of course is a two-way street.

22 I know from your efforts and the discussion we
23 had at last month's meeting that management is
24 trying to get in compliance and be 100 percent
25 compliant. So I do want to commend you on that.

1 MR. ZACHEM: Thank you very much.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any other
3 thoughts? Thank you. Is there anybody else from
4 the public that would like to address us at this
5 time? Seeing none, we are going to go into our
6 Item 11, which is our closed attorney-client
7 session.

8 As you all know, we have to give our little
9 legal disclosure here at this time. Ms. Valentine.

10 MS. VALENTINE: The Office of the General
11 Counsel is seeking litigation advice from the
12 Commissioners in litigation styled Florida Gaming
13 Control Commission versus PPI, Case No.
14 2024-031374, Florida Gaming Control Commission v.
15 Investment Corporation of Palm Beach, doing
16 business as Palm Beach Kennel Club, Case No.
17 2025-040840, Florida Gaming Control Commission v.
18 bestbet St. Augustine, Inc., Case No. 2025-048013,
19 and in the case titled Forfeiture of: Fifty-Two
20 Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars in U.S.
21 Currency, Case No. 25-CA-671.

22 The forfeiture case was added to the
23 Commission agenda after it had already been
24 published. However, due to time-sensitive
25 litigation deadlines, the Office of the General

1 Counsel request that Vice Chair Brown is the
2 designated presiding officer find that this change
3 is for good cause.

4 This advice relates to litigation strategy and
5 settlement negotiations and may, therefore, be
6 discussed in private under section 16.716 and
7 286.011(8) Florida statutes.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Valentine.
9 In connection with the performance of our
10 regulatory duties, it is necessary for the
11 Commission to hear information that is
12 confidential.

13 Specifically, Commission counsel will be
14 discussing litigation strategy and settlement
15 negotiations with the commissioners related to the
16 litigation specified by the Office of General
17 Counsel.

18 I have determined that the change to the
19 agenda to add Item 11.4 was made for good cause and
20 that notification of the change was made as the
21 early practical time. The closed meeting is
22 scheduled for approximately 45 minutes.

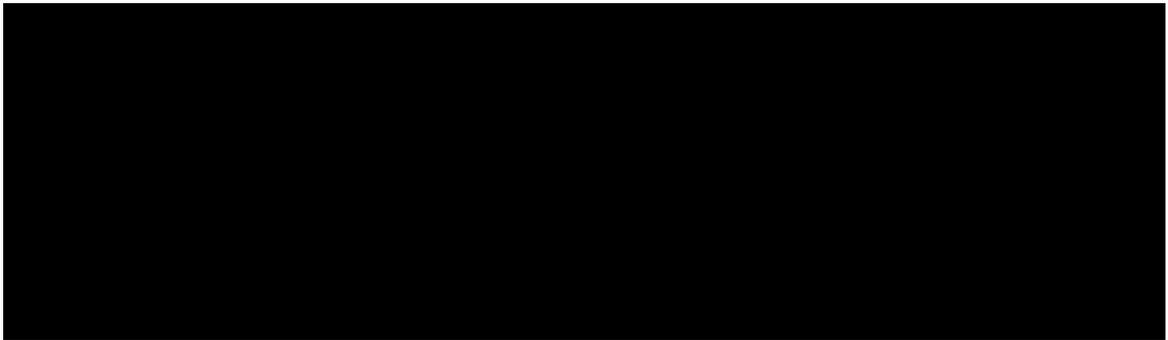
23 Those in attendance are Vice Chair Julie
24 Brown, Commissioner Chuck Drago, Commissioner Tina
25 Repp, Commissioner John D'Aquila, with our

1 Commission staff Executive Director Alana Zimmer,
2 Deputy Executive Director Brandon McCaffery,
3 General Counsel Elina Valentine, Director of PMW
4 Joe Dillmore, Director of Gaming Enforcement Carl
5 Herold, Chief of Law Enforcement Gary Snyder, Chief
6 of Intelligence and Analytical Support Services
7 Christina Linton -- she will not be there --
8 Director of Administration Lisa Mustain, Deputy
9 General Counsel Marc Taupier, and Senior Attorney
10 Justin Hundersmarck, Business Manager Dixie Parker,
11 Administrative Assistant Brandy Humphries, and our
12 certified court reporter.

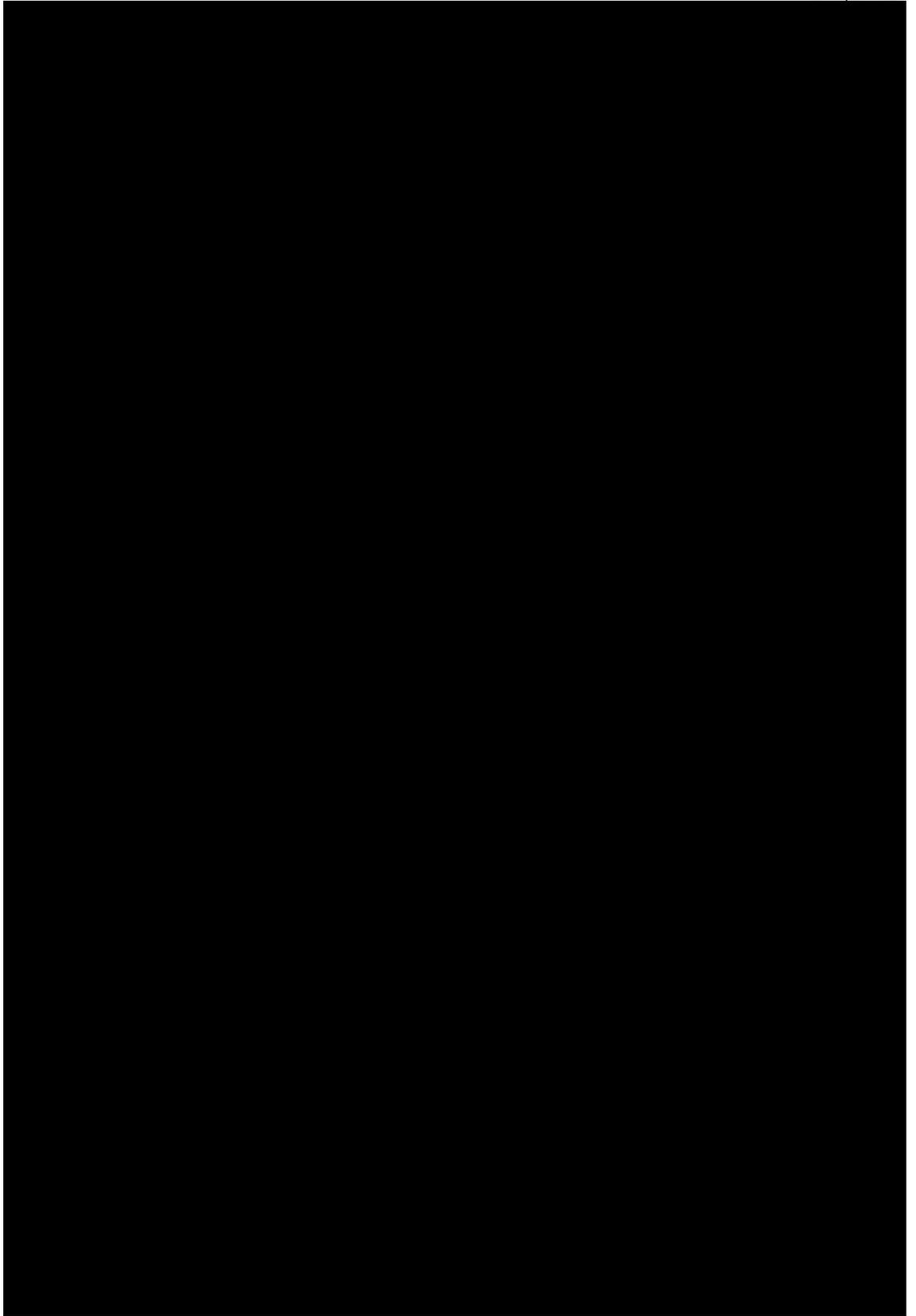
13 The meeting will be reported, as required by
14 law. And for the record, the time is now
15 approximately 10:58 a.m. I will ask the Florida
16 Channel to discontinue the live feed for the next
17 45 minutes, roughly, so that the Commission may
18 conduct a closed meeting. Thank you, all. And
19 we'll see you when we get back.

20 (Recess 10:59 a.m. until 11:09 a.m.)

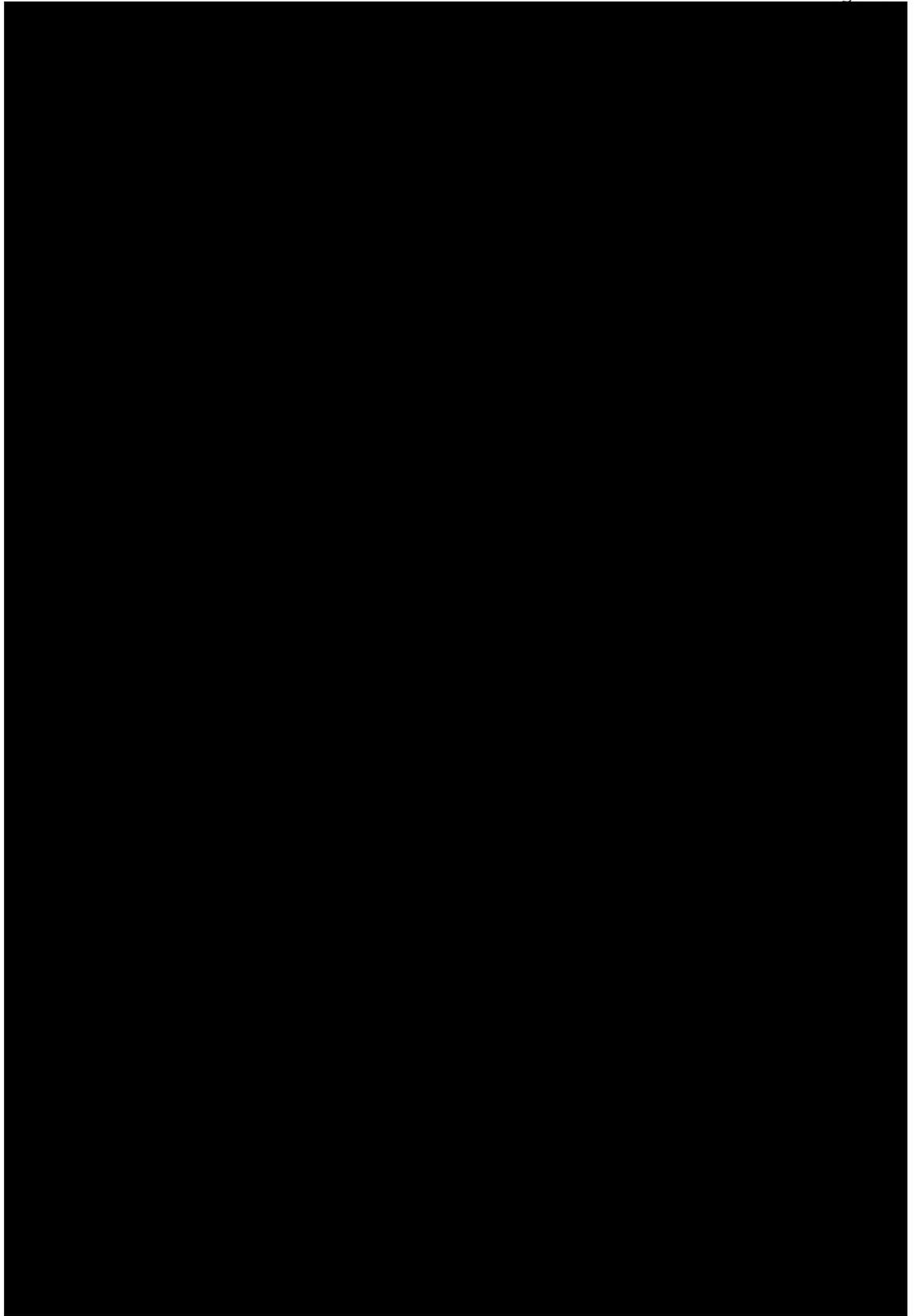
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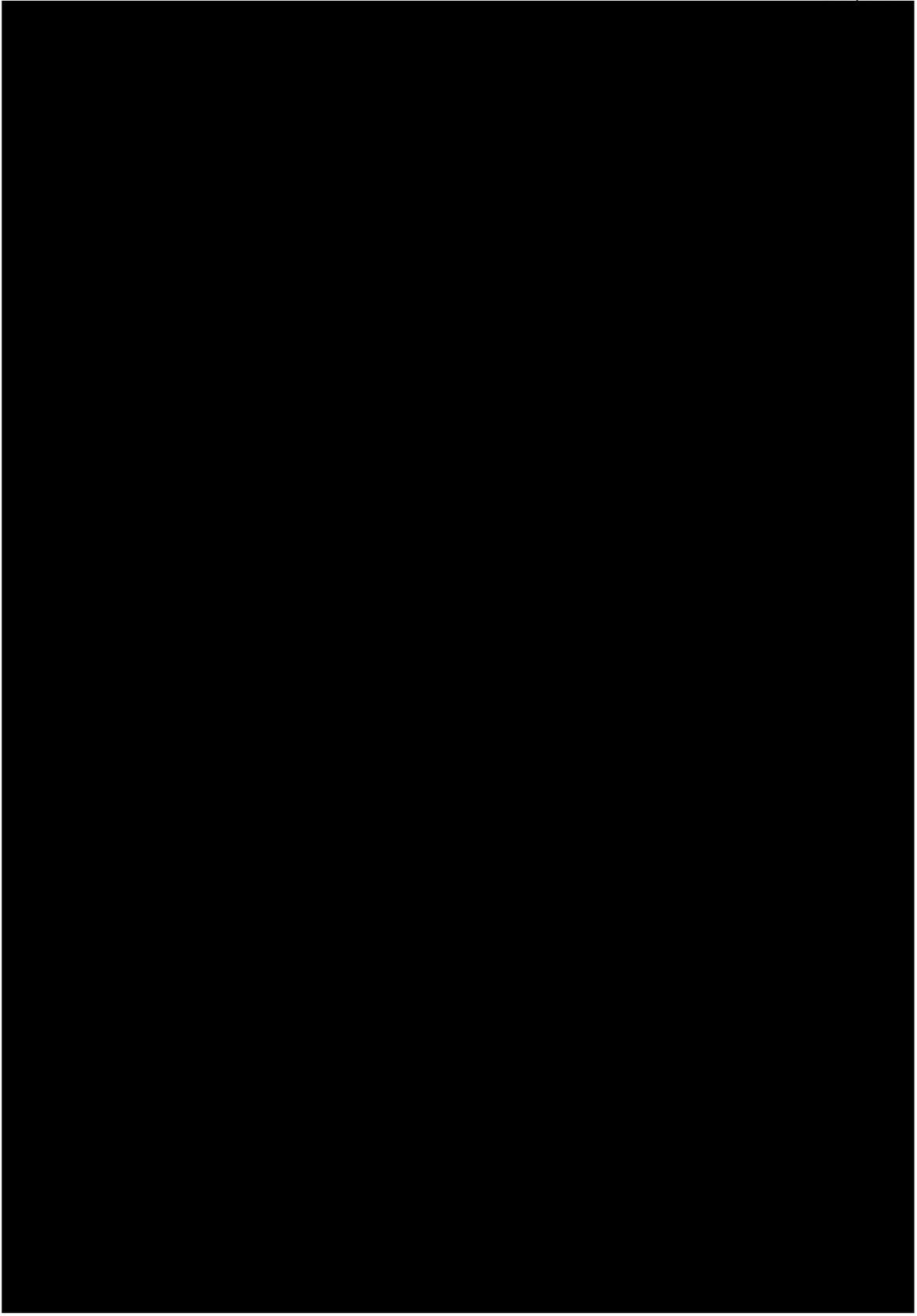
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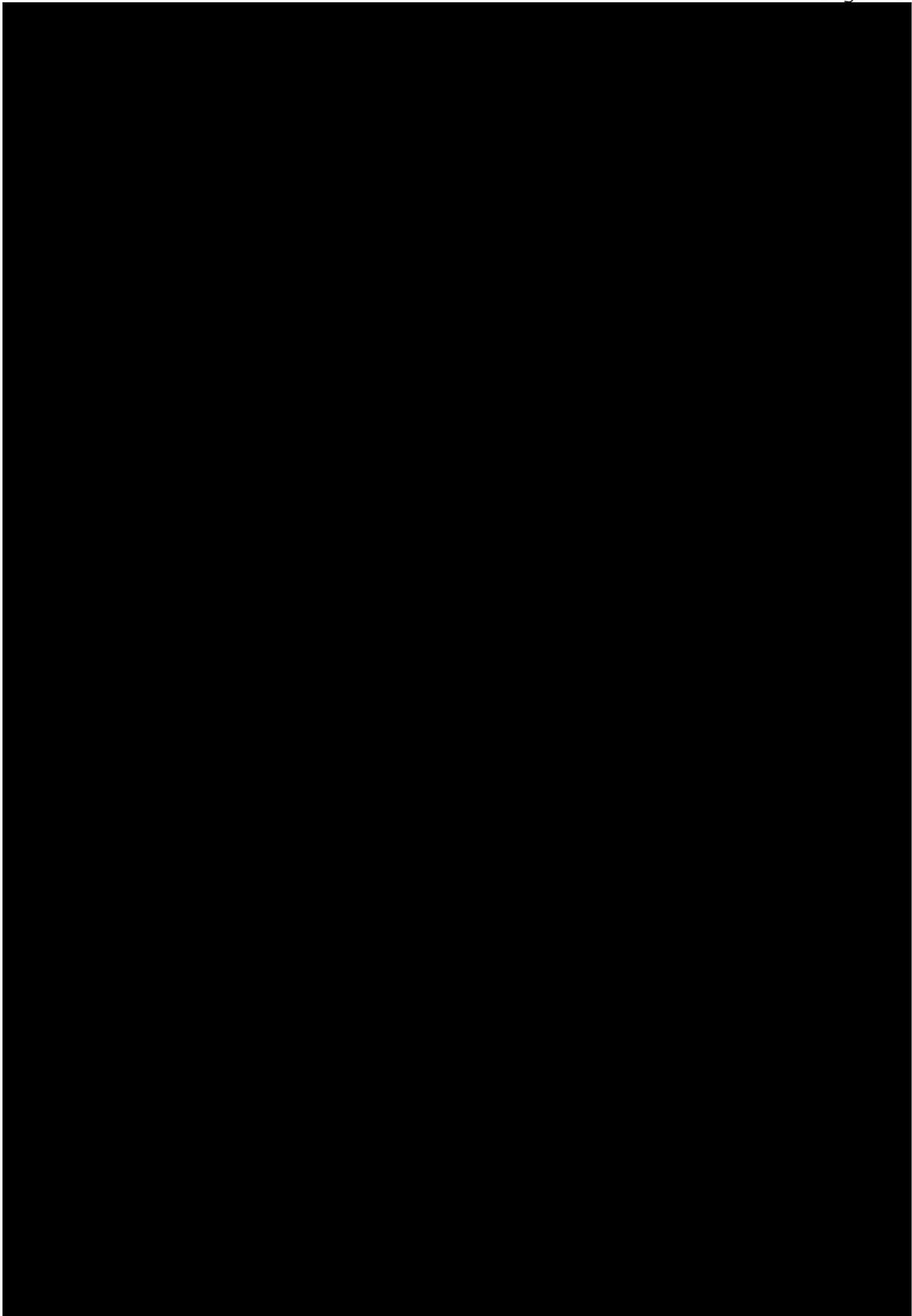
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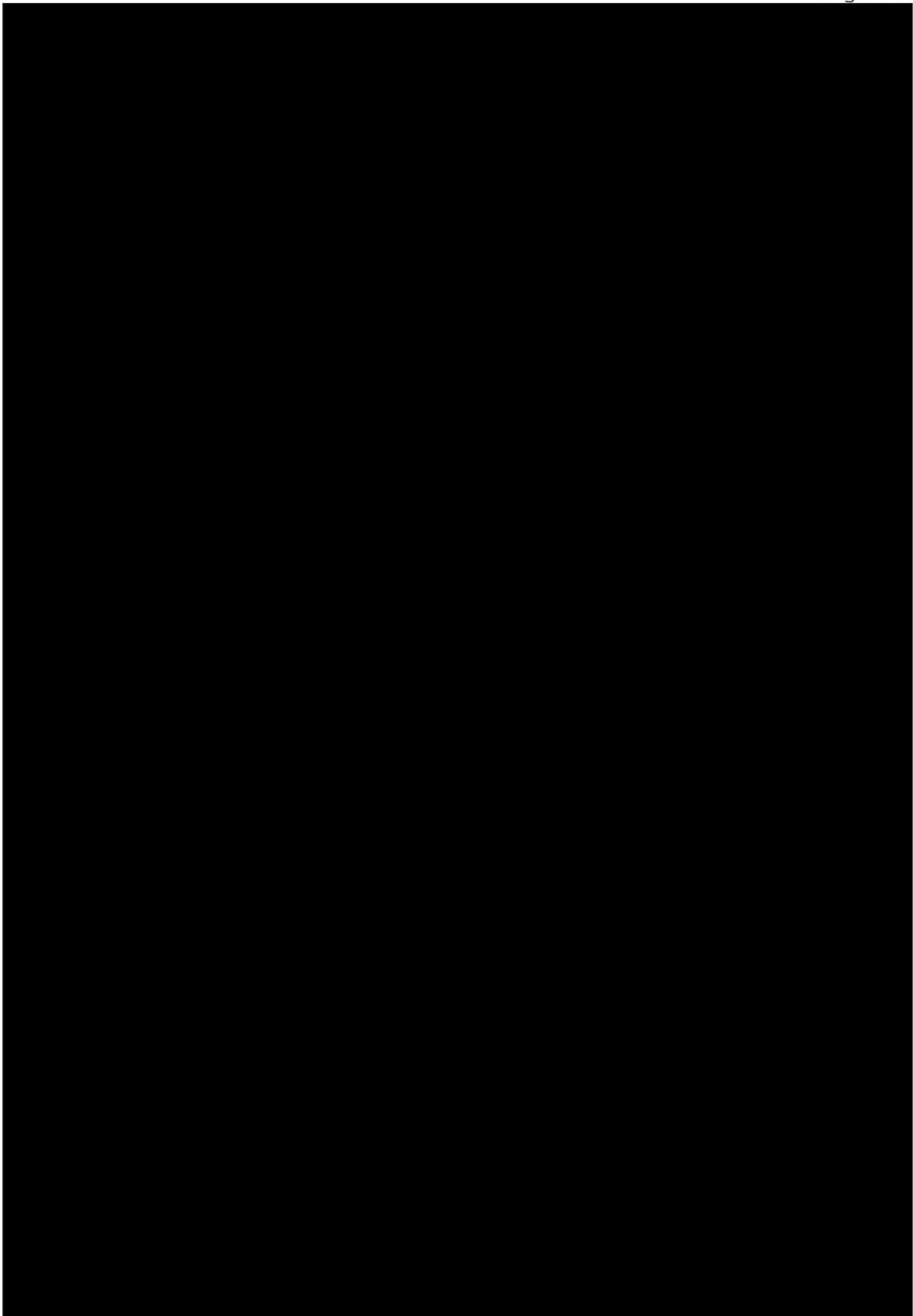
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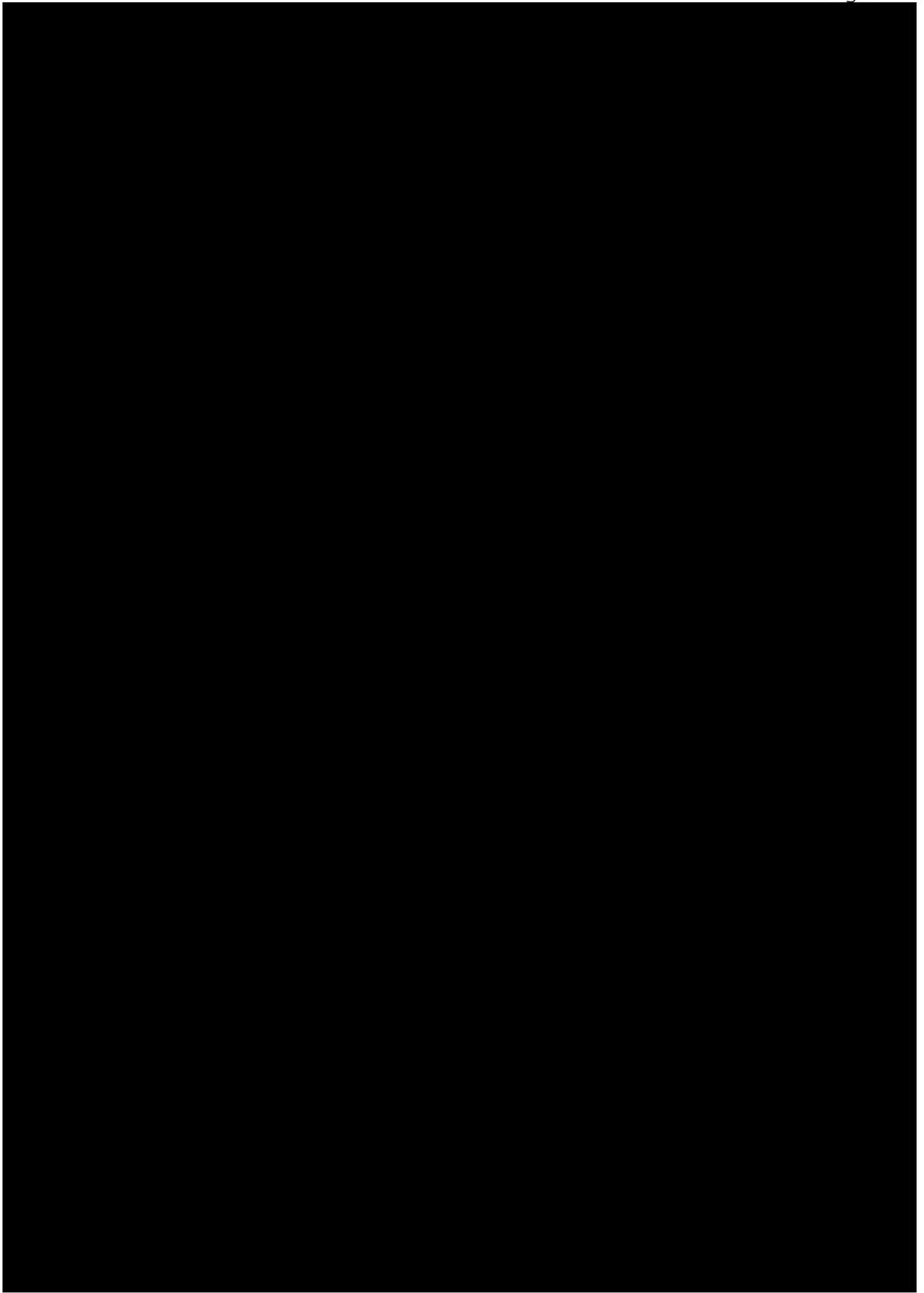
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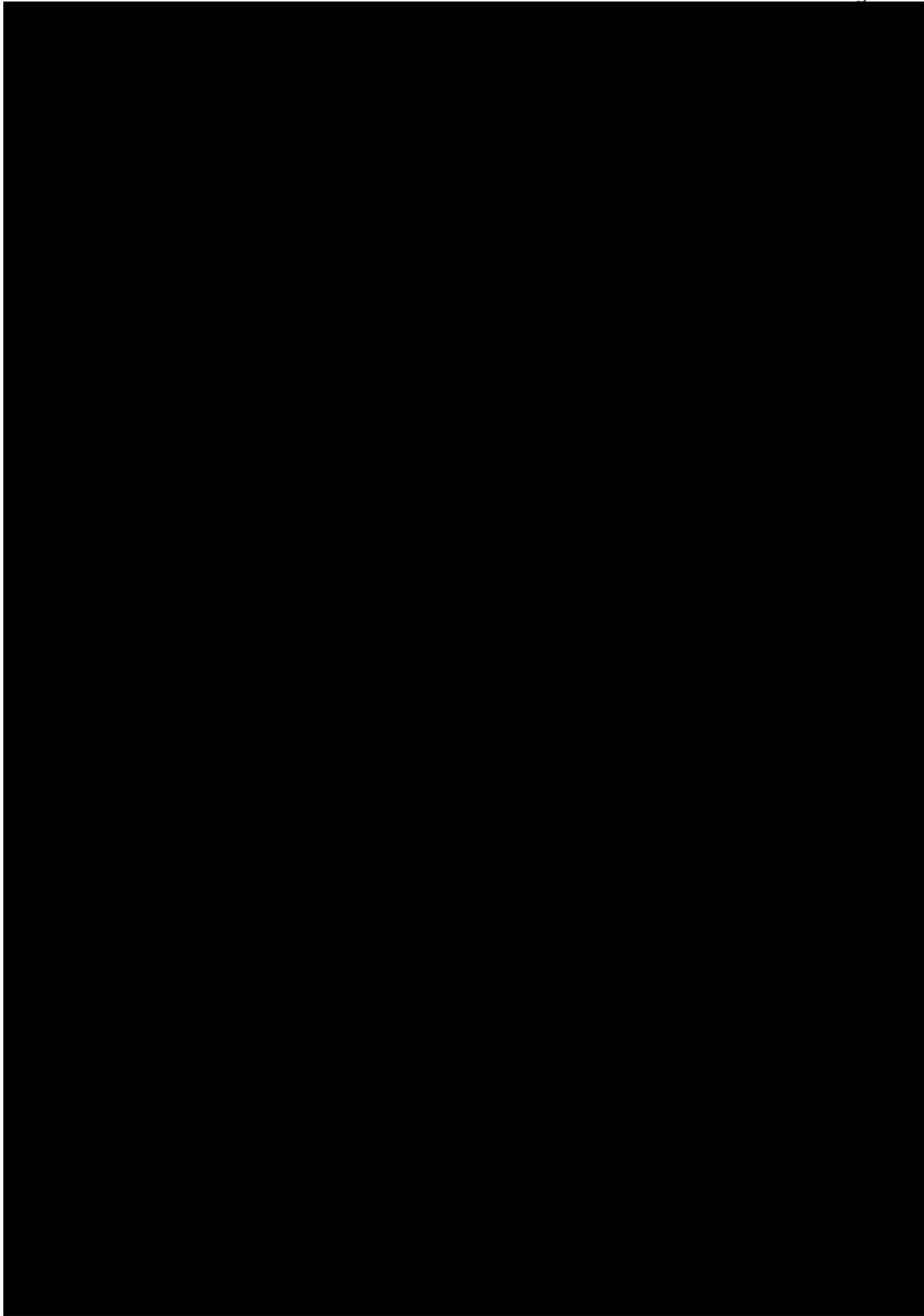
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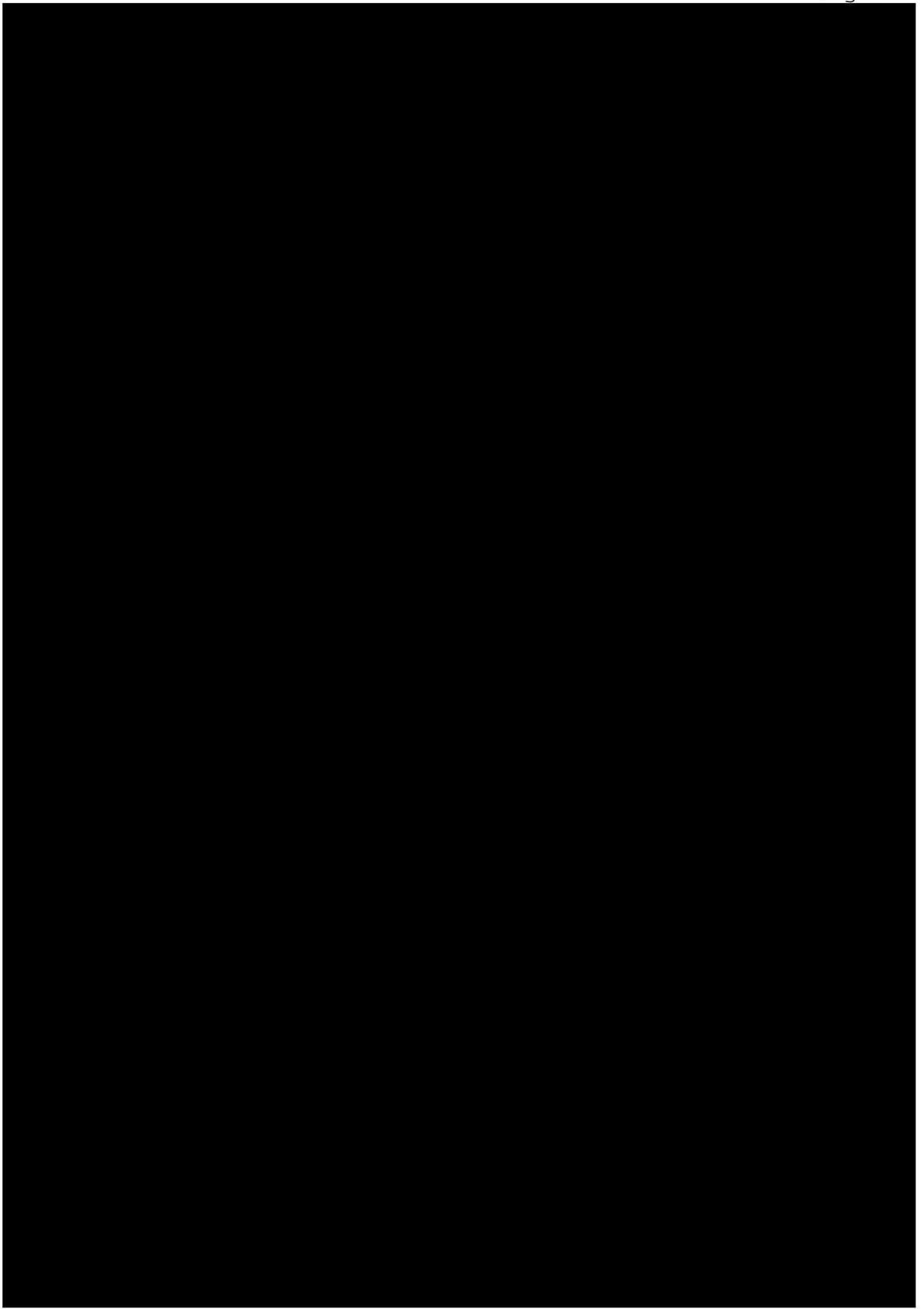
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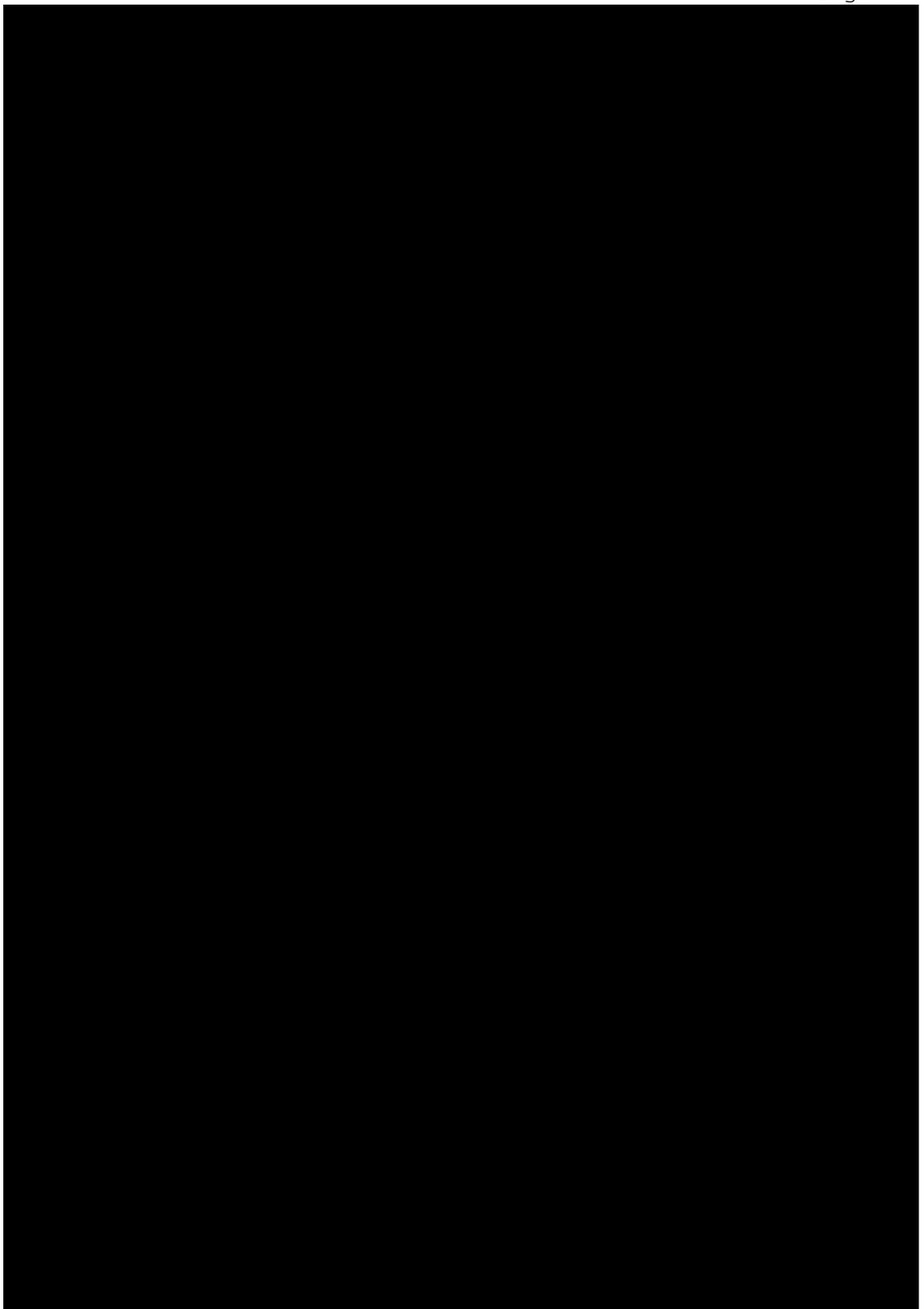
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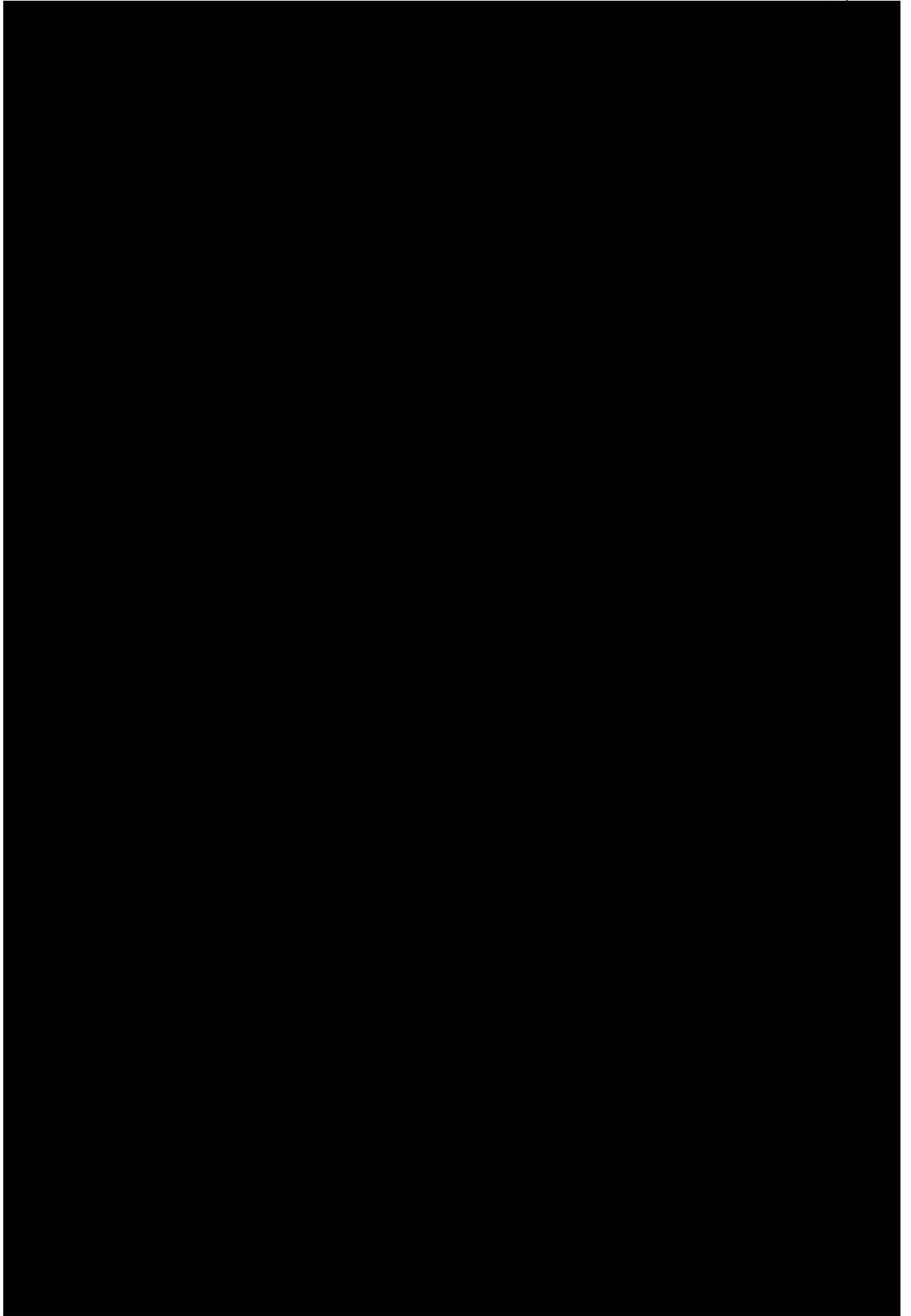
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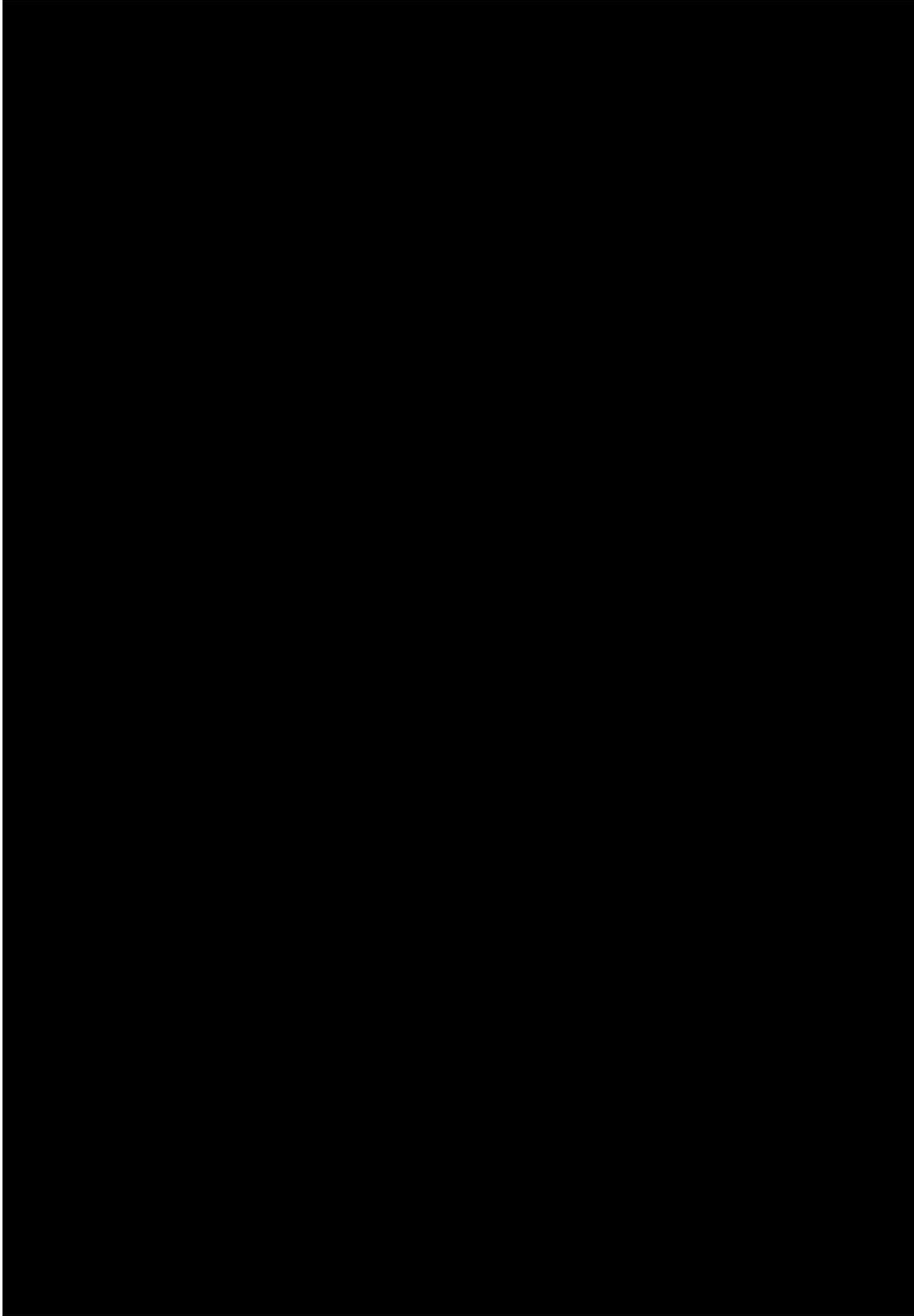
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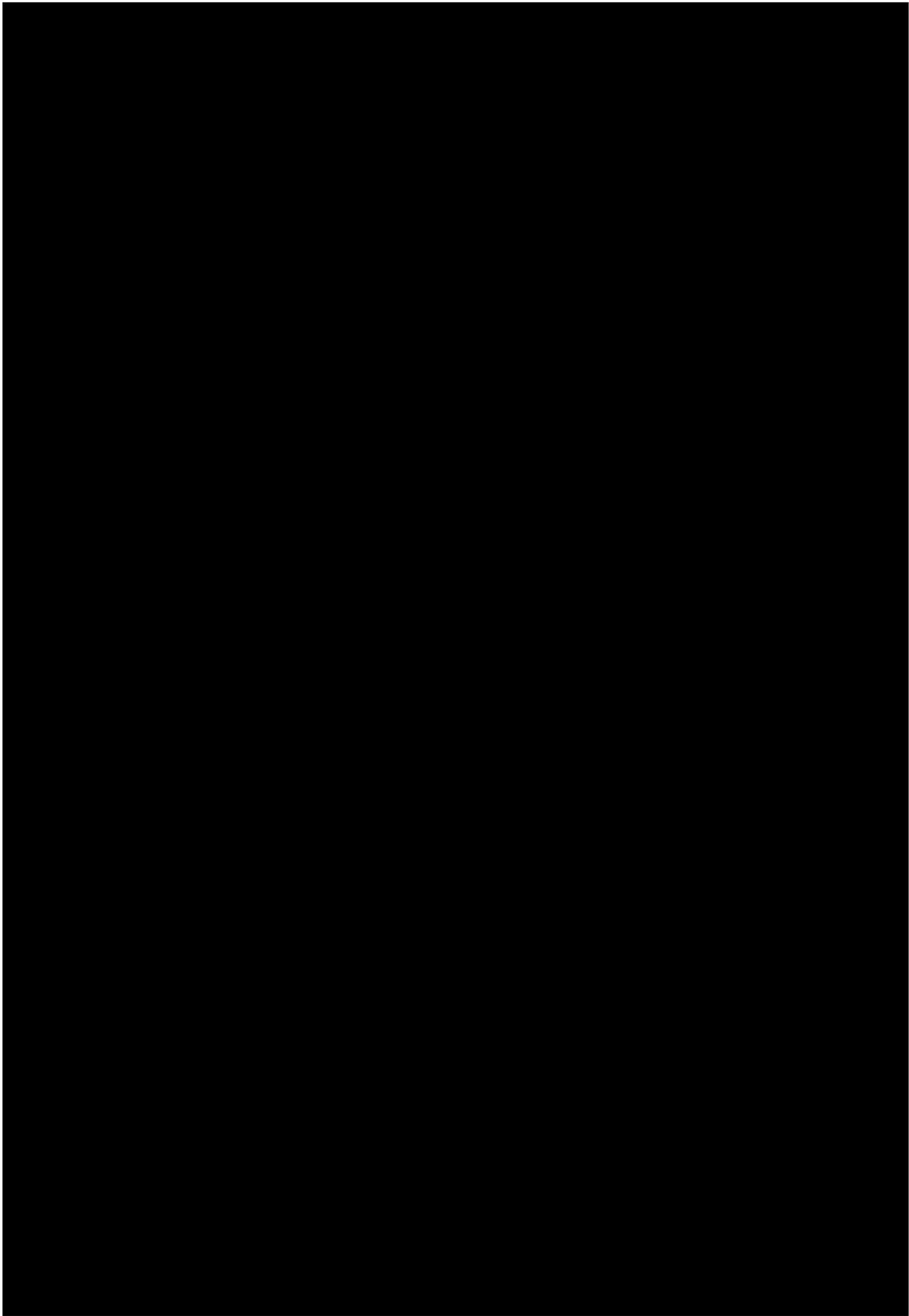
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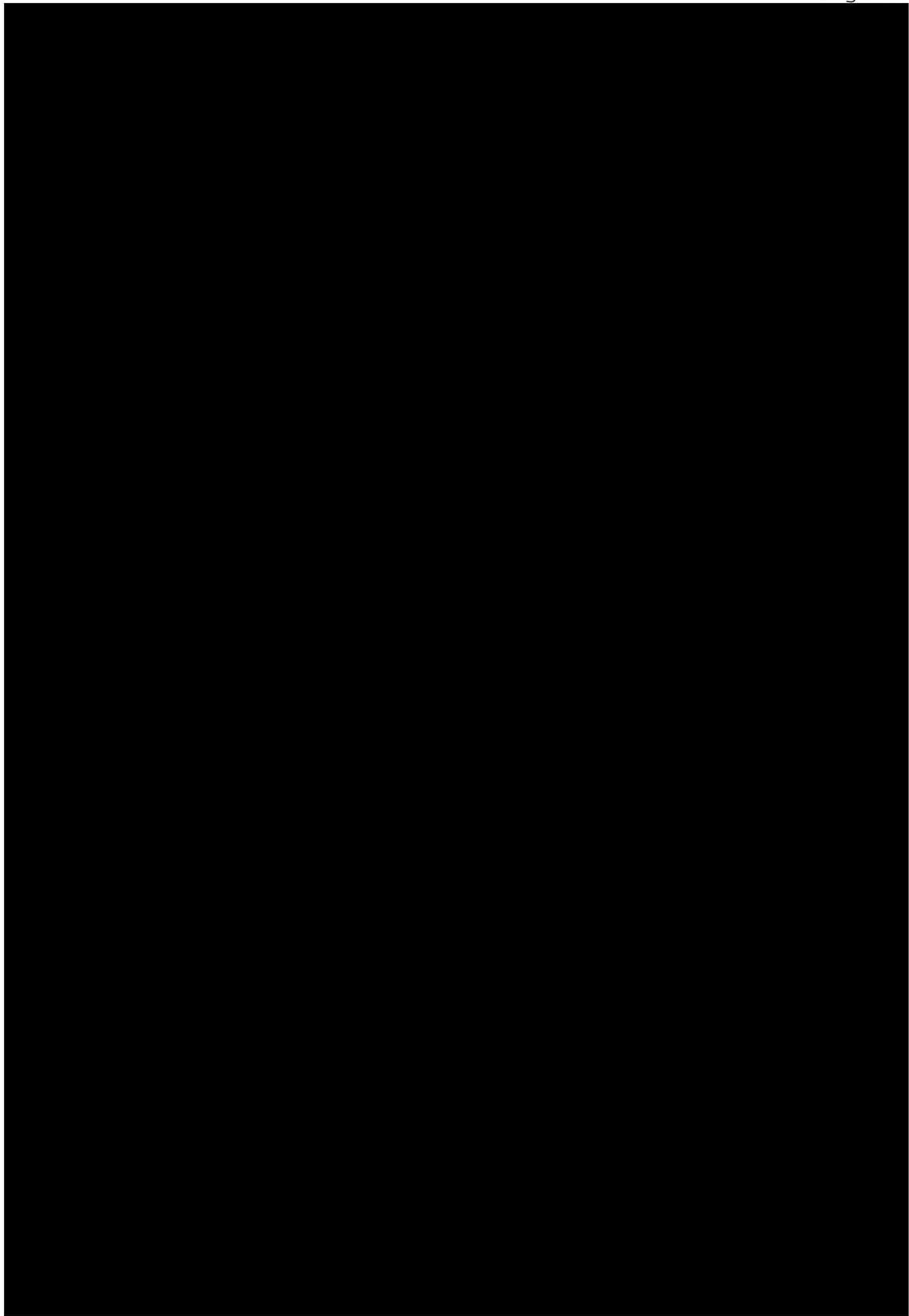
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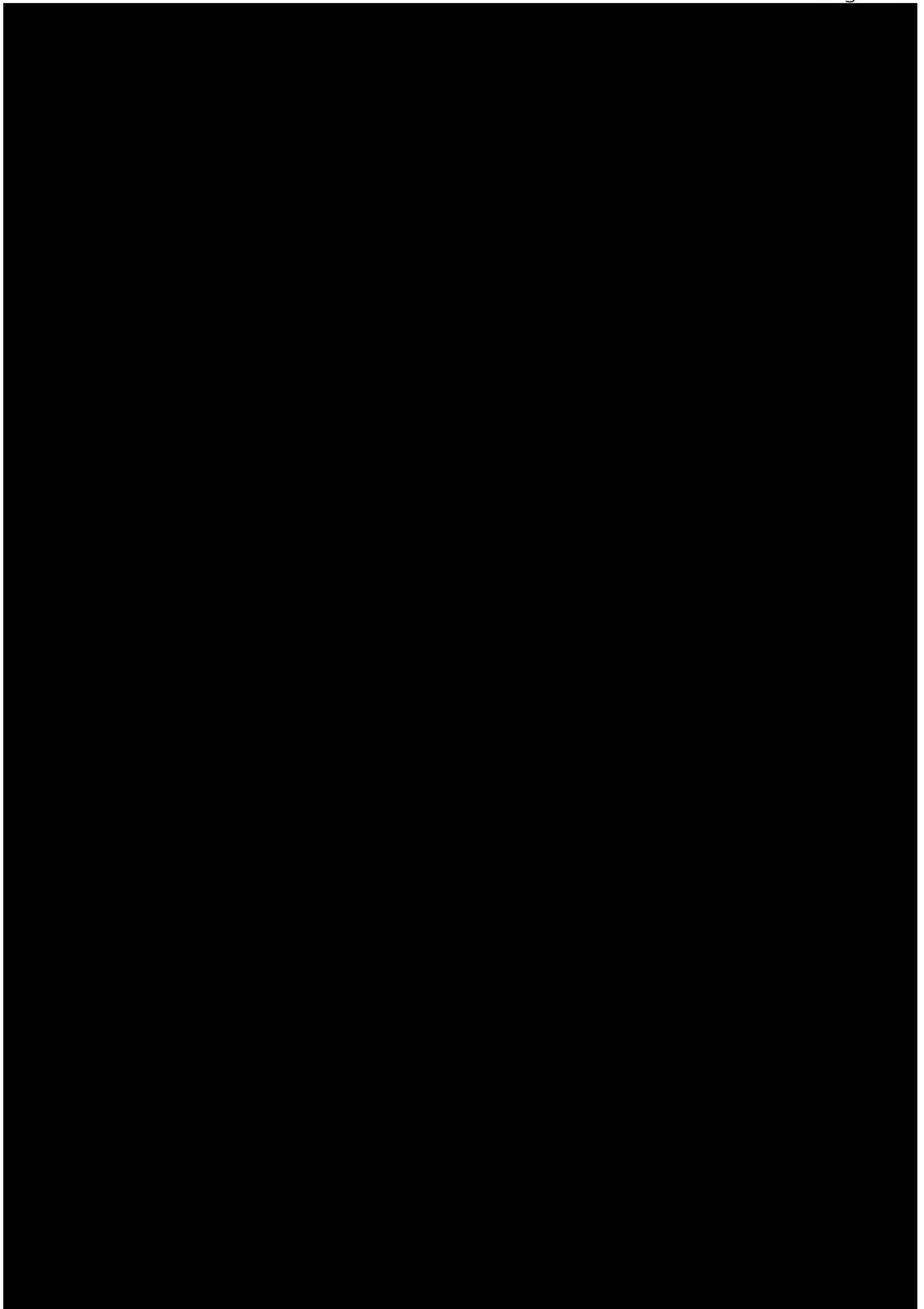
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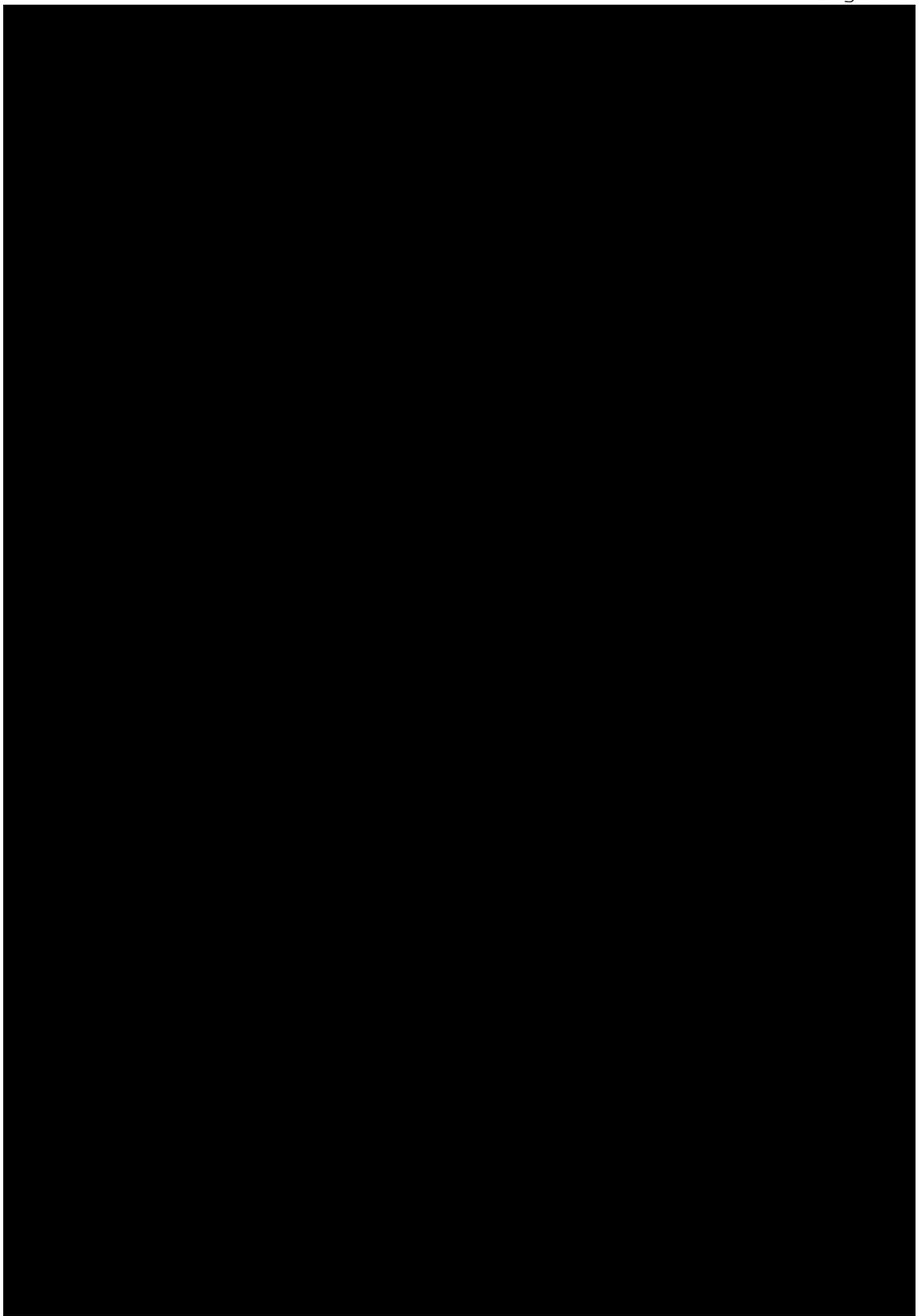
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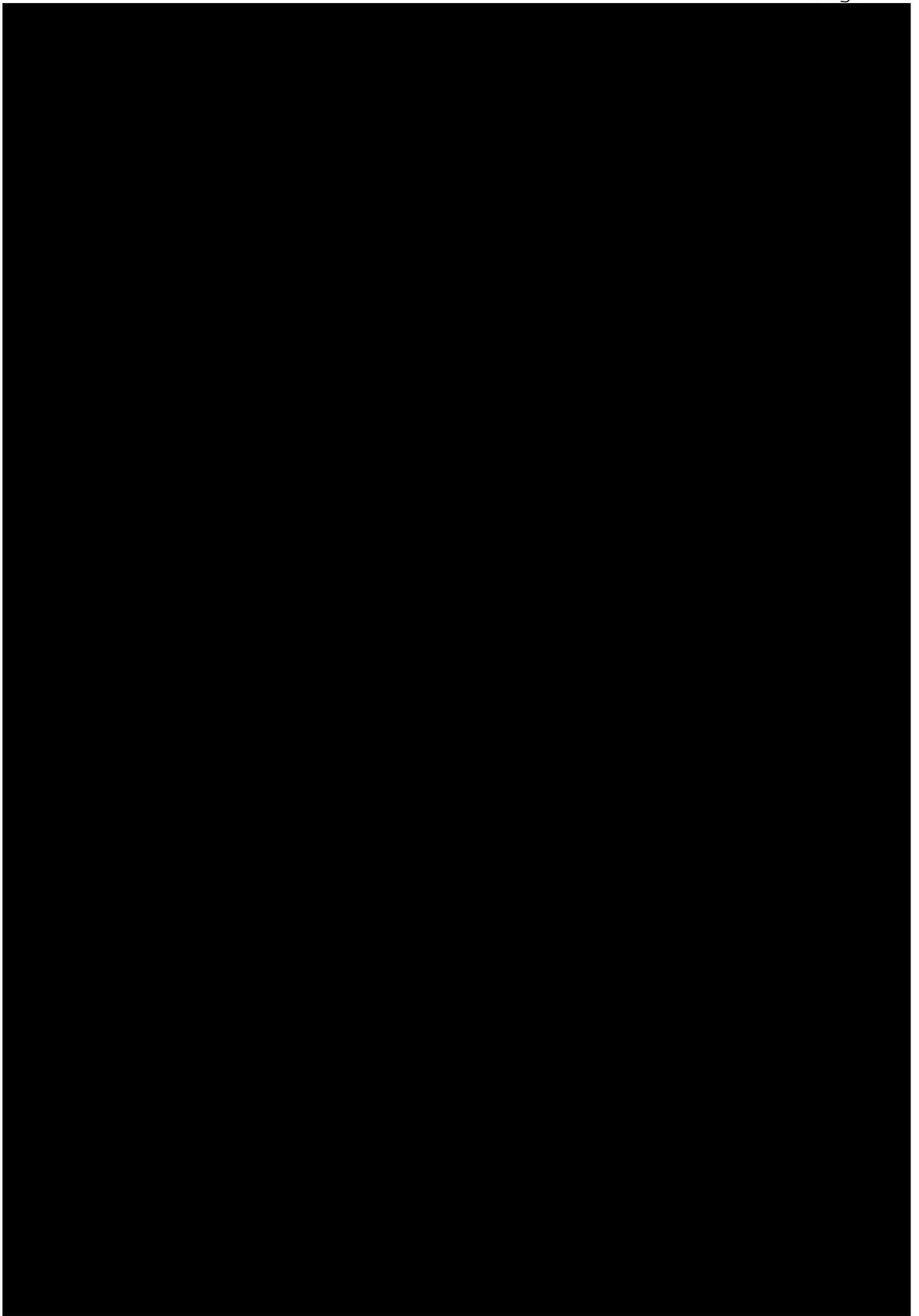
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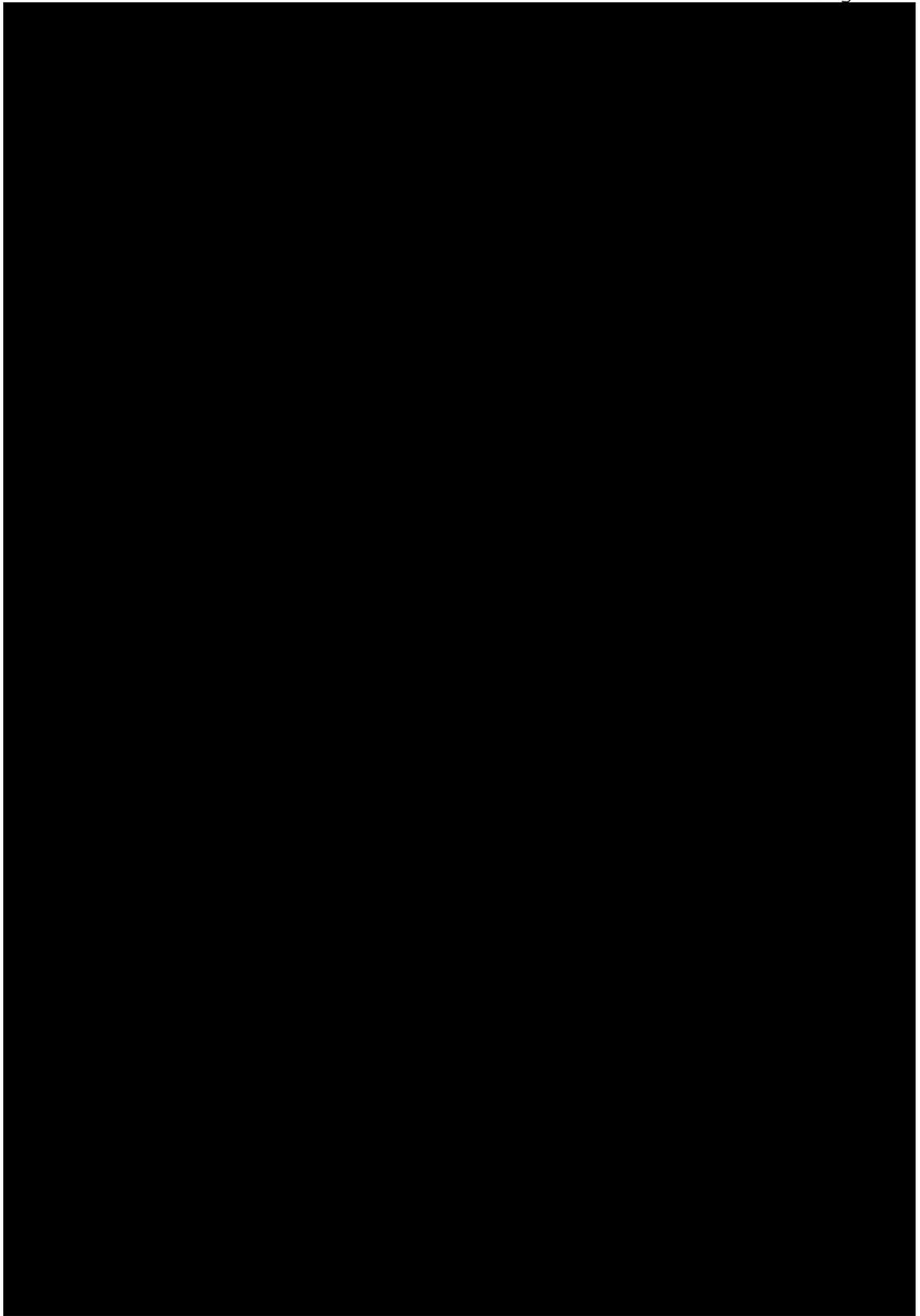
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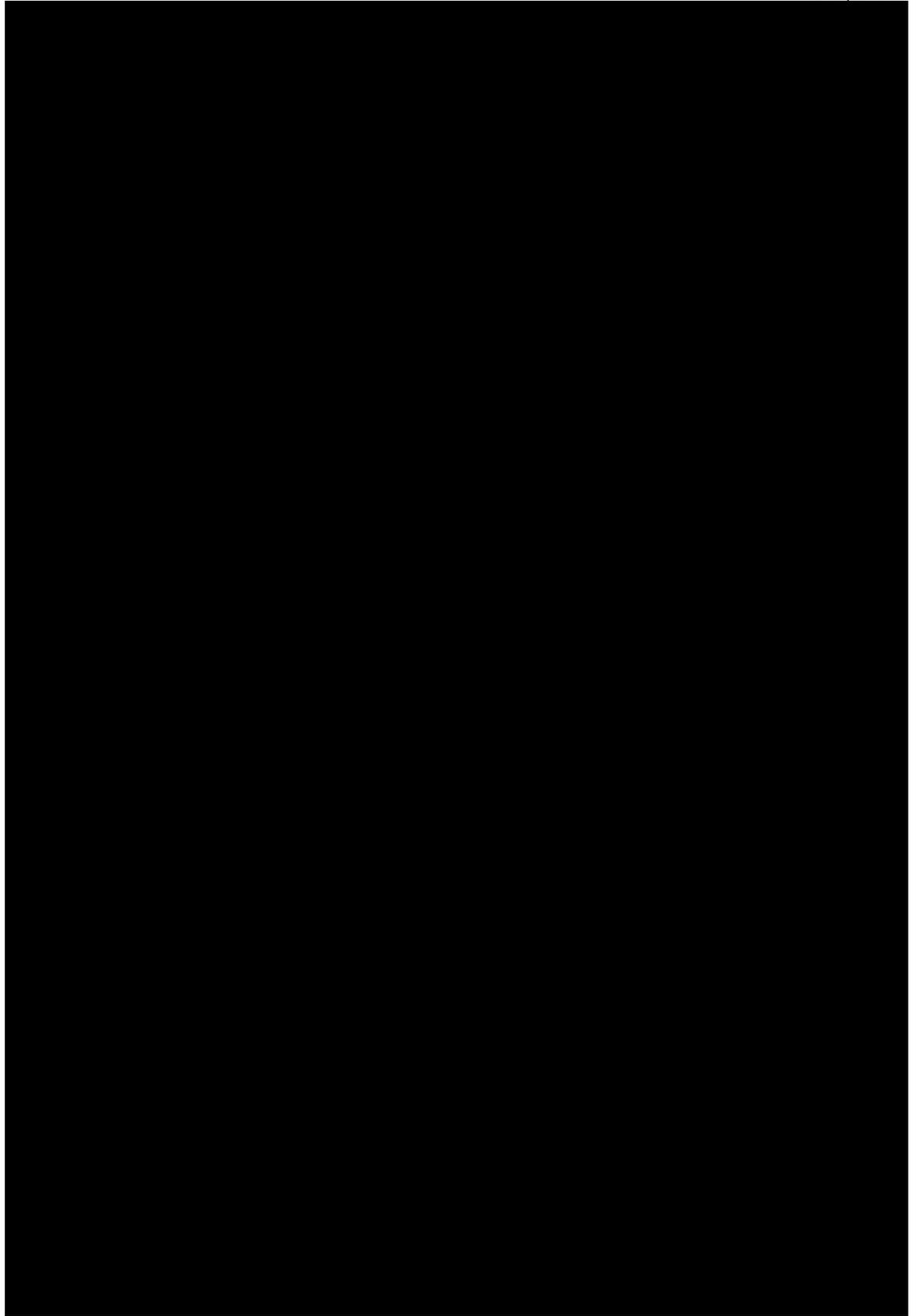
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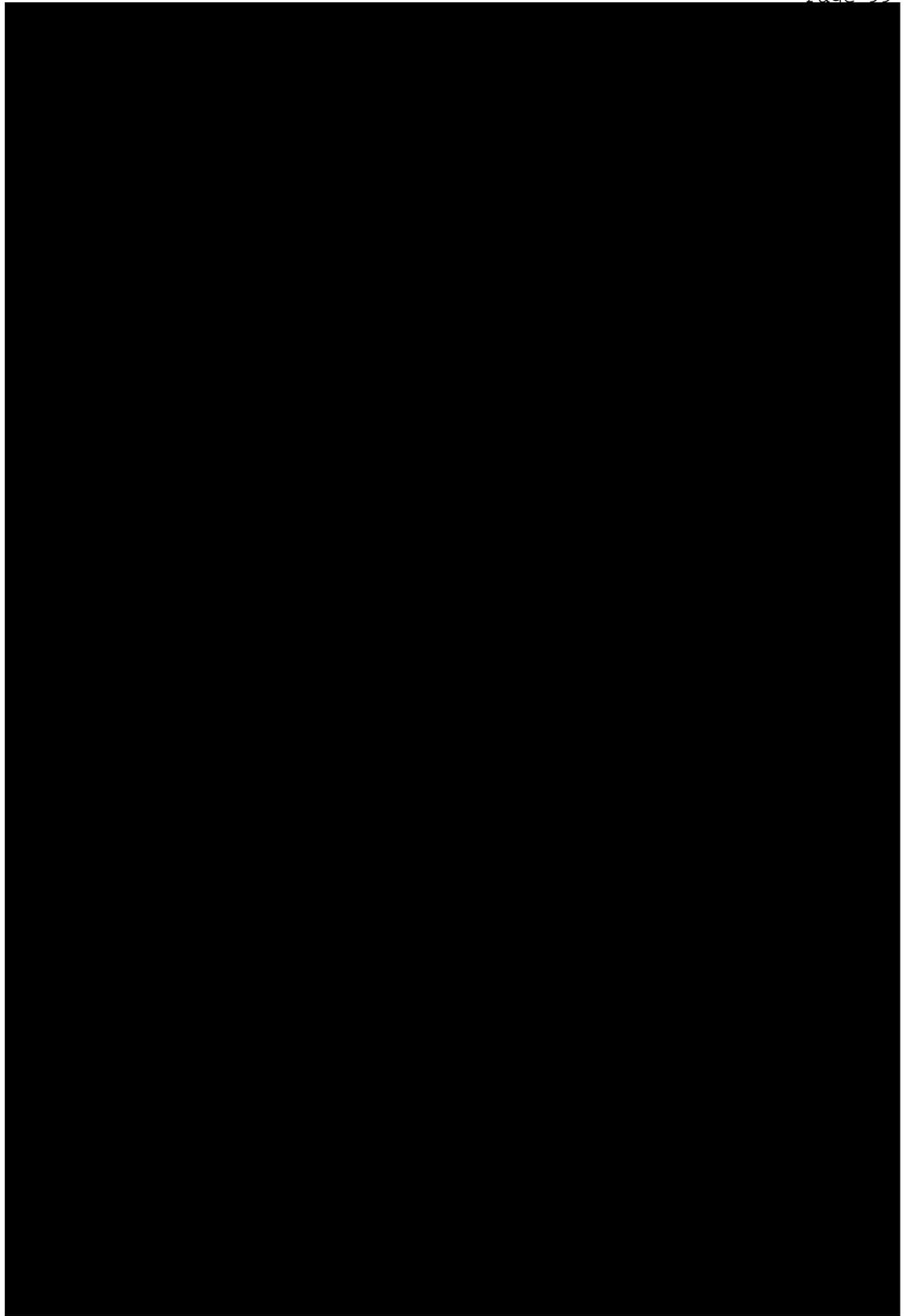
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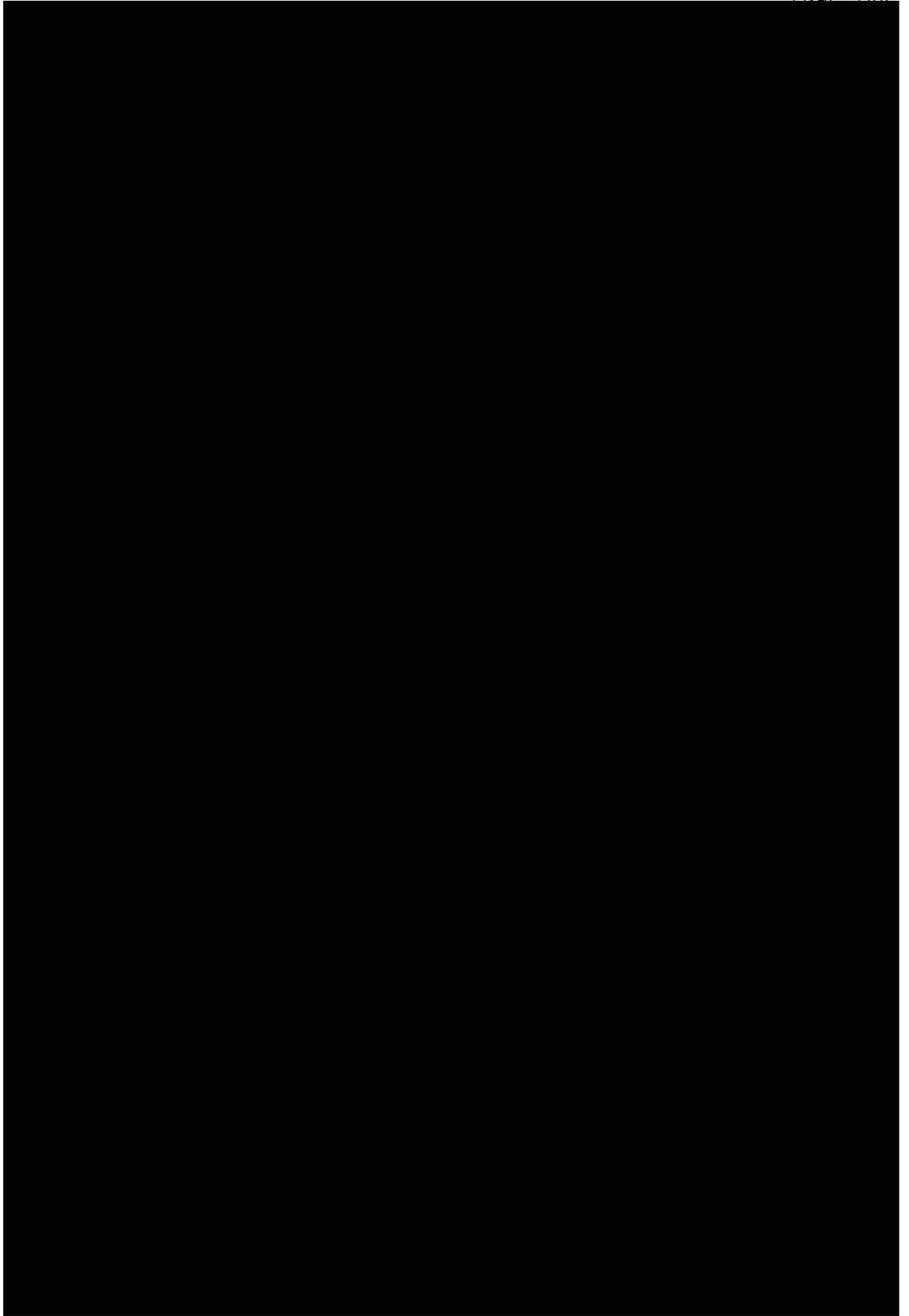
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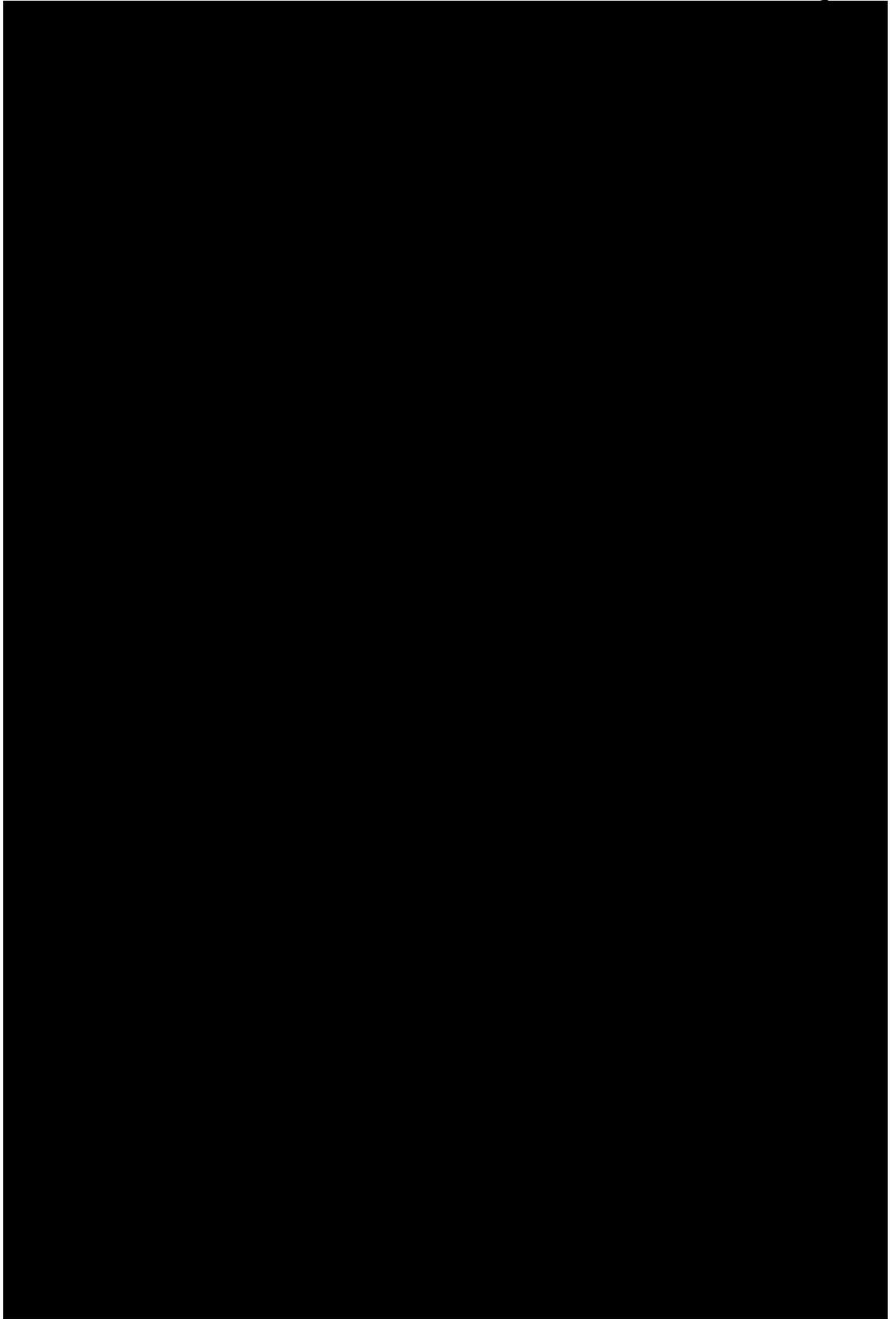
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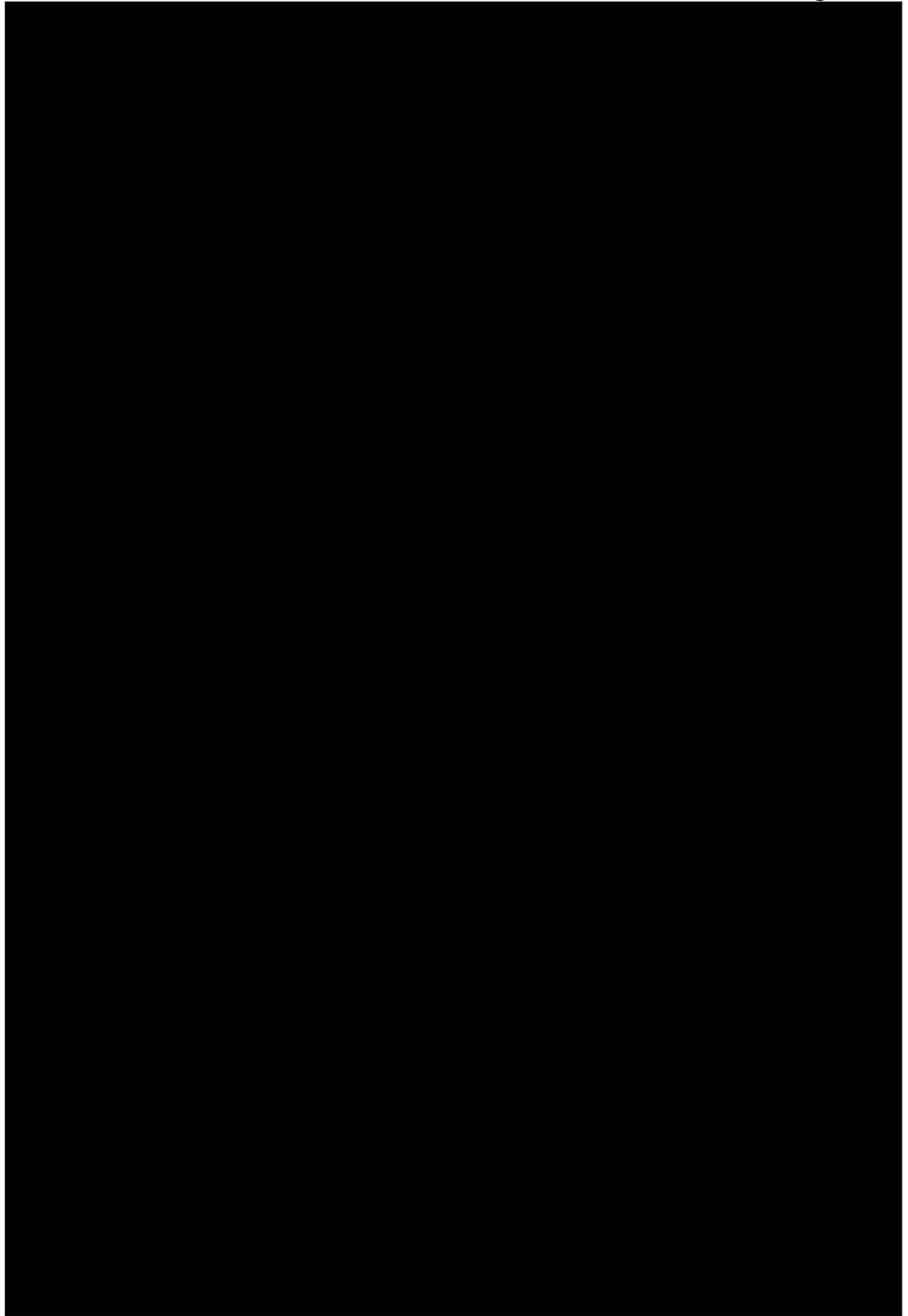
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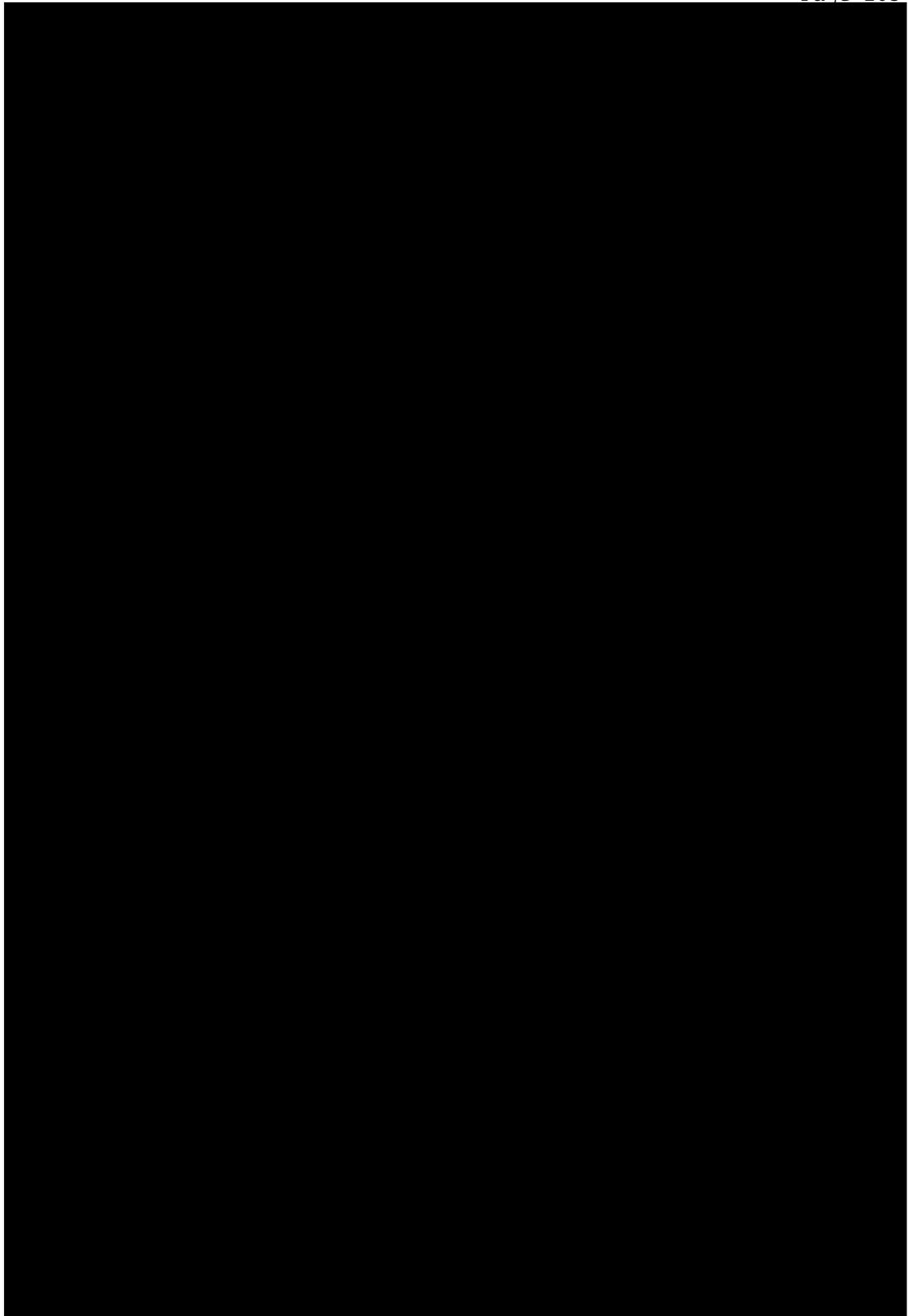
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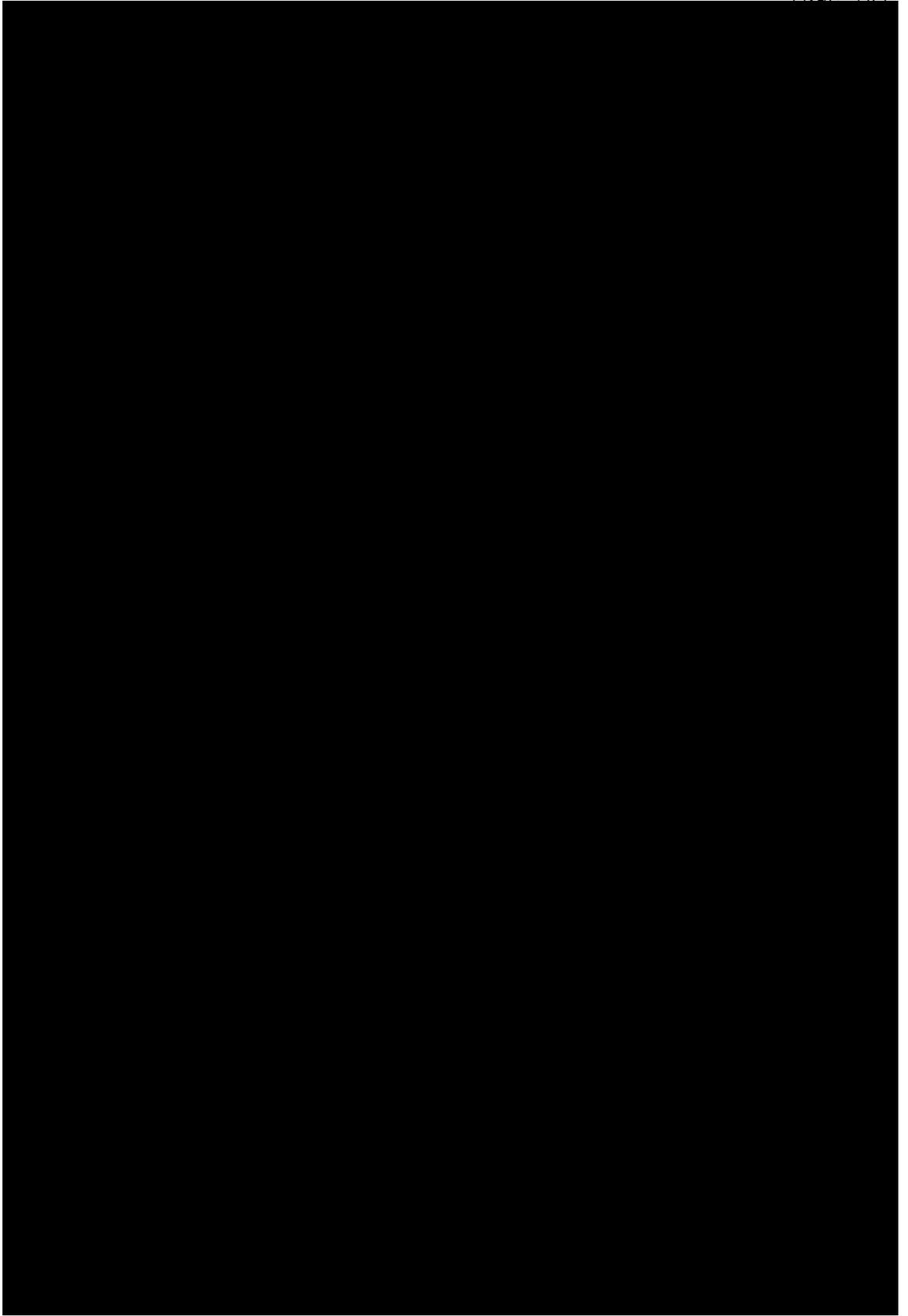
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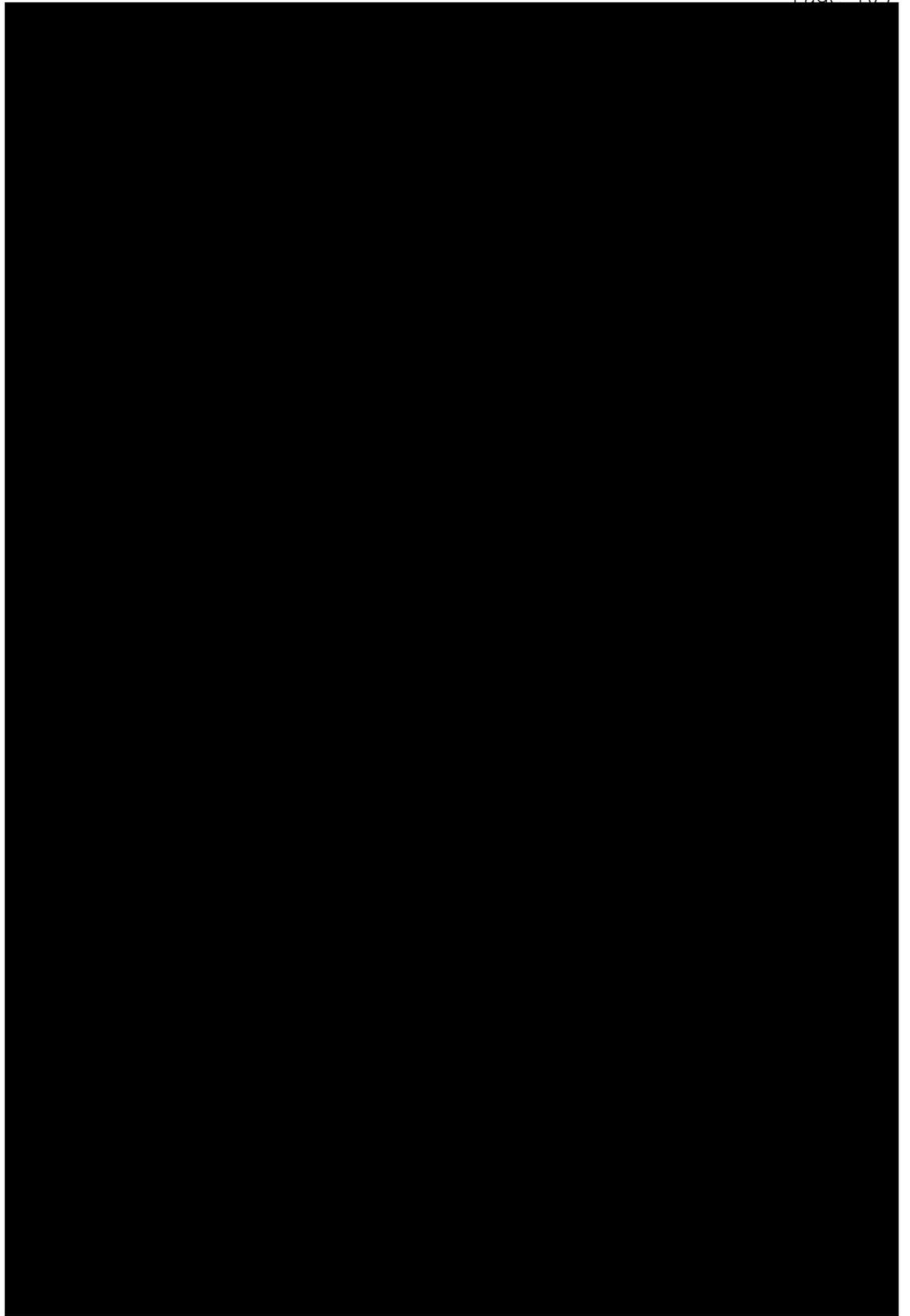
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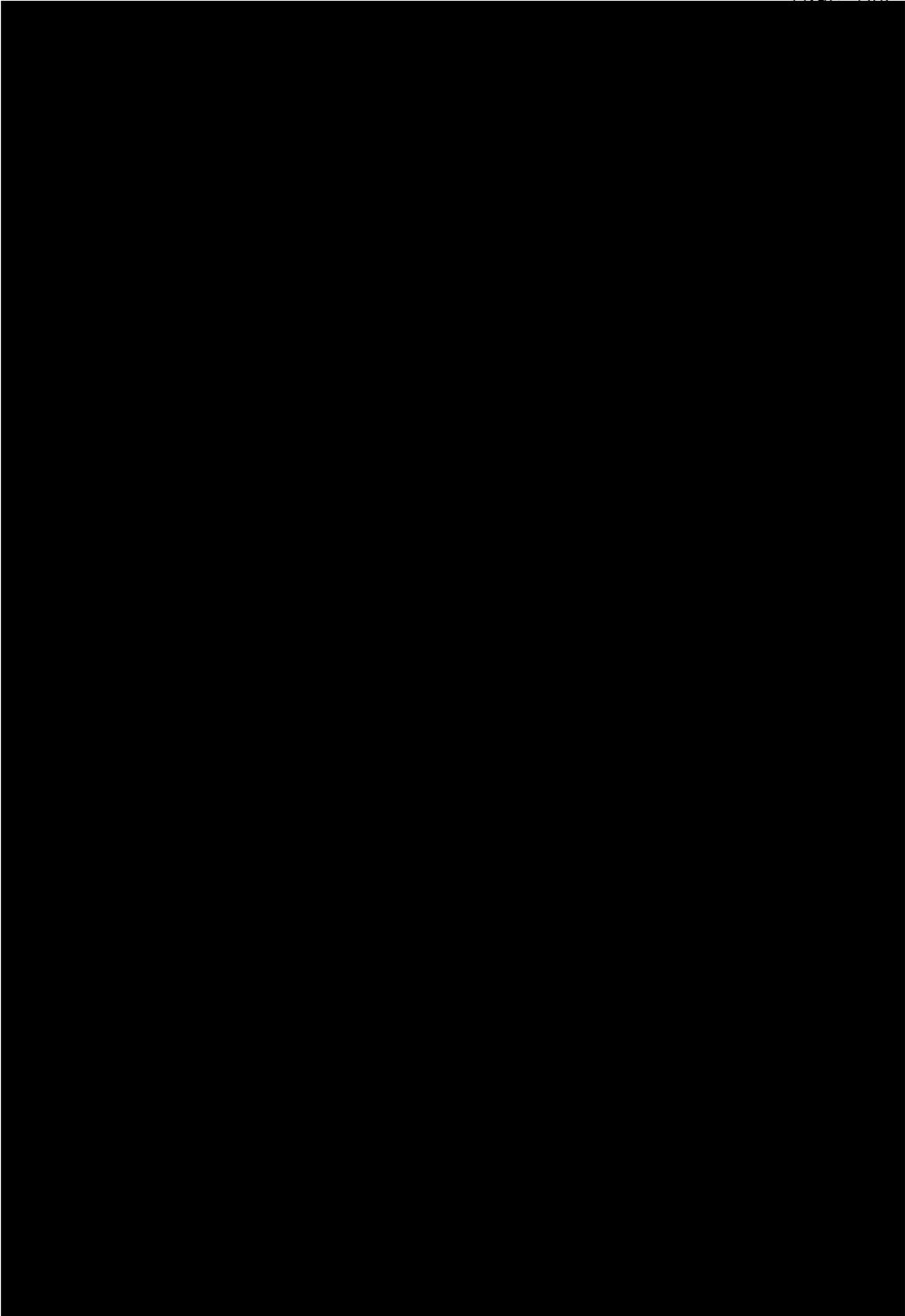
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12 Good afternoon. The time is 11:47. The
13 closed meeting is not terminated. It's paused. It
14 is taking a little bit longer than we anticipated.
15 I wanted to let you know that we're going to -- do
16 we need to restate all of the additional
17 information for the record?

18 MS. VALENTINE: No. I think we can just say
19 we're continuing the meeting. But if you would
20 just please identify the people that will be in the
21 room for the closed session, that will be
22 sufficient.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Absolutely. It is an art,
24 not a science. So I apologize to the public that
25 this is taking longer than what we anticipated. I

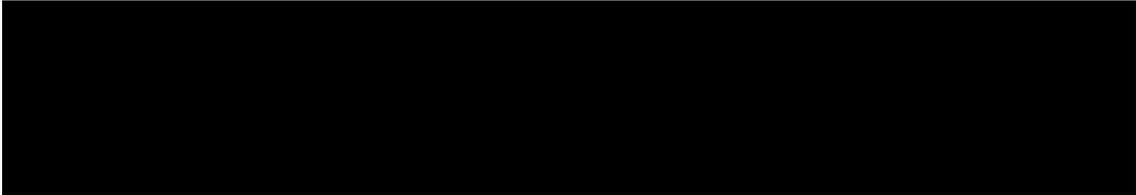
1 will say that in connection with the performance of
2 our duties, we are going to need to -- it's
3 necessary for us to continue hearing information
4 that is exempt for confidential.

5 The closed meeting that is going to be
6 continued will take approximately 45 additional
7 minutes. Those in attendance are Vice Chair Julie
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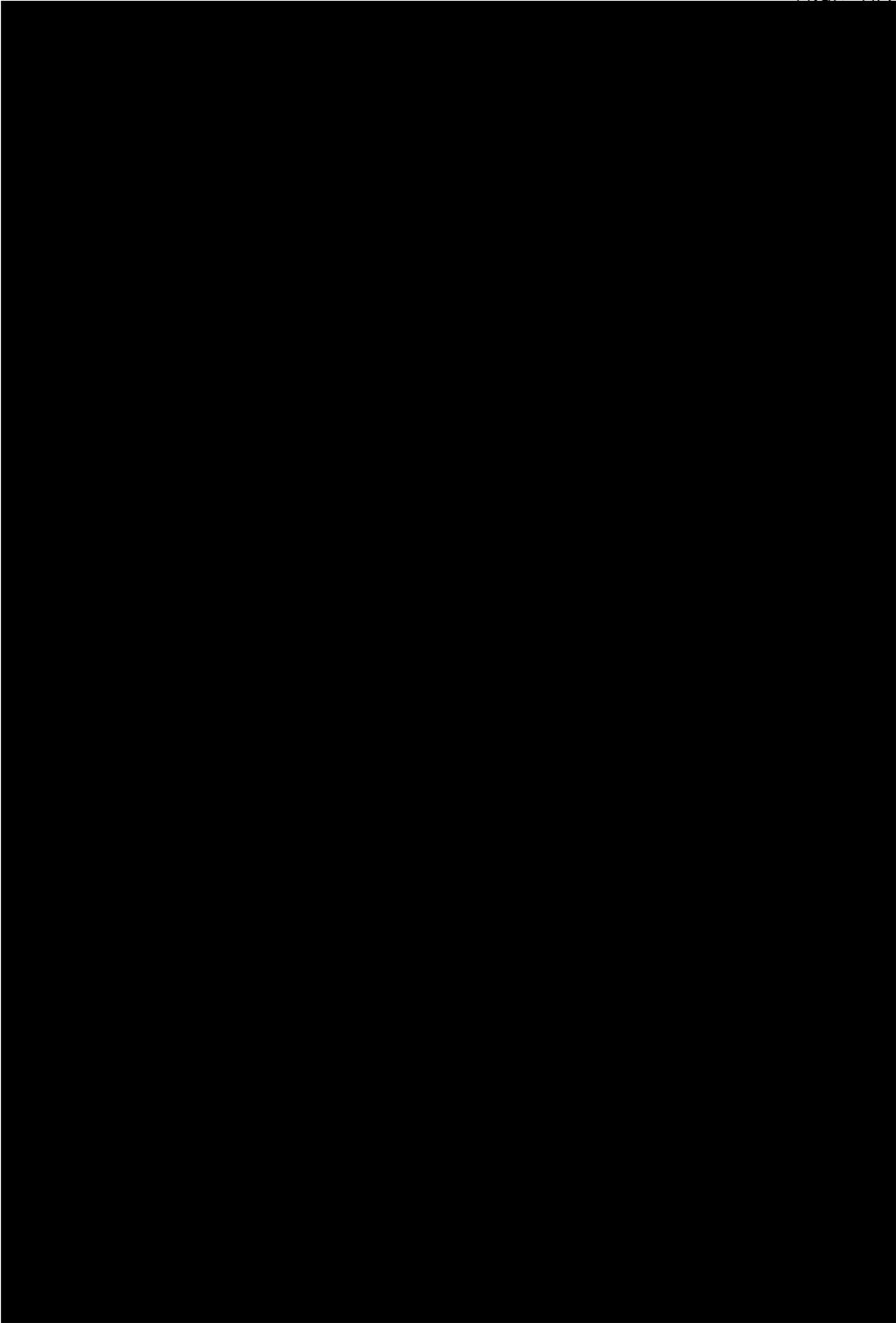
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19 continuation of this. The time is 11:49. Again,
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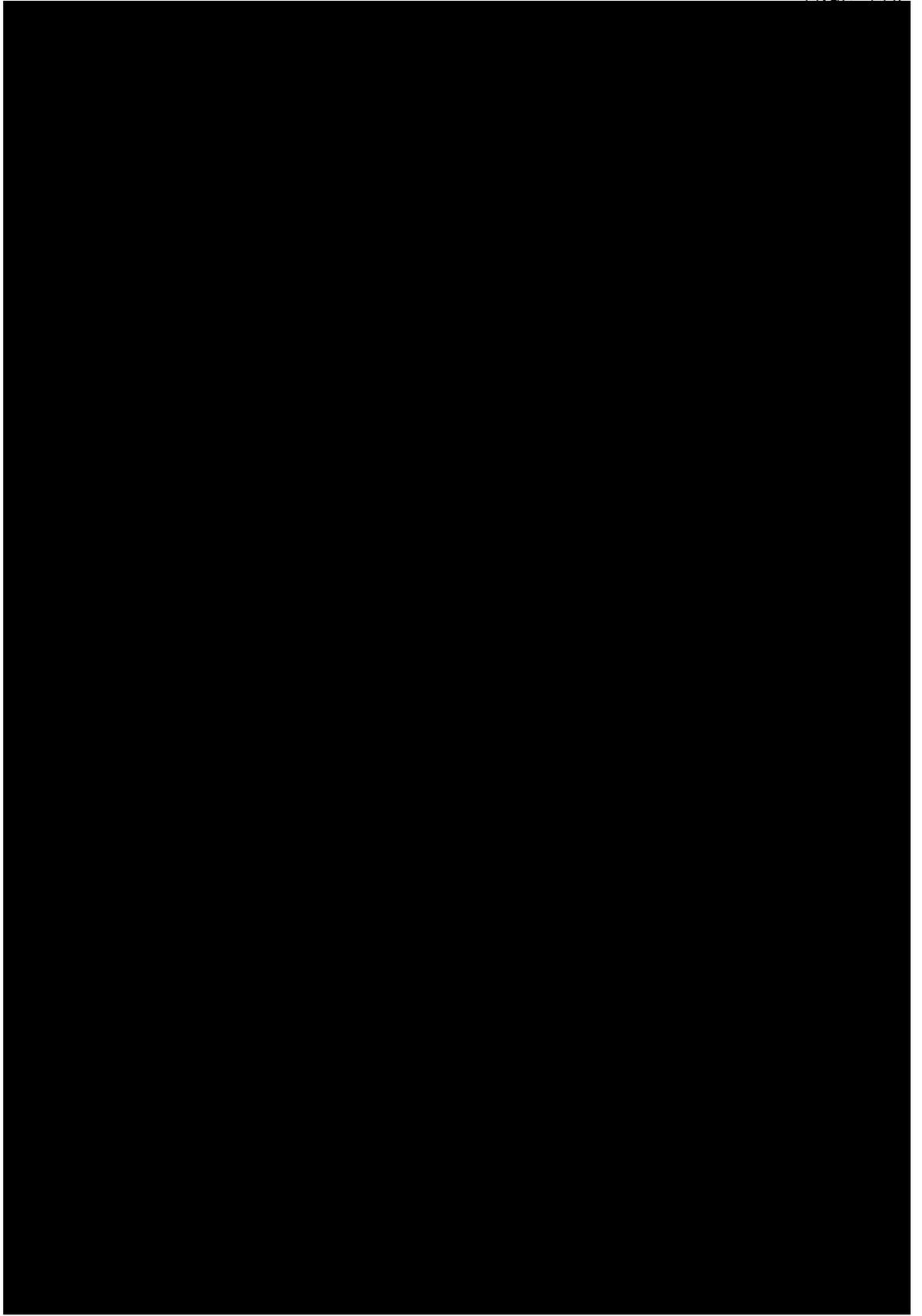
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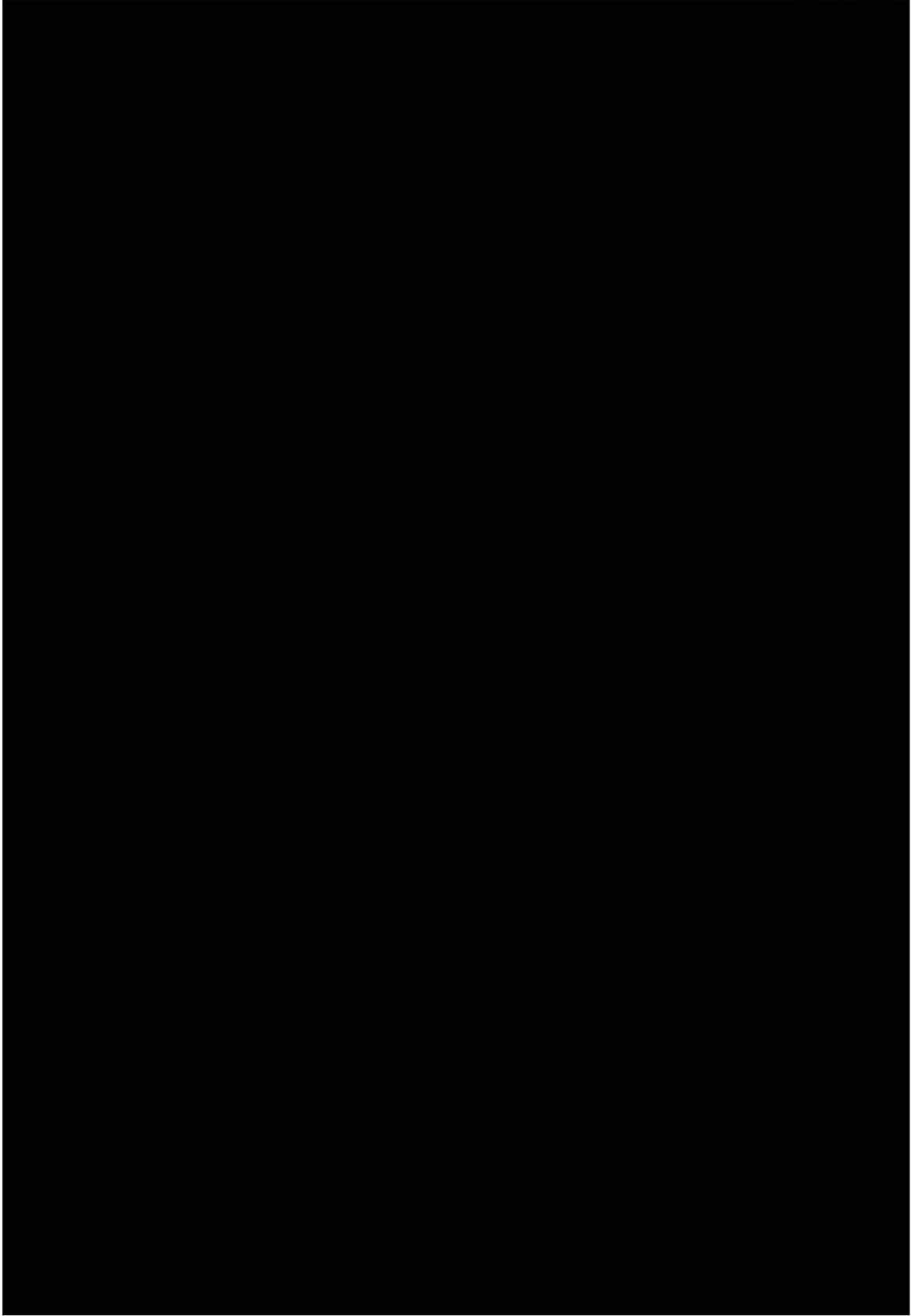
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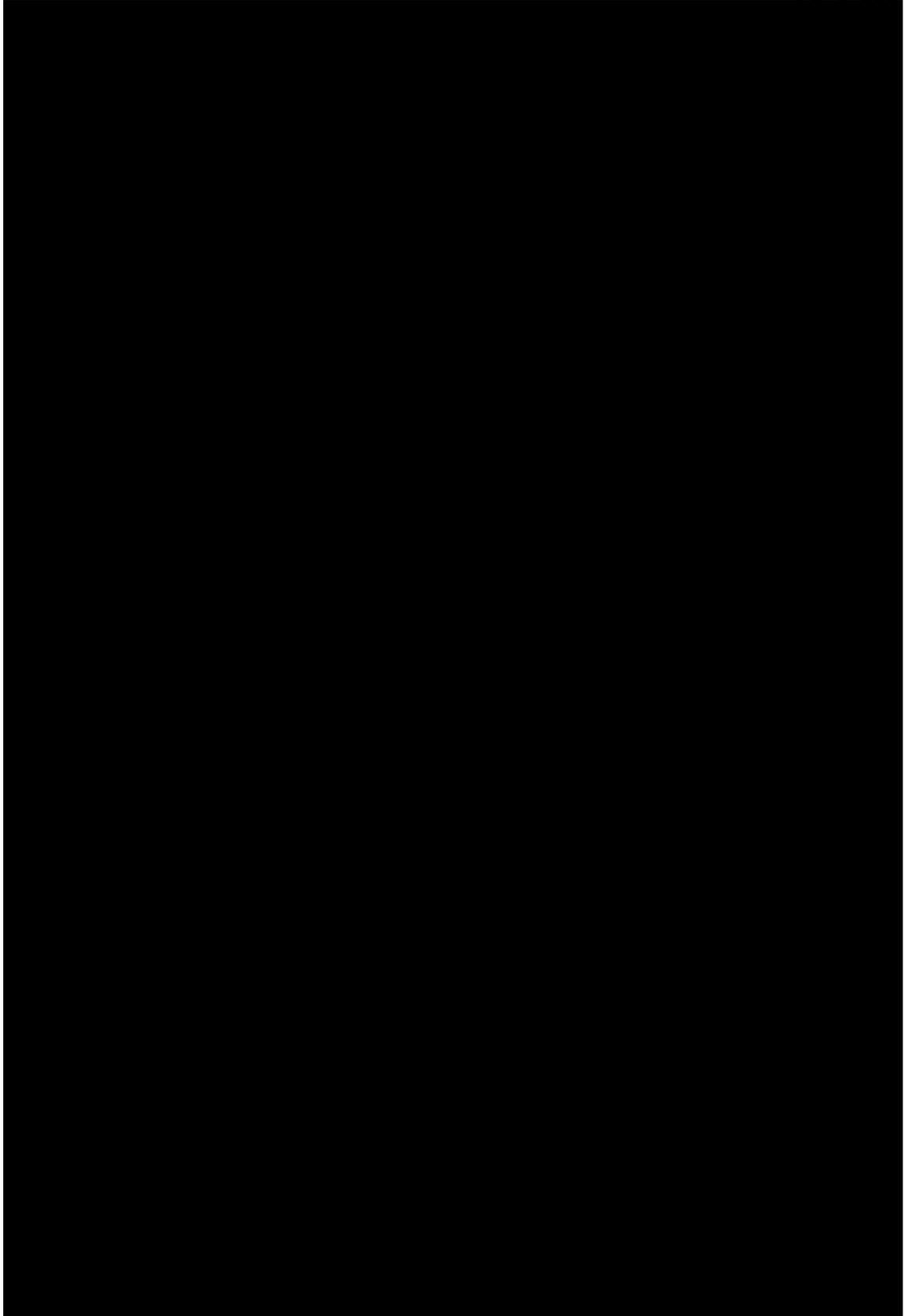
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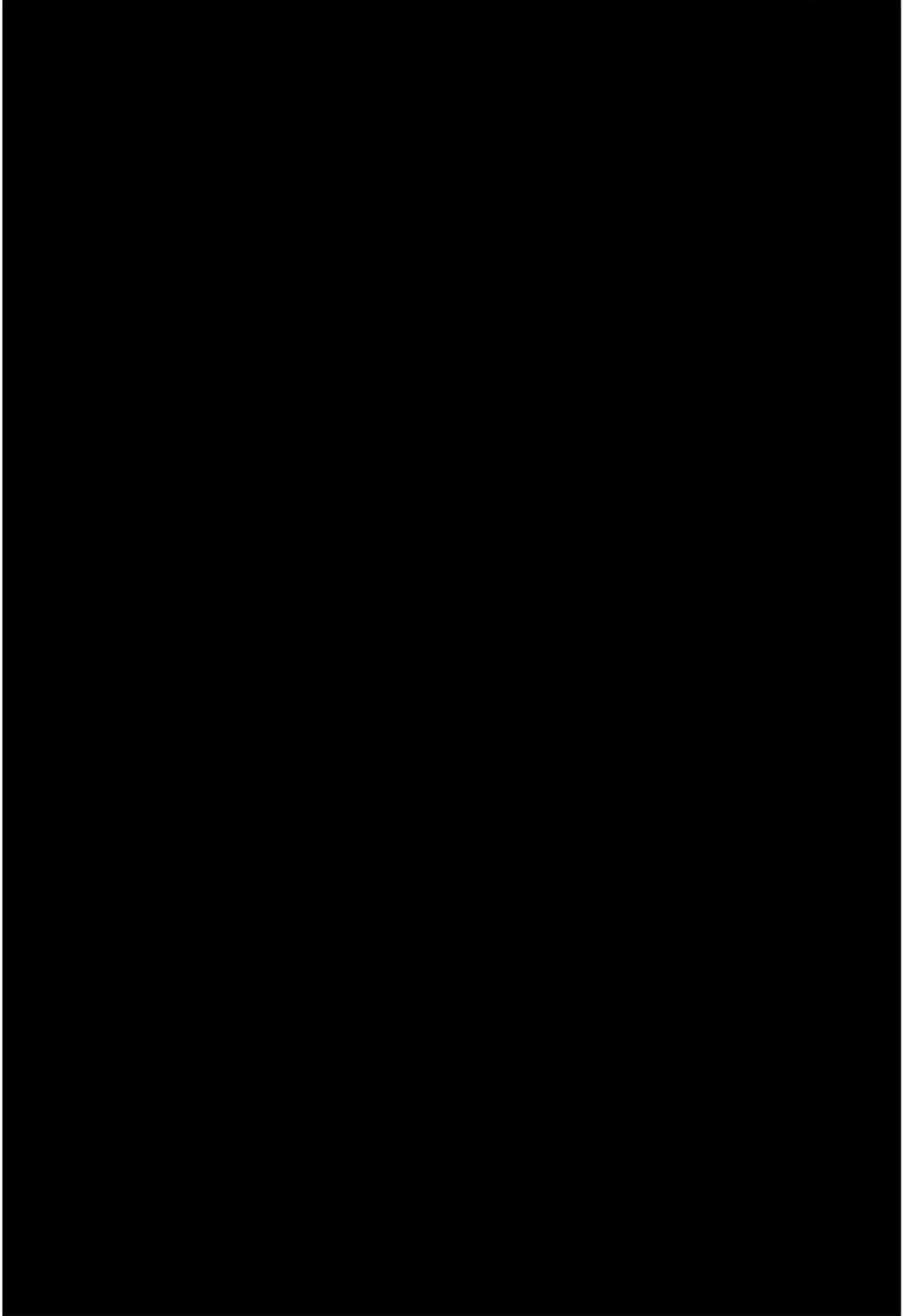
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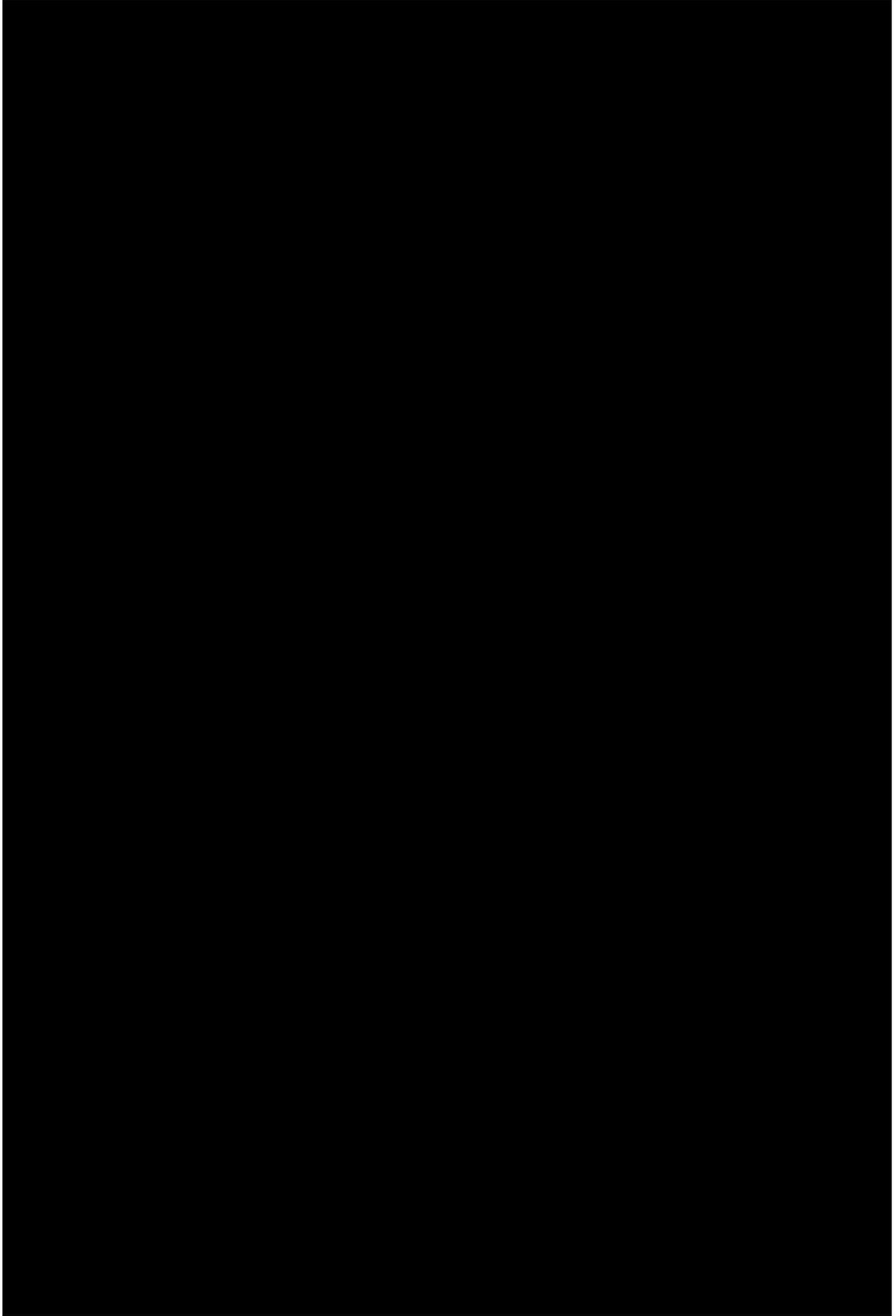
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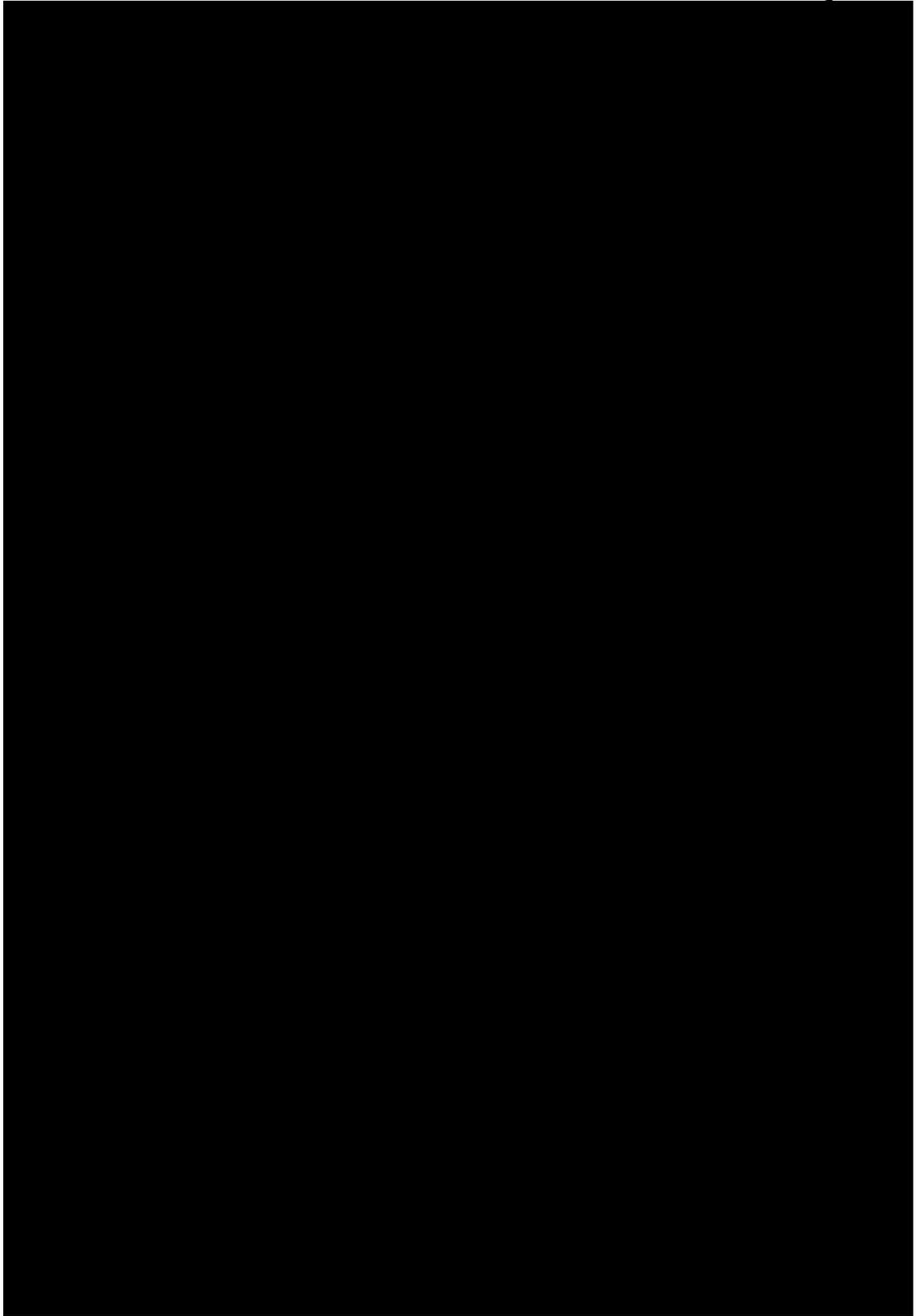
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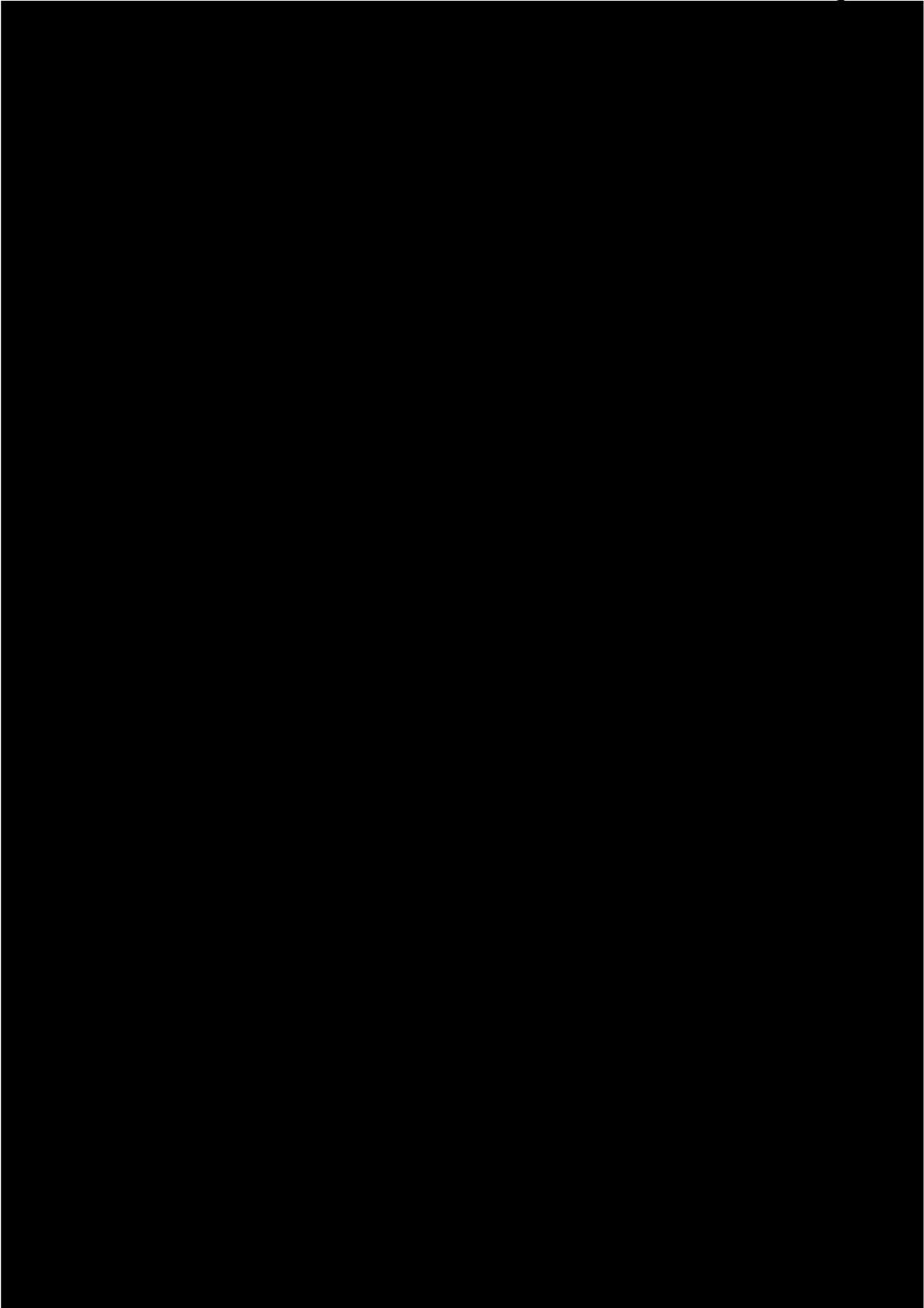
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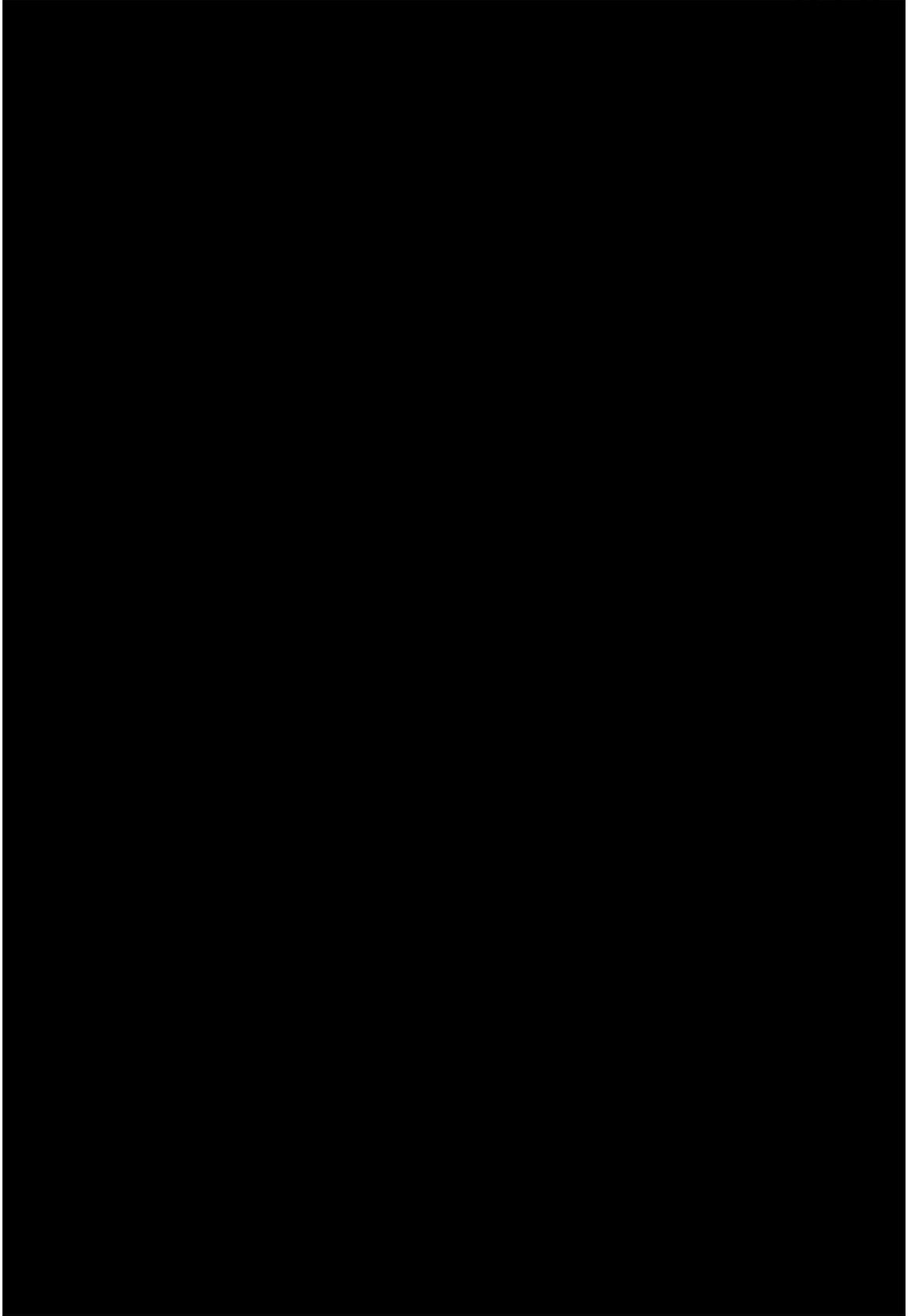
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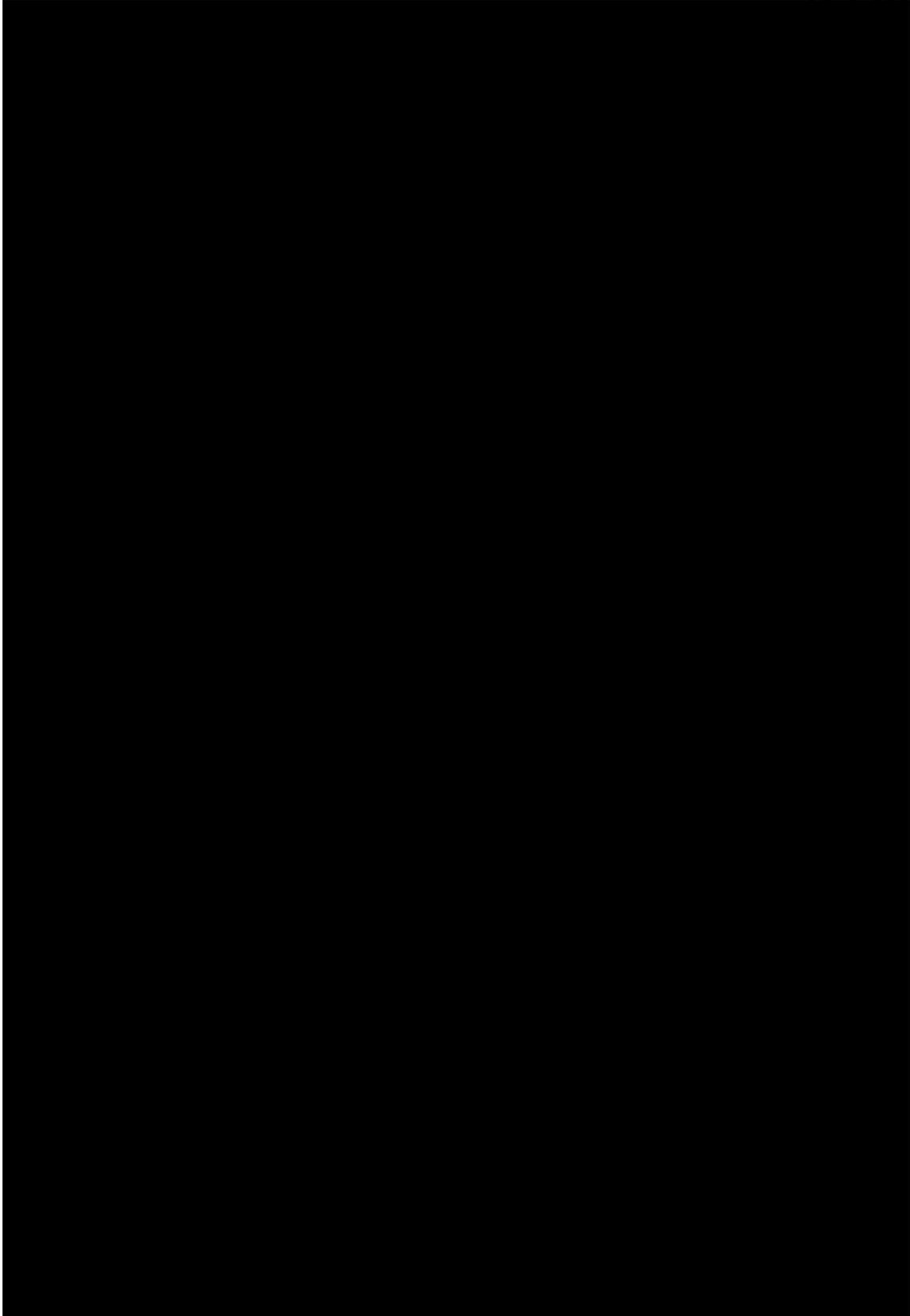
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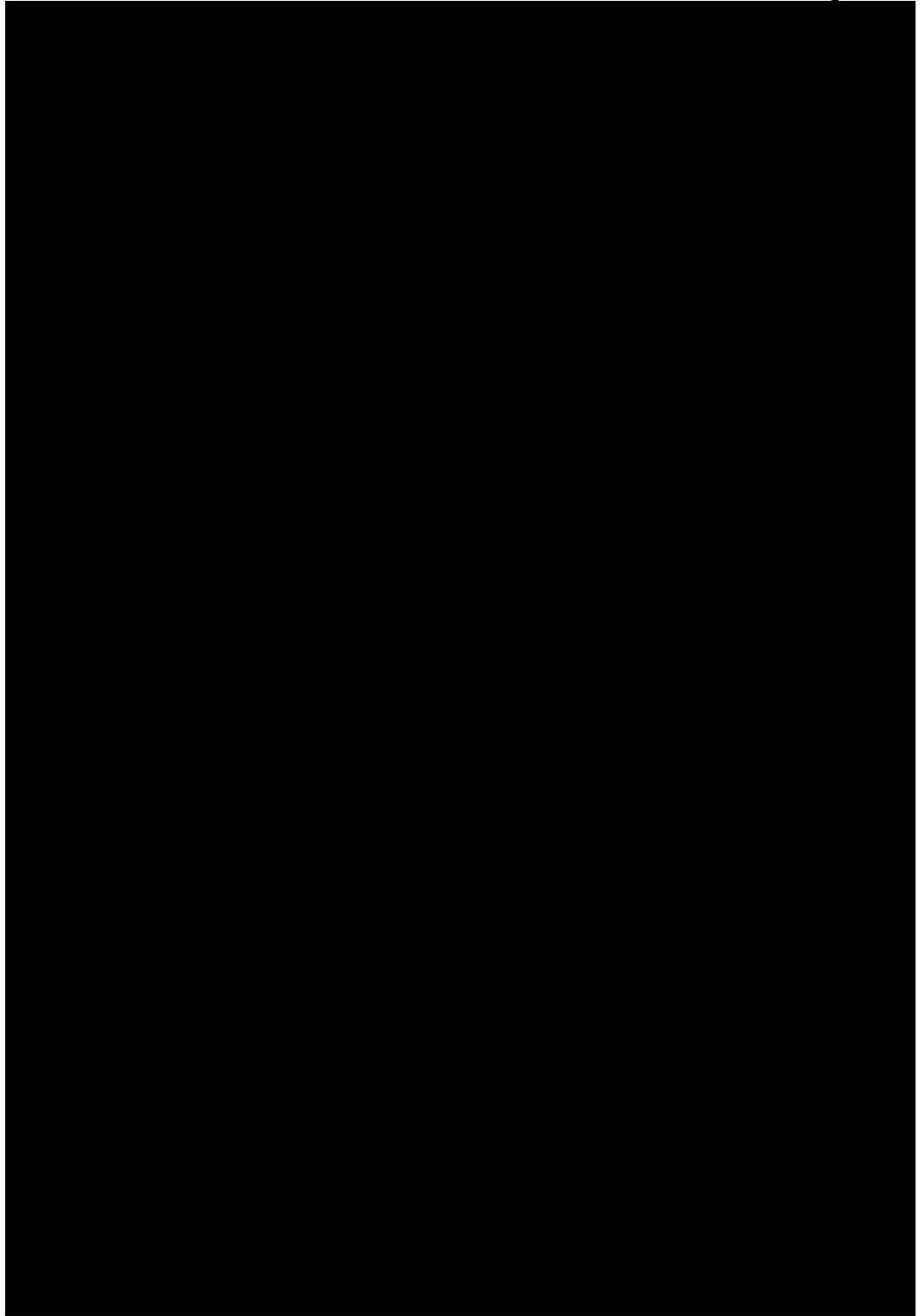
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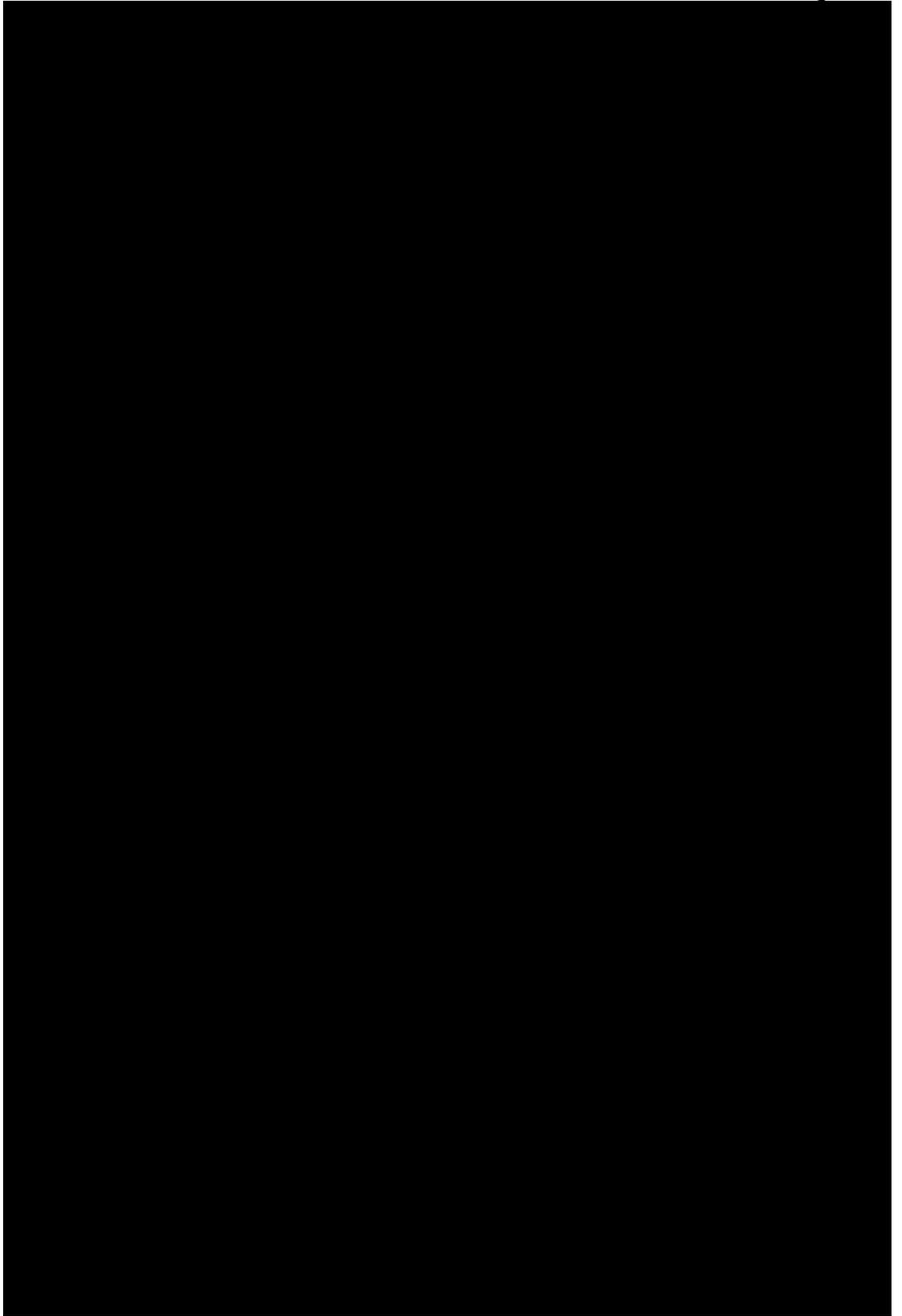
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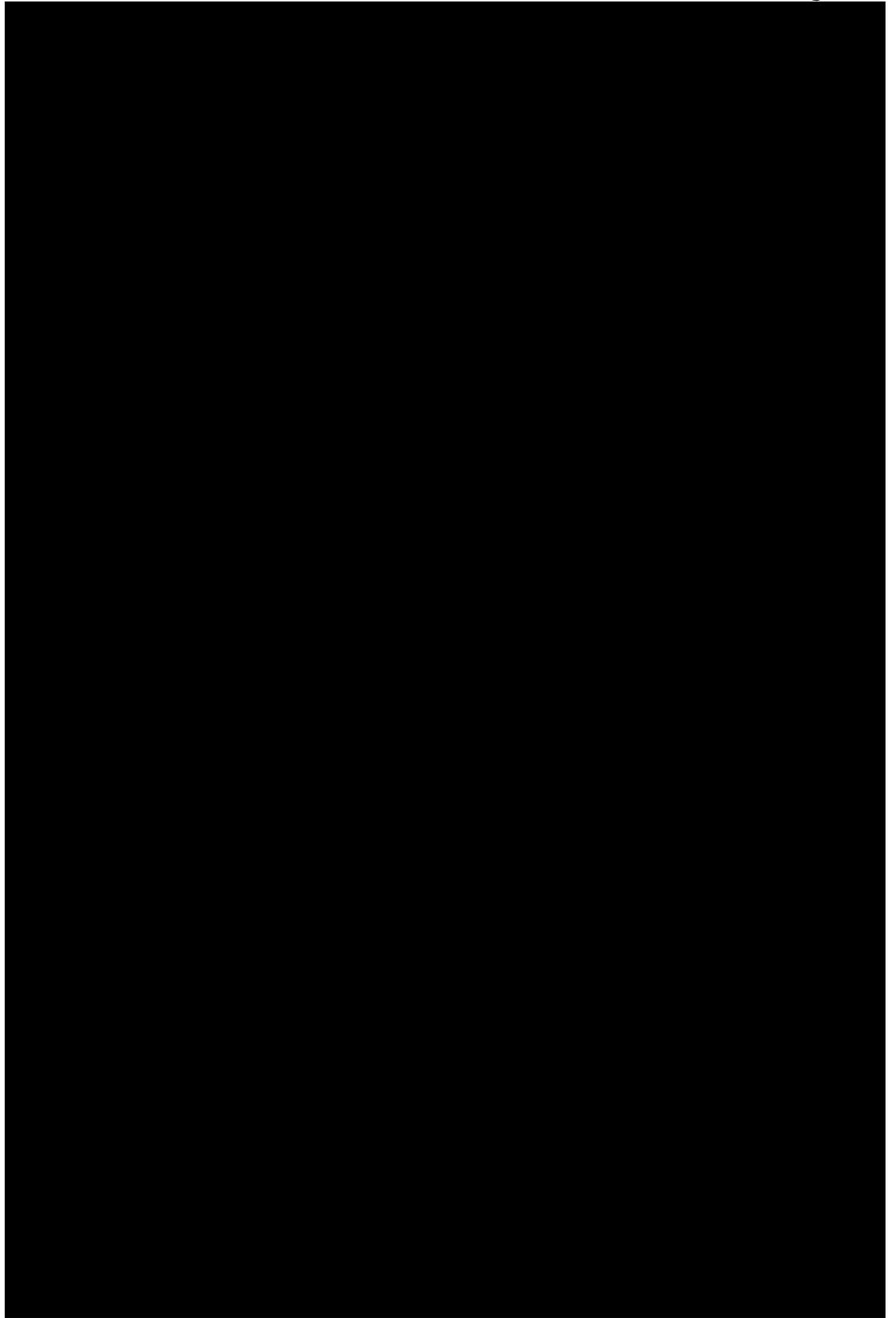
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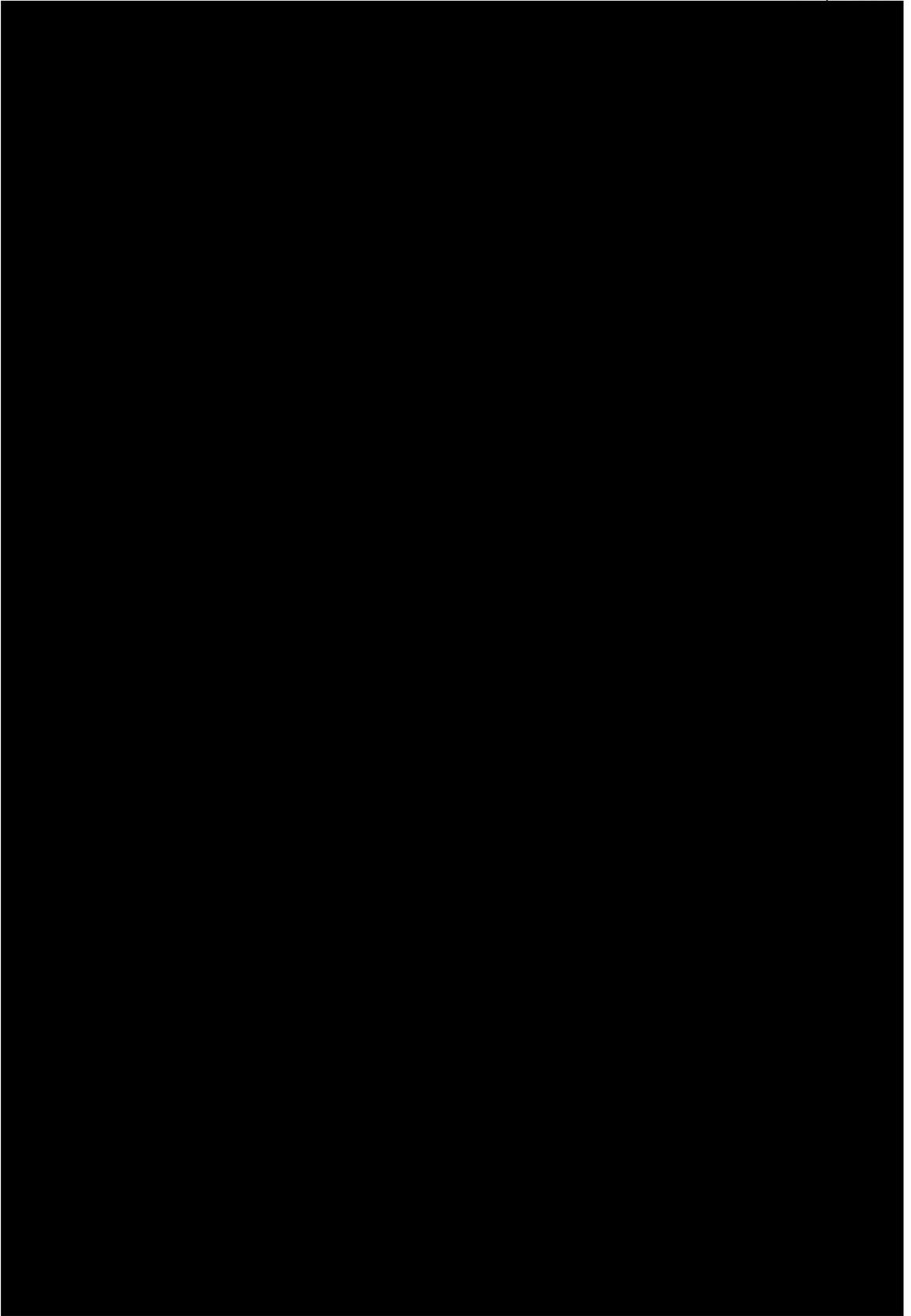
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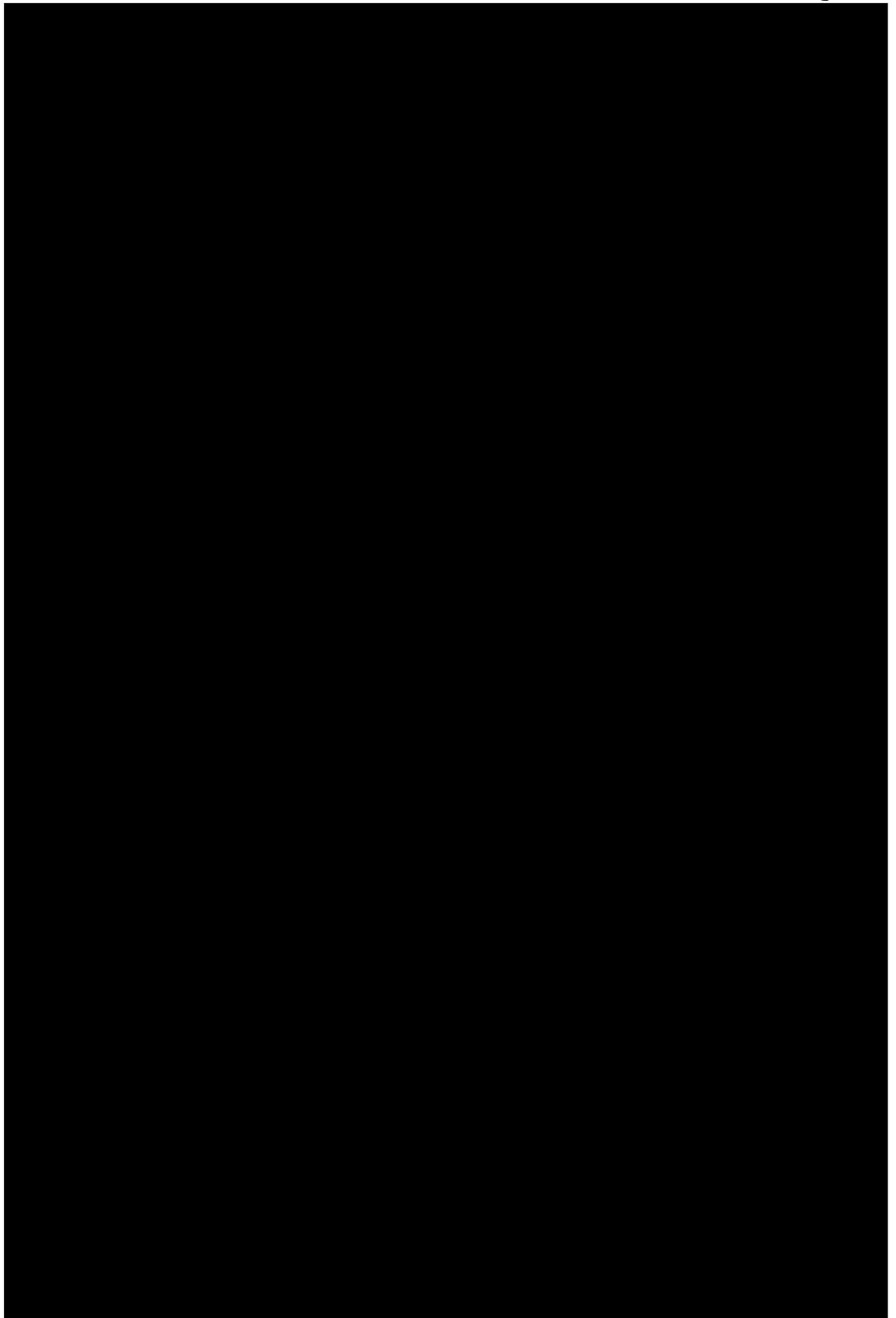
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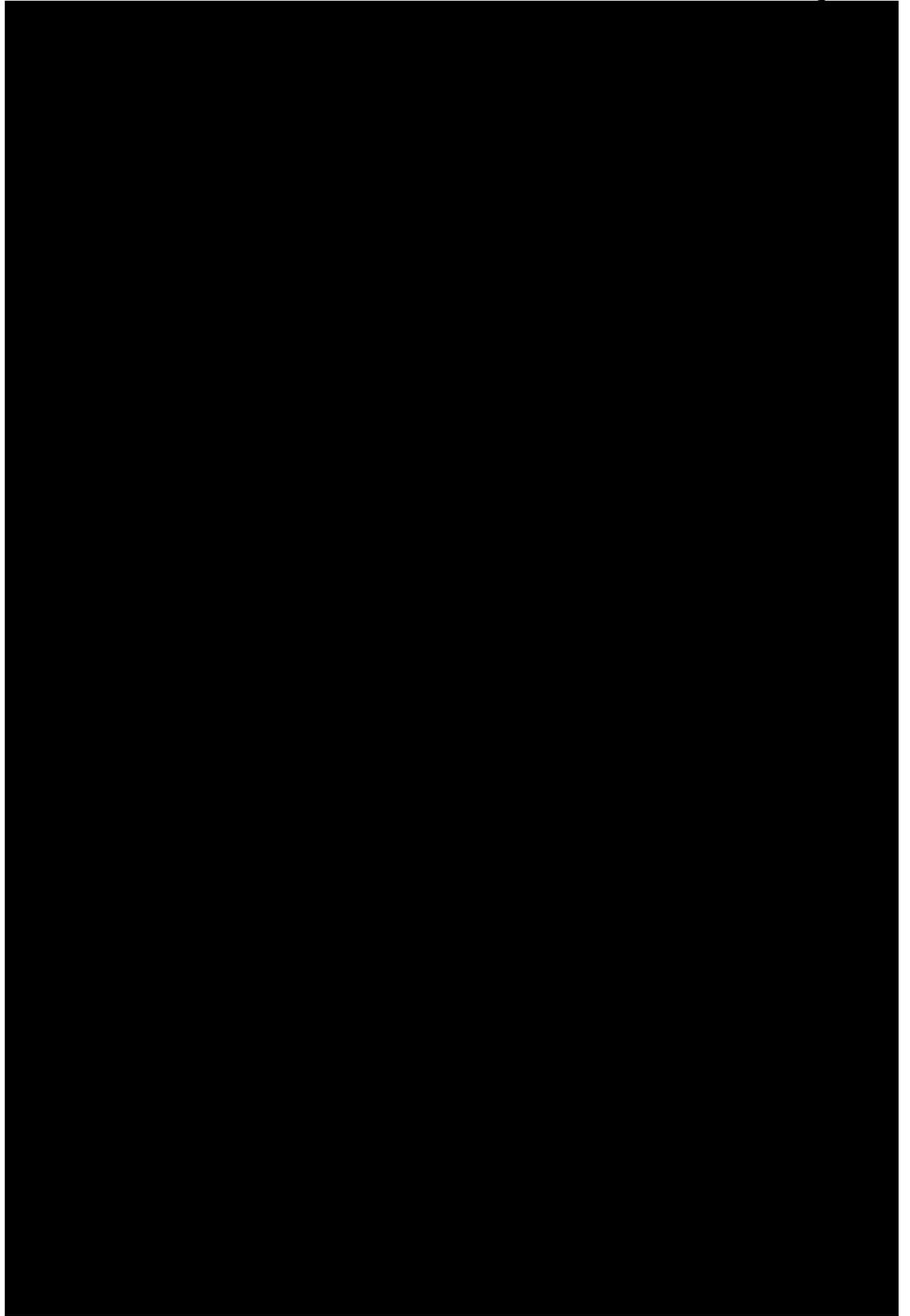
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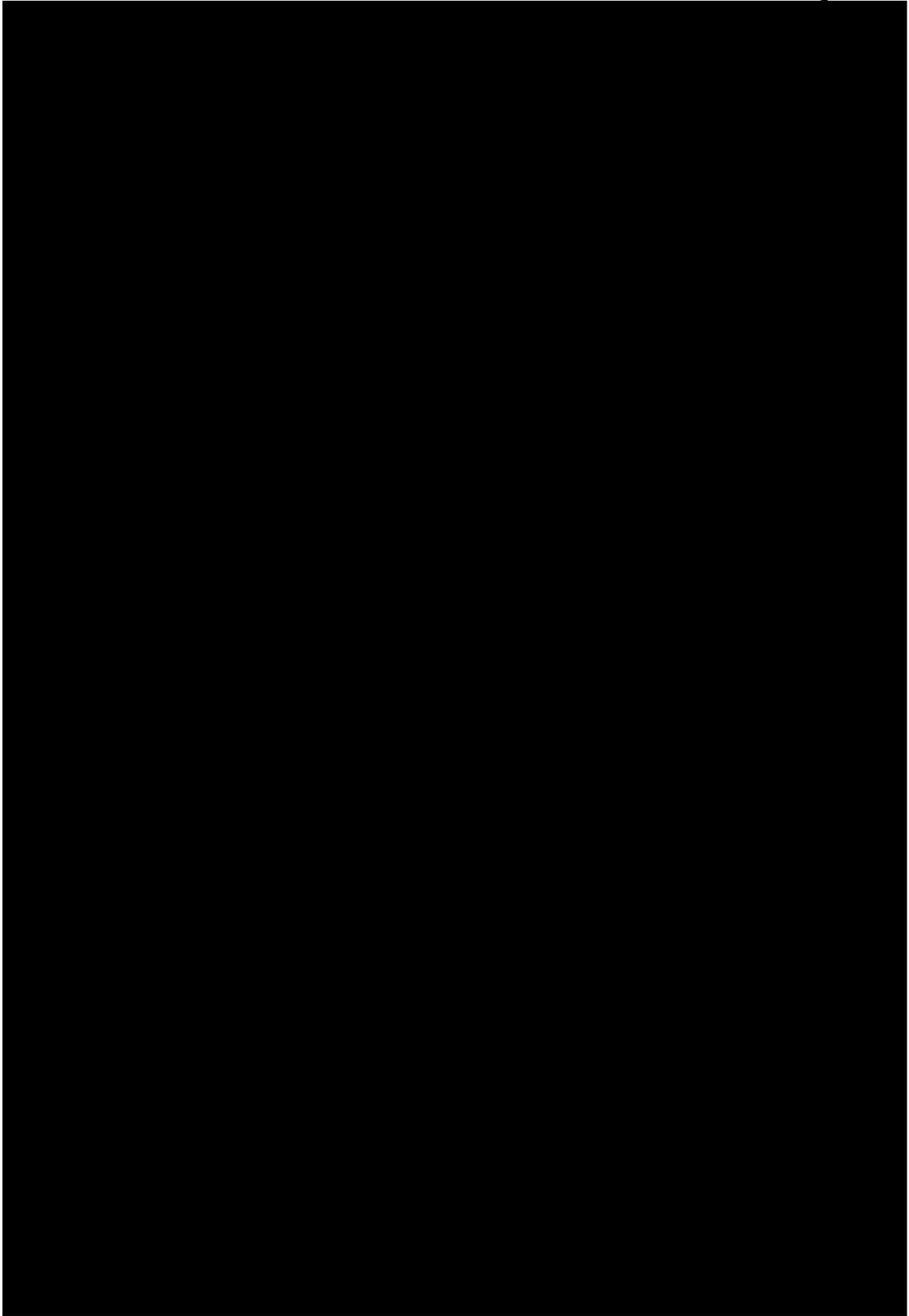
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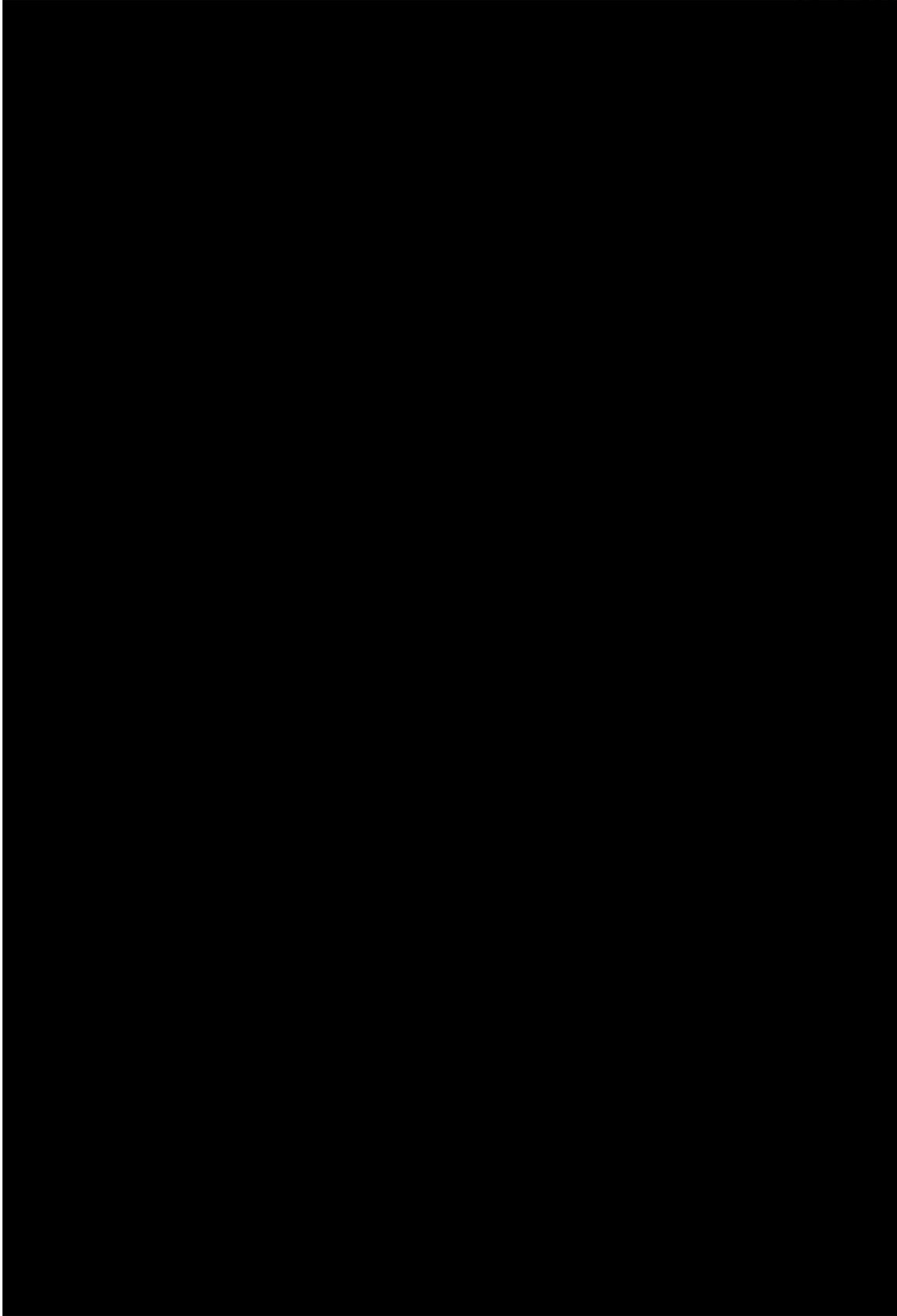
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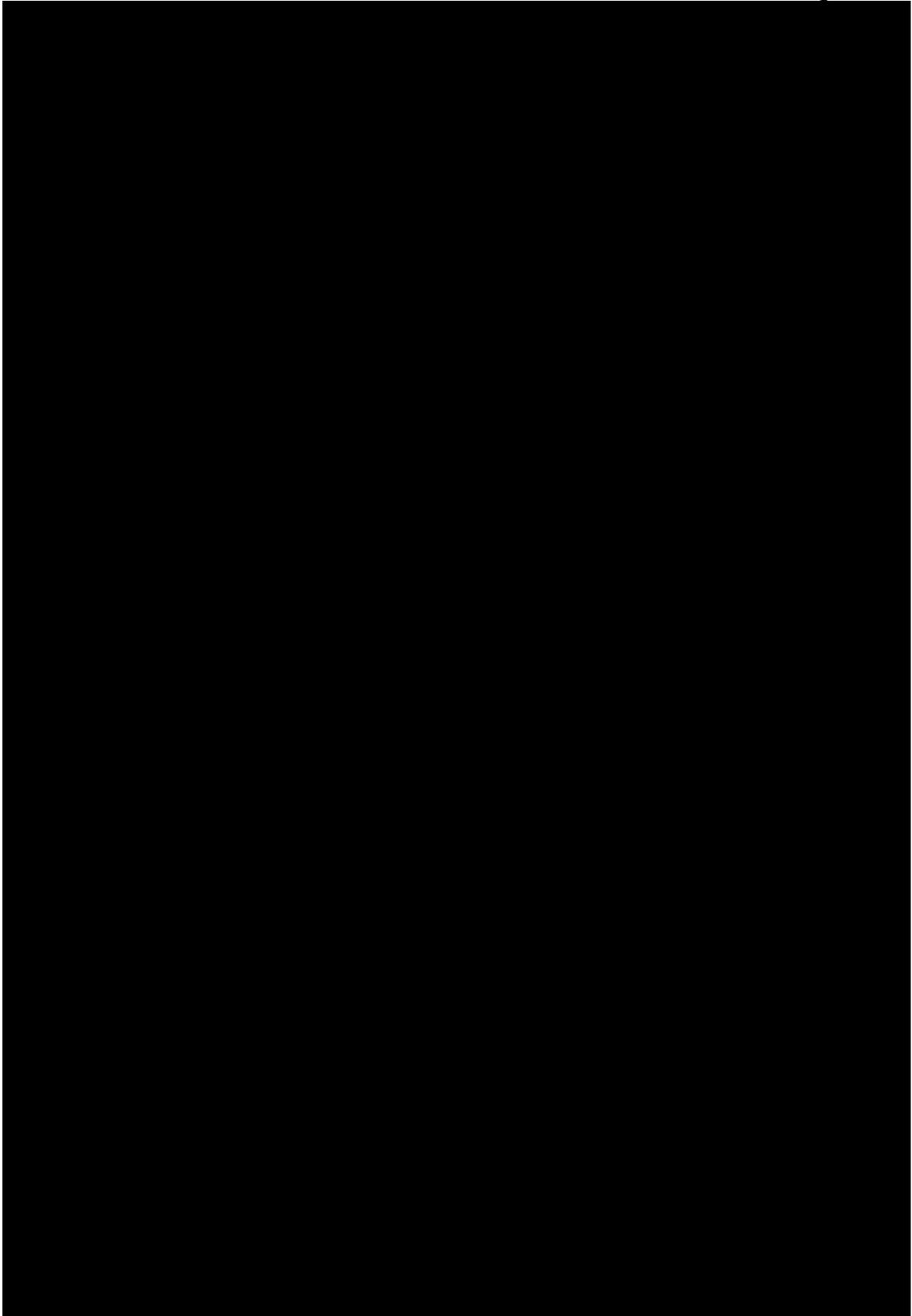
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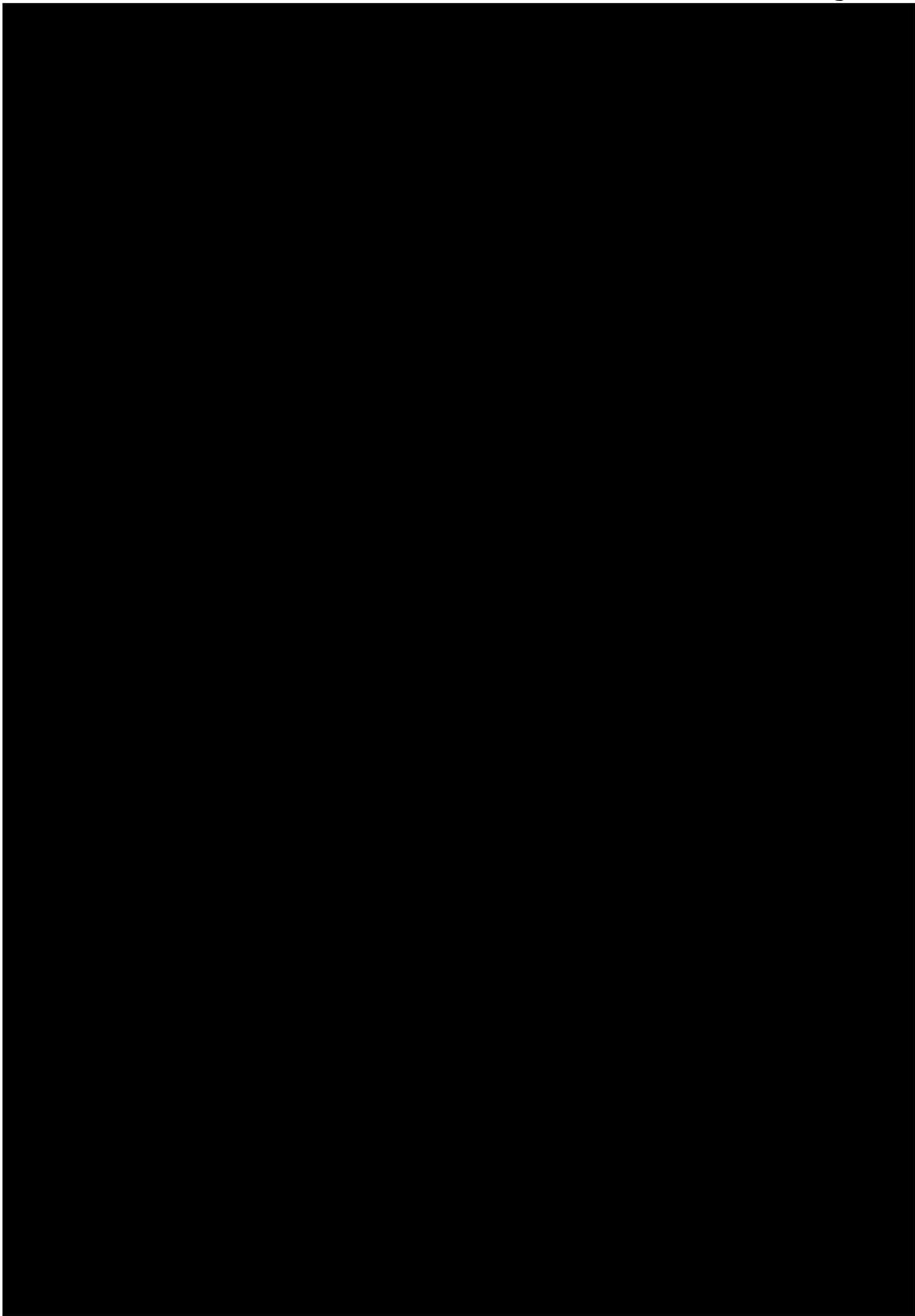
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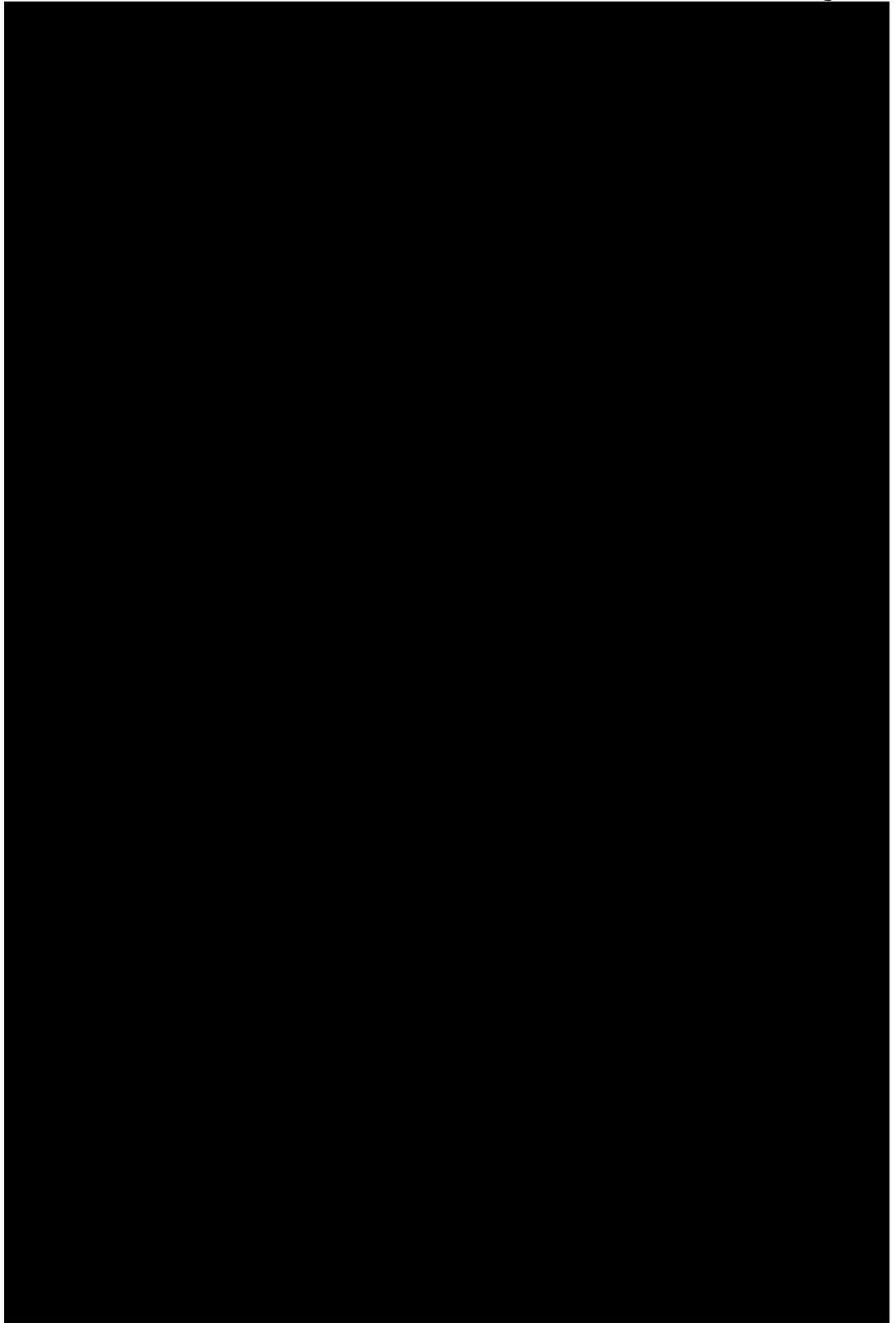
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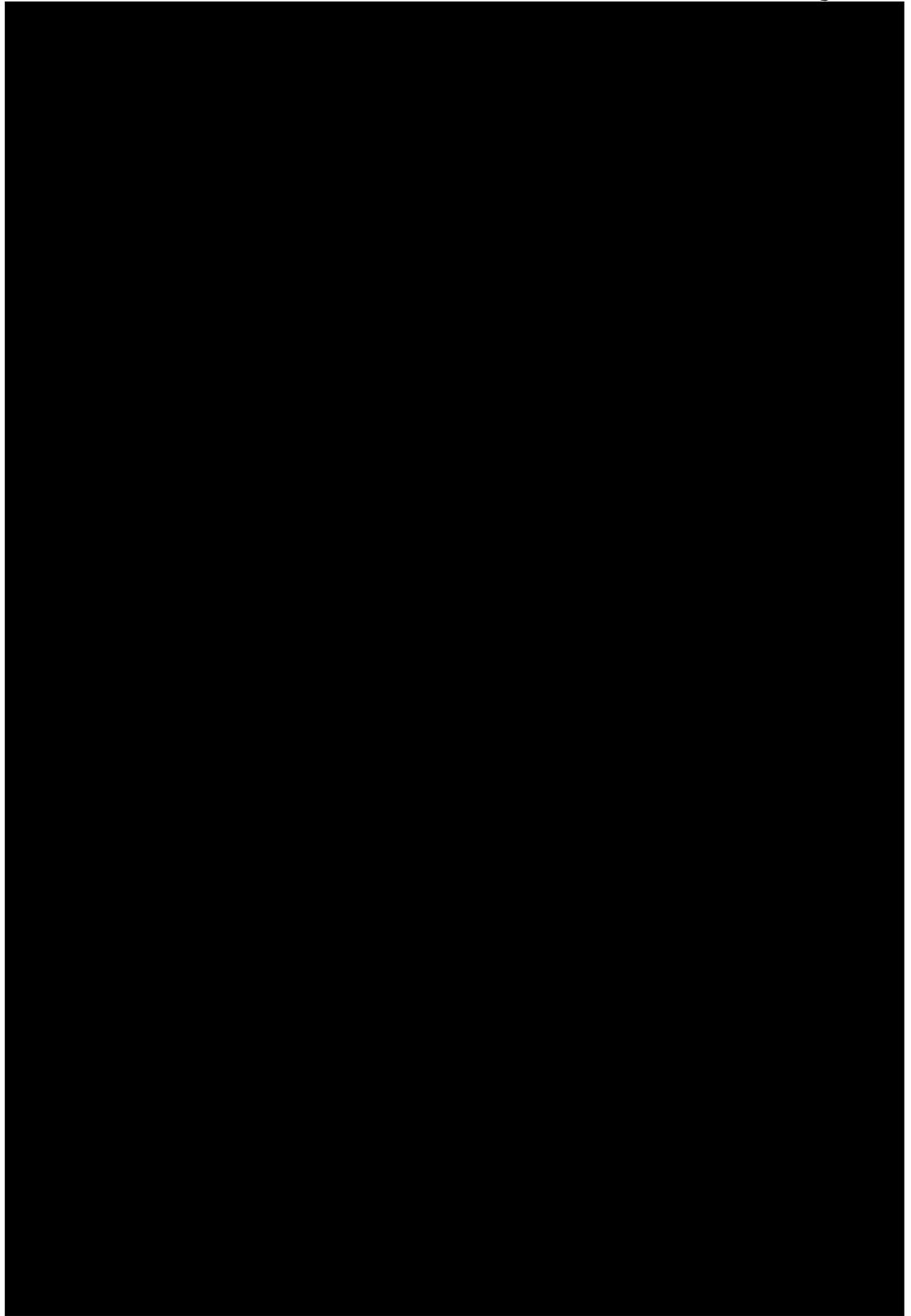
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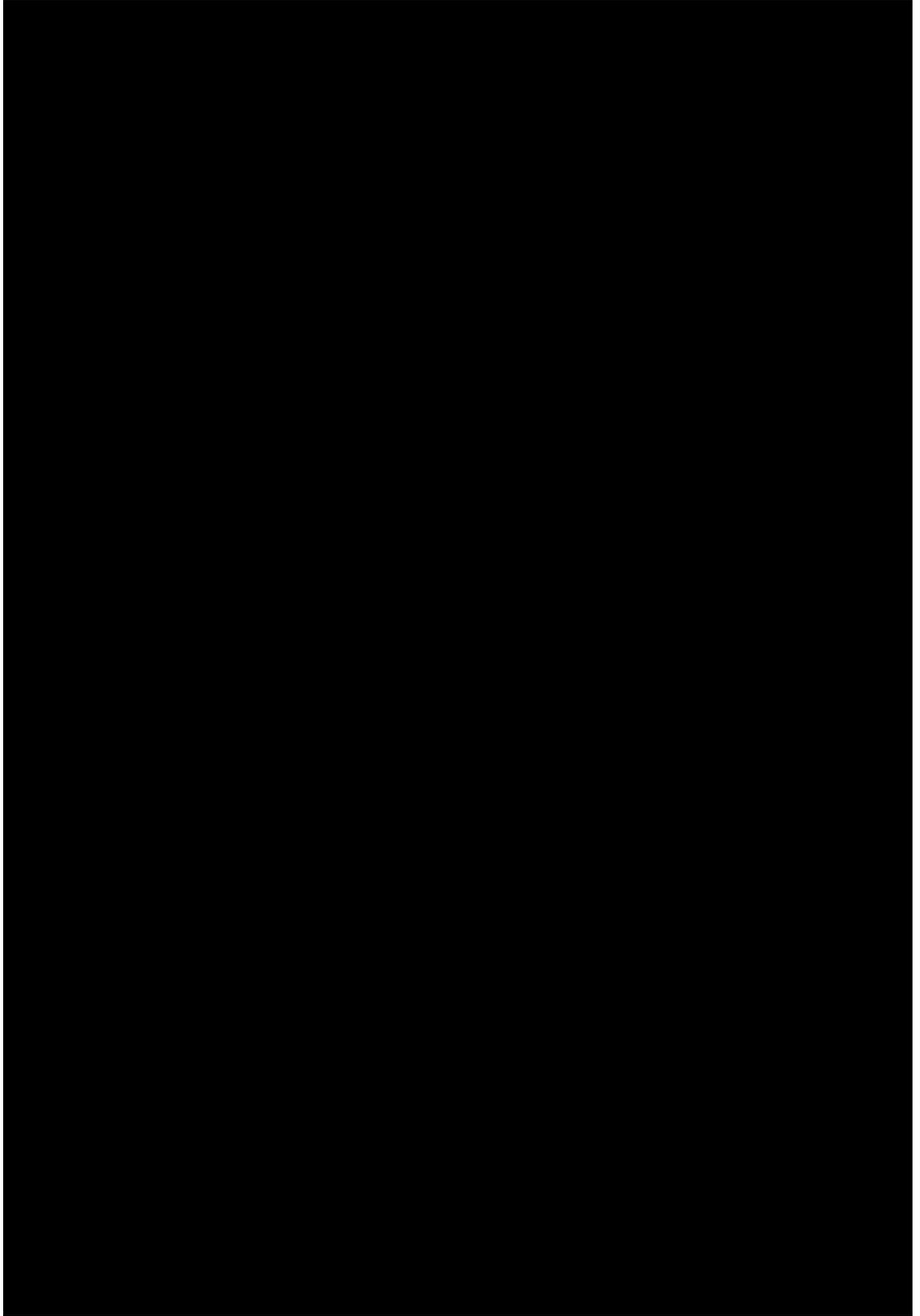
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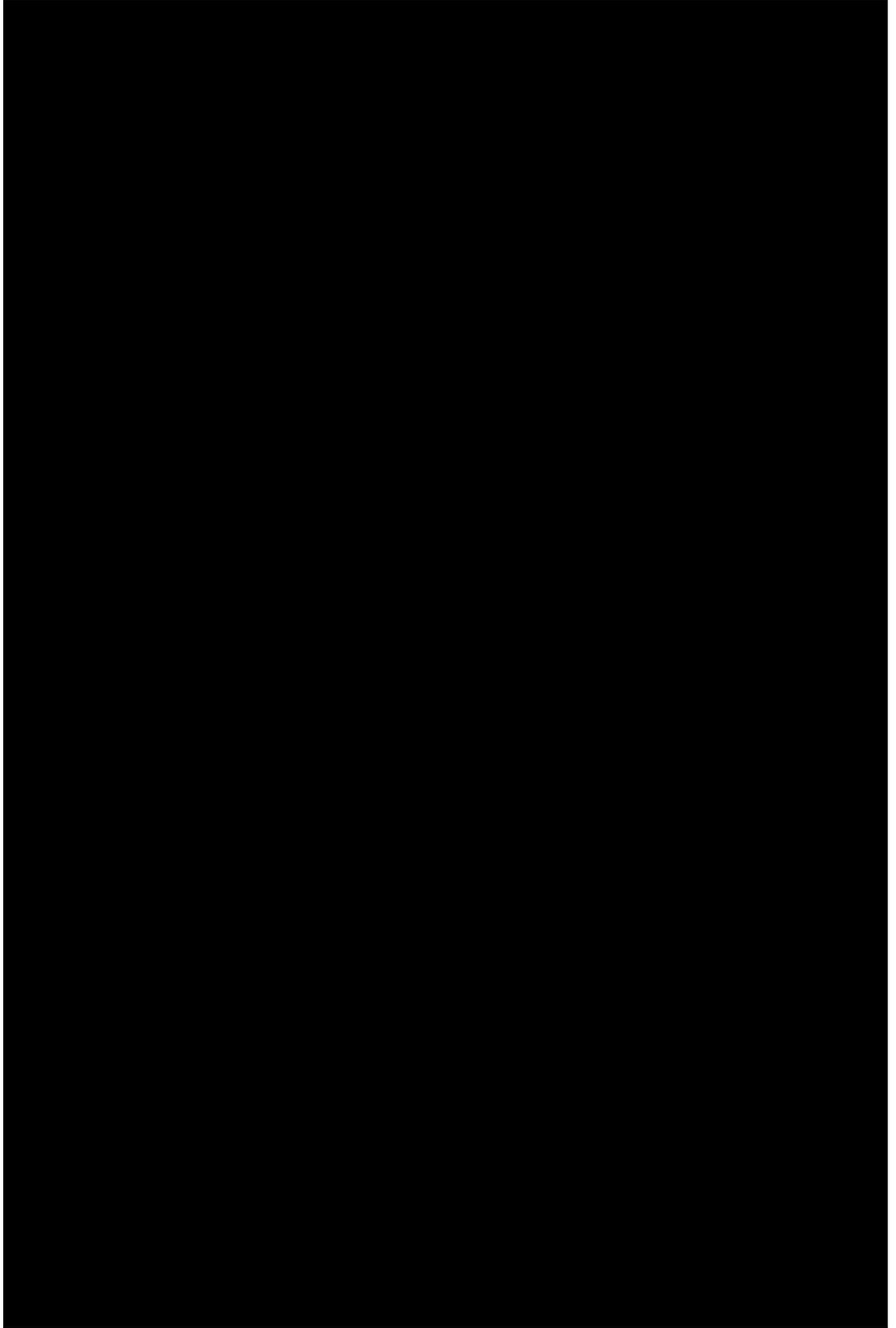
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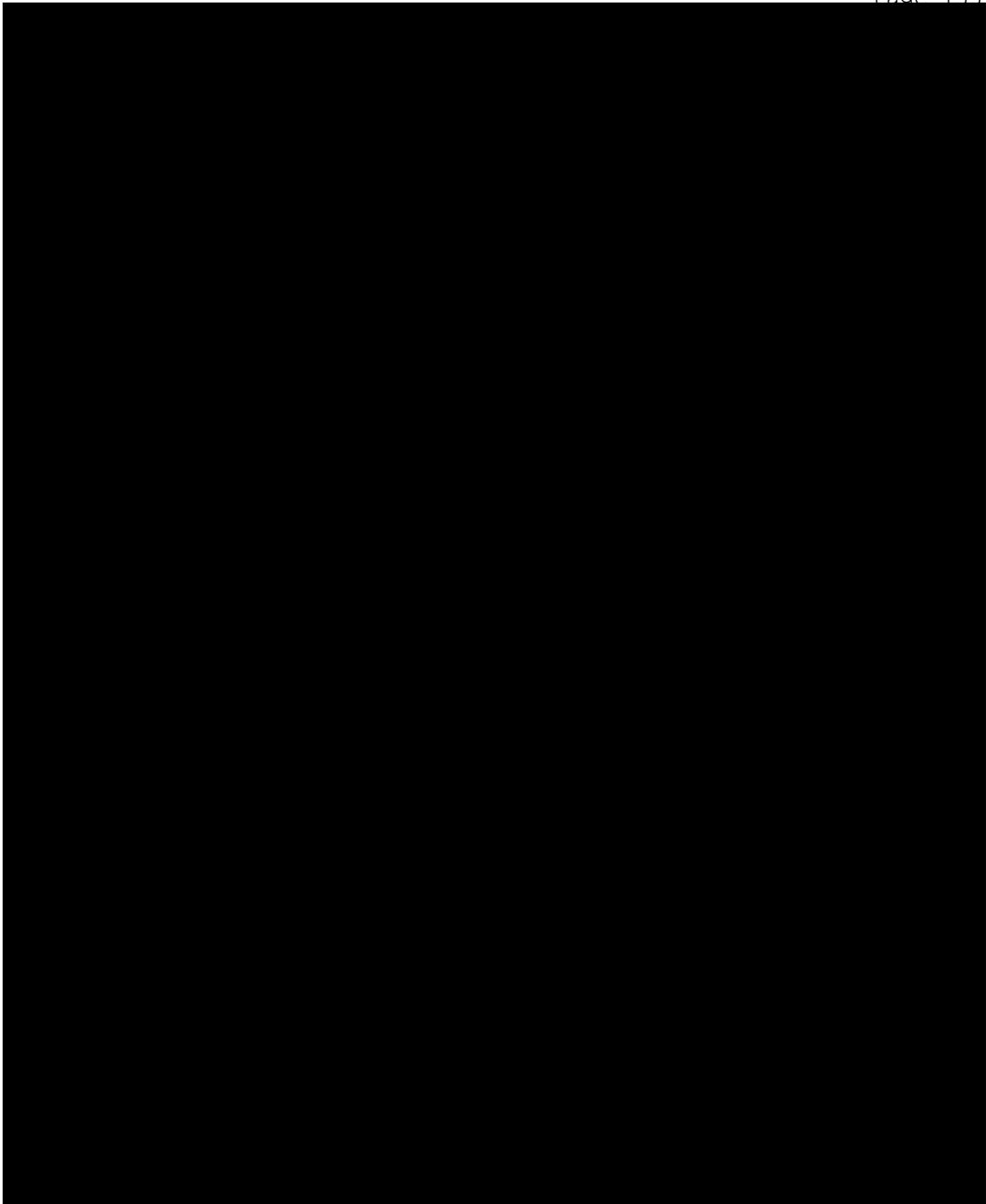
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(Recess 12:25 p.m. until 12:27 p.m.)

VICE CHAIR BROWN: Again, the time is now
12:27 p.m. The closed meeting is hereby
terminated, and the public meeting is now reopen.

1 We are addressing four items right now, Items 11.1
2 through 11.4.

3 Commissioners, at this time, I would like to
4 get a motion on Item 11.1. Commissioner Drago.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I make a motion to have
6 this -- direct staff to continue negotiating based
7 on direction given by the Commission during the
8 closed-door session.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And can we get a second?

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
12 aye.

13 (Multiple ayes.)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are on 11.2.
15 Commissioners, we are ripe for a motion on
16 that item. Commissioner Drago, I think the floor
17 is yours.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I make a motion to direct
19 staff to continue negotiating based on the
20 direction provided by the Commission during the
21 closed-door session.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And,
23 Commissioner D'Aquila, is there a second?

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll second that
25 motion.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
2 aye.

3 (Multiple ayes.)

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We are on to 11.3.
5 Commissioner Drago.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Make a motion to direct
7 staff to continue negotiating based on the
8 direction provided by the Commission during the
9 closed-door session.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
11 second?

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll second that
13 motion.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
15 aye.

16 (Multiple ayes.)

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And last, we
18 are on to 11.4. Commissioner Repp, do you have a
19 motion?

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: I make a motion to
21 authorize Deputy Executive Director McCaffery to
22 bind the Commission in the mediation based on the
23 guidance and advice obtained from the Commission
24 during closed session.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

1 Commissioner Drago, is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
4 aye.

5 (Multiple ayes.)

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Are there any
7 other matters that need to be addressed to the
8 staff today?

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Can I ask one question
10 before we close. Did we decide on a date for the
11 May Fort Lauderdale meeting yet?

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Director Zimmer.

13 MS. ZIMMER: Yes. It's Thursday and Friday.
14 I believe it's May 7th and 8th. I'll make sure
15 that 7th is a Thursday.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much. Are
17 there any other matters, Commissioners, that need
18 to be addressed? Seeing none, this meeting is
19 adjourned. Thank you. Safe travels, all.

20 (Proceedings concluded at 12:29 p.m.)

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