

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Julie I. Brown, Chair
Tina Repp, Vice Chair
Peter Cuderman, Commissioner
John D'Aquila, Commissioner
William Spicola, Commissioner

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23 Joshua Alexander, James Barr Counsel (Appears by Phone)

24 The Florida Channel

25 Various Members of the Public

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1 (Whereupon, the following proceedings
2 commenced at 9:31 a.m.)

3 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much,
4 everybody, for being here today. This is the
5 Florida Gaming Control Commission Meeting.

6 The date is Thursday, June 4th. The
7 time is 9:30, and if you will please stand with
8 us for the Pledge of Allegiance, which will be
9 given by our most recent masters graduate,
10 Commissioner Cuderman.

11 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
12 recited.)

13 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, all.

14 And thank you, Commissioner Cuderman,
15 congratulations for the many accomplishments
16 you have achieved thus far.

17 With that, I just wanted to do a few
18 housekeeping items to let you all know. We
19 have a few attorney/client sessions. At the
20 end of today's agenda, we will pause the
21 Florida channel at that time, the public
22 meeting as well, and then we will resume once
23 that concludes. And item 3.1 is going to be
24 postponed to another agenda at a later date.

25 And now we will commence our formal

1 meeting.

2 With that, Commissioners, can we please
3 get a motion to approve the meeting minutes for
4 April 9th and May 7th?

5 MR. SPICOLA: So moved.

6 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

7 And a second?

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

9 (Aye responses.)

10 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 We are moving into our executive
13 director update.

14 DIRECTOR ZIMMER: Good morning. Thank
15 you, Chair Brown. Thank you all for being here
16 today. A little housekeeping here, as well.

17 I just wanted to point out that our
18 September meeting will be September 3rd here in
19 Tallahassee, and I'd also like to welcome our
20 new FGCC team members who came on board in May.
21 Our new employee is John Rothem, who is a
22 senior crime intelligence analyst; Hailey
23 Henderson, OPS clerk; Paula Adams, our
24 financial examiner analyst, II; Rache'l Layerd,
25 regulatory analyst; and Kristen Lewis, our

1 operations review specialist. So welcome to
2 all of you.

3 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Welcome.

4 DIRECTOR ZIMMER: Our Compulsive
5 Gambling partnership with Cambridge is also
6 progressing well. Our director of
7 administration, Lisa Mustain, and I visited our
8 partner in Denver last month, and I'm proud to
9 say that we are making great strides with this
10 organization to serve the citizens of Florida.

11 In addition to the resources we are
12 currently providing for those affected by
13 compulsive gambling, we are also going to be
14 ruling out new resources specifically for our
15 seniors and veterans in the upcoming year, two
16 populations who are heavily targeted by illegal
17 operators, and our call numbers were consistent
18 for the month of May.

19 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

20 Is there any questions?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIR BROWN: Awesome. We are looking
23 forward to seeing that, the rollout, too.

24 DIRECTOR ZIMMER: And we continue to
25 grow our social media community, communicating

1 our consumer protection efforts and law
2 enforcement operations providing transparency,
3 building trust with our citizens.

4 Last month, our biggest gaming were on
5 our Instagram platform. We had a 15 percent
6 increase.

7 I also want to encourage everyone here
8 to check out our LinkedIn page. We will be
9 posting any positions for our new squads in the
10 Sarasota and Jacksonville area. We really
11 would encourage all of you to take a look at
12 that and encourage people who you think may be
13 good partners for our organization.

14 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director
15 Zimmer.

16 I just do want to send our -- publicly,
17 our appreciation to the legislature, both
18 chambers for the support of our two new squads.
19 It's tremendous.

20 It's going to match exactly what we need
21 as we continue to tackle illegal gambling
22 across the state, and I think the posture of
23 where those positions are, are going to just be
24 a tremendous relief for the stress that our
25 team already has.

1 DIRECTOR ZIMMER: We -- we are really
2 super grateful for this, especially with the
3 recent operations we've had in the area with
4 the increase, you're exactly right; it is what
5 we need.

6 And then in our pari-mutuel wagering
7 division, we issued nearly 1,000 Individual
8 Occupational Business Licenses, continuing to
9 contribute to employment for Floridians across
10 the state.

11 And I specifically wanted to thank all
12 of our partners who participated in our
13 cardroom and slot discussion we had in Fort
14 Lauderdale last month. It was great to see so
15 many of you take part in this opportunity to
16 improve our operations.

17 I just wanted to pass this over to
18 Elina Valentine, our general counsel, to give
19 some more details on that.

20 Elina?

21 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director.

22 Good morning.

23 MS. VALENTINE: Good morning.

24 And I'd just like to go, directly to --
25 Executive Director Zimmer, and thank the

1 industry for showing up to our cardroom
2 discussions. We have had three cardroom
3 discussions across the state; one of March
4 24th, one of April 2nd, and one on May 7th.
5 The transcripts of all of those are now ready
6 and available on our website.

7 We have also received a number of
8 written comments that were also very
9 insightful. I think the meetings were very
10 productive, and the Commission staff right now
11 are reviewing all of the comments we've
12 received at the meeting, in person, all of the
13 written comments, and we will be compiling all
14 of them and organizing it by rule, and
15 presenting it to Commission for review and
16 consideration at future Commission meetings.

17 With respect to the slot machine rules
18 that intend to allow the transfer of jackpot
19 winnings to the slot machine credit meter in
20 lieu of hand pay, we have had a very, again,
21 productive workshop at the May 7th Commission
22 meeting, and we received, again, very valuable,
23 insightful feedback from the industry.

24 Commission staff are also looking at all
25 of that and incorporating that -- those

1 suggestions into our rule development language
2 and proposed rules will also be in front of the
3 Commission for consideration at a future
4 meeting.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Valentine.
6 Commissioners, are there any questions?
7 (No response.)

8 CHAIR BROWN: I want to thank your staff
9 -- all of our staff here for participating and
10 all of the discussion, as well as the industry
11 for participating. It's going to help shape us
12 a little bit better. Thank you.

13 Director Zimmer?

14 DIRECTOR ZIMMER: Thank you.

15 I'm going pass this onto Carl Herold,
16 our director of -- our chief -- our Director of
17 Law Enforcement. I'm sorry. I got in very
18 late last night from -- from our conference.

19 Carl, I will hand it over to you.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

21 DIRECTOR HEROLD: Thank you. And you're
22 forgiven.

23 Good -- good morning. Thank you, Chair
24 Brown, Vice Chair Repp, and Commissioners.

25 Before I get started about our

1 activities this past month in the Gaming
2 Enforcement Division, I, too, would like to
3 echo the gratitude that we have with the
4 legislature, Governor DeSantis, and all those
5 involved to get us these two additional squads.

6 It can't be under appreciated, the
7 assistance that this is going to give us in our
8 enforcement activities. We are going to
9 potentially increase our investigator capacity
10 by 66 percent over what we currently have,
11 which is fantastic.

12 And how that benefits the mission of the
13 Gaming Control Commission and the Gaming
14 Enforcement is that it allows us to better
15 serve the Floridians across the state and
16 provide them with the attention to these
17 illegal activities that are taking place and --
18 and protect them from nefarious activities of
19 some of these bad folks that are running these
20 illegal gambling locations.

21 It also provides us with a better
22 response to our partners. We will have two
23 squads that will be strategically located
24 across the state to meet both, geographically
25 and -- the need geographically, but also based

1 on the amount of activity.

2 One of the squads that we're going to
3 place out in the State will be in Sarasota, and
4 the Sarasota, Southwest Florida area is a hot
5 spot for illegal gambling activity right now.
6 So this gives us an opportunity to have a
7 better response to meet the needs of this
8 illegal activity.

9 And then also, as you are well aware, we
10 pride ourselves in gaming enforcement, and as a
11 Commission overall, in our collaboration
12 partnership with other law enforcement
13 agencies, and by having these additional squads
14 and the additional personnel to -- to be a part
15 of that, we are going to be able to better
16 support our partners out there.

17 So this is a win on all -- on all
18 facets, as far as I'm concerned.

19 CHAIR BROWN: Director Herold, thank you
20 so much.

21 Vice Chair Repp, do you have any
22 comments?

23 VICE CHAIR REPP: Yeah. I'm very
24 excited about this. The new squads are going
25 to add so much to -- just to the body of our

1 law enforcement agency, but also handle a lot
2 of the travel that we do right now with the
3 limited areas that we have that we can cover.

4 So it's really timesaving, money saving,
5 and I think we are going to get it back 10 --
6 you know, 100 fold, when it gets set up. I'm
7 very excited about that.

8 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

9 That might -- and I want to also thank
10 you and the sheriffs that supported the efforts
11 and initiatives. Your relationship across the
12 State has really made a big headway here.

13 And so thank you for your efforts, as
14 well as the sheriffs that supported this
15 initiative.

16 DIRECTOR HEROLD: Absolutely, and I
17 think that the law enforcement agencies that
18 supported us along with several States'
19 attorney offices. They recognize the value
20 that comes from us being a part of that and so
21 we -- we welcome and appreciate them for what
22 they have done.

23 Moving on to the activity for this past
24 month, in the Gaming Enforcement section. We
25 were involved in 30 different operations

1 statewide. We were able to seize approximately
2 569 slot machines through those activities,
3 including several more bulk items.

4 We confiscated or seized \$294,000 in
5 those activities this -- this past month and,
6 you know, the reason that I like to highlight
7 that is because that's the -- you know, the
8 lifeblood of those illegal activities, and if
9 we were able to seize that money and dissuade
10 them from trying to get these illegal gains,
11 then it certainly changes their attitude.

12 But also -- and I want to bring up this:
13 That we have said many, many times that these
14 bad activities, the people that are involved in
15 illegal gambling are not just involved in
16 illegal gambling. They are always involved in
17 other activities that are detrimental to the
18 community that they are in and also the State
19 of Florida.

20 And this past month, one of the
21 activities we were a part of, there were a
22 number of counterfeit illegal prescription
23 narcotics to the tune of four garbage bags full
24 of them. That's not my -- my measure of how to
25 classify them. That's -- that's how they were

1 packaged by the bad guys. They put them in
2 garbage bags. So we had four packaged garbage
3 bags of counterfeit illegal drugs. So that --
4 that was important, as well.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director
6 Herold. And this new chart that you developed
7 here is so incredible. This really provides
8 and shows that, even to date -- and this as of
9 June 2026 -- we are involved in more operations
10 than we were from last year; I mean, just
11 triple.

12 DIRECTOR HEROLD: And I owe that to the
13 work of the team and my two Chiefs, Gary Snyder
14 and Christina Linton and the incredible work
15 they do to help motivate and gets our folks out
16 there doing good work.

17 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Yes, Vice
18 Chair Repp?

19 VICE CHAIR REPP: Yeah. You know, once
20 again, I'm so impressed that Commissioner Chair
21 Brown has -- how -- how much -- how we have
22 increased the number of activities we have had
23 out there, but I'd also like to commend you on
24 -- despite that, we are getting a great deal of
25 training, too. And the training that you are

1 doing that I'm reading here is excellent, and I
2 think we get that back, you know, multiple what
3 we put into that. The time training is what
4 keeps us on top of what these bad actors are
5 doing.

6 And I'm glad -- and I'd like to credit
7 our teams out there for completing this
8 training. It is very important, and I know
9 it's going to contribute to even more that we
10 will see in the future, more activity.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioner?

12 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would just say
13 I appreciate you highlighting the fact that
14 there is all of this other criminal activity
15 going on, illegal schemes, illegal slot
16 machines.

17 Now, obviously, our primary job in the
18 Gaming Enforcement; however, illegal
19 activity begets more illegal activity, and
20 snuffing these things out would be beneficial,
21 not just for Gaming Enforcement, but any
22 criminal activity in the community, so I really
23 appreciate you guys for that.

24 DIRECTOR HEROLD: Thank you very much.

25 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner

1 Spicola.

2 Commissioner D'Aquila?

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah. I'll just
4 add, it's always impressive to see how well you
5 all keep track of the tips that come in from
6 Florida citizen taxpayers, so forth, and that
7 number continues to grow.

8 And especially appreciative that, you
9 know, all being dealt with, classified,
10 followed up, and the volume and consistency of
11 public calling about what they perceive as
12 illegal gambling is not letting up.

13 DIRECTOR HEROLD: No.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: But you are all
15 keeping on top of it in a very effective way.
16 So I think the Florida taxpayers and the
17 residents who are here say, "thank you".

18 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

19 DIRECTOR HEROLD: Thank you.

20 And then the last thing I would like to
21 highlight is this past month, we were able to
22 destroy 203 machines. We still work very
23 aggressively to determine whenever the court
24 cases are resolved in our actions and try to
25 get those machines destroyed as quickly as

1 possible to make room for additional machines
2 and also to be fiscally responsible --
3 responsive to what the -- the State has given
4 us for warehouse space, so thank you.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director
6 Herold.

7 Any other questions or comments?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, and thank you
10 for your Department's incredible work this last
11 month.

12 DIRECTOR HEROLD: The only thing I would
13 say is: One commissioner didn't say anything,
14 though.

15 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Cuderman?

16 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Director Herold,
17 I just want to congratulate your team on your
18 fantastic work over the last month, but -- but
19 we seriously mean it. You guys are doing the
20 Lord's work, and I know it's tough to work with
21 all the law enforcement agencies.

22 You know, you hope to have the best
23 relationship possible with them, but when we
24 are facing misdemeanors only for -- for these
25 offenses and, you know, one of the things we

1 have to do is to ask the legislature to get
2 something passed that moves these from
3 misdemeanors to felonies so that our partners
4 in law enforcement across the State will ramp
5 up and want to work with us even more. They
6 are -- they're already being great partners,
7 but I know that's a difference maker.

8 And I'd love in a future session, if we
9 could have a little bit more discussion about
10 what that would look like if we were able to
11 get that increased penalty.

12 CHAIR BROWN: Absolutely. And,
13 Commissioner Cuderman, I think also has been to
14 one of our agenda conferences. That is very
15 timely as we start planning for the next
16 legislative session very soon, as well as our
17 budget. So I think that's a great suggestion.
18 We'll --

19 Director Zimmer, if we can get that on
20 the agenda for July or August, that would be --
21 would be excellent.

22 With that, is there any other questions?
23 (No response.)

24 CHAIR BROWN: We are going to go right
25 into our agenda here. We are going to items

1 4.1 through 4.8, Discussion of the Default
2 Final Orders.

3 Mr. Pisano?

4 MR. PISANO: Good morning.

5 Carmine Pisano, for the record.

6 Item 4.1 is Hendrew Raphael, Case Number
7 2025-061909.

8 The Division seeks the revocation of the
9 Respondent's Pari-Mutuel Wagering General
10 Individual Occupational License.

11 The Division filed a two-count
12 administrative complaint alleging that the
13 Respondent was convicted of a disqualifying
14 felony of carrying a concealed weapon, unlawful
15 carrying of a firearm, and failed to notify the
16 Commission within 48 hours of the conviction.

17 Case materials include confirmation that
18 service was completed on January 6th, 2026, and
19 Respondent did not answer within 21 days.

20 Therefore, the Division requests the
21 Commission enter an order with the following
22 findings: That the Respondent was properly
23 served with the administrative complaint; did
24 not respond within the deadline and waived the
25 right to request a hearing; the factual

1 allegations in the administrative complaint are
2 accepted as findings of fact in this case; the
3 conclusions of law in the administrative
4 complaint are adopted as conclusions of law in
5 this case; and that Respondent's Pari-Mutuel
6 Wagering General Individual Occupational
7 License is revoked.

8 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

9 Commissioners, are there any questions?

10 Do you know, Mr. Pisano, if Bonita
11 Springs terminated his employment?

12 MR. PISANO: He was already on -- a
13 probationary employee, so he was on the
14 temporary license.

15 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All right.

16 Commissioners, can we get a motion to
17 approve the staff recommendation?

18 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make a motion to
19 approve that staff recommendation.

20 CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

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

23 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
24 "aye".

25 (Aye responses.)

1 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

2 And 4.2 -- we are good up here, but we
3 are going to go with -- to 4.2.

4 MR. PISANO: Item 4.2 is Pat Richard
5 DiPietro, Case Number 2025-087561.

6 The case materials include the
7 administrative complaint alleging that
8 Respondent was a patron of, was ejected from,
9 and was permanently excluded from Harrah's
10 Pompano Beach.

11 The administrative complaint seeks
12 permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel
13 wagering facilities, gaming facilities, and
14 slot machine facilities in the State of
15 Florida. The case materials include
16 confirmation of services was completed April
17 16th, 2026, and Respondent did not answer
18 within 21 days.

19 Therefore, the Division requests the
20 Commission enter an order with the following
21 findings: Respondent was properly served with
22 the administrative complaint; did not respond
23 within the deadline and waived the right to
24 request a hearing; the factual allegations of
25 the administrative complaint are adopted as a

1 findings of fact in this case; provisions of
2 law in the administrative complaints are
3 adopted as conclusions of law in this case; and
4 the Respondent shall be permanently excluded
5 from all professional pari-mutuel facilities,
6 and all facility slot machines licensees in the
7 State of Florida.

8 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And in this
9 case, the Respondent was also arrested.

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

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

15 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All those in
17 favor, say "aye".

18 (Aye responses.)

19 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

20 Moving on to 4.3.

21 MR. PISANO: Item 4.3 is
22 Dimitry Dinerman, Case Number 2025-089659.

23 The case materials include the
24 administrative complaint alleging that
25 Respondent was a patron of, was ejected from,

1 and was permanently excluded from Harrah's
2 Pompano Beach. The administrative complaint
3 seeks permanent exclusion form all pari-mutuel
4 wagering facilities and any facility of a slot
5 machine licensee in the State of Florida.

6 The case materials include confirmation
7 service was completed on April 17th, 2026, and
8 Respondent did not answer within 21 days.

9 Therefore, the Division requests the
10 Commission enter an order with the following
11 findings: The Respondent was properly served
12 with the administrative complaint; did not
13 respond within the deadline and waived the
14 right to request a hearing; the factual
15 allegation in the administrative complaint are
16 adopted as findings of fact in this case; the
17 conclusions of law in the administrative
18 complaint are adopted as conclusions of law in
19 this case; and that Respondent shall be
20 permanently excluded from all pari-mutuel
21 wagering facilities and all slot machine
22 licensees in the State of Florida.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

24 If there are no questions, can we get a
25 motion to approve staff recommendations on 4.3?

1 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Second?

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

4 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say
5 "aye".

6 (Aye responses.)

7 CHAIR BROWN: Item 4.4.

8 MR. PISANO: Item 4.4, Kyle Logan
9 Manning, Case Number 2025-087257.

10 The case materials include the
11 administrative complaint alleging that the
12 Respondent was a patron of, ejected from, and
13 permanently excluded from Oxford Downs.

14 The administrative complaint seeks
15 permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel
16 wagering facilities in the State of Florida.
17 The case materials include a confirmation of
18 service was completed on April 17th, 2026, and
19 Respondent did not answer within 21 days.

20 Therefore, the Division requests the
21 Commission enter an order with the following
22 findings: That Respondent was properly served
23 with the administrative complaint; did not
24 respond within deadline and waived the right to
25 request a hearing; the factual allegations in

1 the administrative complaint are adopted as a
2 findings of fact in this case; the conclusions
3 of law in the administrative complaint are
4 adopted as conclusions of law in the case; and
5 that the Respondent shall be permanently
6 excluded from all pari-mutuel wagering
7 facilities in the State of Florida.

8 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And this is
9 another one where the Respondent was arrested,
10 charged with trespassing and resisting arrest.

11 So if there are no questions, can we get
12 a motion to approve staff recommendation?

13 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

14 CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

15 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

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

18 (Aye responses.)

19 CHAIR BROWN: Item 4.5.

20 MR. PISANO: Item 4.5 is Keevonya Denise
21 Raines, Case Number 2026-018265.

22 Case materials include the
23 administrative complaint alleging that the
24 Respondent was a patron of, was ejected from,
25 and permanently excluded from Hialeah Park

1 Racing & Casino. The administrative complaint
2 seeks permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel
3 wagering facilities and any facilities of slot
4 machine licensees in the State of Florida. The
5 case materials include confirmation of services
6 was completed on April 21st, 2026, and
7 Respondent did not answer within 21 days.

8 Therefore, the Division requests the
9 Commission enter an order with the following
10 findings: The Respondent was properly served
11 with the administrative complaint; did not
12 respond within deadline and waived the right to
13 request a hearing; that the factual allegations
14 in the administrative complaint are adopted as
15 a findings of fact in this case; that the
16 conclusions of law in the administrative
17 complaint are adopted as conclusions of law in
18 this case; and that the Respondent be
19 permanently excluded from all pari-mutuel
20 facilities and facility slot machine licensees
21 in the State of Florida.

22 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you very much. I
23 want to compliment our investigative
24 specialists who focused and really detailed
25 this report. This one stood out to me and was

1 extraordinarily detailed. So I want to thank
2 you, Ms. Campbell and Mr. Mania, for their work
3 on this.

4 If there are no questions, can we get a
5 motion to approve?

6 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

7 CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second that
9 motion.

10 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
11 "aye".

12 (Aye responses.)

13 CHAIR BROWN: 4.6.

14 MR. PISANO: Item 4.6, Ryan Brinkman,
15 Case Number 2026-003615.

16 The Division seeks the revocation of
17 Respondent's Cardroom Employee Occupational
18 License.

19 The Division filed a three-count
20 administrative complaint alleging that the
21 Respondent was arrested and convicted of a
22 disqualifying misdemeanor, petty theft; failed
23 to notify the Commission within 48 hours of the
24 conviction; and failed to notify the Commission
25 within 5 days of the arrest.

1 The case materials include confirmation
2 that service was completed on April 22nd, 2026,
3 and Respondent did not answer within 21 days.

4 Therefore, the Division requests the
5 Commission enter an order with the following
6 findings: That the Respondent was properly
7 served with the administrative complaint; did
8 not respond within the deadline and waived the
9 right to request a hearing; that the factual
10 allegations in the administrative complaint are
11 adopted as a findings of fact in this case; the
12 conclusions of law in the administrative
13 complaint are adopted as conclusions of law in
14 this case; and the Respondent Cardroom Employee
15 Occupational license is revoked.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Mr. Pisano, do
17 we know if this individual was also terminated
18 from his employment? I didn't see it in the
19 record.

20 MR. PISANO: I do not see it in the
21 report either.

22 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. That -- and for
23 future, could we inquire about that, future
24 investigations, when we have revocation and
25 suspensions? Thank you.

1 If there are no questions,
2 Commissioners, can we get a motion to approve
3 the staff recommendations?

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Make a motion to
5 approve the staff recommendations.

6 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

7 CHAIR BROWN: All in favor, say "aye".

8 (Aye responses.)

9 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

10 4 -- 4.7.

11 MR. PISANO: Item 4.7 is Jordan Ferber,
12 Case Number 2026-009248.

13 Case materials include the
14 administrative complaint alleging that
15 Respondent was a patron of, was ejected from,
16 and was permanently excluded from Harrah's
17 Pompano Beach.

18 The administrative complaint seeks
19 permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel
20 wagering facilities and any facility with slot
21 machine licensee in the State of Florida.

22 Case materials include confirmation of
23 service was completed on April 24th, 2026, and
24 the Respondent did not answer within 21 days.

25 Therefore, the Division requests the

1 Commission enter an order with the following
2 findings: The Respondent was properly served
3 with the administrative complaint; did not
4 respond within the deadline and waived the
5 right to request a hearing; the factual
6 allegations in the administrative complaint are
7 adopted as a findings of fact in this case; the
8 conclusions of law in the administrative
9 complaint are adopted -- excuse me -- as
10 conclusions of law in this case; and that the
11 Respondent shall be permanently excluded from
12 all pari-mutuel facilities and facility slot
13 machine licensees in the State of Florida.

14 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I know that's
15 a lot to say. Okay.

16 Commissioners, if there are no
17 questions, can I get a motion to approve the
18 staff recommendations as presented?

19 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

20 CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

22 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
23 "aye".

24 (Aye responses.)

25 CHAIR BROWN: And the last -- the last

1 item, 4.8.

2 MR. PISANO: Item 4.8, Hector
3 Jimenez-Cerbat, Case Number 2026-012659.

4 The case materials include the
5 administrative complaint alleging that
6 Respondent was a patron of, was ejected from,
7 and was permanently excluded from Hialeah Park
8 Racing & Casino.

9 The administrative complaint seeks
10 permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel
11 wagering facilities and any facility of slot
12 machine licensee in the State of Florida. The
13 case materials include confirmation that
14 service was completed on April 27th, 2026.
15 Respondent did not answer within 21 days.

16 Therefore, the Division requests the
17 Commission enter an order with the following
18 findings: The Respondent was properly served
19 with the administrative complaint; did not
20 respond within deadline and waived the right to
21 request a hearing; the factual allegations in
22 the administrative complaint are adopted as a
23 findings of fact in this case; the conclusions
24 of law in the administrative complaint are
25 adopted as conclusions of law in this case; and

1 that the Respondent shall be permanently
2 excluded from all pari-mutuel wagering
3 facilities and facilities of slot machine
4 licensee in the State of Florida.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 Seeing no questions, can we get a motion
7 to approve the staff recommendation?

8 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. And a second?

10 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

11 CHAIR BROWN: All in favor, say "aye".

12 (Aye responses.)

13 CHAIR BROWN: All right. Now we are
14 moving onto Miscellaneous Final Orders, 5.1.

15 MS. ALVARADO: Good morning.

16 Emily Alvarado, for the record.

17 5.1 is 2025-0540488, Manuel Cepero.

18 Here, the administrative complaint was served
19 on November 18th, 2025 seeking permanent
20 exclusion from all pari-mutuel and slot machine
21 facilities in the State of Florida based on his
22 ejection from Magic City Casino.

23 On December 17th, the Respondent filed
24 an untimely request for an informal hearing.
25 On February 5th, the Clerk of the Commission

1 filed an order to dismiss without prejudice,
2 notifying the Respondent that he had 15 days to
3 cure the defect by showing that the request was
4 un -- was timely and -- or that equitable
5 tolling applied to this case. The Respondent
6 did not provide a response within 15 days.

7 The Division requests that we enter a
8 final order dismissing the -- with prejudice
9 the request for administrative hearing,
10 adopting the allegations of fact and
11 conclusions of law in the administrative
12 complaint and adding the Respondent to the
13 permanent exclusion list for all pari-mutuel
14 and slot machine facilities.

15 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

16 Any questions, Commissioners?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIR BROWN: If not, can we get a
19 motion to adopt staff recommendation.

20 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

21 CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

23 CHAIR BROWN: All in favor, say "aye".

24 (Aye responses.)

25 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

1 We have two items under recommended
2 orders, 6.1 and 6.2.

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Good morning.

4 6.1 is Anthony Dellabella, case
5 2025-038459.

6 The Division served the Respondent with
7 the administrative complaint seeking
8 Respondent's permanent exclusion from all
9 pari-mutuel facilities in Florida. Respondent
10 requested an informal hearing, which was held
11 on April 15th, 2026.

12 Following the hearing, the Hearing
13 Officer issued a recommended order recommending
14 that the Florida Gaming Control Commission
15 enter a final order permanently excluding the
16 Respondent from all licensed pari-mutuel
17 wagering facilities in the State of Florida.

18 Therefore, the Division requests the
19 Florida Gaming Control Commission enter a final
20 order adopting the hearing officer's
21 recommended order and permanently excluding the
22 Respondent from all licensed pari-mutuel
23 facilities in the State of Florida.

24 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

25 Commissioners, this is one where the

1 individual was cardroom buyers for home poker
2 games, so -- facilities.

3 Can we get a motion to approve the final
4 order adopting the hearing officer's
5 recommended order, permanently excluding the
6 Respondent?

7 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

8 CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

9 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

10 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
11 "aye".

12 (Aye responses.)

13 CHAIR BROWN: And 6.2.

14 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 6.2 is John Darwin
15 Hendry, Case Number 2025-056637. The Division
16 served Respondent, John Darwin Hendry, with the
17 administrative complaint alleging four counts
18 of dealer violations and seeking to impose one
19 or more of the penalties specified in Section
20 849.086 Subsection 14, Florida Statutes.

21 Respondent requested an informal
22 hearing, which was held on April 15th, 2026.
23 Following the informal hearing, the hearing
24 officer issued a recommended order,
25 recommending that the Florida Gaming Control

1 Commission enter a final order imposing a fine
2 of \$25 per count of the administrative
3 complaint, for a total of \$100.

4 Therefore, the Division requests the
5 Florida Gaming Control Commission enter a final
6 order adopting the hearing officer's
7 recommended order and imposing a fine of \$25
8 per count of the administrative complaint for a
9 total of \$100.

10 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

11 Commissioners, given the infraction, I
12 agree with the hearing officer's recommended
13 order, and I support it.

14 If you all, as well, agree with me, I
15 would appreciate a motion to support the staff
16 recommendation.

17 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I will make that
18 motion supporting the staff recommendation,
19 moving that -- to issue that final order as
20 directed.

21 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

22 And a second?

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

25 CHAIR BROWN: All in favor, say "aye".

1 (Aye responses.)

2 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

3 We are moving on to the discussion of
4 request of waivers, items 7.1 and 7.2.

5 MR. PISANO: Item 7.1 is Kirk Allen
6 Herring, Jr., Case Number 2026-018575. We had
7 the applicant apply for a pari-mutuel wagering
8 general individual occupation license in order
9 to work as a cook at Gulf Stream Park.

10 Upon review of the application, it was
11 discovered that he had been convicted of one
12 disqualifying offense of strong-armed robbery,
13 a felony, from 2009 out of Miami-Dade County.
14 We submitted a request for a waiver on February
15 2nd, 2026.

16 In his initial application, he answered
17 "yes" to the question asking if he had been
18 convicted of any crimes. He failed to include
19 any detailed information. He received three
20 deficiency letters requesting additional
21 records and arrest reports.

22 He submitted an amended application
23 requesting a waiver where he disclosed four
24 convictions of crimes that disqualify him. For
25 the strong-armed robbery conviction, he was

1 sentenced to 8 months and 26 days in County
2 Jail, requirement of entry and completion of
3 boot camp or work-release program for 6 months,
4 followed by 2 years house arrest, and 2 years
5 probation, and ordered to pay fines of \$733.

6 Following that multiple probation
7 violations, probation was revoked on June 14th,
8 2012. He ultimately completed his
9 rehabilitation services, and his probation was
10 complete in 2018, and his fines had been paid
11 in full as of October 3rd, 2020.

12 We request the Commission either choose
13 to grant the waiver and issue a license or
14 request that you grant authority to issue of
15 letter of license denial.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Pisano. I
17 appreciate all of those details from the facts
18 and the dates, as well.

19 Commissioners, do you have any comments
20 or questions?

21 Commissioner D'Aquila?

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: We have -- the
23 application is to work as a cook, as I
24 understand it. And he's had nothing
25 disqualifying since 2009; is that correct?

1 MR. PISANO: This is the report.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And I believe
3 the hearing officer's recommendation also
4 contained -- there was a reference from the
5 manager at the Gulf Stream about his work ethic
6 and so forth.

7 MR. PISANO: Yes. It was the manager at
8 Palms, the restaurant he worked at. Advised
9 that he had been working at the restaurant
10 under a temporary license and doing well, and
11 he had been an asset to the restaurant.

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So I'm going to
13 ask the Commission to maybe consider looking at
14 this despite the -- and using the rough math
15 here in my head, 17 years since this has
16 occurred, and we haven't had any infractions of
17 felonies since, as I understand it.

18 MR. PISANO: That's correct.

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So I'm -- I'm
20 leaning toward granting the license in this,
21 considering all of those facts -- those facts.

22 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner
23 D'Aquila. I'm also inclined, as well.

24 Commissioner Spicola?

25 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Wouldn't we have

1 the ability, because of the waiver request, to
2 condition the granting of this waiver and be --
3 not be allowed in any secure portion of the
4 facility?

5 CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Valentine?

6 MS. VALENTINE: Yes. Elina Valentine.

7 Yes. A waiver can be issued that only
8 weighs the -- the restrictions excluding
9 offenders of a limited term; meaning, only for
10 purposes of working in the kitchen, and that
11 way -- that would be what the waiver would say.

12 And also, Commissioner D'Aquila, I just
13 wanted to correct the record. It wasn't the
14 informal hearing officer that made these --
15 those statements. It was one of our
16 investigators. This case has not been before
17 an informal hearing officer.

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you.

19 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Spicola?

20 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA I would suggest
21 that we grant the waiver with the condition
22 that he's only allowed to work in an unsecured
23 area of the kitchen or along those lines.

24 CHAIR BROWN: And we have done that in
25 the past, Commissioner Spicola, so there's

1 precedence supporting that effort.

2 I would be inclined to -- I would love
3 to give him an opportunity to work,
4 regardless. So much time has passed and he has
5 no other infractions, so I would be inclined to
6 grant the waiver, issue a license whether it's
7 continual or in whole.

8 Vice Chair Repp?

9 VICE CHAIR REPP: Yeah, I support a
10 conditional license. I know we have had some
11 stakeholders in the past express to us their
12 difficulty in hiring for kitchen, kitchen
13 staff.

14 And basically, these positions not being
15 customer-facing, I think it would be helpful
16 and right in this case to grant this waiver.

17 CHAIR BROWN: All right. If we are
18 ready, we -- we are inclined to take a motion,
19 Commissioner Spicola?

20 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would move that
21 we grant the waiver on the condition that the
22 applicant is not allowed in any secured parts
23 of the facility.

24 CHAIR BROWN: Outside of the kitchen.

25 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Yes.

1 CHAIR BROWN: All right. Is that
2 correct?

3 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Yes.

4 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All
6 right.

7 Are we clear on the motion,
8 Ms. Valentine?

9 MS. VALENTINE: Yes, Chair Brown. Thank
10 you.

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

13 (Aye responses.)

14 CHAIR BROWN: All right. Motion passes
15 unanimously.

16 7.2, please.

17 MR. PISANO: 7.2 is April Valerie
18 Robertson, Case 2026-024465.

19 Here, the applicant applied for a
20 employment clerk room occupational licenses in
21 order to work as a surveillance operator at
22 Bestbet Jacksonville.

23 Upon review of the application, it was
24 discovered that she had been convicted of one
25 disqualifying offense, obtaining property with

1 a worthless check, a misdemeanor in 2004, out
2 of the Clay County. On her initial
3 application, she answered no to both questions
4 as to she -- if she had been convicted of a
5 crime.

6 She received a deficiency letter
7 requesting additional records and arrest
8 reports on March 26th, 2006. She submitted an
9 amended application and a request for a waiver
10 where she disclosed four offenses, but only one
11 of which was disqualifying.

12 Obtaining property with a worthless
13 check, she was sentenced on May 4th, 2004. She
14 had six months probation, special conditions,
15 include: An order to pay cost courts \$153,
16 restitution to Winn-Dixie at \$107.09,
17 restitution of \$76, and attorney -- State
18 attorney fees of \$110. All payments should be
19 completed within five months.

20 There was a violation of probation
21 affidavit executed on October 21st, 2004 for
22 failing to pay all required fines and court
23 costs within the five months.

24 The violation of probation dismissed and
25 was terminated on November 16th, 2004. All

1 fines and court costs have been paid.

2 We request the Commission to either
3 choose to grant the waiver and issue a license
4 or request the authority to issue a letter of
5 license denial.

6 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Pisano.

7 And there have been no other infractions
8 committed since that date in 2004?

9 MR. PISANO: Nothing that's been
10 disqualifying.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. And she is applying
12 for surveillance; is that correct?

13 MR. PISANO: Yes, a surveillance
14 operator.

15 CHAIR BROWN: Is that someone that is
16 behind the cage or -- yes. Director Dillmore?

17 DIRECTOR DILLMORE: Joe Dillmore for the
18 record.

19 Surveillance person is simply a person
20 that's in the monitoring room and watching the
21 cardroom floor, count room, and monitoring
22 different transactions within cardroom.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

24 Commissioners, are there any questions
25 on 7.2 or thoughts?

1 Commissioner Spicola?

2 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would move that
3 we grant the waiver in this instance. It's
4 been 22 years, fines have been paid, no
5 infractions since. I would -- I would support
6 in granting the waiver.

7 CHAIR BROWN: I agree.

8 Is there -- that sounds like a motion?
9 Commissioner Spicola?

10 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I move that we
11 grant the waiver.

12 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Do we have a
13 second?

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I grant a
15 second.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say
19 "aye".

20 (Aye responses.)

21 CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously.

22 We are on to 8.1, discussion of consent
23 order. I will note that we do have Mr. Zacham on
24 the line, if we have any questions.. And,
25 Commissioners, have any questions, we are

1 to go to turn to staff first on this item.

2 8.1.

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 8.1 is PPI,
4 Incorporated, Case 2024-031374.

5 Respondent, PPI Incorporated, doing
6 business as Harrah's Pompano Beach requests
7 that the Florida Gaming Control Commission
8 consider and agree to the proposed settlement
9 and consent order to resolve this case.

10 Pursuant to the terms of the proposed
11 stipulation and consent order, Respondent will
12 agree to pay an administrative fine of \$30,000
13 to the Florida Gaming Control Commission.

14 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
15 Mr. Hundersmarck

16 Commissioners, are there any questions
17 of Mr. Hundersmarck or Mr. Zacham?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIR BROWN: All right. Seeing none,
20 can we get a motion to approve the stipulation
21 and consent order as presented?

22 Vice Chair Repp?

23 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

24 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, is there a
25 second?

1 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second
2 that motion.

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

5 (Aye responses.)

6 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

7 We are moving on to the discussion of
8 license denial. We only had one item on this.
9 Item 9.1.

10 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 9.1 is Fernando
11 Santiago-Reyes, Case Number 2026-030133. He
12 applied for a slot machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel
13 individual combination occupational license to
14 work in security at Harrah's.

15 Upon review of the completed
16 application, it was discovered the applicant
17 had three disqualifying convictions. Those
18 were first, burglary conveyance unoccupied, a
19 felony from 2016; second, possession burglary
20 tools, a felony from 2016; third, petite theft
21 of \$100 to \$300, a misdemeanor, also in 2016.

22 On his initial application, he put no on
23 the question about having any convictions or
24 withheld adjudications or any pleas of guilty
25 or no contest. He was sent one deficiency

1 letter asking him to list the information about
2 his one arrest in 2015.

3 In his amended application, he did list
4 the three convictions that he did provide the
5 arrest report and court issued records. All
6 three convictions stem from the same arrest in
7 2015 out of Broward County.

8 It appears he does have unpaid financial
9 obligations associated with sentences or that
10 he did as recently as the past year.

11 He's not eligible for a waiver due to
12 having at least one felony, and this being an
13 application for a slot/cardroom combination
14 occupational license. The 90-day deadline is
15 June 23rd.

16 Based on the record and the applicable
17 law, the Commission may authorize the issuance
18 of a letter of license denial.

19 CHAIR BROWN: All right. Commissioners,
20 are there questions for Mr. Hundersmarck, or
21 are there any comments on this item?

22 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would move that
23 we issue a letter of license denial.

24 CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

25 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

1 CHAIR BROWN: Is there any discussion?

2 (No response.)

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

5 (Aye responses.)

6 CHAIR BROWN: Passes, unanimously.

7 All right. We are going into the
8 discussion of final orders pursuant to request
9 from Respondent. We have three items on this.
10 10.1.

11 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 10.1 is Clifford
12 Warner Nestor, Case Number 2025-071958.

13 The case materials include the one-count
14 administrative complaint filed by the Division
15 alleging that Respondent failed to clear his
16 hands on one or more occasions when exchanging
17 chips and currency with players on September
18 30th, 2025 in violation of Rule 75-11.004
19 Subsection 8(a) code, Florida Administrative
20 Code.

21 Respondent is a cardroom employee
22 occupational licensee. The administrative
23 complaint seeks to impose one or more penalties
24 special -- to be specified in Section 849.086
25 Subsection 14 Florida Statutes.

1 Respondent returned an election of
2 rights selecting option three, stating he did
3 not dispute any of the allegations contained
4 within the administrative complaint, waiving
5 his right to administrative hearing and
6 acknowledging that Commission would enter a
7 final order imposing the action set forth in
8 the administrative complaint.

9 Therefore, the Division requests the
10 Commission enter a final order adopting the
11 conclusions of law in the administrative
12 complaint as a conclusion of law in this case,
13 adopting the finding of fact in the
14 administrative complaint as a findings of fact
15 in this case, and imposing on Respondent one or
16 more of the penalties specified in Section
17 849.086 Subsection 14, Florida Statutes.

18 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
19 Mr. Hundersmarck. And I understand that you
20 didn't put a specific recommended fine or
21 penalty pursuant to 849.086.

22 Is there a specific reason why you did
23 not provide a recommendation?

24 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: The staff did not
25 want to offer a recommendation on this one.

1 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. So we just
2 previously had an item earlier about -- with --
3 with the same infraction, for clearing hands,
4 and we imposed the -- I think it was \$25 for 4,
5 total of 100; is that correct?

6 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Correct.

7 CHAIR BROWN: So do you think that would
8 be reasonable in this circumstance?

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That would be a
10 policy question for Director Dillmore.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Director Dillmore?

12 DIRECTOR DILLMORE: Yes. So these
13 infractions, particularly with dealers, this is
14 a common practice that -- it's not only a
15 safeguard for the patrons, it's also for
16 surveillance and the general cardroom
17 practices, but it goes to this -- you know, a
18 lot of times on different nights, given video,
19 -- given the -- the -- the fine from the -- the
20 hearing officer on a similar case, I don't
21 think it would be an inappropriate amount.

22 And, again, if this individual continues
23 to have these issues in the future, we can
24 always get them back, and at that time take
25 further action.

1 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Great clarity
2 there.

3 Commissioners, any other comments,
4 thoughts on this item?

5 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would recommend
6 a fine in the amount of \$25 per one count
7 administrative complaint, consistent with the
8 previous approval of the hearings officer's
9 recommendation. I think that's appropriate.

10 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

11 And if there are no objections to that,
12 I think we can -- we're ripe for a motion to
13 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of
14 law and issue that penalty.

15 Commissioner Spicola?

16 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would move that
17 we adopt the findings of fact and conclusions
18 of law and impose the penalty of \$25 per one
19 count of administrative complaint.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Sounds reasonable. Do we
21 have a second?

22 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

24 All in favor, say "aye".

25 (Aye Responses.)

1 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

2 10.2.

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 10.2 is Christopher
4 James Prayer, Case Number 2025-086235, the case
5 materials include the one-count administrative
6 complaint filed by the Division seeking the
7 permanent exclusion of Respondent, Christopher
8 James Prayer, from all pari-mutuel facilities
9 and facilities of slot machine licensees in the
10 State of Florida.

11 Respondent returned an election of
12 rights selecting option three, stating that he
13 did not dispute any of the allegations
14 contained within the administrative complaint,
15 waiving his right to an administrative hearing
16 and acknowledging that the Commission would
17 enter a final order imposing the actions set
18 forth in the administrative complaint.

19 Therefore, the Division requests that
20 the Commission enter a final order adopting the
21 conclusions of law in the administrative
22 complaint as a conclusion of law in this case,
23 adopting the findings of fact in the
24 administrative complaint as the finding of fact
25 in this case, and permanently excluding

1 Respondent from all pari-mutuel facilities and
2 all facilities of slot machine licensees in the
3 State of Florida.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5 Commissioner D'Aquila, ready for a
6 motion.

7 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Make a motion to
8 accept staff recommendation for permanent
9 exclusion of this individual.

10 CHAIR BROWN: Do I have a second?

11 VICE CHAIR REPP: I second.

12 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
13 "aye".

14 (Aye responses.)

15 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Passes
16 unanimously.

17 10.3.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 10.3 is
19 Yenny Arrubla, Case 2025-090013.

20 The case materials include the
21 three-count administrative complaint filed by
22 the Division alleging Respondent violated Rule
23 75-11.004 Subsections 2(a), 4(a), and 8(a),
24 Florida Administrative Code, by failing to
25 spread currency on the top of the card table in

1 front of the impress tray, failing to tap tip
2 on the impress tray while dealing at an
3 assigned table, and failing to clear hands when
4 cash, chips, or tokens are exchanged with or
5 provided to a player.

6 The administrative complaint seeks to
7 impose one or more of the penalties specified
8 by Section 849.086 Subsection 14 Florida
9 Statutes.

10 Respondent returned an election of
11 rights, selecting option three, stating that
12 she did not dispute any of the allegations
13 contained within the administrative complaint,
14 waiving her right to administrative hearing,
15 and acknowledging that the Commission would
16 enter a final order imposing the actions of
17 Commission -- imposing the Commission actions
18 set forth in the administrative complaint.

19 Therefore, the Division requests that
20 the Commission enter a final order adopting the
21 conclusions of law in the administrative
22 complaint as the conclusions of law in this
23 case; adopting the findings of fact in the
24 administrative complaint as the findings of
25 fact in this case; and imposing on Respondent

1 one or more of the penalties specified in
2 Section 849.086 Subsection 14, Florida
3 Statutes.

4 CHAIR BROWN: All right. Commissioners,
5 I'm just going to go directly to Director
6 Dillmore and have him address the -- the
7 infractions being alleged -- admitted to.

8 DIRECTOR DILLMORE: Like our previous
9 discussion, the counts here, everyone -- is
10 clearing hands and spread your currency out,
11 that's a clear indicator for the surveillance.
12 There's not a lot of audio with -- with those.

13 So all these things are designed to do a
14 visual demonstration for surveillance for
15 what's actually occurring on the tape and what
16 was not.

17 So again, you just have to think this
18 happens hundreds of times a night, as far as
19 these requirements, but they are -- they are an
20 infraction, they are the rule. So there was
21 nothing necessarily nefarious associated with
22 these, but the dealer did fail to, you know,
23 follow the process and the rules as far as
24 tapping the tip on the -- on the top before
25 putting it in, spreading the currency, and

1 clearing the hands in this case. I think that
2 was all of them.

3 CHAIR BROWN: Three counts.

4 DIRECTOR DILLMORE: Yes.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Does the license holder
6 have any prior similar infractions of
7 violations -- rule violations that we know of?

8 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: There were no prior
9 violations in the Versa database check. There
10 were facility, internal violation.

11 CHAIR BROWN: And okay. And in the
12 spectrum of 849.0846, is it really strictly
13 just fines? What could be assessed as -- as an
14 admonishment or is it similar to clearing
15 hands, as Director Dillmore said?

16 Are we limited to just imposing a fine?

17 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: You are not.
18 Theoretically, it's suspension, revocation,
19 determine them ineligible.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would suggest
22 we --

23 CHAIR BROWN: Yes, Commissioner.

24 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would suggest
25 that we handle this similar to the previous

1 ones. Upon review of the file, this individual
2 was terminated from their employment for this.
3 And in light of the fact that they were
4 terminated, I think a \$25 per count fine would
5 be appropriate, and I would make a motion to
6 that effect.

7 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

8 So we have a motion on the floor. Is
9 there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion?

12 (No response.)

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

15 (Aye responses.)

16 CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously.

17 Thank you, Commissioner.

18 We are on to 11.1, and we do have a
19 speaker on the phone, Mr. Alexander, but I'm
20 going to ask him to hold off on unmuting
21 yourself, which you will push star 6 after our
22 staff addresses the Commission, and I will let
23 you know.

24 Ms. Alvarado?

25 MS. ALVARADO: Item 11.1 is 2024-000489

1 James Barr.

2 On March 12th, 2025, the Commission
3 issued the final order excluding Respondent
4 from all pari-mutuel and slot machine
5 facilities in this State of Florida, based on
6 its exclusion from PPI, Inc.

7 Respondent was served with the
8 administrative complaint. We provided proof of
9 service. It was delivered to an individual at
10 the address associated with the Respondent. He
11 failed to respond within 21 days of that
12 service, which is why a final order was issued
13 at that March 2025 Commission meeting.

14 On April 30th, 2026, Respondent
15 submitted a letter to the Commission arguing
16 that Respondent regrets his actions. He was
17 not properly served with the administrative
18 complaint. Respondent took full -- is amenable
19 to compliance and with Gaming Regulations, and
20 he's requesting that we rescind the permanent
21 ban or instead impose a one-year ban that would
22 be effective from March 2025, or he is
23 requesting a hearing in front of the Commission
24 so he can argue his case.

25 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Commissioners, are

1 there any questions of our staff before I turn
2 it over to Mr. Alexander?

3 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Yeah.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Could you guys
6 speak a little bit to the service?

7 MS. ALVARADO: Sure, yes.

8 So the exclusions, obviously are not
9 licensees. Obviously, we don't get provided
10 their addresses from them directly. We get
11 reports from the facilities that are gathered
12 investigate -- investigators, they provide
13 addresses that they have on record.

14 Our investigators, as well as the OGC
15 staff work together to find any addresses
16 associated with these people, and we serve them
17 at the address that are most recently
18 associated with them.

19 CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Cuderman? Vice Chair
20 Repp, do you have a question?

21 VICE CHAIR REPP: No.

22 CHAIR BROWN: Any other questions?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. I would ask
25 Mr. Alexander to push star 6 to unmute, and you

1 have the floor for three minutes,
2 Mr. Alexander.

3 MR. ALEXANDER: Hi. Good morning,
4 Commission. Thank you for giving me the
5 opportunity to speak today. I apologize. I'm
6 a little under the weather, so I may be
7 coughing. But if you're wondering why my voice
8 is not great, that's the reason why.

9 I just wanted to be brief --

10 CHAIR BROWN: Just so you know, we can
11 hear you. We can hear you, just so you know.

12 MR. ALEXANDER: Thank you. Thank you
13 very much.

14 I just wanted to briefly discuss this
15 service issue.

16 In looking at the exhibits provided by
17 the Commission and filed in March of last year,
18 March 12th, 2025, I would note that the -- the
19 administrative complaint does not contain
20 certificate of service, as typically filed in
21 these cases.

22 I do not believe that there was proper
23 service. Mr. Barr was hospitalized at the
24 time. He had -- he had suffered a series of
25 seizures and had brain cancer and was in the

1 hospital. He did not receive service.

2 He was not aware of the suspension until
3 several months later when he attempted to enter
4 a different casino, and was told that he was
5 barred from casinos. So I'm not sure he was
6 served, but there is no previous service
7 attached.

8 That being said, my understanding of the
9 reason for the official expulsion from the
10 casino which prompted this action was that
11 Mr. Barr gave one of his cards to another
12 player at the table so that that player could
13 win a hand. It as de minimus. It was a \$15
14 bet, and it was a \$75 win.

15 Mr. Barr himself did not benefit
16 financially from this. He allowed somebody
17 else to benefit, but it was de minimus win. He
18 just seriously regrets the action.

19 He is willing to comply with any
20 Commission rules. He has now been banned for
21 over a year, and we believe that converting
22 this punishment from a permanent ban to a
23 one-year ban would be appropriate. Thank you.

24 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Alexander.
25 Commissioners, are there any questions

1 for Mr. Alexander?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Thank you for your
4 -- for calling in. We are going to put you
5 right back on mute right now.

6 Commissioners, we are bringing this back
7 to the table.

8 MR. ALEXANDER: No problem. Thank you.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

10 Are there any comments or questions of
11 staff? I just want to follow up with
12 Ms. Alvarado about Mr. Alexander's reference to
13 lack of attachment of notice of service.

14 MS. ALVARADO: Yeah. So it is attached
15 as Exhibit 2 to the final order. If
16 Mr. Alexander looked up the one that is on our
17 exclusion list, we do not include the
18 attachments in order to not provide the
19 addresses while those individuals are our
20 website. He was served with the attachment,
21 but not on the website, so that might be why
22 he's implying that.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for that
24 clarification.

25 Commissioners, is -- Commissioner

1 Cuderman?

2 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: I actually don't
3 think this is de minimus at all. I think if
4 you are willing to do a \$15 bet to win \$75,
5 that's because you can probably get away with
6 that, versus if you try to bet 1500 and win a
7 much greater prize, I think they would do that.

8 And another thing in this case is: We
9 don't know when they left, if they shared the
10 money or not, how that all worked out, and I
11 don't see a world where we should approve this
12 person be going into any of the gaming
13 establishments that we have in Florida because
14 it's a risk.

15 CHAIR BROWN: I would agree,
16 Commissioner.

17 Vice Chair Repp?

18 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll agree, and I will
19 defer to our own investigative work, which was
20 very well done, where it has been noted that
21 there were multiple instances of swapping cards
22 between the players, and they were clearly
23 engaged by our surveillance in cheating -- and
24 harming the designated player and therefore
25 resulting in their exclusion. So this is not a

1 one-time event according to our investigation.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

3 Other Commissioners, any other thoughts?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

6 Ms. Valentine, what would the
7 appropriate motion be based on the comments you
8 have heard?

9 MS. VALENTINE: The appropriate motion
10 would be that the Commission enter an order
11 denying Mr. Barr's motion.

12 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All right.
13 Commissioners, can we get that motion as
14 stated?

15 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: So moved.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

17 And a second?

18 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

19 CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
22 "aye".

23 (Aye responses.)

24 CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously. All
25 right.

1 We are moving into rulemaking now.

2 12.1, Ms. Valentine.

3 MS. VALENTINE: Agenda item 12.1 is Rule
4 75-2.021 as part of the Commission's annual
5 required rule review. Commission staff have
6 identified this rule as meaning minor
7 modifications in order to ensure compliance
8 with the law and also to update the statutory
9 references within the rule.

10 And in the meeting materials in front of
11 you, you will see a notice of rule development,
12 notice of proposed rulemaking, various forms
13 that the executive director must sign in order
14 to effectuate the rules amendment from the
15 beginning all the way to the end.

16 And so the motion on agenda item 12.1,
17 assuming that the Commissioners have no
18 questions, would be to authorize the Commission
19 staff to go into rule development and assuming
20 there are no requests for workshops to enter
21 into a proposed rulemaking and assuming that
22 there are no requests for hearings to authorize
23 Commission staff to file the rule for final
24 adoption and to authorize the executive
25 director to execute the forms necessary to do

1 so.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. You've
3 prepared a very great motion for us. That
4 sounded excellent.

5 Commissioners, if there are no questions
6 on this, it's pretty straightforward, can you
7 please make a motion for Mr. Valentine's
8 effect?

9 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

10 CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

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

13 CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
16 "aye".

17 (Aye responses.)

18 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Valentine.
19 All right.

20 We have a speaker under public comment,
21 but I will defer to him first before we open it
22 up to the rest of the room.

23 Mr. Rutledge, good morning.

24 MR. RUTLEDGE: Good morning, Your Honor.
25 Let's see here. Is it on? Can you hear me?

1 CHAIR BROWN: I don't think it's on.

2 Can you -- do we have someone to help?

3 MR. RUTLEDGE: Now it's on. Okay.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5 MR. RUTLEDGE: Good morning, everybody.

6 Before I comment briefly about the
7 attorney/client session, Gary Rutledge of
8 Rutledge Ecenia. I wanted to just share a
9 "thank you" for all of the work that the
10 Commissioners have been involved with, as well
11 as your staff with regards to the cardroom
12 rules workshops of which there were three. I
13 attended the one in Fort Lauderdale, and here
14 at the Commission meeting, we are going to
15 provide some additional comments today. We
16 appreciate all the cooperation.

17 And there's some long overdue necessary
18 changes that would be a benefit -- to the
19 benefit of the Commission and the industry, and
20 we look forward to an expeditious handling of
21 some of those changes in -- in the coming
22 months. So thank you for that.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Rutledge.

24 MR. RUTLEDGE: My comments briefly with
25 regards to the handful of cases that are listed

1 under Tampa Bay Downs; there's two -- first two
2 cases involve surveillance lapses and the
3 failure to report those timely. That's not
4 insignificant.

5 Fortunately, as many of you know, the
6 surveillance is required for a number of
7 reasons. But principally, to make sure that
8 the revenue that is being exchanged and wagered
9 is handled in an appropriate fashion, and also
10 because there can be disputes between players
11 or players and the dealer, and it's always
12 important to be able to have that surveilled
13 activity available for them to go back and
14 review that.

15 Fortunately, none of that was the case
16 here. So this was not triggered by a situation
17 where there was activity that, you know,
18 couldn't be followed up upon during the
19 surveillance.

20 So we propose in those two cases --
21 fines that are before you, the second one being
22 twice as much as the first one, and hopefully
23 we will continue to get this under control, but
24 it's a situation where the -- as far as the
25 failure to report of these incidents, they

1 didn't know either until the Commission staff
2 reviewed or went to review these, okay? And
3 they dealt with their contractor.

4 The third matter before you had to do
5 with the count room. There are a number of
6 people that have to be in the count room, and
7 with regards to this, they were one short.
8 They didn't have just one person. The did have
9 two people. But for a brief period of time,
10 the third person is not there, and we have
11 proposed a penalty for that as well for you.

12 The last two cases, I was re-reviewing
13 them in preparation for the meeting, have to do
14 with when those cashier windows and betting
15 terminals not having a designated number on
16 them because they fell off, because a patron
17 removed them, whatever.

18 This is -- to say "minor" would be an
19 understatement. This is not consequential at
20 all. There's no question about the area being
21 surveilled or anything else. Literally, a tag
22 on a window or a number is what's being
23 debated.

24 You know, in a moment of weakness when I
25 filed these with your staff and attorneys, we

1 proposed fines, and in hindsight, I'll be
2 honest with you, I don't believe that there
3 should be. They are de minimus fines, a couple
4 hundred dollars we proposed.

5 But with your consideration, I would
6 like to suggest that those letters be converted
7 to warnings in these situations because I don't
8 think that they really warrant a fine. If you
9 see otherwise, we obviously have that proposal
10 before you, and we appreciate your
11 consideration, as always.

12 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Rutledge.
13 Commissioners, are there any questions?
14 (No response.)

15 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for your input.
16 Is there anybody else from the public
17 that would like to address the Commission at
18 this time?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Seeing none, we are
21 about to enter into our closed attorney/client
22 session, and our general counsel is going to
23 read part of our script that is required.

24 MS. VALENTINE: The office of the
25 general counsel is seeking legal advice from

1 Commissioners in litigation styled Florida Game
2 Control Commission Division Pari-Mutuel
3 Wagering versus Casino Miami, LLC, Case Number
4 2024-056939; Florida Gaming Control Commission
5 versus is TBD Entertainment, LLC, Case Number
6 2024-066584; Florida Gaming Control Commission
7 versus TBD Entertainment, LLC, Case Number
8 2025-001058; Case Number 2025-016729; Case
9 Number 2025-035016; and Case Number
10 2025-057032.

11 This advice relates to litigation
12 strategy and settlement negotiations and may,
13 therefore, be discussed in private under
14 Section 16.716 and 286.11 Subsection 8 Florida
15 Statutes.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Valentine.

17 And in connection with the performance
18 of our duties, it is necessary for the
19 Commission to hear information that is exempt
20 or confidential specifically. Our Commission
21 counsel will be discussing litigation strategy
22 and settlement negotiations with the
23 Commissioners related to the litigations as
24 testified by the office of general counsel.

25 The closed meeting is scheduled for

1 approximately 30 minutes. Those in attendance
2 will be Commissioners members; Chair,
3 Julie Brown; Vice Chair, Tina Repp;
4 Commissioner John D'Aquila; Commissioner Peter
5 Cuderman; Commissioner William Spicola;
6 Commissioner Staff Executive Director, Alana
7 Zimmer; Deputy Executive Director,
8 Brandon McCaffery; Director of Pari-Mutuel
9 Wagering, Joe Dillmore; Bradford Jones, Chief
10 of Investigations, appearing telephonically;
11 General Counsel, Elina Valentine; Deputy
12 General Council, Marc Taupier; Chief Attorney,
13 Emily Alvarado; and Senior Attorneys, Justin
14 Hundersmarck and Carmine Pisano; Business
15 Manager, Dixie Parker; and Administrative
16 assistant, Brandy Humphries; as well as our
17 Certified Court Reporter.

18 The closed meeting will be recorded by
19 law, and for the record, the time is 10:39 a.m.
20 I will ask the Florida channel to please
21 discontinue the live feed for the next 30
22 minutes approximately so that the Commission
23 may conduct a closed meeting.

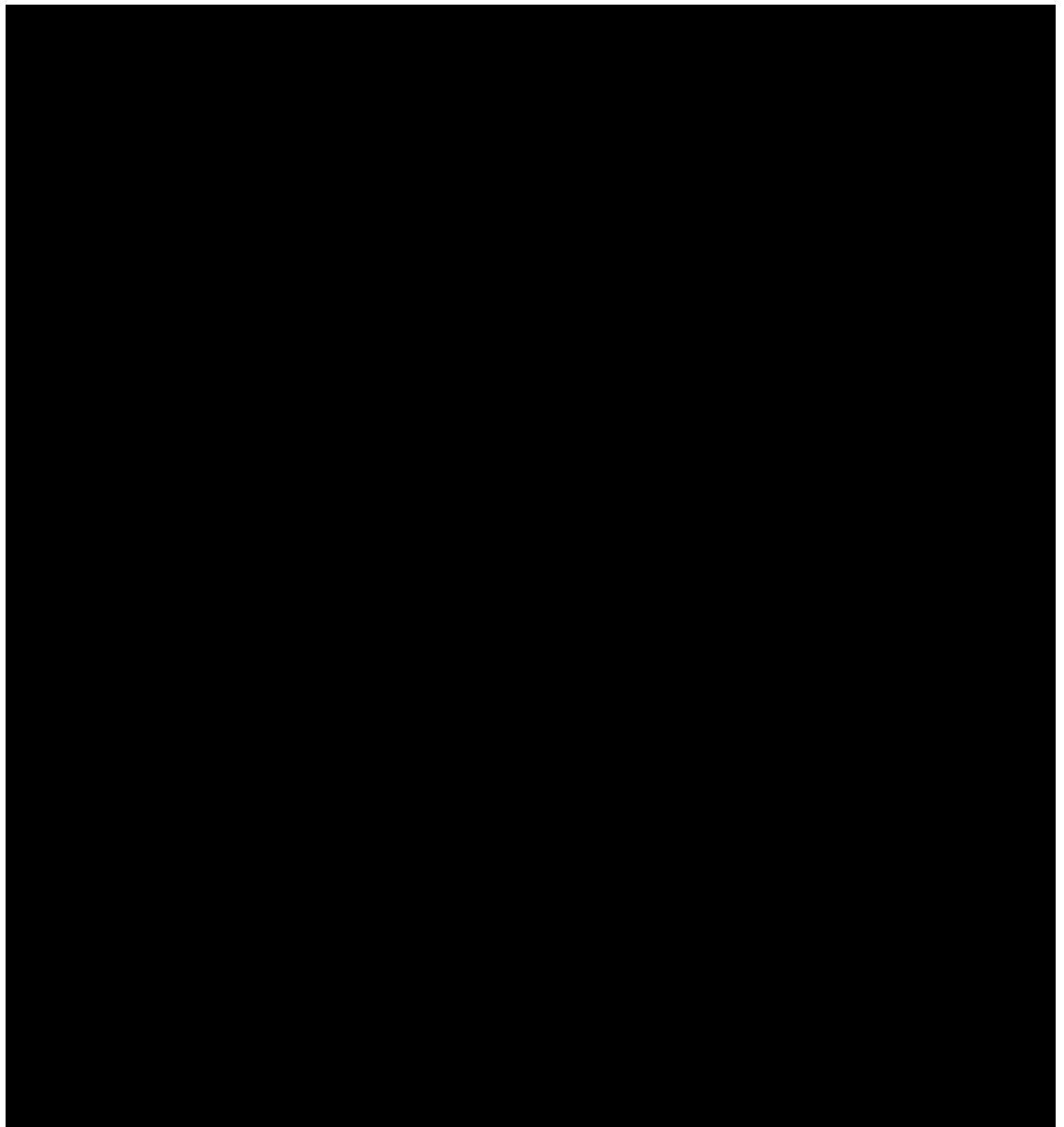
24 And I would also like to thank the
25 public for being here today, and we will be

1 going back on the record in 30 minutes. Thank
2 you all for being in attendance.

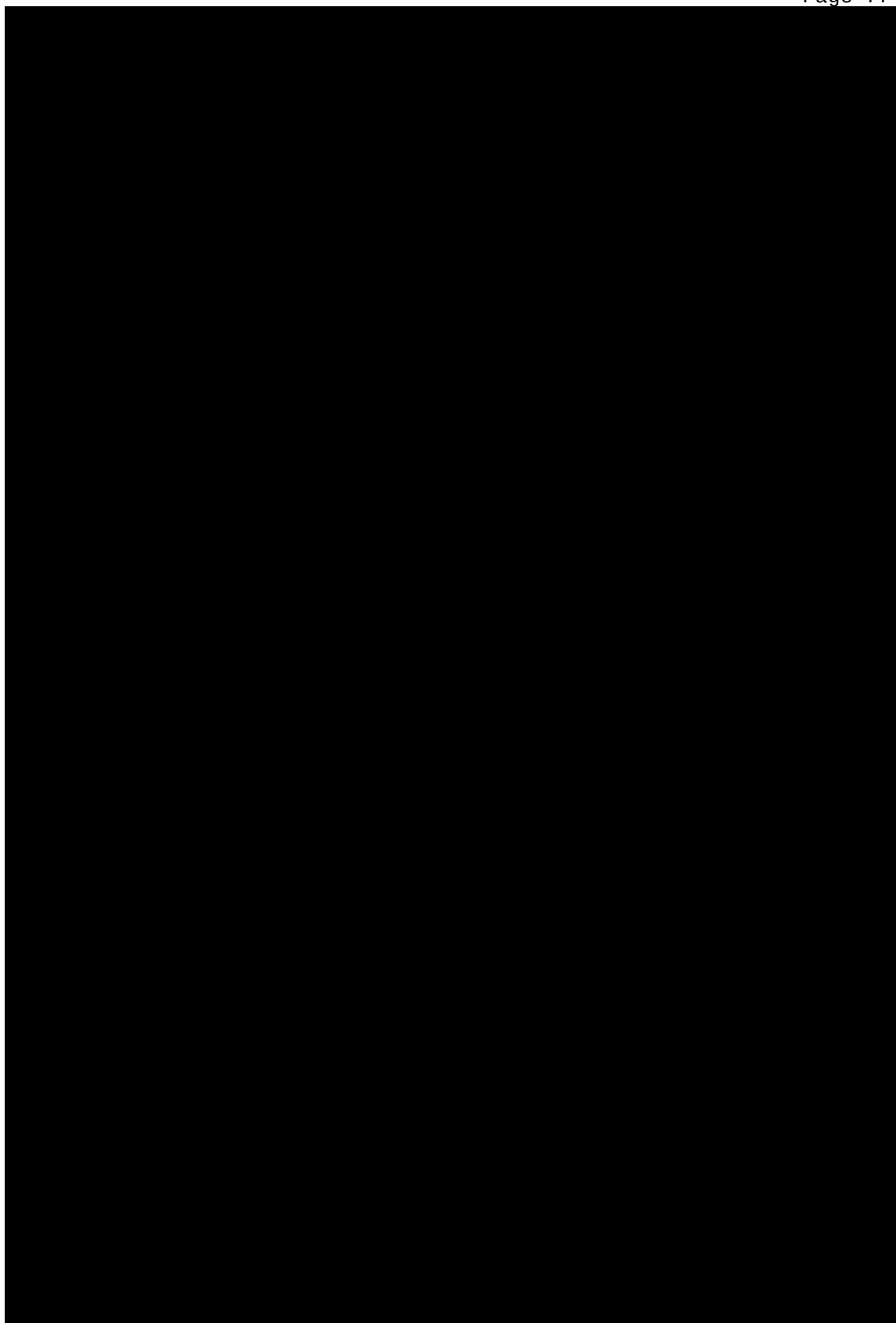
3 (Whereupon, a recess was taken from
4 10:39 a.m. until 10:52 a.m. after which
5 the Closed Attorney-Client Session
6 Proceedings were held.)

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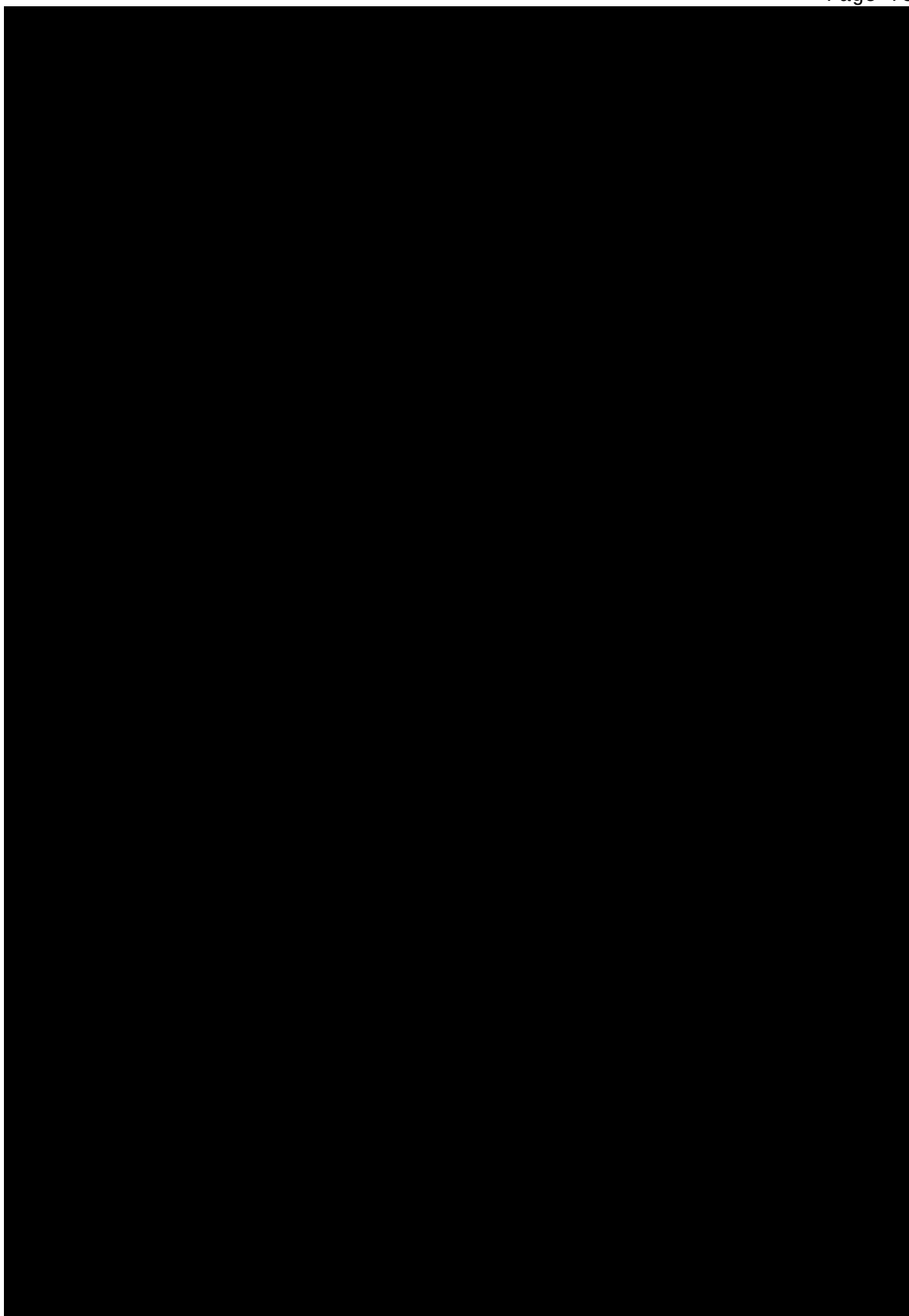
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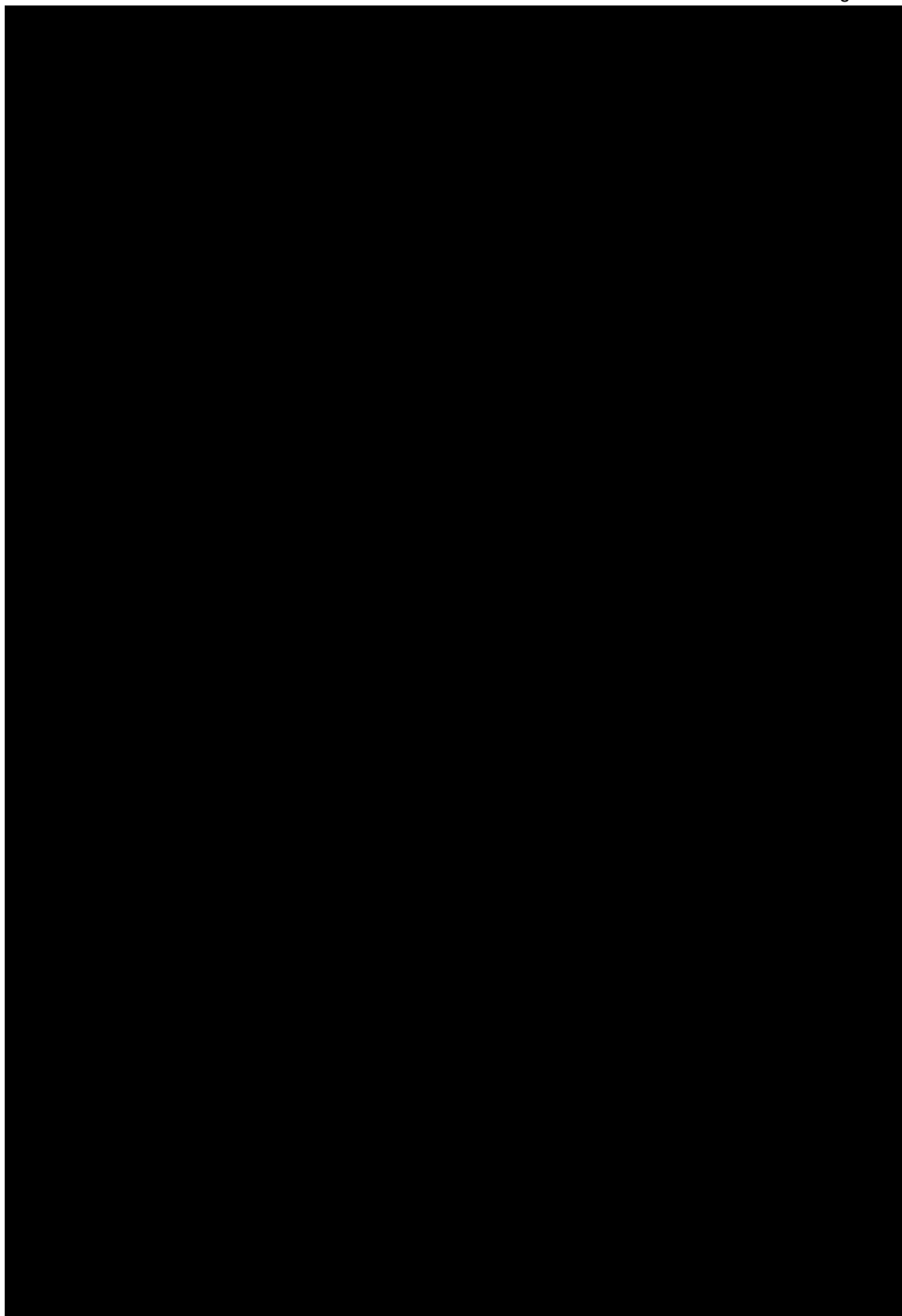
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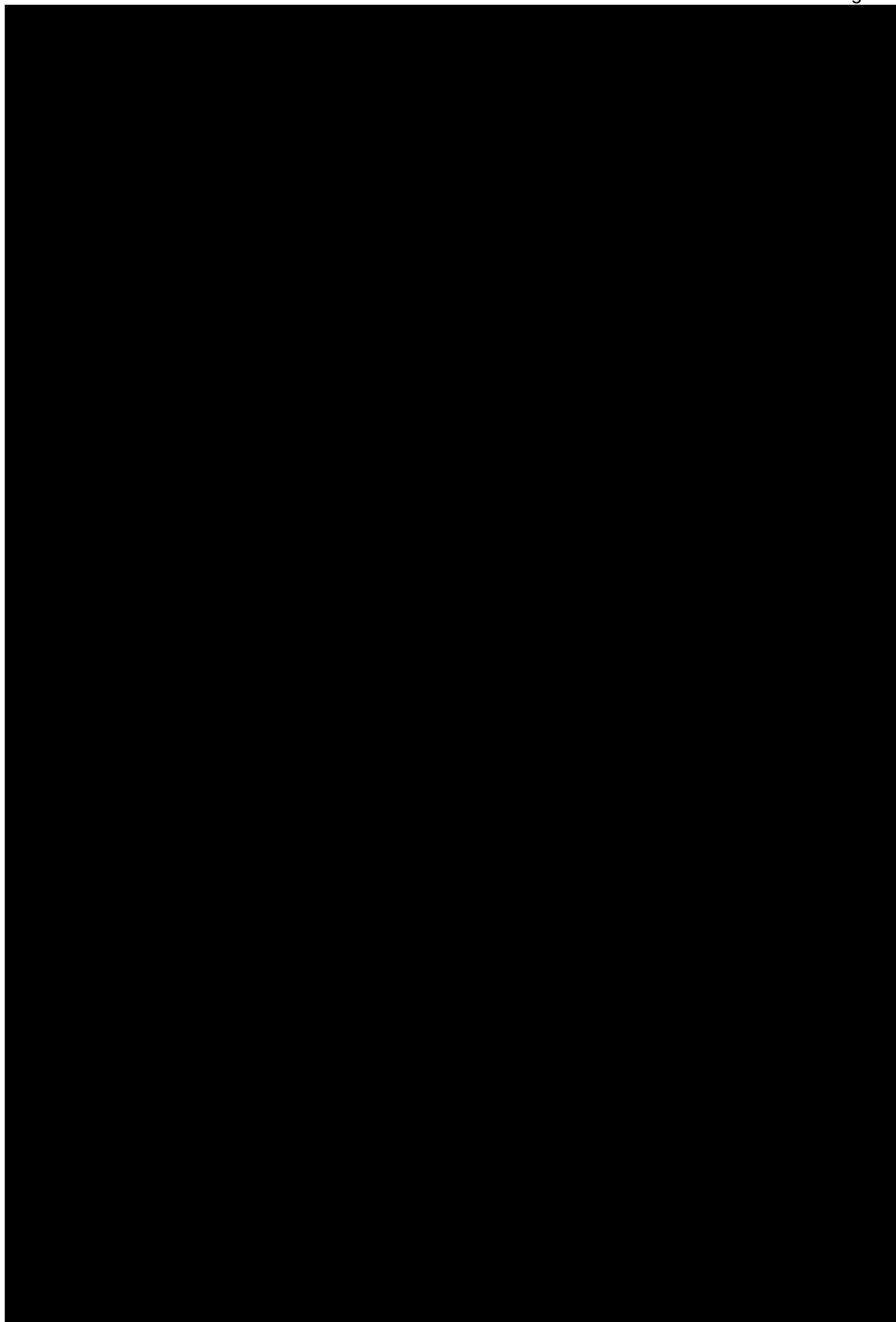
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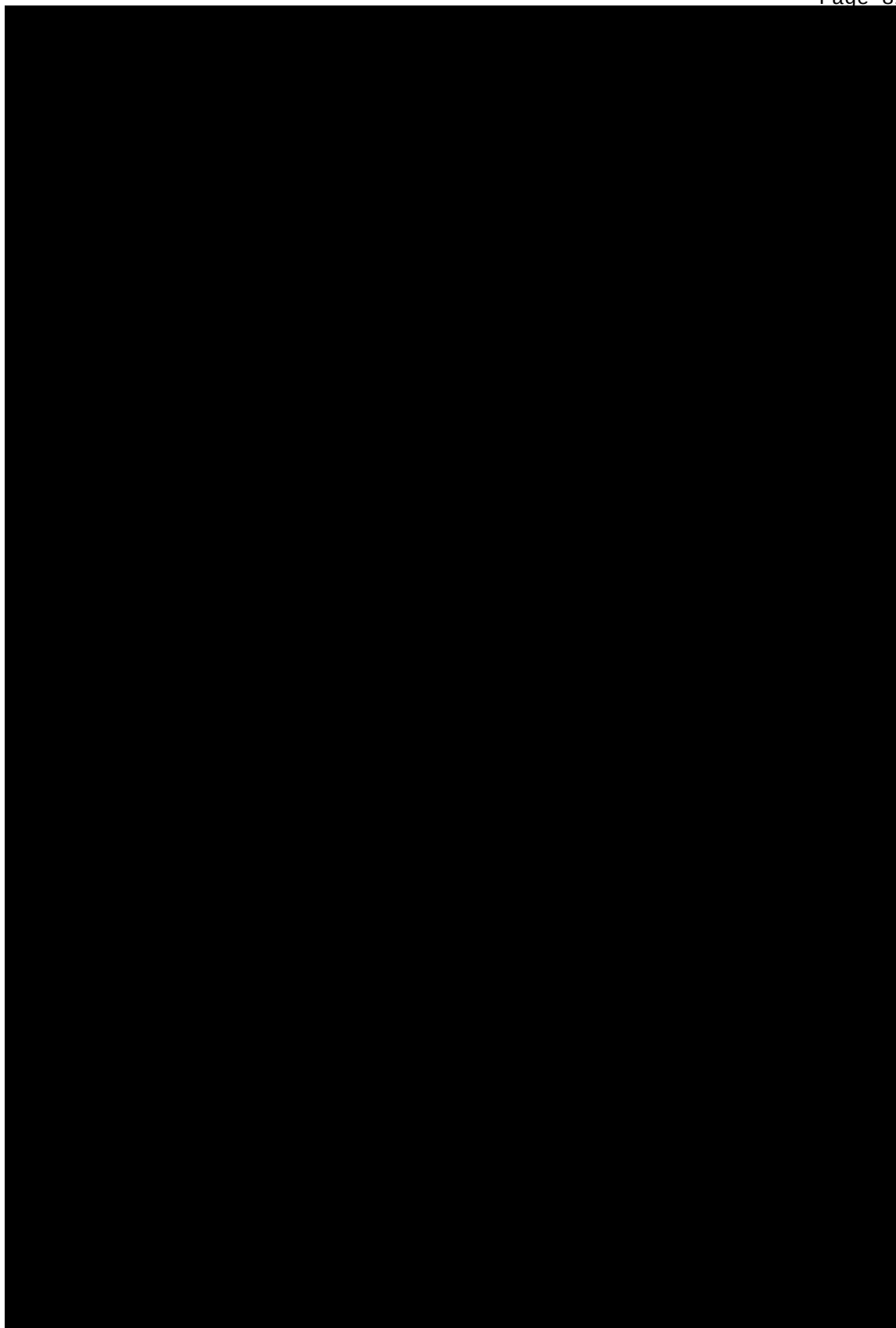
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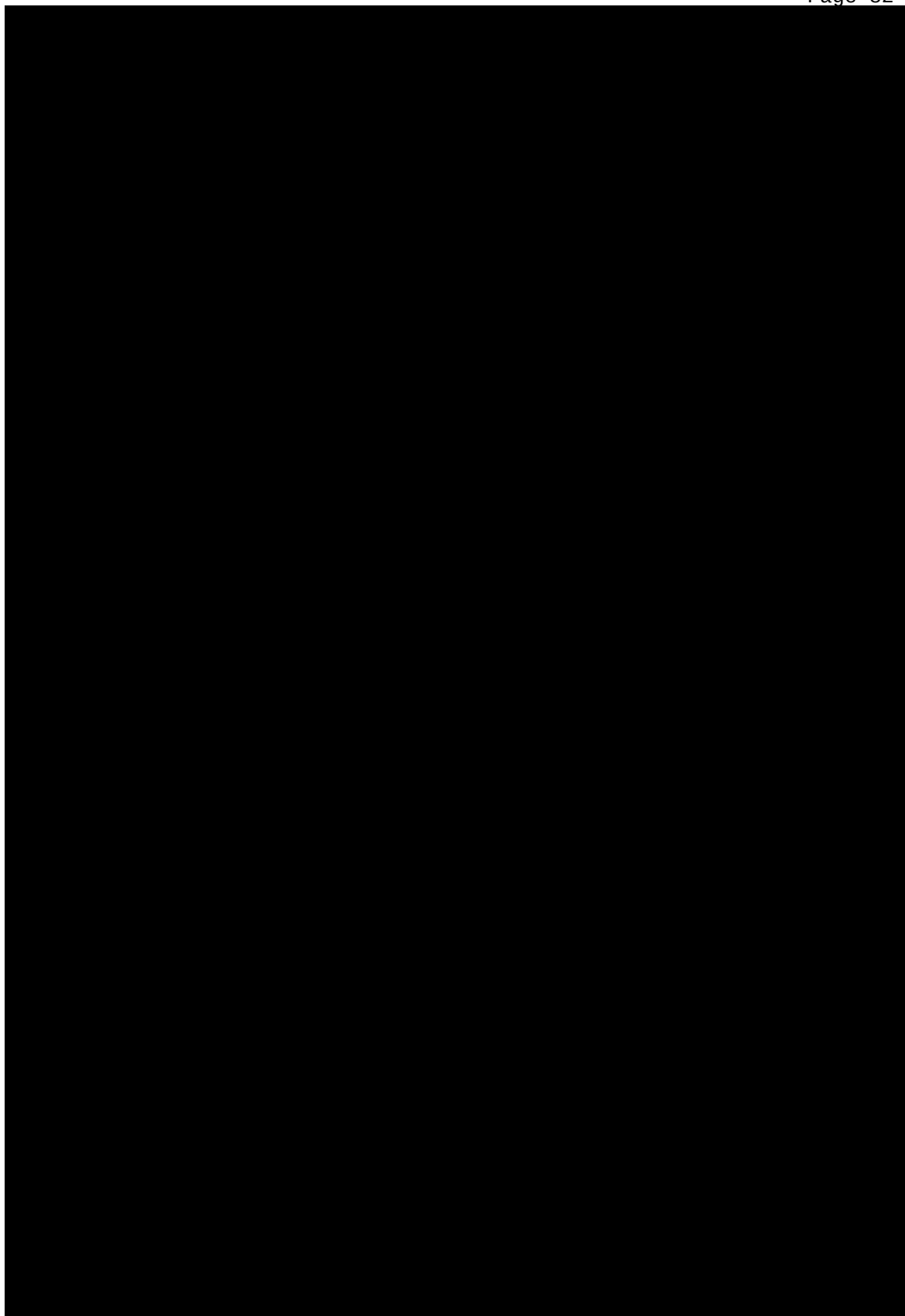
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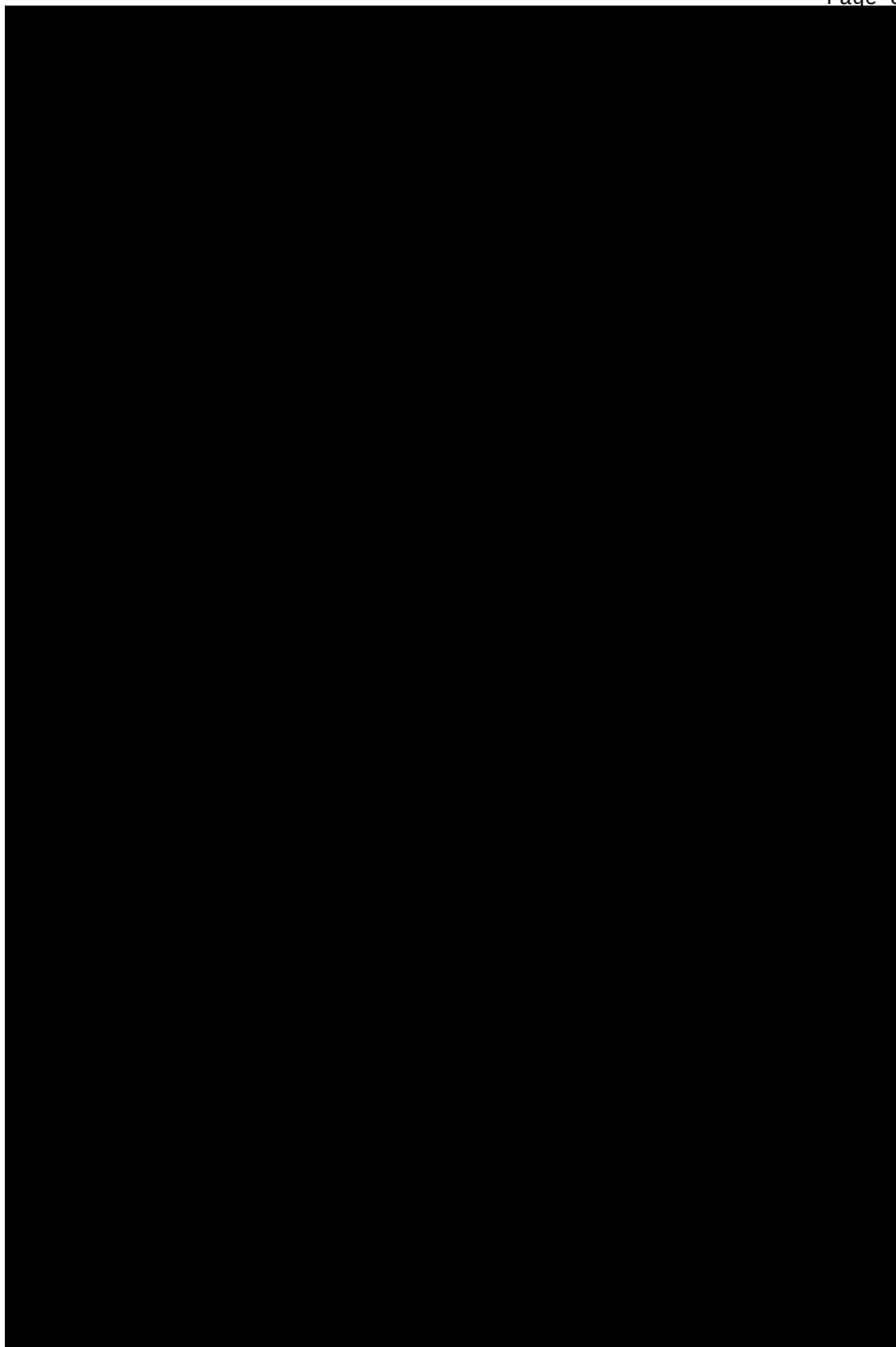
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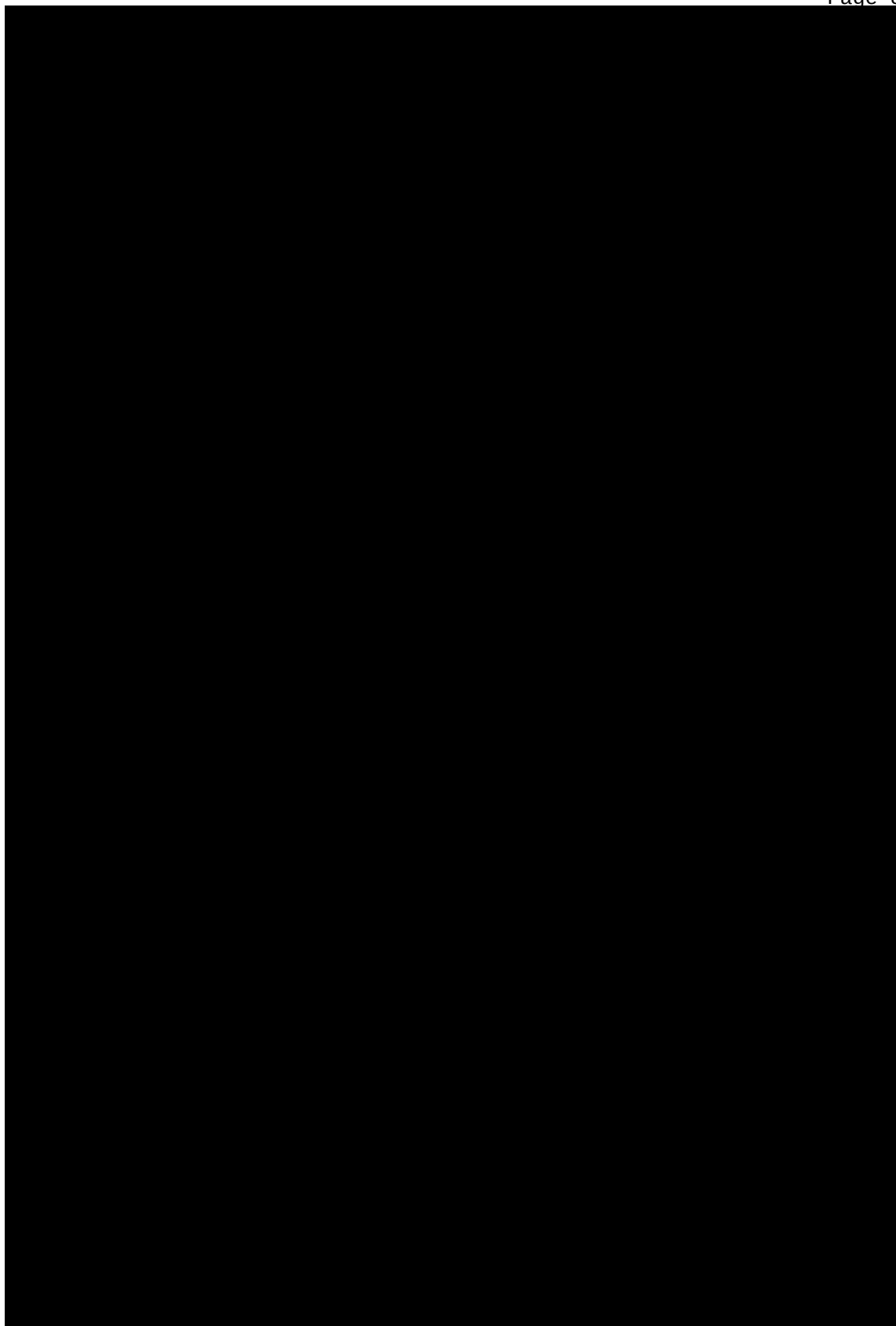
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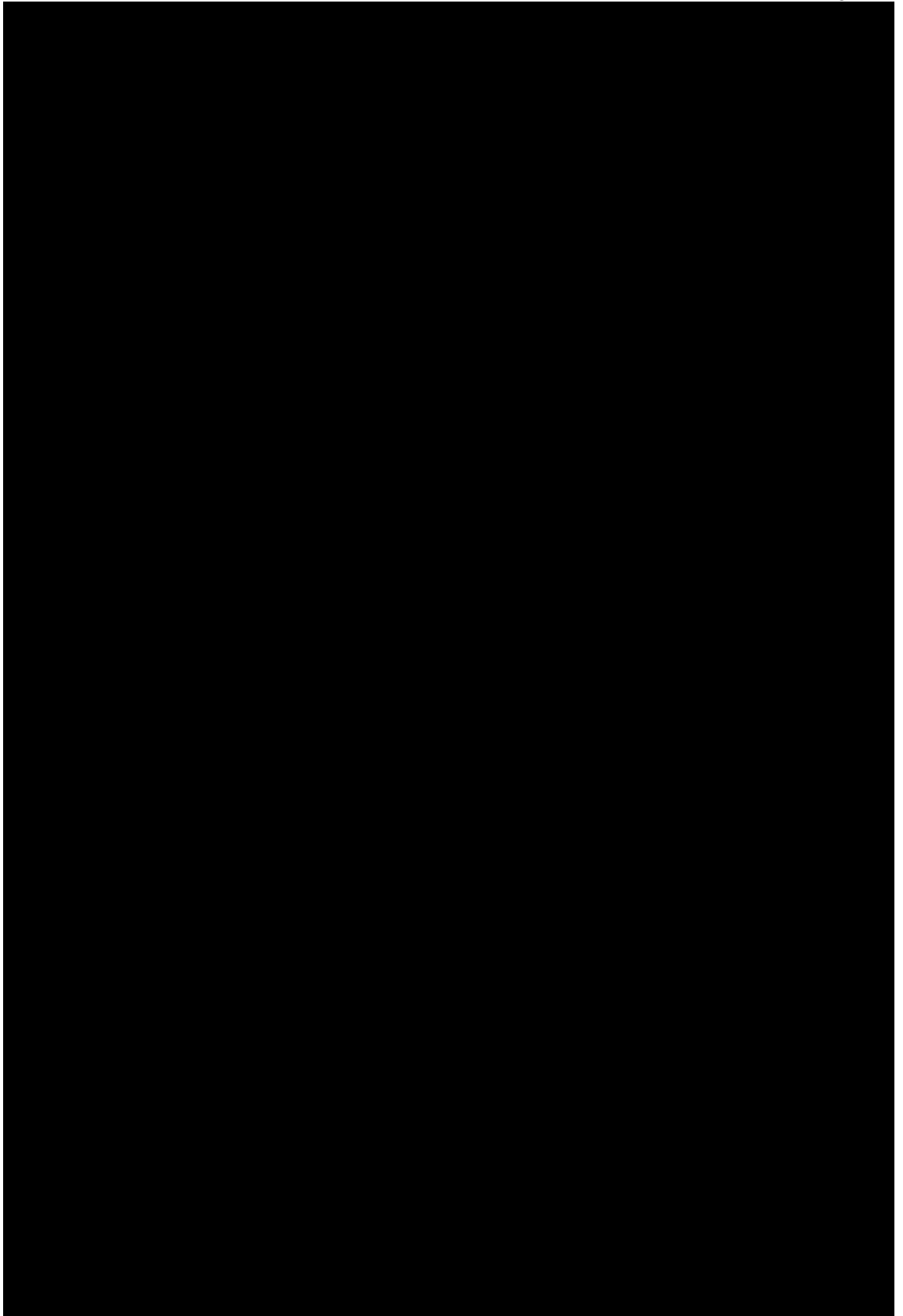
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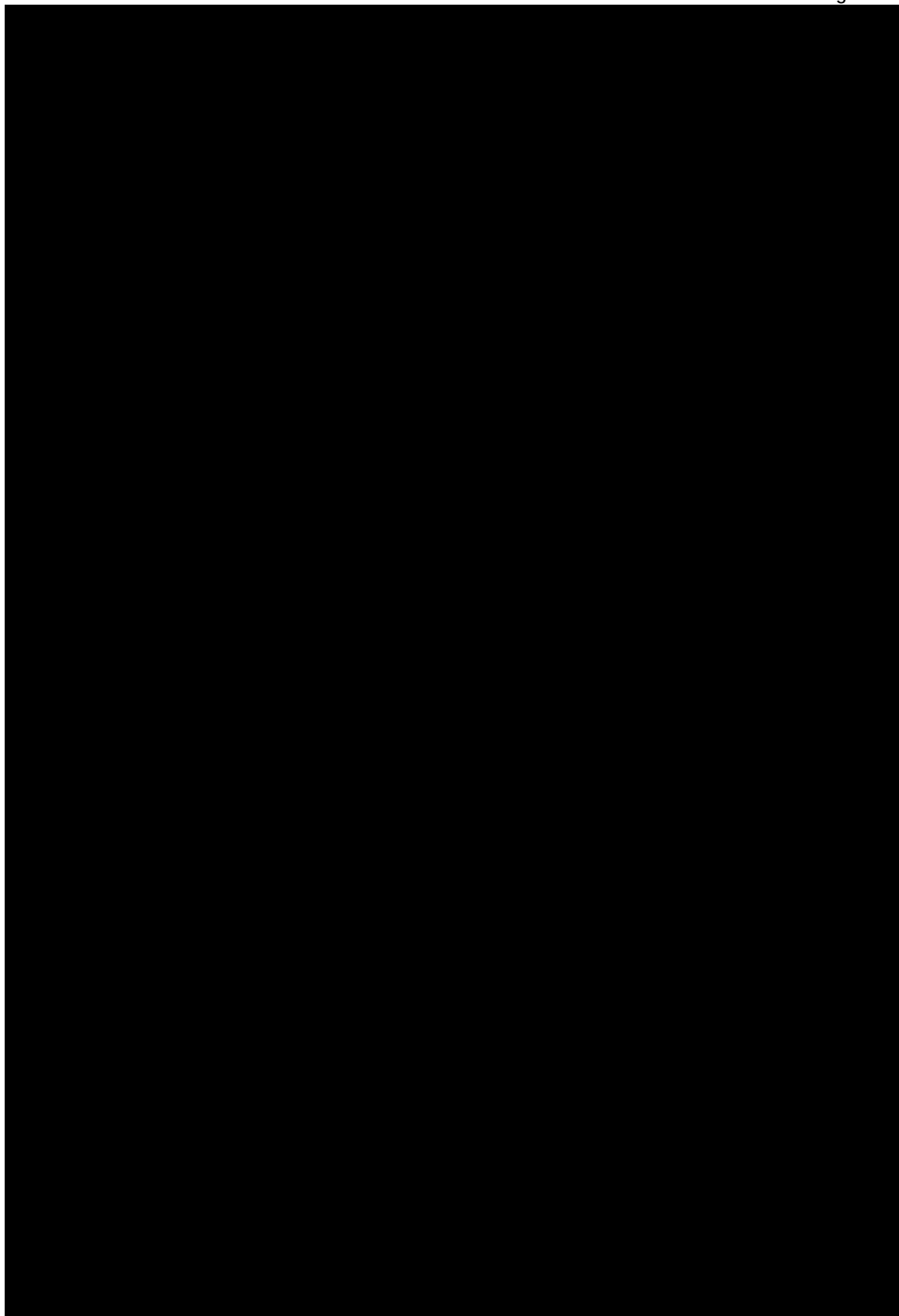
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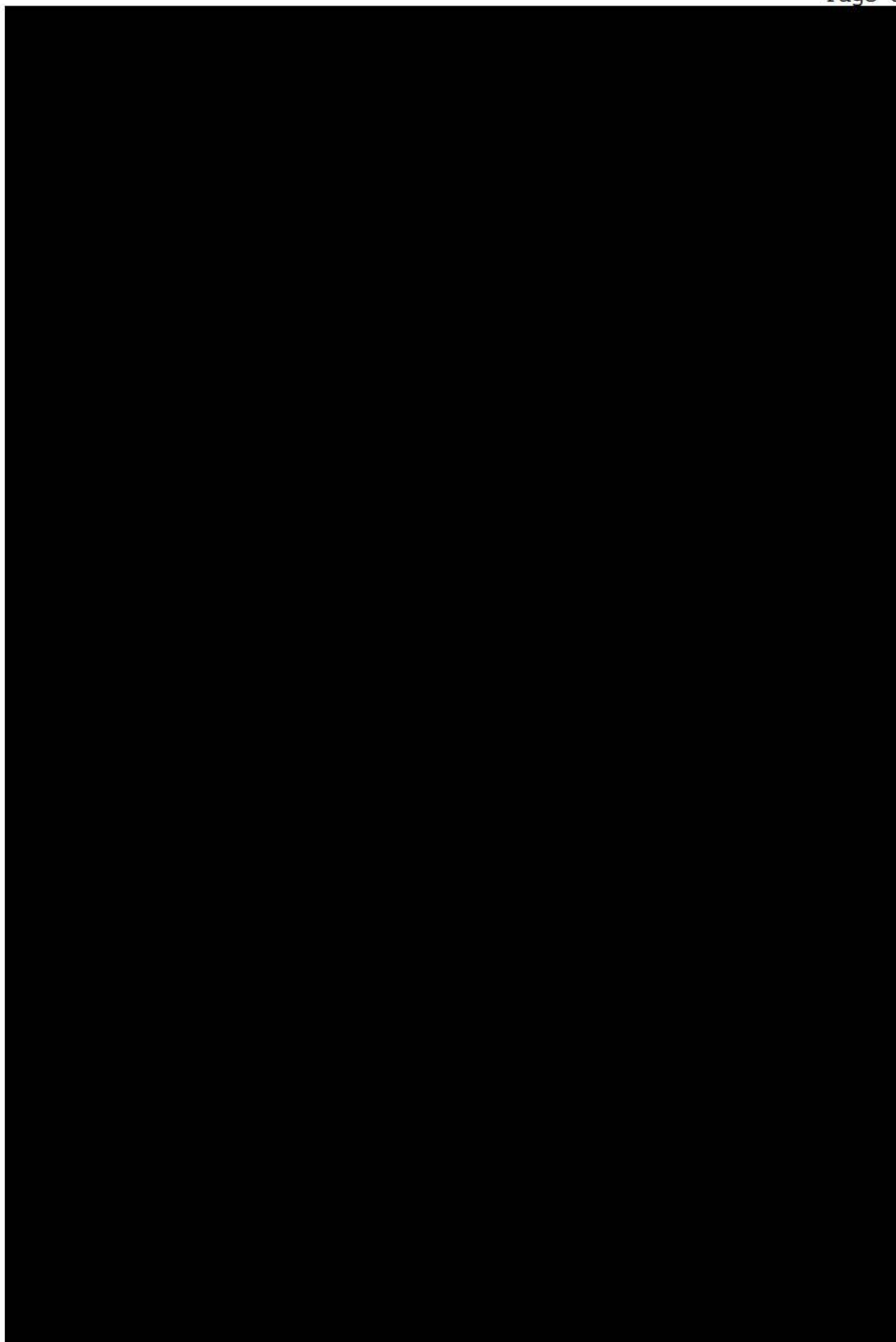
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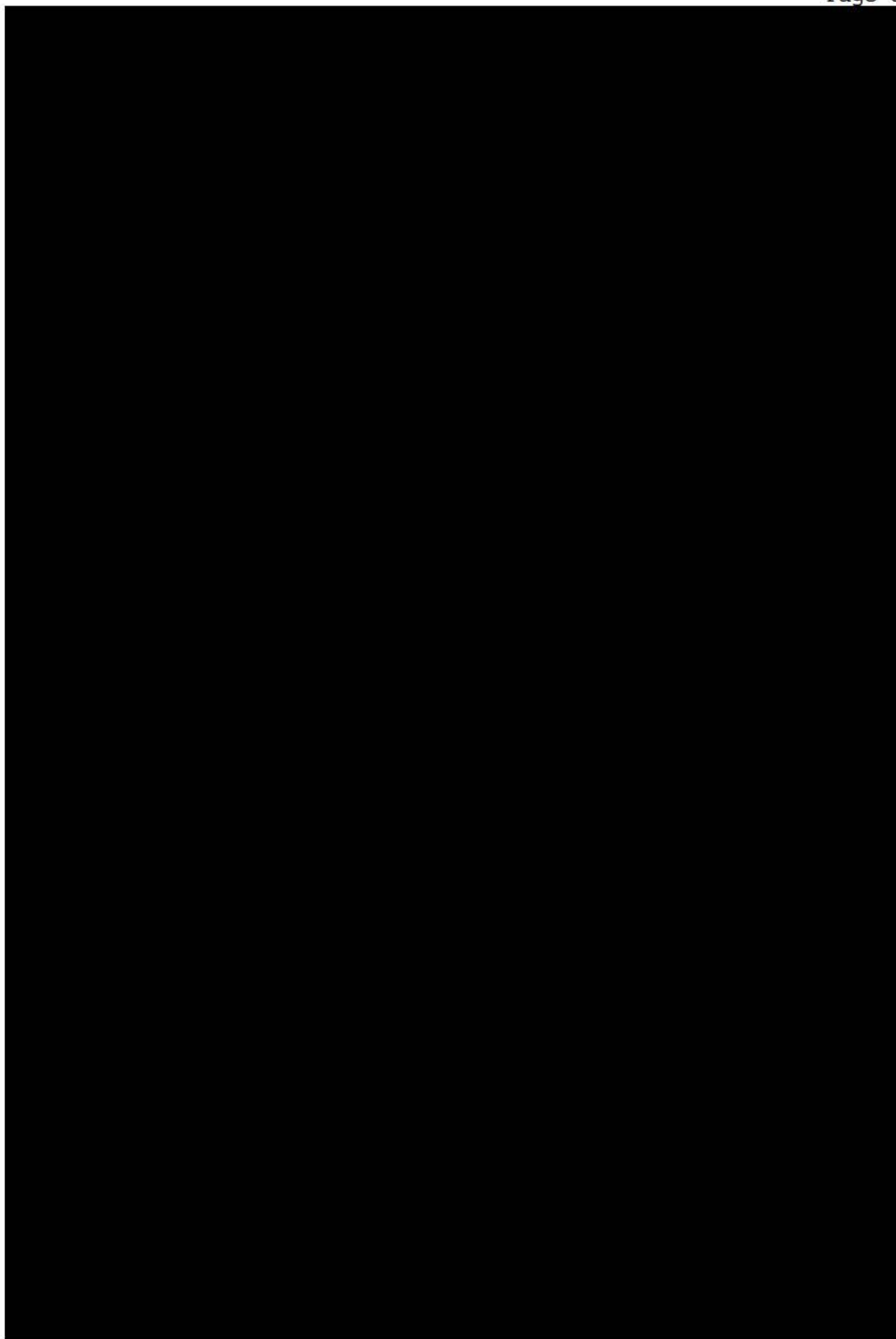
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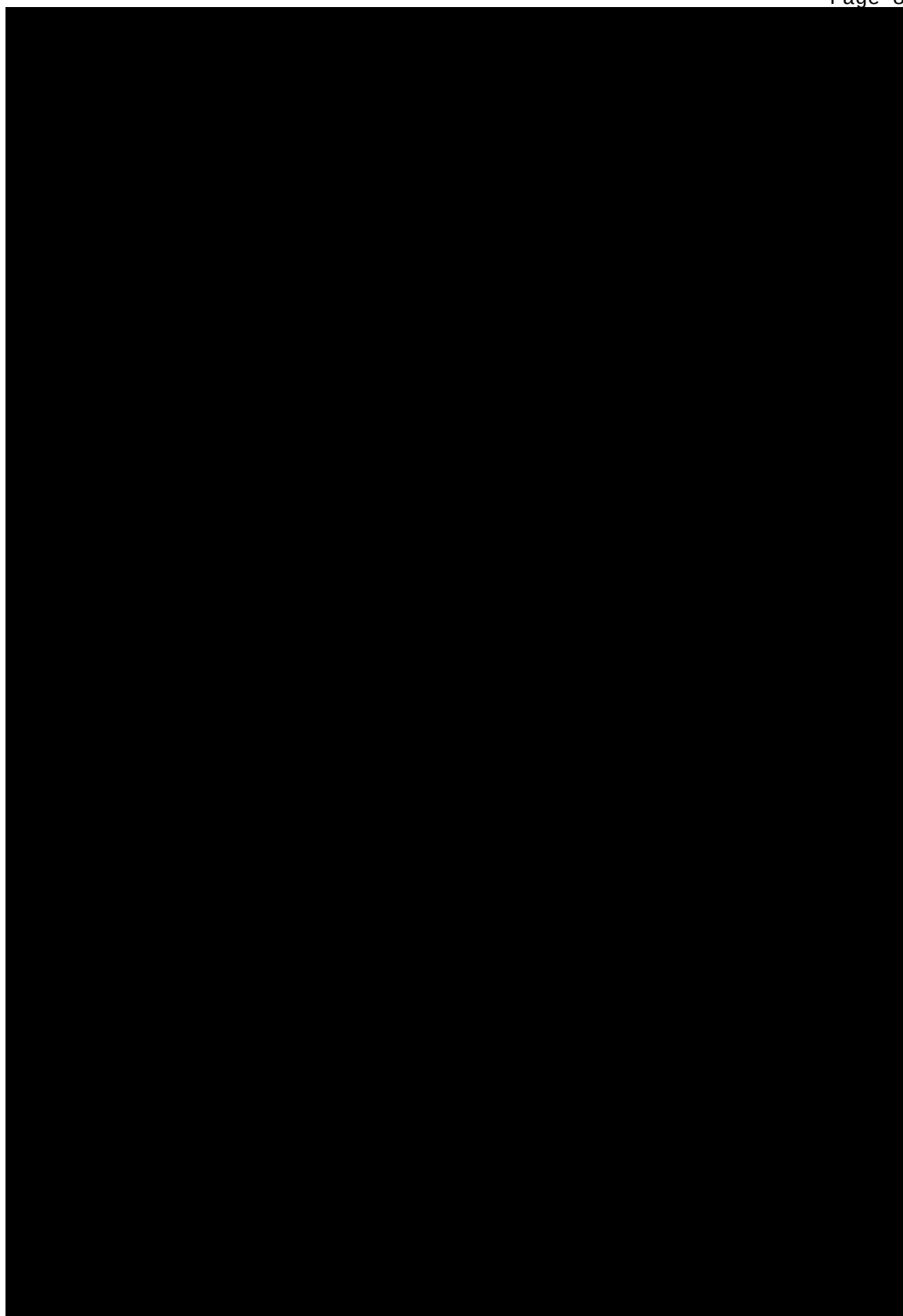
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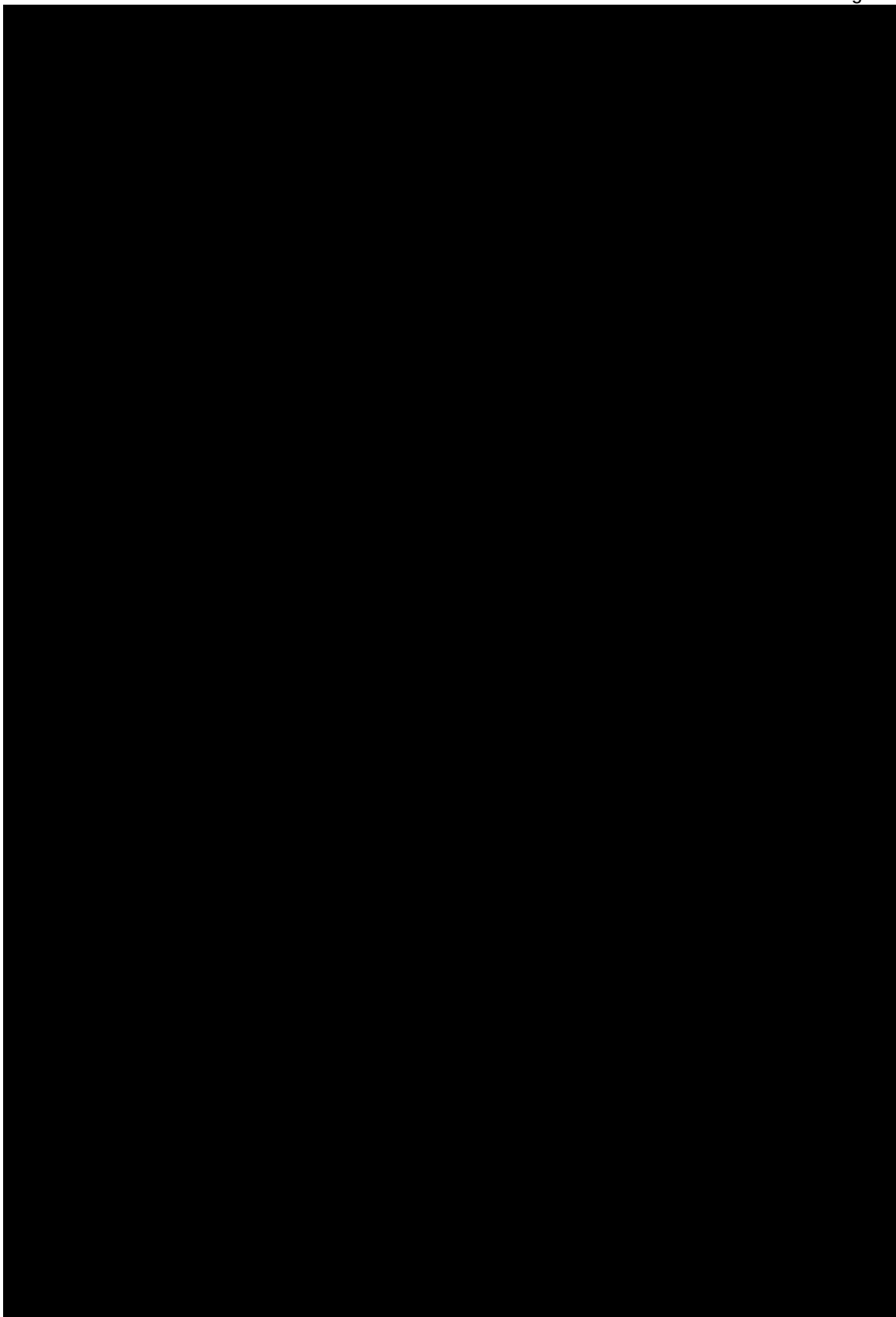
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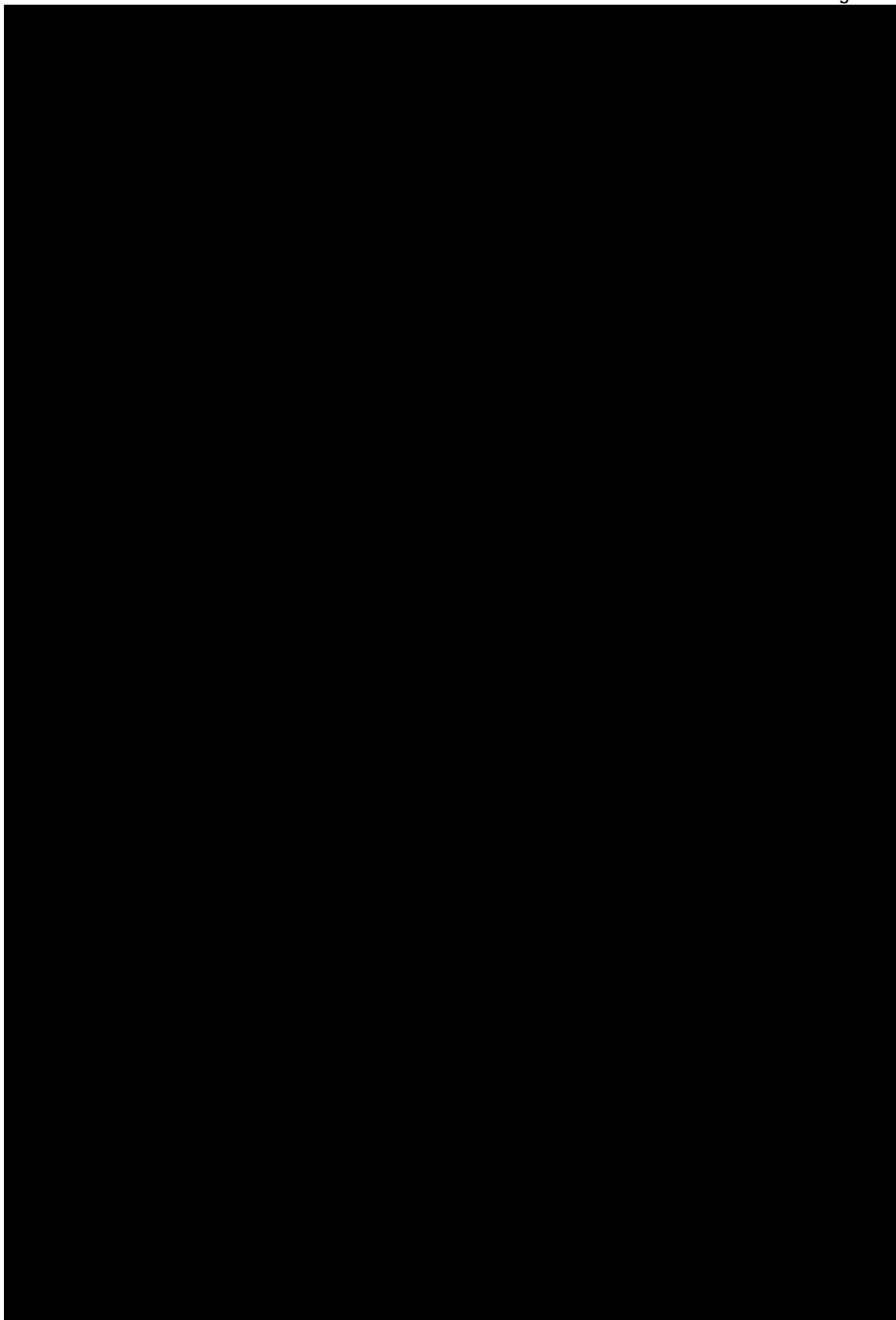
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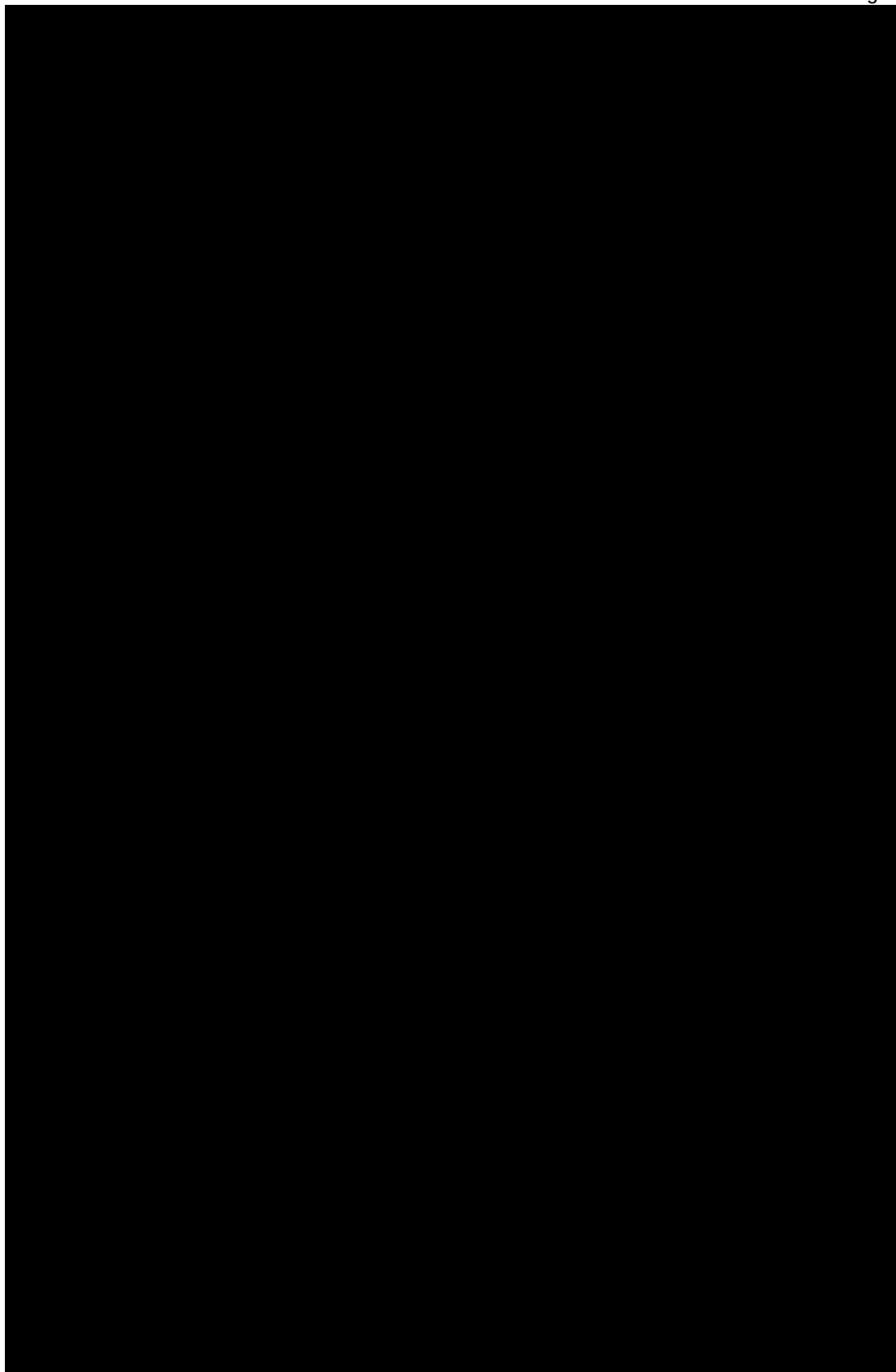
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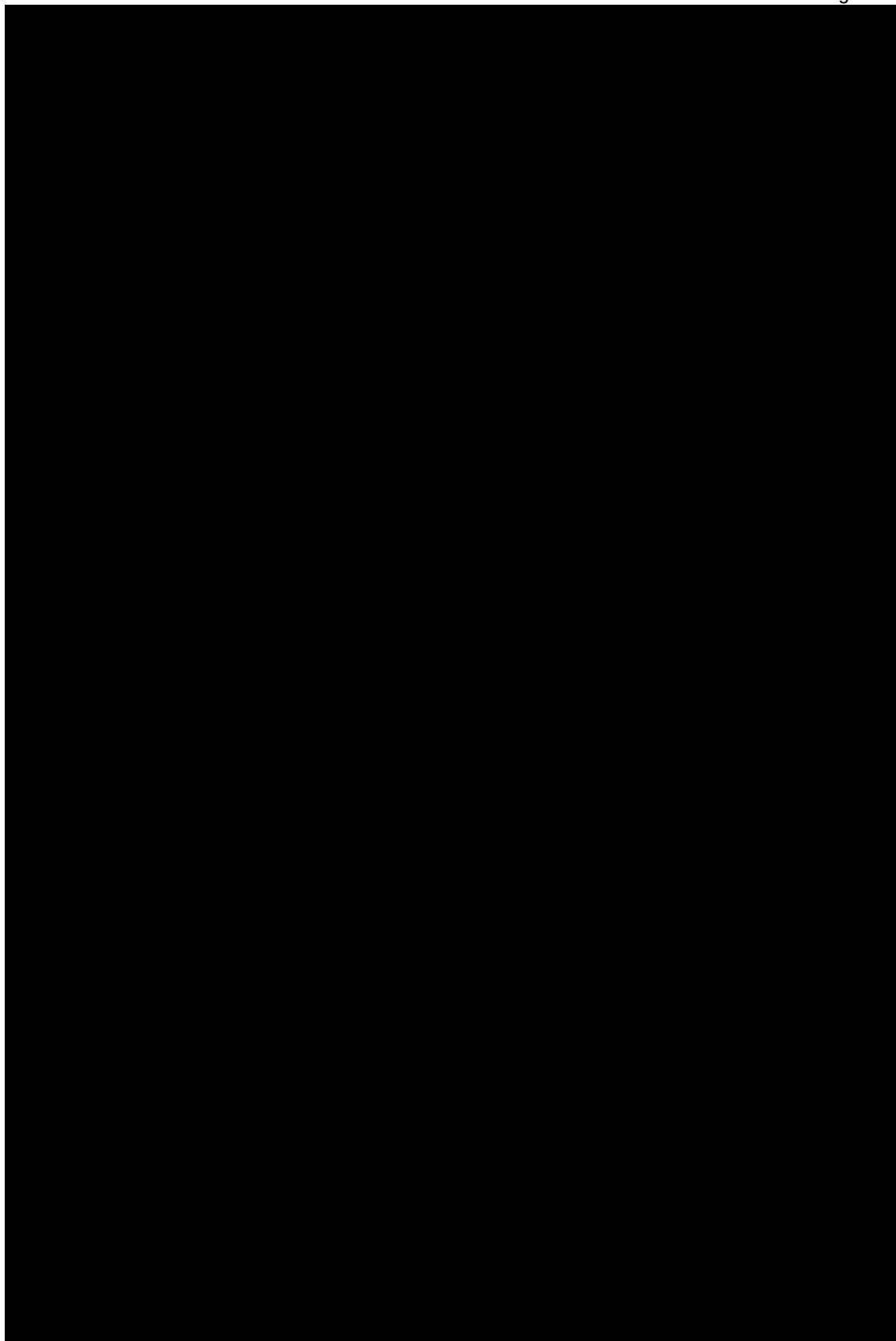
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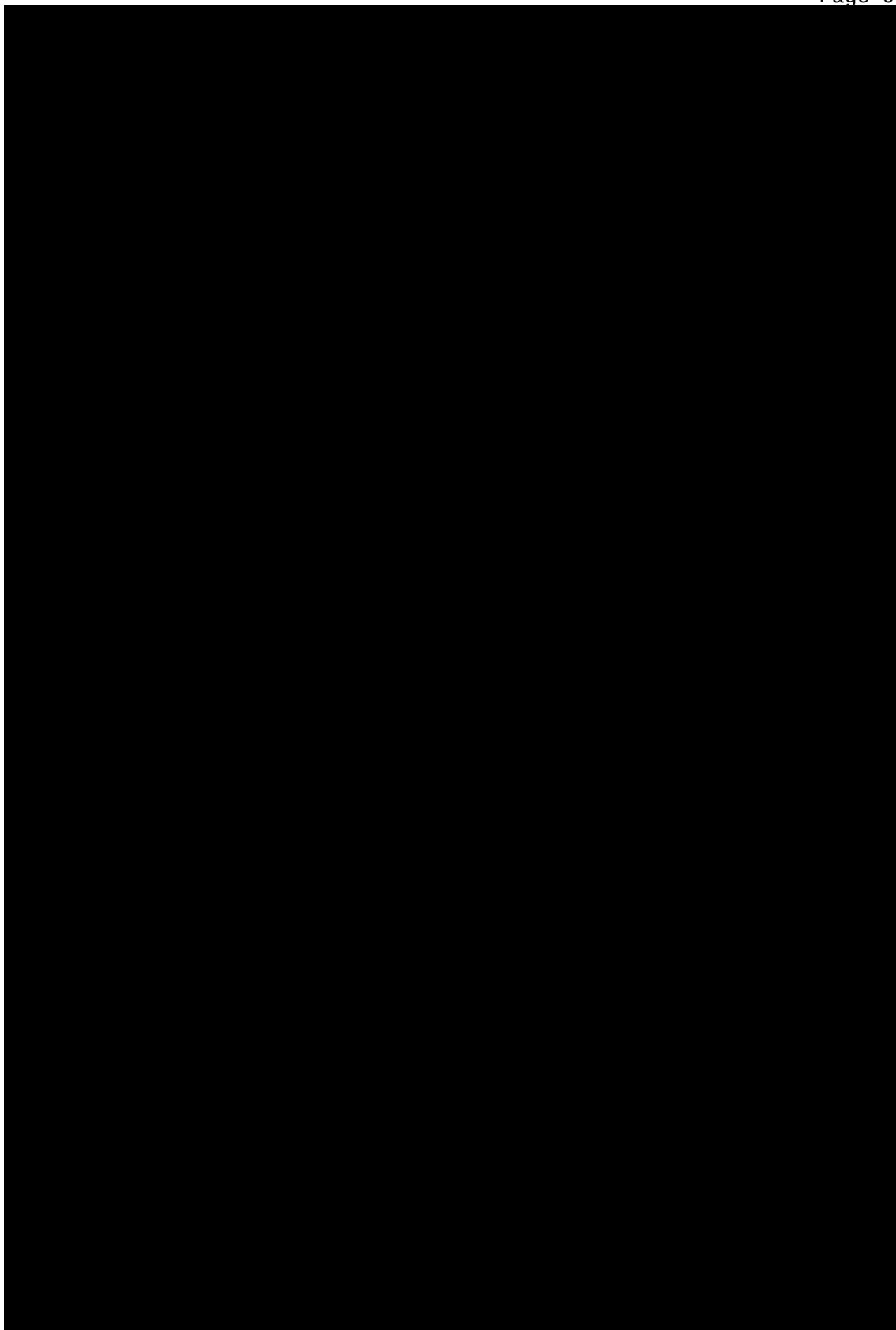
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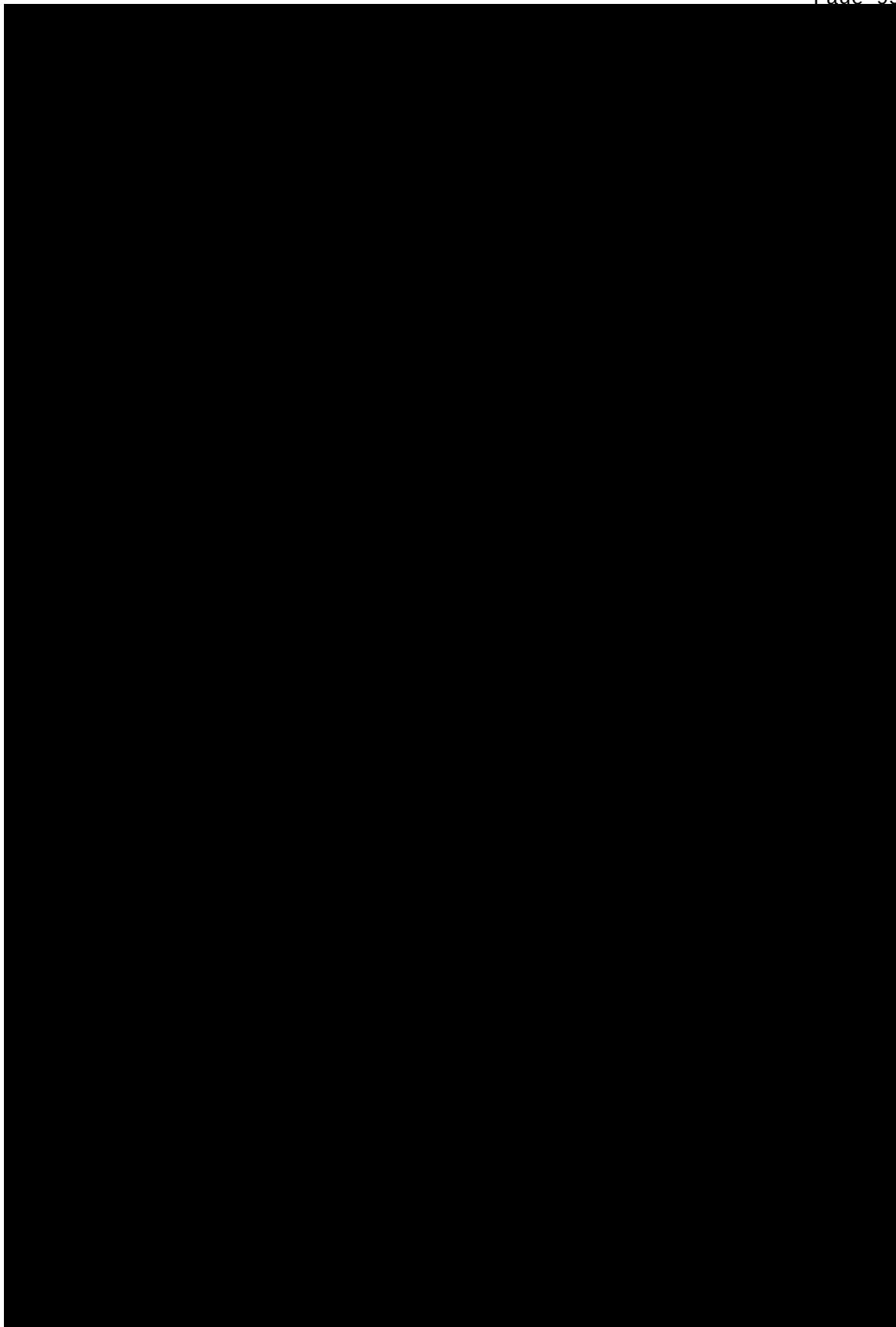
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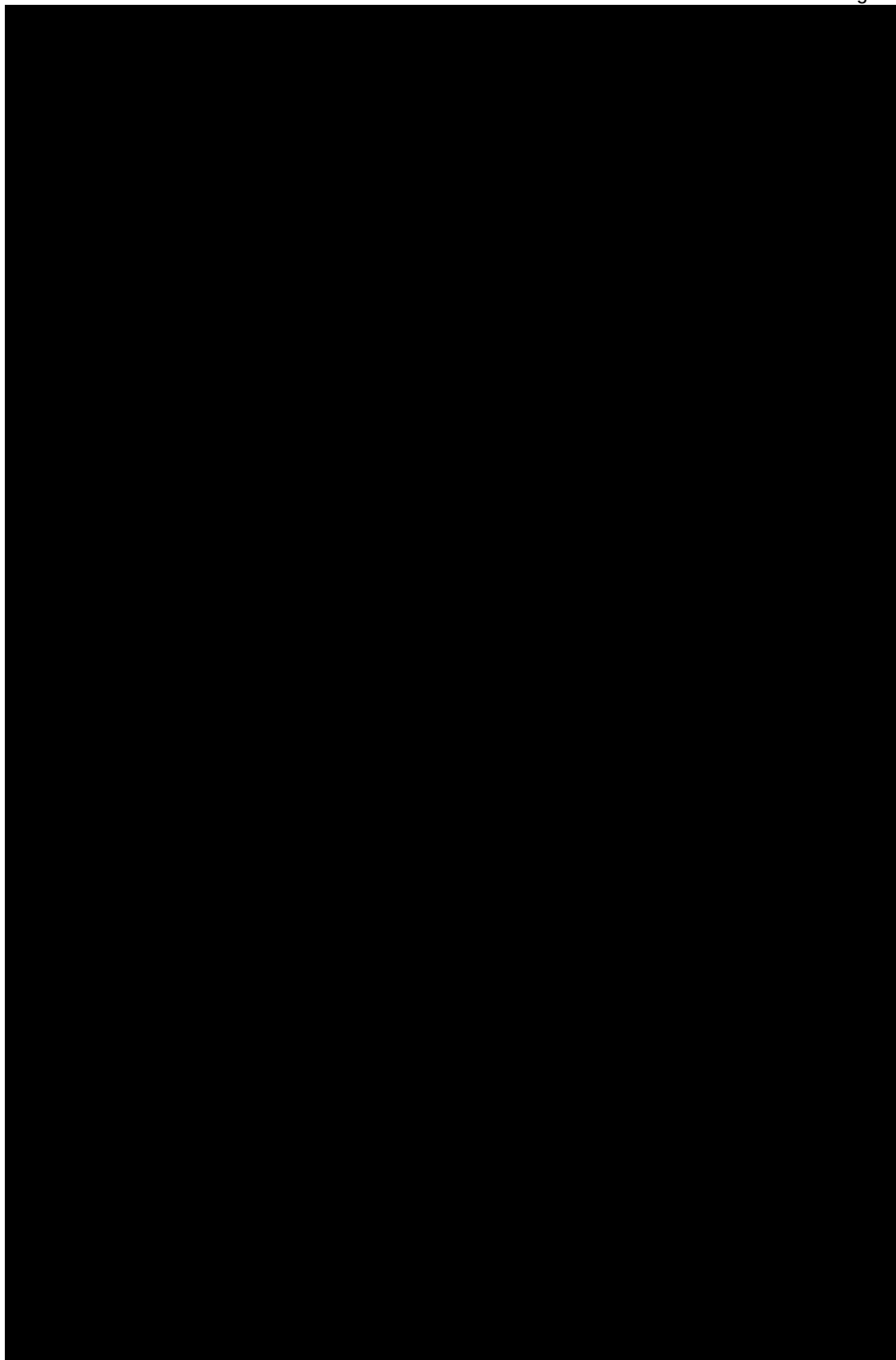
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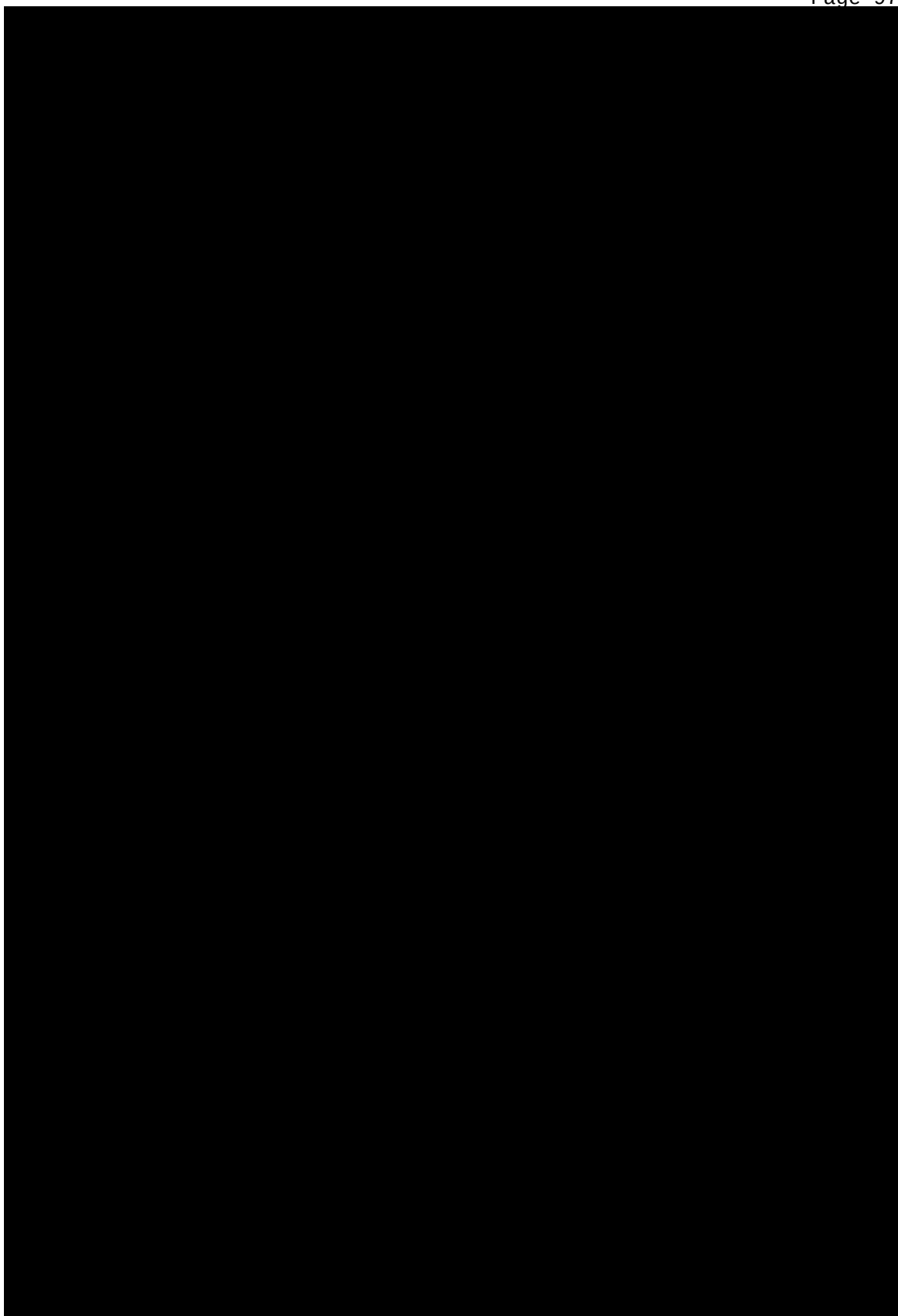
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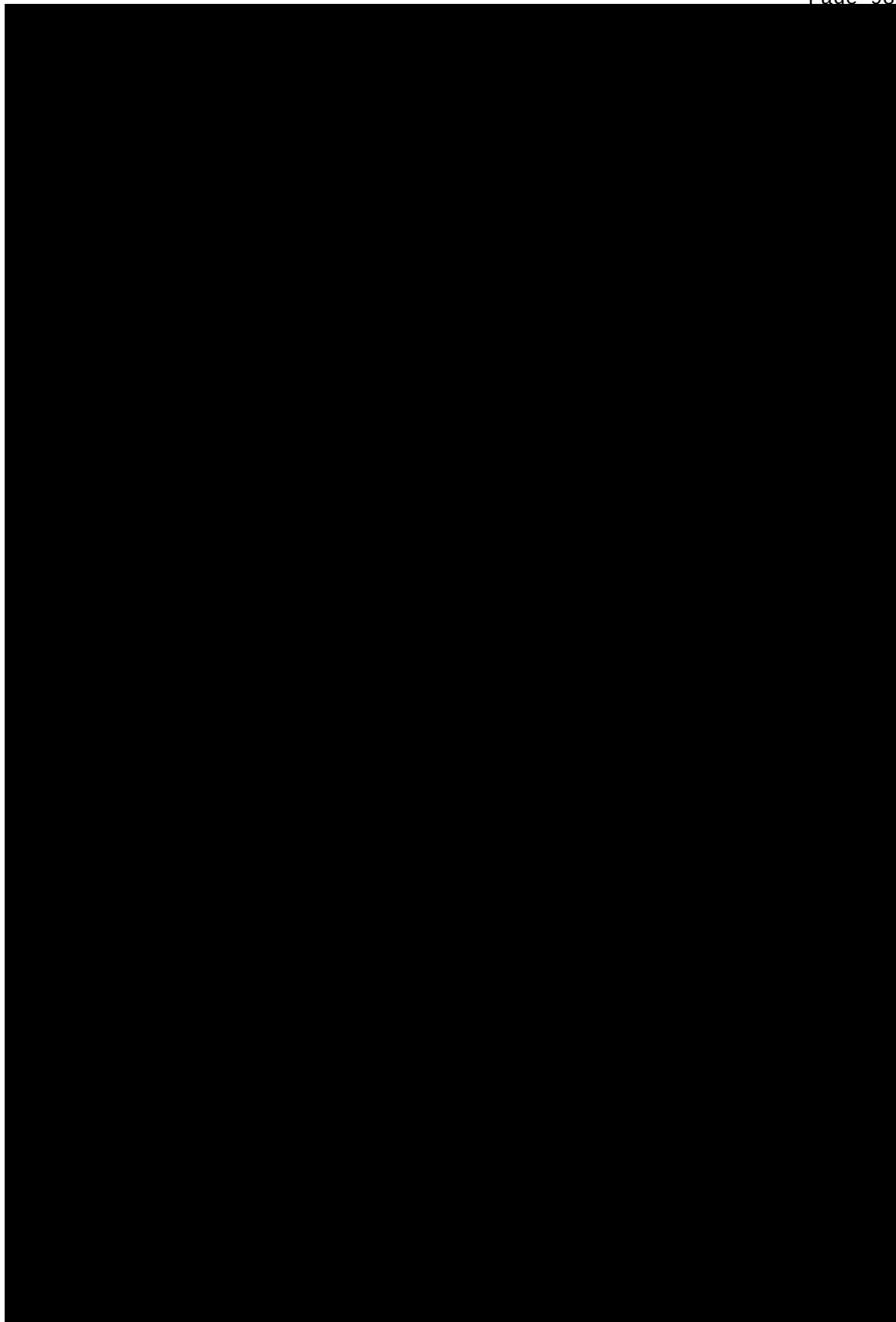
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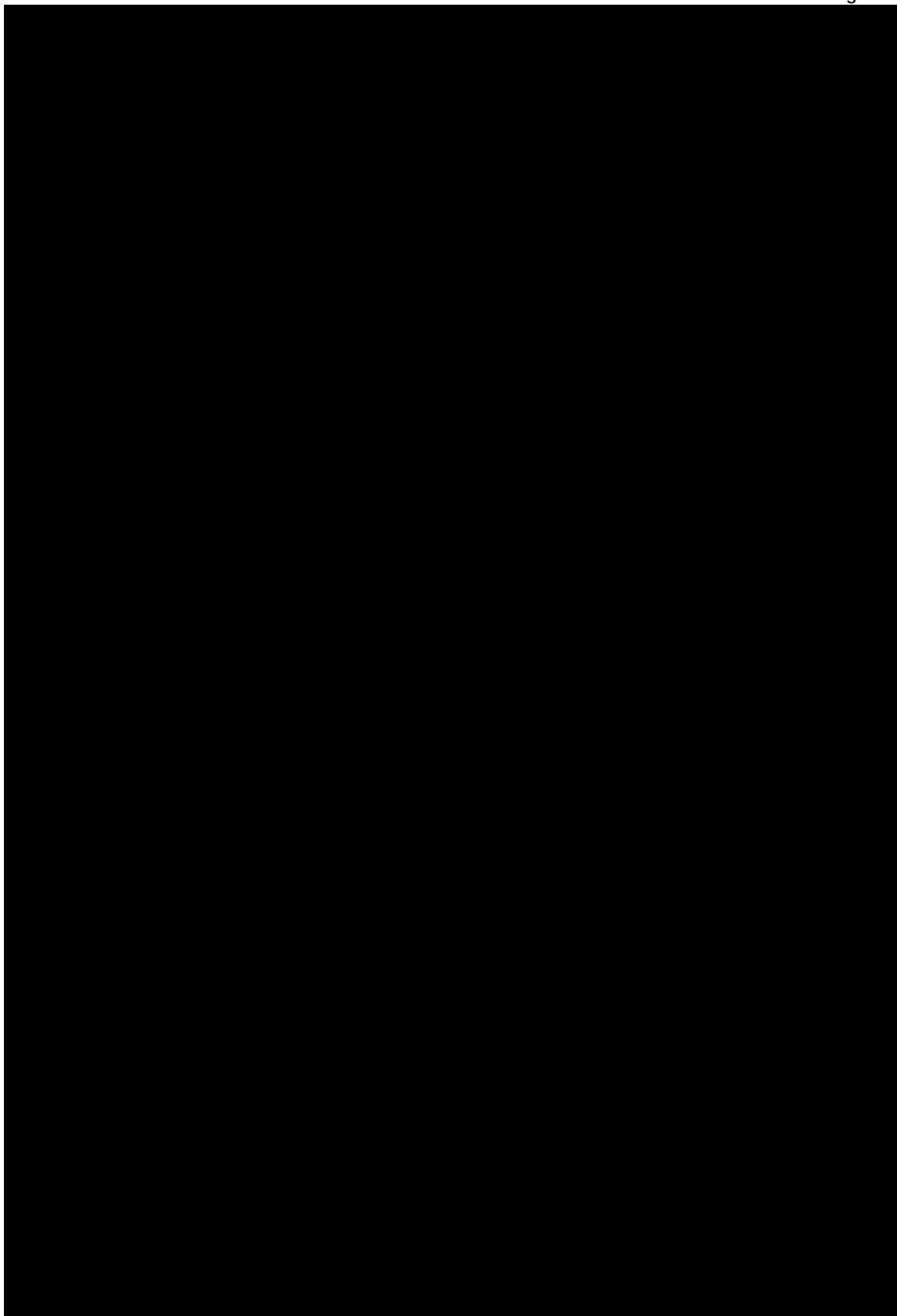
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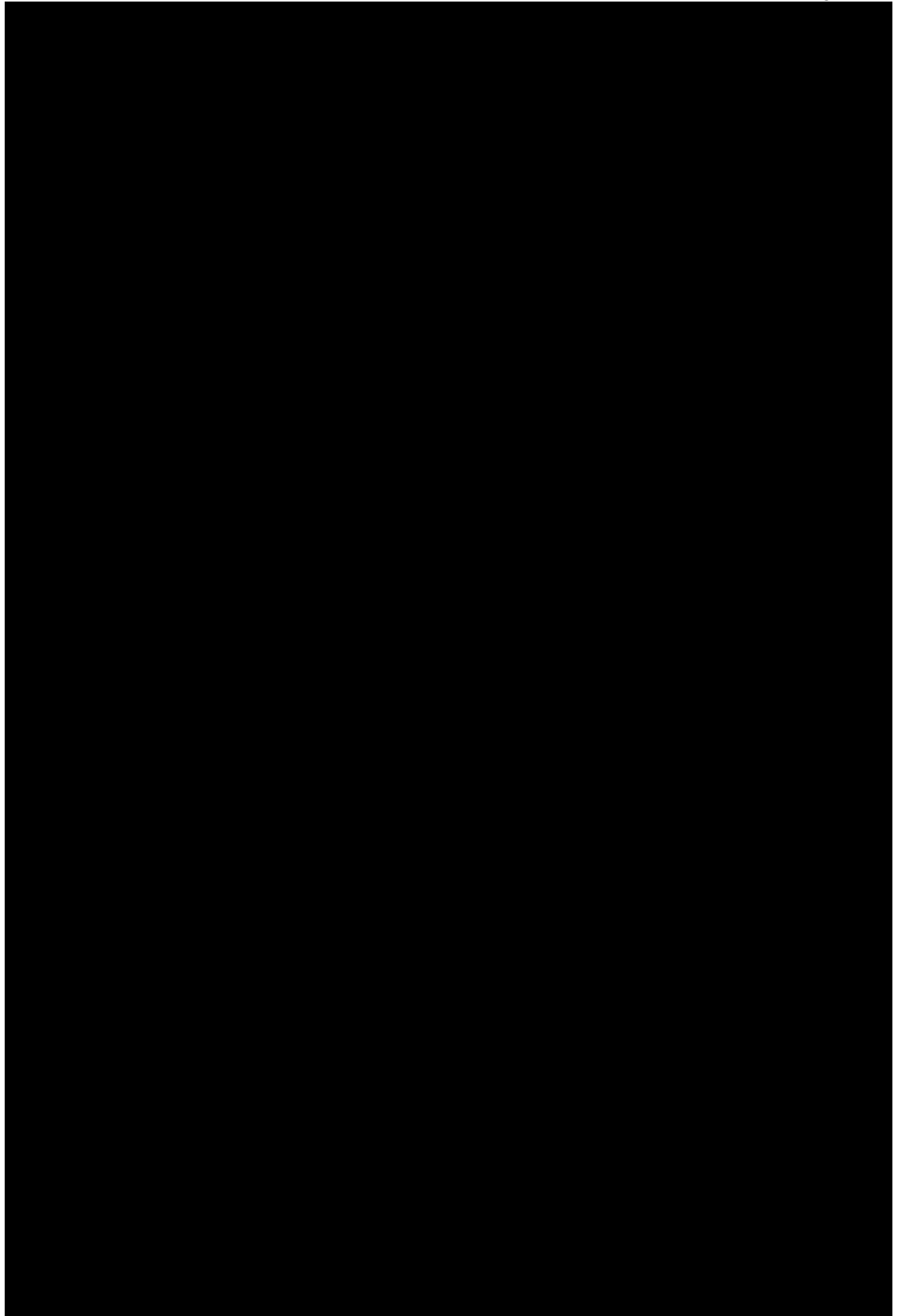
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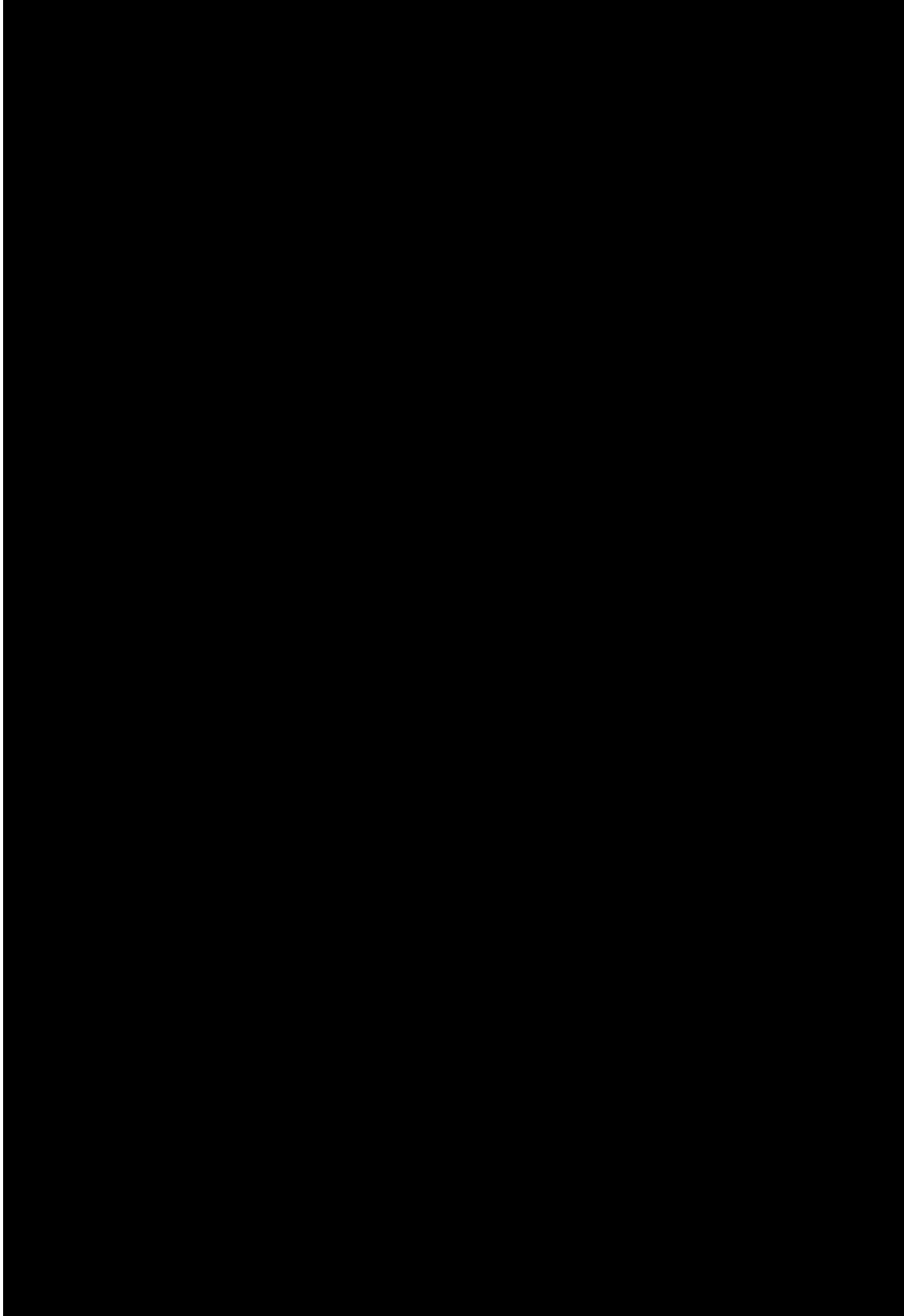
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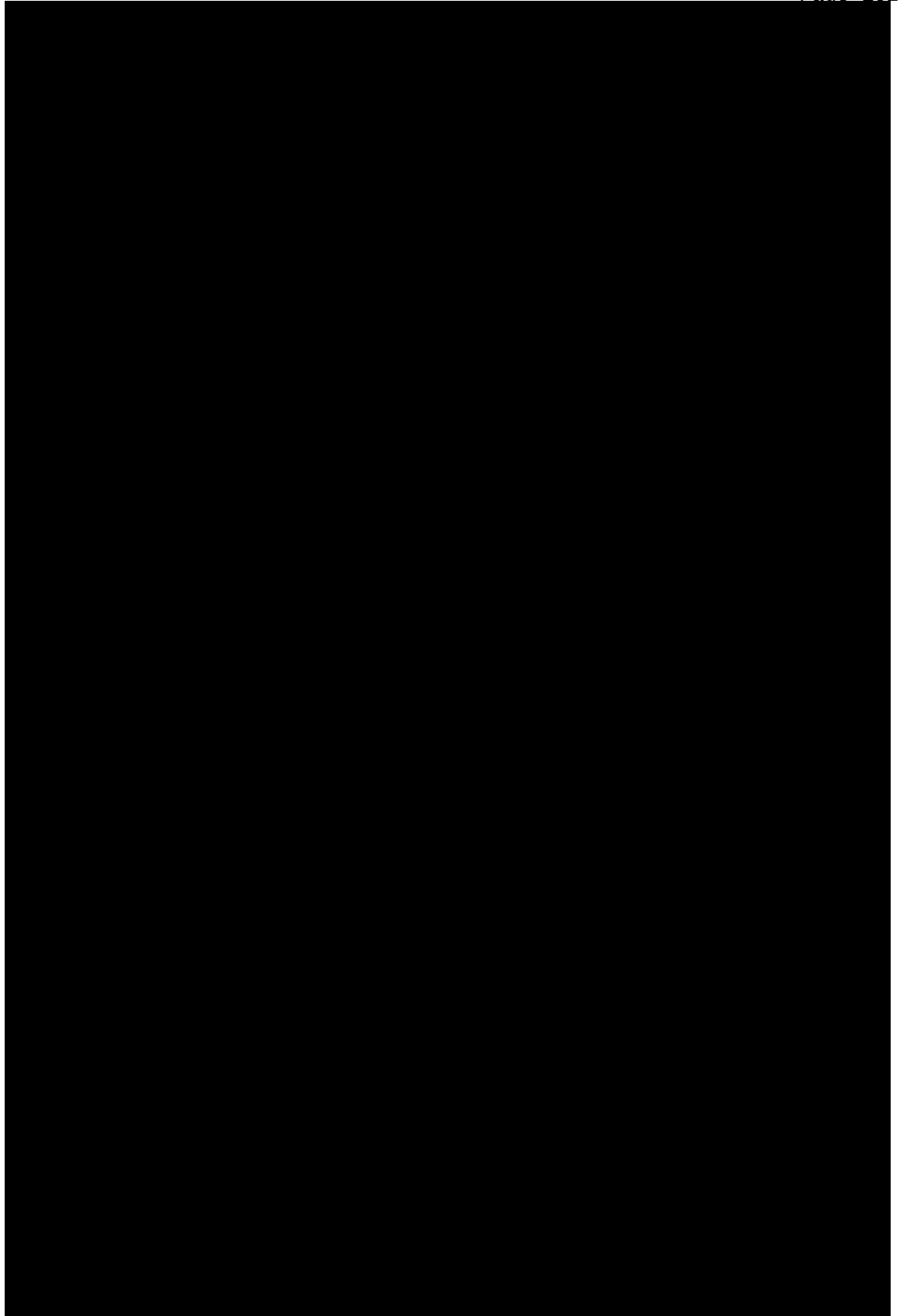
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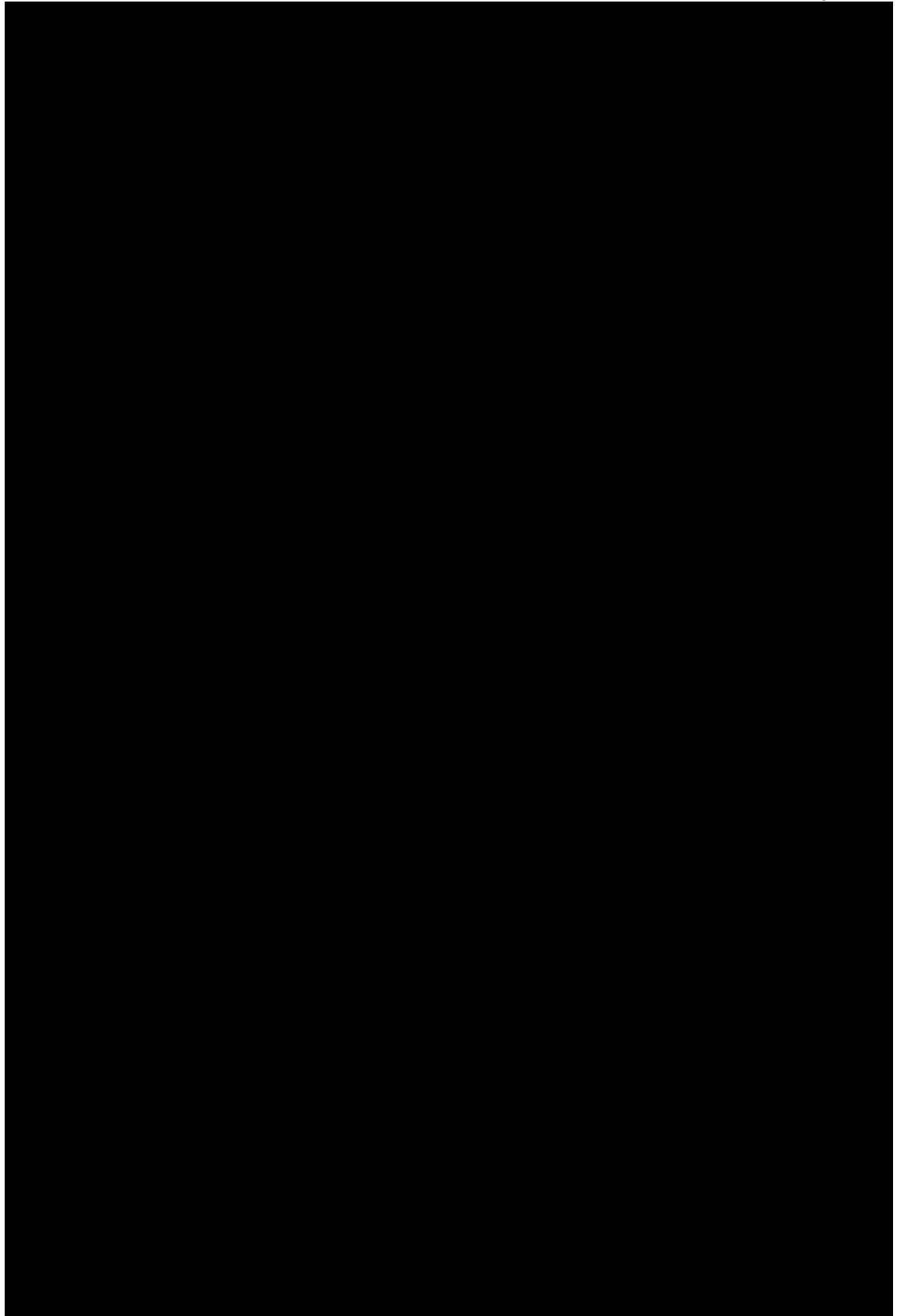
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(Whereupon, closed attorney-client session concluded, a recess was taken 11:23 a.m. to 11:25 a.m., after which the following proceedings were held.)

CHAIR BROWN: Okay. The time is now 11:25 a.m., and our closed meeting is hereby terminated, and the public meeting is reopened, and we have a few items and motions to go through.

So with that, I would turn to 14.1. Commissioners, is there a motion on this item?

(No response.)

CHAIR BROWN: This one is to go to proposed informal hearing, so my suggestion would be to authorize staff to go to the informal hearing with the penalty proposed as we discussed during settlement -- during our attorney/client.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Is there any second?

3 All those in favor, say "aye".

4 (Aye responses.)

5 CHAIR BROWN: We are going to 13.2 [sic]

6 -- actually 13.2 and 13.3.

7 Commissioners, is there a motion for
8 those items?

9 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Madame Chair,
10 just for the record, it's 14.

11 CHAIR BROWN: 14. You know what? You
12 are right. It's a long morning in my head.

13 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: And I would move
14 that we continue settlement negotiations
15 consistent with the discussions in the closed
16 attorney session.

17 CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

21 (Aye responses.)

22 CHAIR BROWN: 14.2 and 14.3 passed.

23 We are taking 14.4 separate.

24 Commissioners, is there a motion on that item,
25 which would be to authorize staff to continue

1 settlement negotiations as discussed in the
2 attorney/client meeting.

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So moved.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Second.

6 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
7 "aye."

8 (Aye responses.)

9 CHAIR BROWN: Is there any opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. 13.5 [sic], can we
12 get a motion on 13 --

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: 14.5.

14 CHAIR BROWN: I did it again. Mine says
15 "13" on the written paper.

16 14.5 and 14.6, Commissioners, can we get
17 a motion on these two items?

18 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would move that
19 we continue settlement discussions consistent
20 with what we discussed in closed
21 attorney/client session.

22 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I second the
24 motion.

25 CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion?

1 (No response.)

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

4 (Aye responses.)

5 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. That does conclude
6 our agenda for today.

7 Commissioners, are there any other
8 matters that needs to be addressed today?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIR BROWN: Seeing none, staff, is
11 there anything else that we need to address?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. This concludes
14 our agenda. Have a great day.

15 (Whereupon, the meeting concluded at
16 11:27 a.m.)

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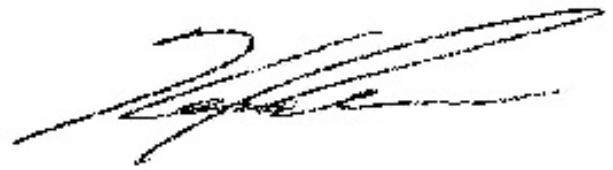
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