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BEFORE: Vice Chair Julie I. Brown
Commissioner Charles Drago
Commissioner John D'Aquila
Commissioner Tina Repp
Executive Director, Louis Trombetta

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4 Commissioner Charles Drago

Commissioner John D'Aquila

5 Commissioner Tina Repp

Executive Director, Louis Trombetta

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21 OTHERS PRESENT:

22 - Various Members of the Public

23 - The Florida Channel

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

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning, everyone.

3 Today is June 6th. The time is 9:30. This is the
4 Florida Gaming Control Commission meeting. Please
5 stand for the pledge of allegiance, which will be
6 given by Commissioner D'Aquila.

7 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much, and
9 welcome all. We have a pretty busy meeting today
10 with an attorney-client meeting after, at the
11 conclusion, so we'll go to that. But we're going
12 to take a few things up together.

13 But at first, we're going to get to the
14 approval of meeting minutes for April 3rd and May
15 2nd.

16 Commissioners, can I please get a motion to
17 approve those two items.

18 COMMISSIONER REPP: Motion to approve.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

23 (Multiple ayes.)

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are going on
25 to a discussion of renewal applications for slot

1 machine licenses, 2.1 and 2.2. And we're going to
2 have Ms. Pouncey take them up together.

3 Good morning, Ms. Pouncey.

4 MS. POUNCEY: Good morning. Item Nos. 2.1 and
5 2.2 are the slot renewal licenses for 831 Federal
6 Highway Acquisition, Case No. 2024-012885; and
7 Calder Race Course, Case No. 2024-024534. Both of
8 these facilities have submitted their application
9 for their slot machine license, have satisfied the
10 requirements. And the Division is recommending
11 approval of their slot license.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

13 So, Commissioners, the reason why I wanted to
14 take these up together are because both items,
15 they've all satisfied all the statutory
16 requirements. It's pretty straight forward. If
17 you don't have any questions, can we get a motion
18 to approve 2.1 and 2.2.

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I make a motion to
20 approve 2.1 and 2.2 as stated.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
22 second?

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
25 aye.

1 (Multiple ayes.)

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And we are
3 moving on to discussion of amended applications for
4 pari-mutuel operating licenses. And we are also
5 taking up 3.1 and 3.2 together.

6 MS. POUNCEY: Item No. 3.1 Case No.
7 2024-02687, Tampa Bay Downs. This is for their
8 2023-2024 operating license where they're
9 requesting to amend their operating dates by
10 canceling a performance.

11 Item No. 3.2 is also Tampa Bay Downs, Case No.
12 2024-027042 in which they're requesting to amend
13 their 2024-2025 operating license by canceling two
14 performances. They have submitted the required
15 documentation and have met the requirements.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

17 Commissioners, they're just two different
18 fiscal years. Are there any questions?

19 Can I get a motion to approve both items.

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

25 (Multiple ayes.)

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Pouncey.
2 Moving on to a discussion of default final orders,
3 4.1.

4 Welcome.

5 MS. ALVARADO: Hi. Welcome.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Alvarado.

7 MS. ALVARADO: Good morning. This is
8 Emily Alvarado, for the record.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We've missed you, by the
10 way.

11 MS. ALVARADO: Thank you. I appreciate it.
12 Item No. 4.1 is Shakara Jackson, Case No.
13 2024-000442. In this case, you were provided a
14 one-count administrative complaint alleging that
15 the respondent was excluded from PPI on January 4,
16 2024 for swapping cards during a live poker game.

17 She is subject to exclusion pursuant to
18 Sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112 Florida Statutes.
19 You were also provided the USPS tracking that
20 showed that she was served via certified mail. She
21 failed to respond within 21 days.

22 Therefore, the Division would ask that the
23 Commission enter an order finding that respondent
24 was properly served. She failed to respond within
25 21 days, that the facts in the administrative

1 complaint are accepted as the facts in this case,
2 and concluding that she be added to the permanent
3 exclusion list for all pari-mutuel and slot machine
4 facilities.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.
6 Commissioners, are there any questions on
7 this?

8 I do, Ms. Alvarado, with regard to colluding
9 partner, Mr. James Barr. Has he been excluded
10 permanently yet by the Commission?

11 MS. ALVARADO: A case has been opened. We
12 haven't gotten service yet, so he has not been
13 excluded yet. But we are pursuing that as well.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Excellent. All right.
15 Commissioners, can I get a motion to approve
16 the default final order.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Make a motion to
18 approve the order as stated.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

23 (Multiple ayes.)

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

25 And 4.2.

1 MS. ALVARADO: Item 4.2 is Jennifer
2 Hayford-Quinones in Case No. 2024-003189. In this
3 case, you were provided a one-count administrative
4 complaint seeking suspension of respondent's
5 pari-mutuel wagering professional individual
6 occupational license due to an outstanding debt
7 related to horseracing pursuant to Section
8 550.105(7).

9 You're also provided the USPS tracking that
10 showed that she was served and failed to respond
11 within 21 days. Therefore, the Division would ask
12 the Commission enter an order finding that
13 respondent was properly served with the
14 administrative complaint, that she failed to
15 respond within 21 days, that the facts in the
16 administrative complaint are accepted as the facts
17 in this case, and that respondent's pari-mutuel
18 wagering professional individual occupational
19 license will be suspended until the Commission
20 receives confirmation that the payment has been
21 satisfied.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

23 Commissioner, do you have a question?

24 Ms. Alvarado, it says in the investigative
25 report that Versa had an active enforcement alert

1 placed on her license back in July 20th. Is that
2 for a different outstanding financial obligation?

3 MS. ALVARADO: Yes. And that one was
4 satisfied. We took that one off her account, and
5 then this one is a new one that is on there.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

7 If there are no other questions, can we please
8 get a motion to approve the default final order.

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: I would like to make a
10 motion approve the default final order.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

15 (Multiple ayes.)

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Motion passes.
17 Now onto discussion of consent orders 5.1 and
18 5.2.

19 MS. ALVARADO: 5.1 is Donald Brown, Case No.
20 2022-017792. In this case, you were provided a
21 filed administrative complaint alleging that
22 respondent violated Section 550.2415(1)(a) by
23 racing a horse with two prohibited substances.

24 Respondent had no prior violations of this
25 rule. This was set for hearing before the Division

1 of Administrative Hearings, and it was presented in
2 the last meeting, at the May meeting, in a closed
3 session where the Commission agreed to allow
4 settlement in this matter.

5 Therefore, the parties relinquish jurisdiction
6 from the Division of Administrative Hearings. In
7 this case, you were also presented with a consent
8 order where respondent would permanently relinquish
9 his pari-mutuel wagering professional individual
10 occupational license and waive any right to contest
11 or appeal the Commission's future denial of an
12 application for licensure that the respondent may
13 submit in the future. And the Commission would
14 agree not to impose any suspension or fine in this
15 case.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

17 I do not have any speaker cards on this.
18 Commissioners, are there any questions on this item
19 or comment?

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can we get a motion to
22 approve the consent order?

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

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

1 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

4 (Multiple ayes.)

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 And on to 5.2, Washington County Kennel Club.

7 MS. VALENTINE: Item 5.2 is the Florida Gaming
8 Control Commission versus Washington Kennel Club.
9 In this case, an administrative complaint was
10 issued against Washington Kennel Club for 113
11 violations of Section 849.086(7)(h)1 Florida
12 Statutes based on offering an unapproved designated
13 player game to be played at the facility.

14 Pursuant to the stipulation and consent order,
15 the respondent will remit or has remitted a fine of
16 \$14,258.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I want to
18 thank our staff for a lot of work that has been put
19 into this and getting us to this point here.

20 Commissioners, are there any questions or
21 comments on this? Can we get a motion to approve
22 the proposed settlement.

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I make a motion to
24 approve the settlement.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

4 (Multiple ayes.)

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And on to
6 discussion of license denials 6.1 through 6.8.

7 MR. KLEIN: Thank you. Joseph Klein, for the
8 record. 6.1 is Jordan Miller, Case No.
9 2024-010658. The Division received a completed
10 application from Mr. Miller on November 30, 2023
11 seeking a pari-mutuel professional individual
12 occupational license to be a jockey agent.

13 On the application, Mr. Miller disclosed a
14 2009 felony arrest. He subsequently received
15 correspondence from the Division advising him that
16 due to his criminal history, he would need to
17 submit a request for a waiver in order to be
18 considered for licensure.

19 Mr. Miller submitted the waiver request on
20 February 14, 2024. A review of his application
21 revealed that on July 16, 2009, Jordan Miller was
22 convicted of grand larceny second degree in Madison
23 County, New York, a felony offense.

24 Mr. Miller's request for waiver was declined
25 by the executive director. The Division recommends

1 that the Commission authorize the issuance of a
2 notice of intent to deny.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Klein.

4 Commissioners, if there are no questions on
5 this item, can we please get a motion for a notice
6 of intent to deny Mr. Miller.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
11 (Multiple ayes.)

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

13 6.2, please.

14 MR. KLEIN: Thank you. 6.2 Andrew Bradley
15 Froome, Case No. 2024-014191 Mr. Froome submitted a
16 completed application for a cardroom employee
17 occupational license on February 12, 2024 to work
18 as a poker dealer.

19 He disclosed a felony conviction on his
20 application and submitted a request for waiver
21 accordingly. A review of the application showed
22 that on February 11, 2016 Mr. Froome was convicted
23 in the Middle District of Tennessee of conspiracy
24 to possess with intent to distribute oxycodone and
25 oxymorphone, a felony offense.

1 His request for a waiver was declined by the
2 executive director. The Division's recommendation
3 is that the Commission authorize the issuance of a
4 notice of intent to deny.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can
7 we please get a motion for a notice of intent to
8 deny this applicant.

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: Make a motion for a notice
10 of intent to deny.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner
14 D'Aquila. All those in favor say aye.

15 (Multiple ayes.)

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Item 6.3,
17 please.

18 MR. KLEIN: Thank you. 6.3 is Zabulum Obadiah
19 Prince, Case No. 2024-014913. Mr. Prince submitted
20 a completed application for a pari-mutuel wagering
21 general individual occupational license and request
22 for a waiver on February 14, 2024 to be a hot
23 walker.

24 Upon review of the application, it was
25 discovered that on January 18, 2022, Mr. Prince was

1 convicted in Broward County of two felony offenses,
2 delivery of cannabis and attempting to tamper with
3 physical evidence.

4 His request for waiver was declined by the
5 executive director. As such, the Division's
6 recommendation is that the Commission authorize the
7 issuance of a notice of intent to deny.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any
9 questions on Mr. Prince's application? May I
10 please get a motion to approve the notice of intent
11 to deny.

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
16 (Multiple ayes.)

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

18 Item 6.4, Mr. Klein.

19 MR. KLEIN: Thank you. 6.4 Hassan Shamari
20 Young, Case No. 2024-018242. The Division received
21 a completed application from Mr. Young on March 7,
22 2024 seeking a cardroom employee occupational
23 license to be a chip runner.

24 On or about that date, Mr. Young submitted a
25 request for waiver. Upon review of the

1 application, it was discovered that on August 26,
2 2022 Hassan Young was convicted in Marion County on
3 two felony counts of driving while license revoked
4 as a habitual offender.

5 He failed to disclose these on his initial
6 application dated November 16, 2023. Mr. Young's
7 request for waiver was declined by the executive
8 director. The Division's recommendation is for the
9 Commission to authorize the issuance of a letter of
10 license denial.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 Commissioners, are there any questions on this
13 item? Can we please get a motion to the effect of
14 Mr. Klein's -- that Mr. Klein implied.

15 COMMISSIONER REPP: Motion to decline, please.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
20 (Multiple ayes.)

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Item 6.5.

22 MR. KLEIN: Thank you. Item 6.5 is Jeffrey R.
23 Evans, Case No. 2024-018886. Mr. Evans submitted
24 an initial application for a pari-mutuel general
25 individual occupational license to the Division on

1 or about January 2, 2024 in order to be licensed as
2 a hot walker.

3 Over the course of about the next two and a
4 half months, the Division sent a series of three
5 deficiency letters to Mr. Evans that requested
6 information regarding two arrests in Miami-Dade
7 County, one occurring in 1994 and the other
8 occurring in 2005.

9 A review of the completed application received
10 by the Division on or about March 19, 2024 shows
11 that Mr. Evans was convicted of two felony offenses
12 in Miami-Dade County, possession of cocaine on
13 January 15, 1997; and the sale, delivery, or
14 possession of cocaine with intent to sell,
15 manufacture, or deliver within 1,000 feet of a
16 school on August 12, 2006.

17 Mr. Evans submitted a request for waiver to
18 the Division on January 23, 2024. The executive
19 director reviewed the file along with the waiver
20 interview notes and declined to waive the statutory
21 restrictions. As such, the Division recommends
22 that the Commission authorize the issuance of a
23 letter of license denial.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

25 Commissioners, any questions or comments on

1 this item? If not, can we get a motion to issue
2 the letter of license denial.

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I make a motion to
4 issue a letter of license denial.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
6 second?

7 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

10 (Multiple ayes.)

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. We are moving
12 on to 6.6.

13 MR. KLEIN: Thank you. 6.6 is Takiria Nakoya
14 Antionette Brown, Case No. 2024-018945. Ms. Brown
15 submitted a completed application for a cardroom
16 employee occupational license on or about March 7,
17 2024 to work as a poker cashier.

18 She submitted a request for waiver form on or
19 about March 15, 2024. A review of the application
20 showed that in Palm Beach County on March 28, 2018,
21 Ms. Brown was convicted of petite theft and
22 resisting a merchant, both misdemeanor offenses.

23 And on December 6, 2022, Ms. Brown was again
24 convicted of petite theft. The executive director
25 reviewed the waiver file along with the interview

1 notes and declined to waive the statutory
2 restrictions. And the Division recommends that the
3 Commission authorize the issuance of a letter of
4 license denial accordingly.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 Commissioners, can we please get a motion to
7 issue the letter of license denial for this
8 applicant.

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: I would like to make a
10 motion for an issuance of the license denial.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
14 Commissioner Drago.

15 All those in favor say aye.

16 (Multiple ayes.)

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We're going to
18 take up 6.7 and 6.8 together, Mr. Klein.

19 MR. KLEIN: Thank you. 6.7 and 6.8 are Frank
20 Pistocchi, Jr., Case Nos. 2024-021318 and
21 2024-021334. On March 21, 2024, the applicant,
22 Frank Pistocchi, Jr., submitted a completed
23 application for a pari-mutuel general individual
24 occupational license to the Division to work in
25 maintenance.

1 On that date, Mr. Pistocchi also submitted a
2 completed application for a slot machine cardroom
3 pari-mutuel individual combination occupational
4 license to the Division to work as a security
5 agent.

6 Upon review of the applications, it was
7 discovered that on October 10, 2013, Mr. Pistocchi
8 was convicted of grand theft motor vehicle in
9 Broward County. This is a third degree felony
10 offense.

11 Mr. Pistocchi did not apply for a waiver from
12 the statutory restrictions excluding applicants
13 with disqualifying offenses with either
14 application. For the slot room cardroom
15 pari-mutuel individual combination occupational
16 license, this is not contemplated under Chapter
17 551.

18 But nonetheless, we don't have a waiver for
19 either. Mr. Pistocchi -- and as such, the
20 Division's recommendation is that the Commission
21 authorize the issuance of a notice of intent to
22 deny.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

24 Commissioners, any thoughts on this item?

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I just have a question,

1 in terms of the convictions that we're dealing with
2 here. So there's on the one application, it's been
3 found that he has a conviction for grand theft
4 auto. And then on the other one, is that where
5 he's got a conviction for a firearm?

6 MR. KLEIN: I don't believe so. I believe
7 both of them are grand theft motor vehicle.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay. Never mind.
9 You're right. I'm looking at the wrong one.
10 Sorry. Okay. So it's just grand theft, right,
11 motor vehicle?

12 MR. KLEIN: Yes. He kept the rental car.

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: He kept the rental car,
14 right.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Did he turn it in after, or
16 was he --

17 MR. KLEIN: He was pulled over. He didn't turn
18 it in. He kept it for an extra two months without
19 paying, and he was pulled over at that point.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago?

21 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: That's the only question
22 I have.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And he's applying to be
24 either a security agent in one regard or a
25 broadcast technician?

1 MR. KLEIN: No. I believe he was a broadcast
2 technician, but I think it's to work in
3 maintenance. I saw maintenance for one and
4 security agent for the other, both for the same
5 establishment.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So we don't have anything
8 -- he doesn't have anything after 2013; right?
9 That was when he was convicted of the grand theft
10 auto?

11 MR. KLEIN: Correct. He was sentenced to 12
12 months probation which was terminated. It appears
13 that there was either a final restitution ordered
14 in the amount of \$962, of which he still owes \$100,
15 but nothing after that.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay. Thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any
18 questions or comments? If you are prepared to make
19 a motion to issue a letter of license denial for
20 both 6.7 and 6.8 for this applicant, the time is
21 now.

22 COMMISSIONER REPP: I would like to make a
23 motion to issue a notice of intent to deny.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

25 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a second.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I do just want to make a
2 comment. I would have really liked to have seen
3 this applicant request a waiver for 6.8 to hear a
4 little bit more from him on the extenuating
5 circumstances. But since we don't have that, I'm
6 going to go ahead and support the motion.

7 All those in favor say aye.

8 (Multiple ayes.)

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. Items passed
10 6.8 and 6.8. Moving on to discussion of final
11 order pursuant to request from respondent, 7.1.

12 MS. ALVARADO: 7.1 is Edward Gueits,
13 2024-009508. In this case, you were provided with
14 a one-count administrative complaint alleging that
15 respondent was excluded from PPI, Inc. on January
16 10, 2024.

17 He was excluded for carrying a firearm and
18 leaving it in the facility. He is therefore
19 subject to exclusion from all slot machine and
20 pari-mutuel facilities pursuant to Sections
21 550.0251(6) and 551.112 Florida Statutes.

22 Respondent submitted an election of rights
23 where he chose option three, asking the Commission
24 to enter a final order imposing a penalty in this
25 case.

1 Therefore, the Division would ask that he
2 Commission enter an order adding respondent to the
3 permanent exclusion list for all pari-mutuel and
4 slot machine facilities.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 Commissioners, can we get a motion to approve
7 the item, the final order, please.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 All those in favor a ye.

13 (Multiple ayes.)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Item passes. We are going
15 into discussion of policies and procedures. We
16 have a few law enforcement ones and then a few HR
17 management, one HR management, and then two IT.

18 We are going to go ahead and defer Items Nos.
19 8.4 and 8.5 until our next meeting. I want to
20 appreciate our staff for working on all these.

21 So let's go to 8.1, please.

22 MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier, for the record.
23 And for Madam Court Reporter, that's M-a-r-c, last
24 name T-a-u-p-i-e-r, on behalf of Carl Herald,
25 director of law enforcement.

1 We have 8.1, policy on investigation and
2 prosecution; 8.2, policy on missing persons; and
3 8.3, a policy on domestic violence.

4 Policy 8.1, investigation and prosecution is a
5 policy for the members of the Division of Gaming
6 Enforcement to abide by when doing criminal
7 investigations in working with prosecuting
8 attorneys across the state.

9 It gives them guidance and some requirements
10 as to what to do specifically with Miranda,
11 interviewing custody or out-of-custody suspects and
12 integrating and speaking with prosecutors
13 throughout the state.

14 8.2 is a policy for the Division of Gaming
15 Enforcement members to reference when conducting
16 missing persons, the requirements to go to local
17 sheriff's office and provide those with them. The
18 policy is not for the Gaming Commission to actually
19 investigate missing persons.

20 Policy 8.3 is domestic violence, which is for
21 the agents and members of the Division of Gaming
22 Enforcement to abide by and have guidance on when
23 they encounter domestic violence, when they
24 encounter dating violence, or any kind of
25 injunction relating to or thereof, and the

1 requirements by statute when they do come across
2 these kinds of cases to either arrest based on
3 probable cause by statutory requirements or
4 furthermore make sure that the safety of domestic
5 violence or dating violence victims are safe and
6 secure.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier.
8 Commissioners, are there any questions on 8.1,
9 8.2, or 8.3 or comments? Commissioner Drago, any
10 comments or questions?

11 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No, I don't.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can we get a motion to
13 approve 8.1 through 8.3 policies and procedures.

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
18 (Multiple ayes.)

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are jumping
20 to 8.6, Ms. Mustain.

21 MS. MUSTAIN: Morning.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Morning.

23 MS. MUSTAIN: This is violence in the
24 workplace policy. The purpose of this policy is to
25 provide guidelines necessary to deter, prevent, and

1 reduce violence in the workplace and address the
2 rights of employees who are victims of domestic
3 violence.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And if you
5 could just state your name for the court reporter.

6 MS. MUSTAIN: Lisa Mustain. Thank you.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much.

8 Commissioners, are there any questions on this
9 item? Can I get a motion to approve item 8.6.

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: Motion to approve.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 And is there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
15 (Multiple ayes.)

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. The motion
17 passes. We are going on to 8.7 and 8.8 with
18 Ms. Whitmire, our CIO.

19 MS. WHITMIRE: Good morning, everybody. My
20 name is Susan Whitmire. I'm the CIO. We're here
21 to talk about the cyber security incident response
22 team and policy on how we would actually respond to
23 incidents.

24 This policy sets up the classification and
25 managing of incidents and how we report the

1 findings to our partners, establishes the reporting
2 responsibilities of staff, as well as membership of
3 the team.

4 We have been living under this policy in draft
5 form for about two years, and so we have a well
6 thought out reporting processes, including keeping
7 the executive director informed whenever we're
8 investigating.

9 Do you want to go to change management? The
10 second one is change management. It is a policy
11 that sets up our controls for technology resources.
12 It sets up the way for things to get into
13 production and a method for us to make evaluation
14 and good decisions so that whatever we put into
15 production is safe for our environments. We don't
16 take everything down. It's something that's pretty
17 standard for account and controls for IT.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

19 Commissioners, any questions.
20 Commissioner Repp?

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: No.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila?

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yes. Ms. Whitmire, I
24 have a question, please. With regard to the
25 section on responsibilities, it states to contact

1 the FGCC Help Desk.

2 MS. WHITMIRE: Correct.

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Is there an actual
4 office person? What is the FGCC Help Desk?

5 MS. WHITMIRE: So the FGCC Help Desk can be
6 reached either through ticket form, or there's a
7 phone number that's published. It is a phone
8 that's answered at all times. In the email,
9 there's an email for FGCC Help Desk. There are
10 multiple ways to reach the FGCC Help Desk, and it
11 goes through the same group of people, whichever
12 way you come in.

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Considering cyber
14 security, cyber crime in literally a lot of
15 incidents, I've seen this quite often in increasing
16 importance by the day in both industry, government,
17 and so forth. Should there be more specifics here?
18 Should it be by phone? Should there be an
19 identified specific individual?

20 I take it -- you know, I'm a worker. I see
21 something. There's a phishing scheme or something
22 that looks serious. And within minutes, it could
23 be too late. So I'm wondering if that should be a
24 little bit more robust, for lack of a term?

25 MS. WHITMIRE: So we didn't want to be

1 specific that they have to do one method or
2 another. We wanted to give it the ability to
3 either do a ticket, if it's something that's not
4 super critical to make a phone call or to send an
5 email.

6 So we were trying to keep it open so that no
7 matter which way, there's no wrong way in. And
8 even if they stop a member of my staff in the
9 hallway and they say, I have a problem, we take
10 them very seriously. We jump in it.

11 We don't stand on formality of having it. We
12 were generalized because we didn't want to say you
13 had to do it a certain way. We didn't make a call.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I understand.

15 MS. WHITMIRE: So that's kind of why we said
16 the Help Desk. The Help Desk is throughout the
17 state of Florida. We have offices in South Florida
18 and in north Florida, so there's always an ability
19 to reach somebody on the Help Desk. It's manned
20 more than any other position I have. They also
21 text me and send me emails. There is no wrong
22 door. Anyone that they say --

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I understood.

24 MS. WHITMIRE: We left it kind of general that
25 way. You know, we didn't want to say you had to do

1 it one way or another.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: That is a 7/24
3 contact?

4 MS. WHITMIRE: It is not 7/24, though I'm
5 always 7/24. Our operational hours are from 8:00
6 to 8:00 Monday through Friday. And during racing
7 season, we have additional hours as well. We
8 follow along with the business hours, but my cyber
9 team is a 24/7. Our CISO is always doing the
10 hunting, and there is no operation hours for
11 security.

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: It appears you're well
13 aware.

14 MS. WHITMIRE: Yes. It has been a very active
15 year.

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I've seen a stream
17 increase in the past two years on both small
18 business, midsize business. And some of these
19 instances are crippling, and time is of the
20 essence. So it sounds as though the team is very
21 well aware.

22 MS. WHITMIRE: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: But you've answered my
24 question. I have a second question.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Please. You have the

1 floor.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: With regard to
3 paragraph 6, CSIRT membership and the very last
4 paragraph after the numerical responsibilities
5 there, the word -- I question the use of the word
6 should versus must. Would you comment on that.

7 MS. WHITMIRE: I'm assuming that it is in
8 Section 5 -- 6.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Section 6, the very
10 last paragraph after the last numeral.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: At Page No. 10.

12 MS. WHITMIRE: I would be okay with a must.
13 We train. We trained as a team. We exercise the
14 team. We change roles in our team. So one day,
15 I'll be the incident leader. One someone else will
16 be an incident leader. We're a small group, so we
17 all take the roles. If someone is out, you can't
18 miss a role. Everyone does know what's going on,
19 so a must is absolutely fine.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp.

22 COMMISSIONER REPP: What I was thinking here
23 with the tickets system, maybe if you would explain
24 it. If I put in a ticket, where does that go and
25 how long it takes to where it's going? Can you

1 explain that particular process.

2 MS. WHITMIRE: Currently, the ticketing, we're
3 replacing it next year. So right now, a ticket is
4 entered. It goes to every IT staff member. The
5 Help Desk and the senior leadership automatically
6 get an email saying a new ticket is in.

7 We all review those to make sure. Incidents
8 like this immediately get responded. Someone is
9 always looking for it, and we do the investigation
10 right away. So the ticket is available to
11 everybody. Everyone can see.

12 But those people that are on the Help Desk and
13 those people who are in leadership automatically
14 get an email on every incident, every ticket, so
15 we're able to see it right away. The response time
16 varies on the ticket severity.

17 So an incident that has to do with security is
18 immediately responded or, you know, I'm locked down
19 and my computer might take a few minutes.

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: No. That was helpful.
21 That was more than I had expected that everyone was
22 going to get notified of that ticket right away.

23 MS. WHITMIRE: It's a lot of noise sometimes,
24 but it's important. Leaders wanted to be on that,
25 too. I mean, we want to make sure that if my guys

1 were busy out there in the field helping users that
2 someone else is looking because while there's a lot
3 of people putting in tickets for work, if there is
4 a cyber event, it's not going to be good for us.
5 We're constantly watching tickets on our desk all
6 day long.

7 COMMISSIONER REPP: I know that you're
8 extremely busy, so thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And just a follow-up
10 question, Ms. Whitmire. Obviously, the new
11 ticketing system being implemented and improving
12 and being enhanced?

13 MS. WHITMIRE: So we are currently in a bid
14 procurement, so not much can be said about it. But
15 right now we use a smart sheet to do the ticketing,
16 and we're hoping to buy a tool that will do better.
17 It will be more mature. It will allow us to do
18 more processes and more tracking. Right now, we're
19 entertaining proposals.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Looking forward to it.
21 Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: One question. I'm kind
23 of following up on what Commissioner D'Aquila said.
24 And you might have answered it, and I didn't catch
25 it. But I understand the Help Desk and so forth.

1 But in terms of some type of hacking or some
2 emergency situation, we don't go to the Help Desk.

3 Is there some type of 911 place we go to or
4 contact so we can get that immediate response? As
5 commissioners said, you might have just minutes to
6 figure this out.

7 MS. WHITMIRE: As soon as they make a phone
8 call -- I mean, they can call the IT help line,
9 which is a phone that rings on my assistant's desk.
10 They can call me. They can call anybody on my
11 team. There's no wrong door for it.

12 So as long as you can get ahold of an IT
13 person, your response is being handled. You know,
14 it's almost instantaneous for these things. I get
15 a lot of them because people know me, compared to
16 knowing my staff. So I'll get, I got this weird
17 email, my computer is acting strange. There is no
18 wrong door, so get ahold of any of us.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: But there's going to be
20 times when you're not available, obviously.
21 There's no central number that's always monitored?

22 MS. WHITMIRE: There is a central number
23 that's monitored. That rings on my assistant's
24 desk.

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'm sorry. It goes

1 where?

2 MS. WHITMIRE: It rings on my assistant's
3 desk.

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: But if it's 1 o'clock in
5 the morning and somebody's on their computer and
6 they realize they're hacked, there's not a 911 call
7 we can make where they're going to contact you and
8 wake you up or anything like that to respond?

9 MS. WHITMIRE: We are currently not staffed as
10 a 24 by 7 organization. We'll have 15 as of July
11 1st. Most operation happens during the regular
12 hours, but I have gotten phone calls on the
13 weekends and nights from PMW. We're always
14 available. If I'm not, my CTO or my CISO will be
15 available.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I might suggest
18 there's a link there, and I fully respect that the
19 size agency, a Commission that we are and so forth.
20 But I believe the FDLE cyber crime is 7/24
21 operation. I don't know. It's a question.

22 But should we be closing that link and have
23 those two numbers backup? That even if one cannot
24 get in contact with a member of your staff or
25 yourself, there is another contact as a backup?

1 And the reason I bring this up is there is a
2 significant number that are on the rise. I
3 personally witnessed some that I find extremely
4 creative.

5 MS. WHITMIRE: A majority of those would be
6 identified not by our users but by the surveillance
7 stuff that we're doing in the background. There's
8 a lot that goes on that goes 24/7. Like I said,
9 the security never sleeps. Yes, there are other
10 partners. But they will need to get in touch with
11 us because it's our environment, so they can't help
12 us anyway.

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: You're confident if
14 there were an emergency of this type that the team,
15 someone would be contacted within a reasonable
16 amount of time?

17 MS. WHITMIRE: Absolutely.

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And the method by
19 which we contact is clear in the policy and
20 communicated?

21 MS. WHITMIRE: Right.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: As an aside, I would
23 compliment the training on cyber security
24 awareness. I hope every single employee of the
25 Commission has taken, and I would encourage you to

1 do those as frequently as necessary.

2 MS. WHITMIRE: So we're going to be bringing
3 out role based as well, so we'll have additional
4 training. And to remain on the network, those
5 folks have to pass the test or the training. So if
6 you don't take your cyber security training, you
7 will not have access to your computer. So we take
8 it very seriously to train our users and continue
9 to train our users with newer and better tools and
10 new and better training.

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: It's evident and
12 clear. Thank you. You're doing a wonderful job.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
14 Commissioner D'Aquila. I really appreciate you
15 bringing up the training because it is a very
16 robust program in the IT, and this is an area where
17 it should be mandatory for all employees.

18 So really thank you for all the work you're
19 doing.

20 Commissioners, any other questions or
21 comments? Can we get a motion to approve items 8.7
22 and 8.8, Commissioner Drago.

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

25 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Point of information

1 approved with the one word change.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Absolutely.

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: On 8.7, I believe.

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll amend my motion,
5 yes, to include that.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
9 (Multiple ayes.)

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you very much. All
11 right. We're going to move into our rulemaking,
12 discussion of rulemaking, Item No. 9. We talked
13 about this last meeting or the meeting before, I
14 believe.

15 MR. MARSHMAN: Good morning.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

17 MR. MARSHMAN: This is Ross Marshman, for the
18 record. I'll be handling the portion of the
19 rulemaking directed toward 75-5.003(1).

20 We are suggesting to the Commission that we be
21 authorized by you to move into the proposed
22 rulemaking phase for that, which would require us
23 to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking and also
24 publish the proposed text of the amended rule.

25 We have included the proposed text in your

1 meeting materials. I think you all have had a
2 chance to review it. If you have any questions
3 about it, please ask.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can you just, Mr. Marshman,
5 explain the genesis behind this for the public so
6 that they understand why we're going it or if we
7 decide to go into it why we would be doing that.

8 MR. MARSHMAN: I would ask Ms. Valentine
9 handle the explanation.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

11 MS. VALENTINE: By law, the Commission has the
12 authority to create exemptions from the
13 fingerprinting requirements. This rule is being
14 amended to clarify those exemptions and modify that
15 rule by just eliminating Section 1.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Again, just for the
17 public's edification, what is Section 1?

18 MS. VALENTINE: That's removing the exemption
19 that anyone who has obtained a license in the prior
20 three years is exempt. This exemption exists in
21 another rule where anybody who already has their
22 fingerprints on file is not required to resubmit
23 fingerprints, so this will simply clarify the
24 exemptions.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

1 Commissioners, any comments or questions on
2 this item? I believe the correct way to phrase the
3 motion would be to authorize staff to go move into
4 rulemaking on this item.

5 MR. MARSHMAN: Proposed rulemaking, yes.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can we please get a motion
7 to that effect, Commissioner Drago.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
12 (Multiple ayes.)

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And thank you
14 for working on this and expediting it.

15 We're moving into the Executive Director
16 update, Mr. Trombetta.

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: There may be one more
18 rule.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there one more?

20 MR. MARSHMAN: Yes, ma'am. There's nothing in
21 the materials for it because we are at the
22 development stage. This is rulemaking the Division
23 would like to engage in connection with changes in
24 the law brought about by Senate Bill 804, which is
25 now been signed into law by Governor DeSantis.

1 We would like the Commission's authorization
2 to begin development of rules to align themselves
3 with changes brought upon by Senate Bill 804.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Can you clarify
5 again what Senate Bill 804 does, please?

6 MR. MARSHMAN: I believe Director Trombetta
7 has that handy.

8 MR. TROMBETTA: As part of my Executive
9 Director update, I plan to kind of revisit some of
10 the specifics on 804. So Senate Bill 804 was the
11 bill that we passed this session. With the
12 rulemaking that was just discussed, the PMW team is
13 also in the process of putting together a memo to
14 distribute to the industry. Let me try to find --

15 MR. MARSHMAN: If I may.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes, please.

17 MR. MARSHMAN: So on the draft memo which
18 summarizes the most salient changes brought about
19 by Chapter 2024-115, which was Senate Bill 804, the
20 Agency bill being signed into law by
21 Governor DeSantis.

22 The first point reiterates that the Florida
23 Gaming Control Commission can deny, suspend, or
24 revoke a license where the applicant has falsely
25 sworn to a material statement in the applicant for

1 licensure. That's Section 1.

2 The second bullet point on the proposed memo
3 would authorize the Commission to provide service
4 of administrative complaints, final orders, and
5 other official documents via mail or email,
6 requires applicants for licensure with the
7 Commission to provide a current mailing address and
8 email address and notify the Commission of any
9 changes to either.

10 That requirement would change our existing
11 forms, so that's one of the reasons why we're
12 asking for your authorization today. The third one
13 would adjust the pari-mutuel annual application and
14 license issuance window by 30 days to provide more
15 time for pari-mutuel permit holders to plan for
16 operating dates in the upcoming fiscal year.

17 It would also amend the application and
18 license issuance for non-wagering permits to
19 establish consistency with time periods for
20 wagering. That's in Sections 3 and 12 of the law
21 that I'm mentioning now.

22 Changes would also simplify the process and
23 establish consistency for pari-mutuel wagering
24 permit holders, including jai alai permit holders
25 so that they would be able to amend their

1 performance dates like other forms of pari-mutuel
2 activity and their annual pari-mutuel operating
3 license. That's Section 3 of the bill.

4 Another one would authorize the Commission to
5 deny, suspend, or place conditions on a Florida
6 pari-mutuel occupational license holder, subject to
7 a suspension or periods of ineligibility issued by
8 the horseracing and integrity authority --
9 horseracing, yes, horseracing integrity safety
10 authority, HISA. That's Section 8.

11 Next is establish a consistent time period for
12 annual financial reports due to the Commission for
13 slot machine operators to the same time period that
14 is required for pari-mutuel permit holders, which
15 is 120 days after the end of their fiscal year. It
16 also includes a similar requirement for cardroom
17 operators. That's Sections 9 and 13 of the bill.

18 Next the bill amends the provision for
19 licensed horse tracks to receive broadcasts of
20 horseraces from locations outside of the state.
21 That's best described in the language itself in
22 Section 10.

23 There's also authorization for the Commission
24 to consider a waiver of certain criminal offenses
25 for slot machine occupational license applicants

1 that would be consistent with the waiver
2 consideration process that already exists for
3 pari-mutuel wagering occupational license
4 applicants.

5 It also provides that certain criminal
6 offenses may be believe waived by the Commission.
7 Finally, there are also deletions throughout the
8 bill that deletes obsolete pari-mutuel provisions,
9 and those again should be gleaned from the bill
10 itself.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much for going
12 through those for us and for the public. When do
13 you see the rulemaking -- I know there are specific
14 statutory timelines, but how swiftly do you think
15 you could have those rules, final rules before us?

16 MR. MARSHMAN: So the notice of development
17 can go out as soon as this afternoon, as long as we
18 meet the deadline for publishing it in tomorrow's
19 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

20 For proposed rule, it will take our staff some
21 time to flag all of the rules that we need to
22 charge, make those changes, and then get them in a
23 draft language that will be accepted by the
24 Department of State and FAR.

25 So I would say a month to two months, so one

1 meeting or two meetings.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Excellent. Thank you.

3 Thank you again for the overview.

4 Commissioners, any comments? No. Okay. Can

5 we get a motion to authorize staff to move into

6 rulemaking -- authorize them to go into the

7 development of rules as we've discussed today

8 regarding Senate Bill 804?

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a motion.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a

11 second?

12 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All those in

14 favor say aye.

15 (Multiple ayes.)

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And now to

17 Mr. Trombetta.

18 MR. TROMBETTA: Thank you. Good morning.

19 Let's just start there. So my note was just that

20 we are working to get essentially information to

21 the industry about the changes to 804.

22 The director of PMW, Joe Dillmore, is putting

23 together a memo with his team that we plan to send

24 out to the permit holders that kind of outlines

25 what Mr. Marshman just described is going to be

1 different due to changes in 804.

2 So overall, we're trying to adjust. It's a
3 big win for the Commission to get that bill. Think
4 it helps us. I think it's ultimately good for the
5 industry, too, so we're looking forward to
6 implementing that as best we can.

7 I have just kind of some housekeeping things
8 So, one, the communications position is vacant. We
9 have been working to fill that. It is open right
10 now. It closes, I think, Monday, next Monday. So
11 anybody out there that's listening and wants to
12 apply, please feel free.

13 Our IT team was awarded. They won an award
14 for The Best of Florida, Best Workplace and
15 Workforce Initiative. So I wanted to recognize
16 them. This is good. You know, this was due to
17 their effort in working getting this Agency up and
18 running, really.

19 So it's not a small task. I'm often asked,
20 you know, when I had this role, how's that going,
21 what's the hardest thing, how are you doing.

22 My background is in law and gaming. And I was
23 like, wow, there's so much of this that you don't
24 -- I didn't think about, and IT was one of them.
25 And both, you know, our IT team is great, as you

1 can see before the meeting helping us get going.

2 Just while she's here, Lisa and our admin team
3 is the other area that I always point out. I
4 didn't anticipate how much would go into just
5 things like finding space and leasing, the HR, the
6 accounting side.

7 There's a lot of stuff going on, and it's nice
8 to get some recognition. This was awarded by an
9 outside party, so it's somebody seeing the work
10 that they're doing and recognizing it. Really,
11 it's a good job.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Phenomenal.

13 MR. TROMBETTA: It's June 6th, so our end of
14 fiscal year is coming up. Lisa, everyone is kind
15 of working on closing out this year. It also kind
16 of impacts our licensing team, so the PMW team is
17 dealing with there's a surge of applications due to
18 license renewals right now.

19 They're working through that, so it's kind of
20 a busy time. You know, the end of the fiscal year
21 is always a little bit busy. Things to look
22 forward to. So for next fiscal year, we have a
23 late session, but we're already working.

24 We are kind of prepping to get our legislative
25 proposals, our LBRs going. You know, we're early

1 stages, but we are working on that.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Before you go, I just want
3 to commend you. You send monthly emails to all of
4 our staff to keep them up to date kind of the
5 different activities that are going on, and you
6 just recently did one and really been very
7 thorough. I hope all of the employees are looking
8 at that, those emails, because they've been very
9 informative.

10 MR. TROMBETTA: Thank you. I try. I know
11 I've -- I miss. I don't do it as often as I'd
12 like, but I'm trying to do it monthly, so I will
13 try. The next thing I have honestly is our meeting
14 schedule for the next few meetings.

15 By my notes, I have July 11th and August 8th.
16 And then Dixie just sent me September, I think.
17 Yes. Okay. So July 11th, August 8th, and
18 September 5th. The July and August meetings are
19 both Thursdays. The September 5th meeting, I
20 believe, is a Monday.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thursday on my calendar.

22 MR. TROMBETTA: Yes. Yes. Do those dates
23 still work, and would you like to plan October?

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, do those
25 dates still work?

1 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yes.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Everyone is saying yes.

5 Thank you so much. October, let's just hold off on
6 that until our next meeting.

7 MR. TROMBETTA: Yes, ma'am.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Does that conclude your
9 Executive Director update?

10 MR. TROMBETTA: Yes, it does.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 Commissioners, do you have any questions for
13 Mr. Trombetta? All right.

14 We are going to move into public comment.
15 Anybody here from the public would like to come up,
16 we can get you a mic probably at that area over
17 there. Going once? All right. Thank you.

18 We're going to be moving into an
19 attorney-client meeting. It's item 12. I'm going
20 to have our General Counsel Valentine provide some
21 notice language.

22 MS. VALENTINE: I desire the Commission's
23 advice concerning litigation in connection with
24 Jefferson County Kennel Club, Inc. versus Florida
25 Gaming Control Commission, Case No. 2023-CA-002048

1 in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit
2 in and for Leon County, Florida.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I'm going to
4 have to read some specific statutory language, so
5 bear with me. In connection with the performance
6 of our duty to regulate the operation of
7 pari-mutuels pursuant to Chapter 550 Florida
8 Statutes, it's necessary that the Gaming Control
9 Commission close this meeting to discuss with our
10 counsel information that's confidential and exempt.

11 Specifically, we will be discussing strategy
12 related to pending litigation and settlement
13 negotiations related to Jefferson County Kennel
14 Club, Inc. versus Florida Gaming Control Commission
15 Case No. 2023-CA-002048 in the Circuit Court of the
16 Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County.

17 The closed meeting will be approximately 30
18 minutes. For the record, those in attendance are
19 Vice Chair Julie Brown; Commissioner Charles Drago;
20 Commissioner John D'Aquila; Commissioner Tina Repp;
21 Executive Director, Louis Trombetta; Deputy
22 Executive Director and Chief Legal Officer,
23 Ross Marshman; Division Director, Joe Dillmore;
24 General Counsel, Elina Valentine; Commission Staff,
25 Dixie Parker; and Brandy Humphries; and court

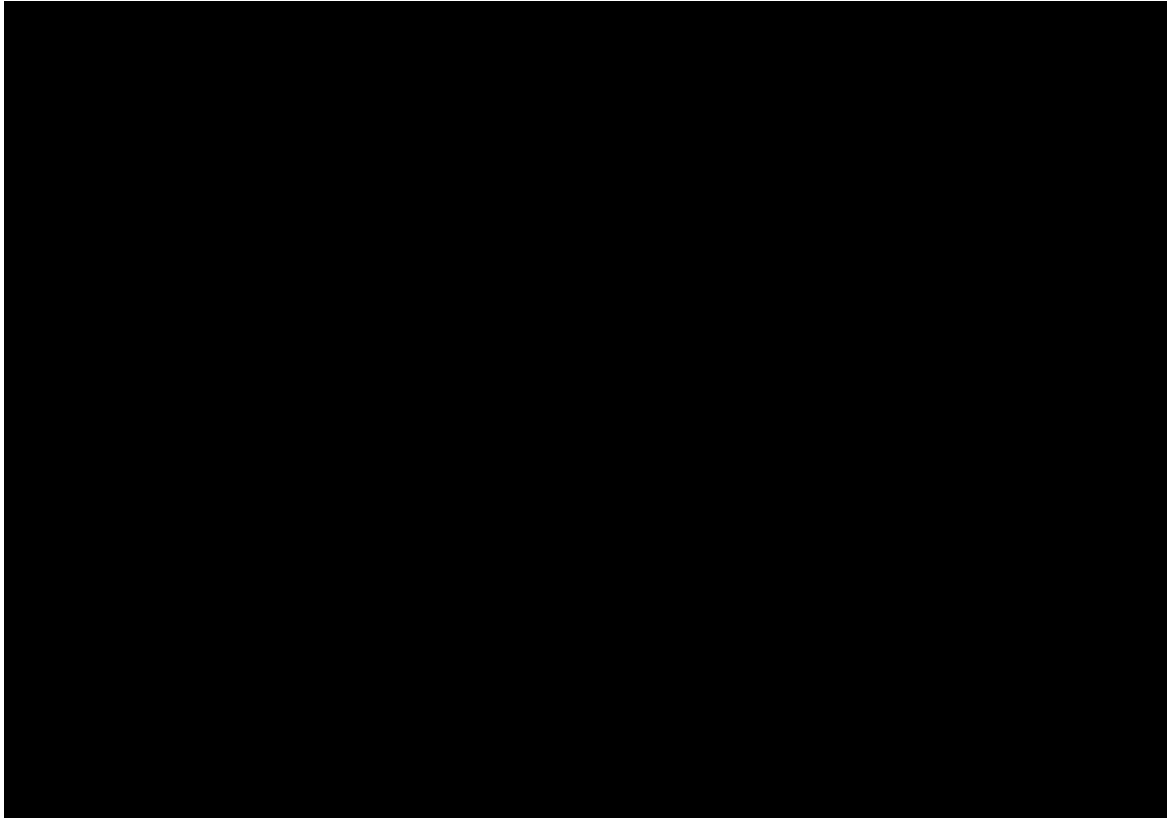
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2 To comply with Section 16.716 and
3 286.011(8)(c) Florida Statutes, there will be a
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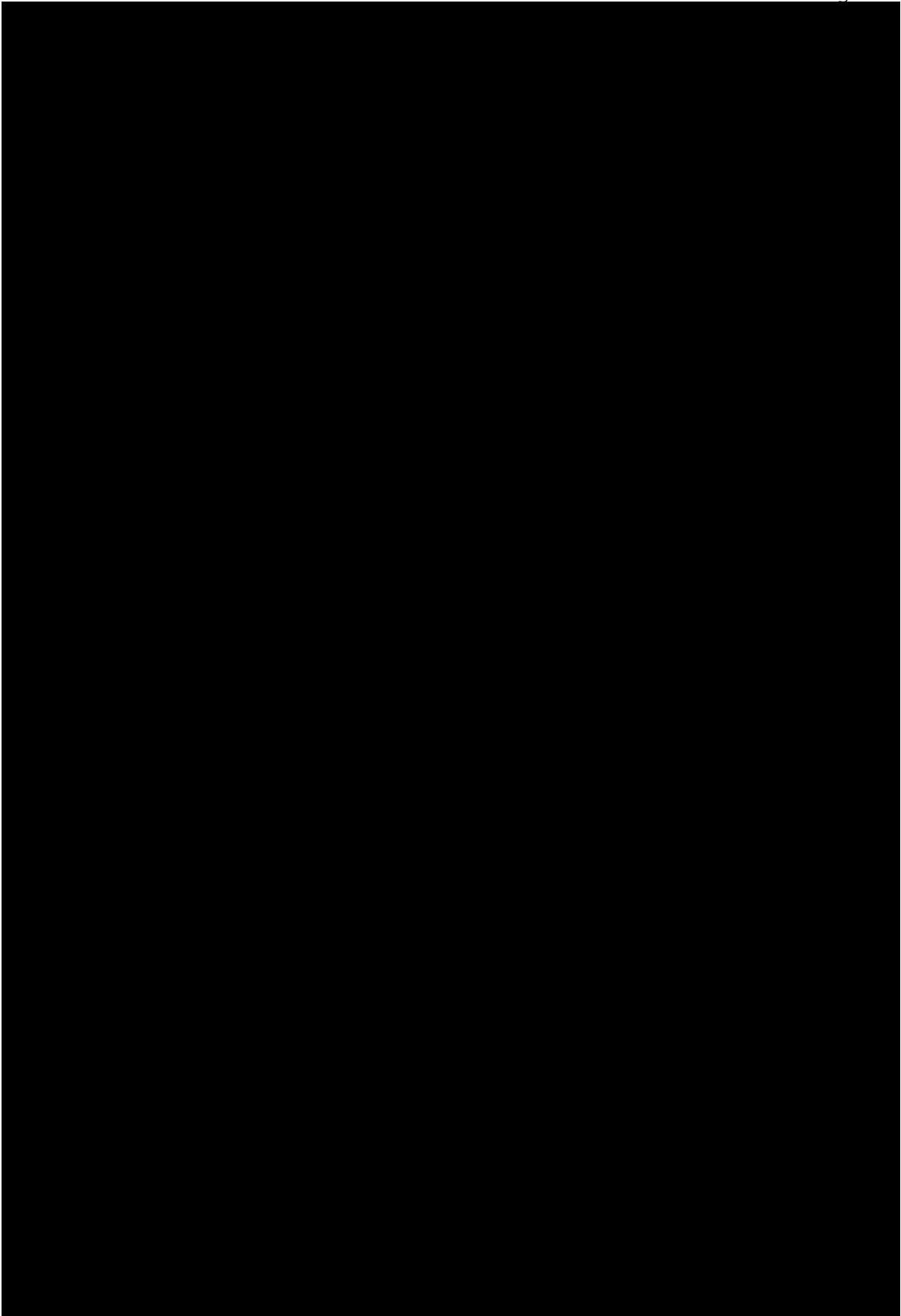
7 For the record, the time is now 10:25. I'm
8 going to ask The Florida Channel to discontinue the
9 live feed for the next 30 minutes because this is a
10 closed meeting and not open to the public. So
11 we'll just take a brief pause here for the public
12 to leave. Thank you.

13 (Recess 10:25 a.m. until 10:33 a.m.)

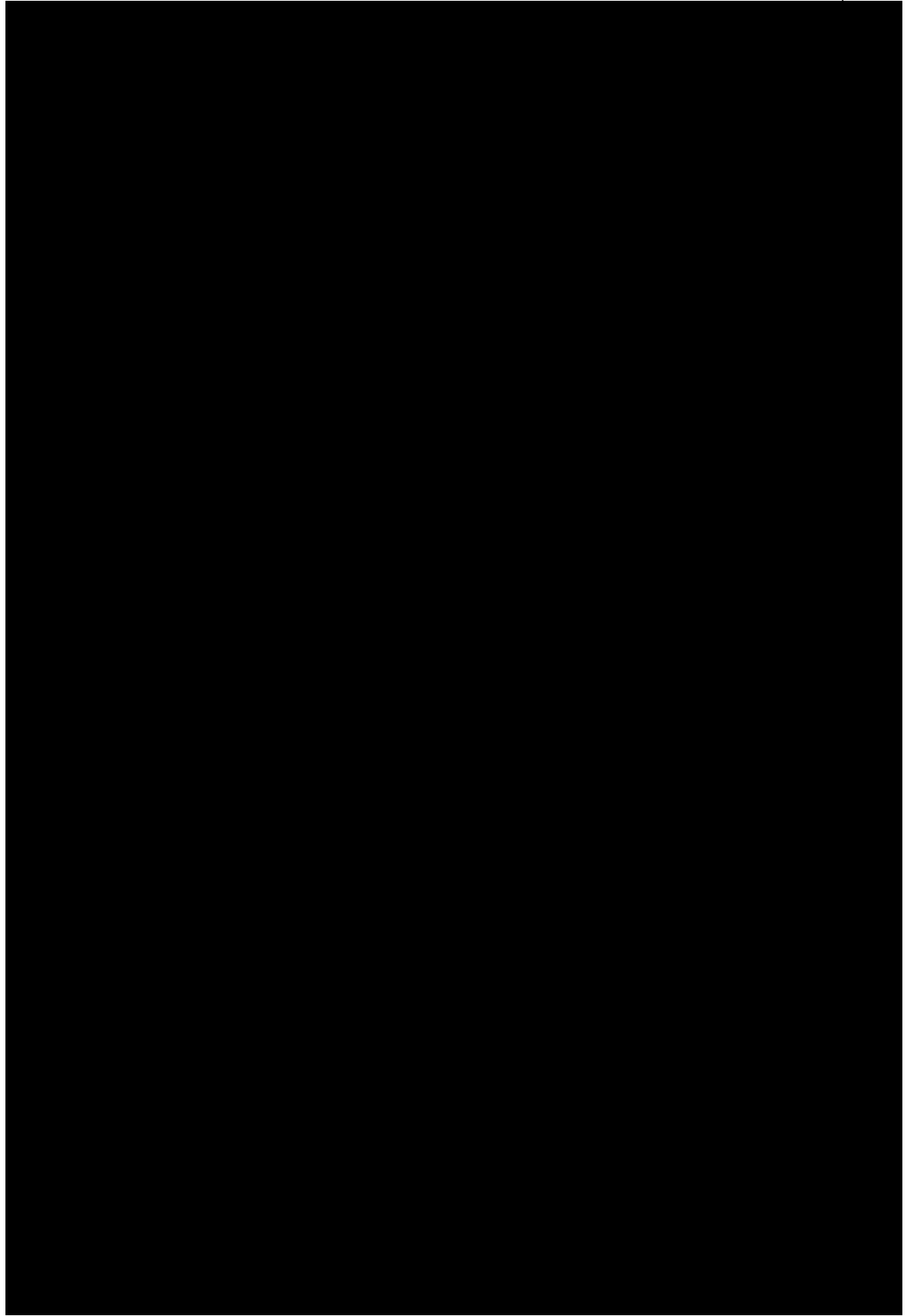
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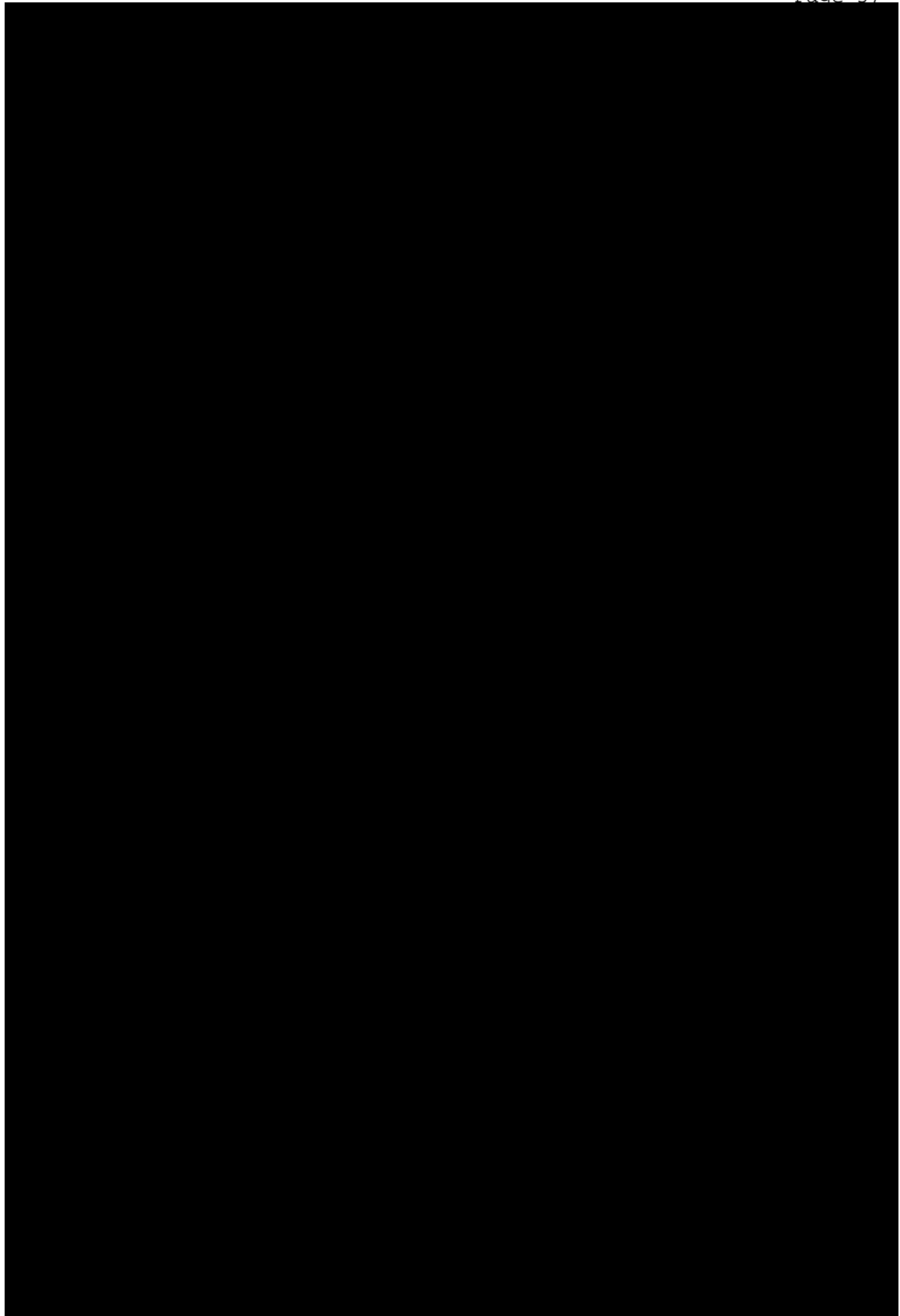
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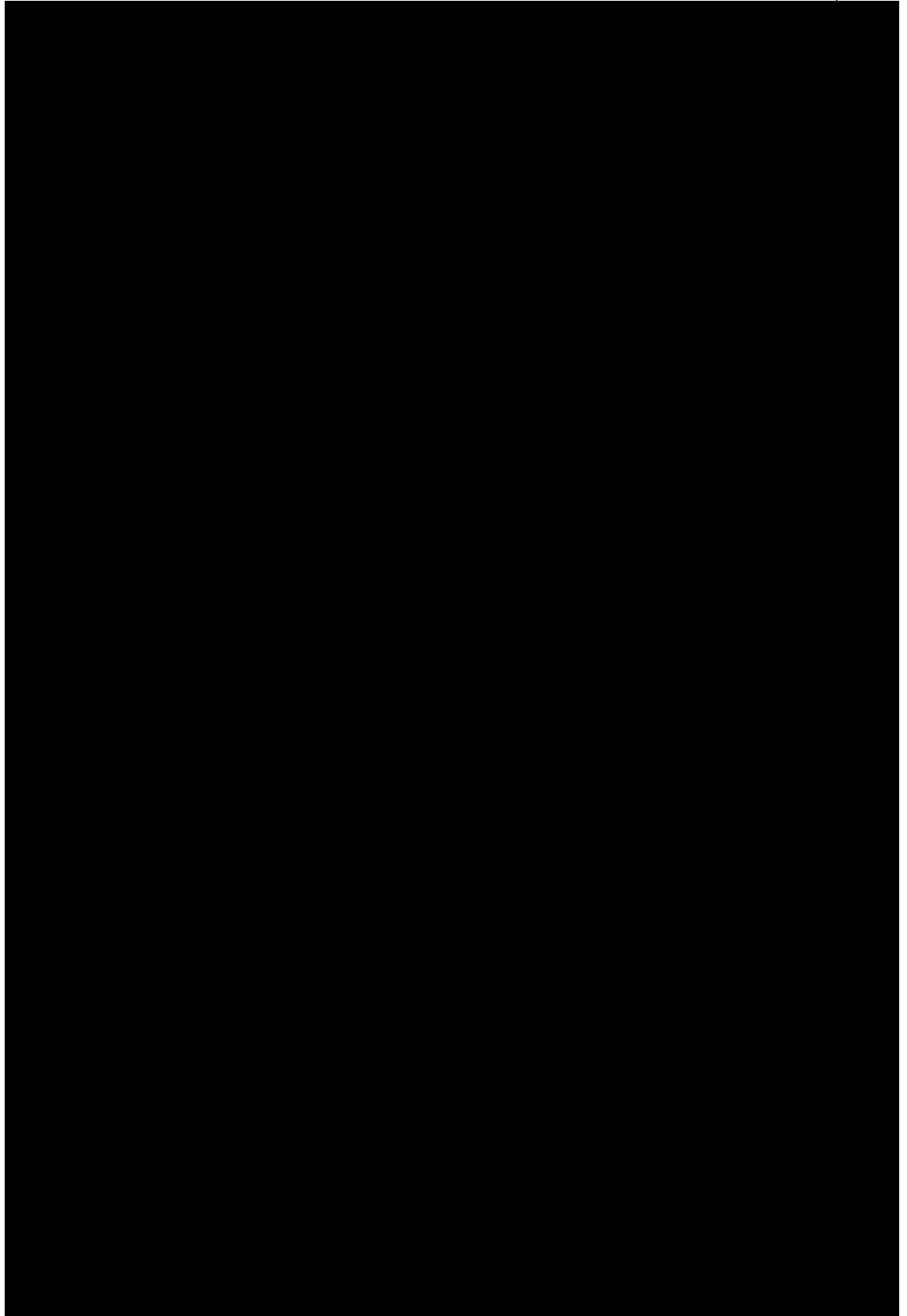
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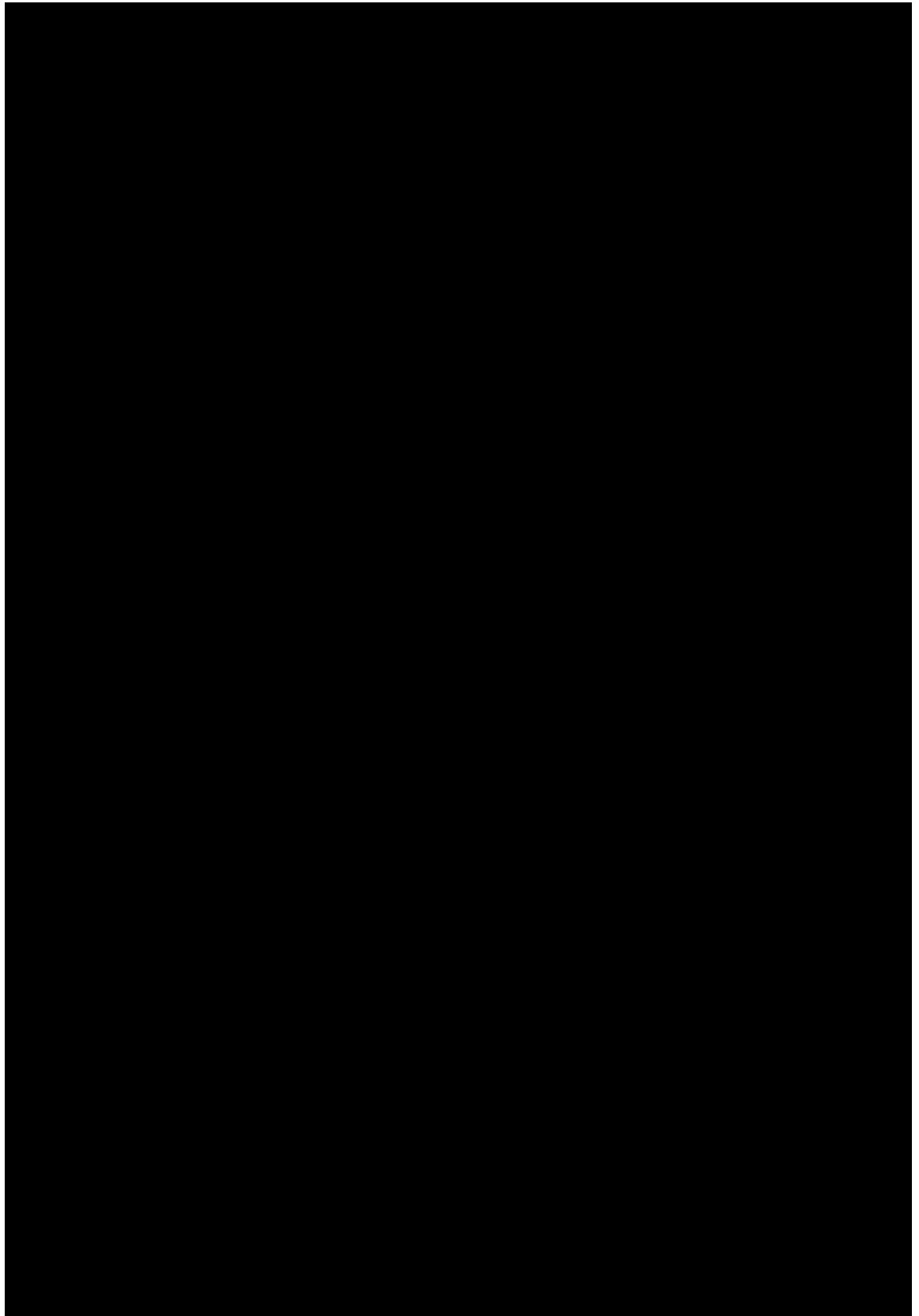
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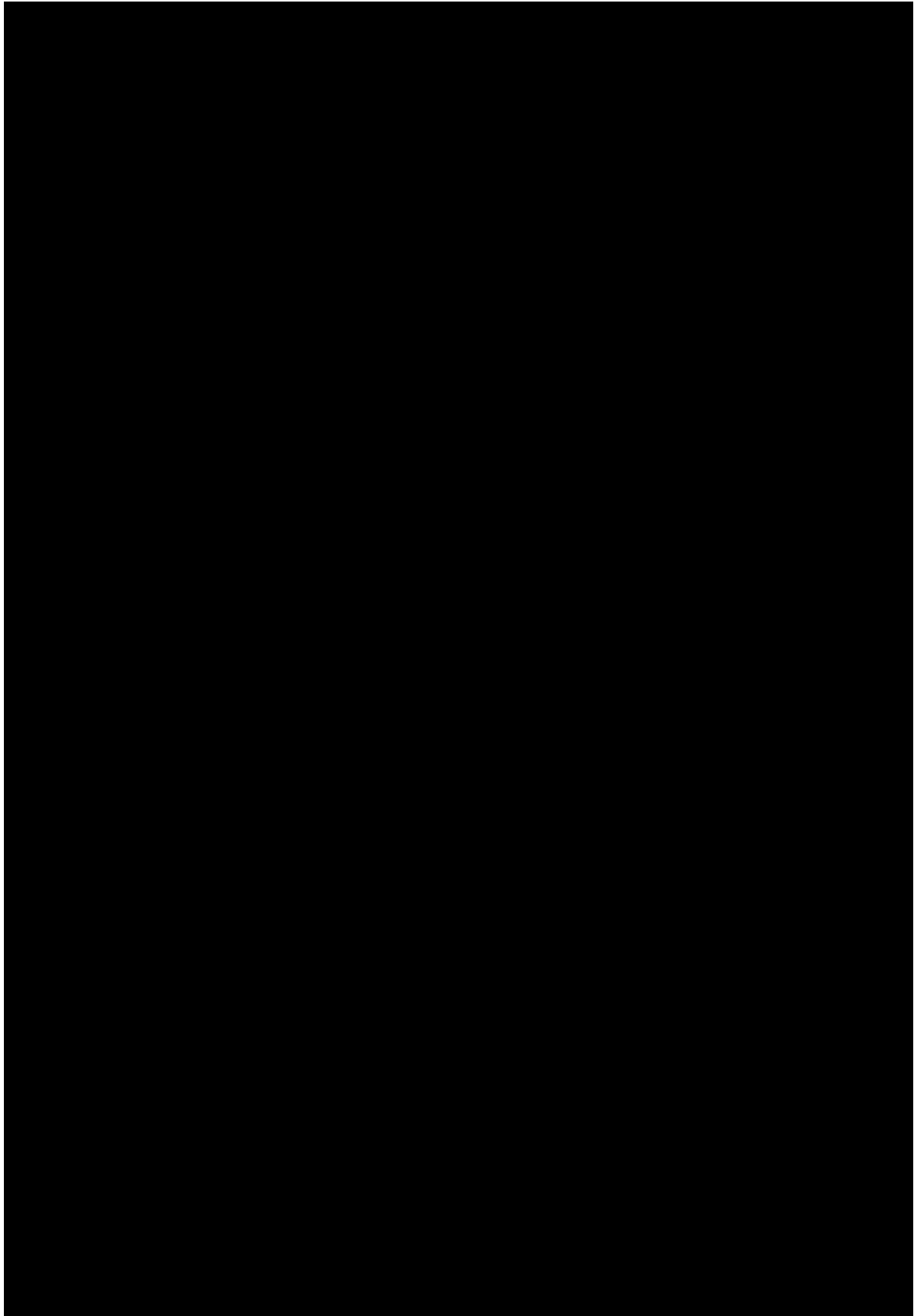
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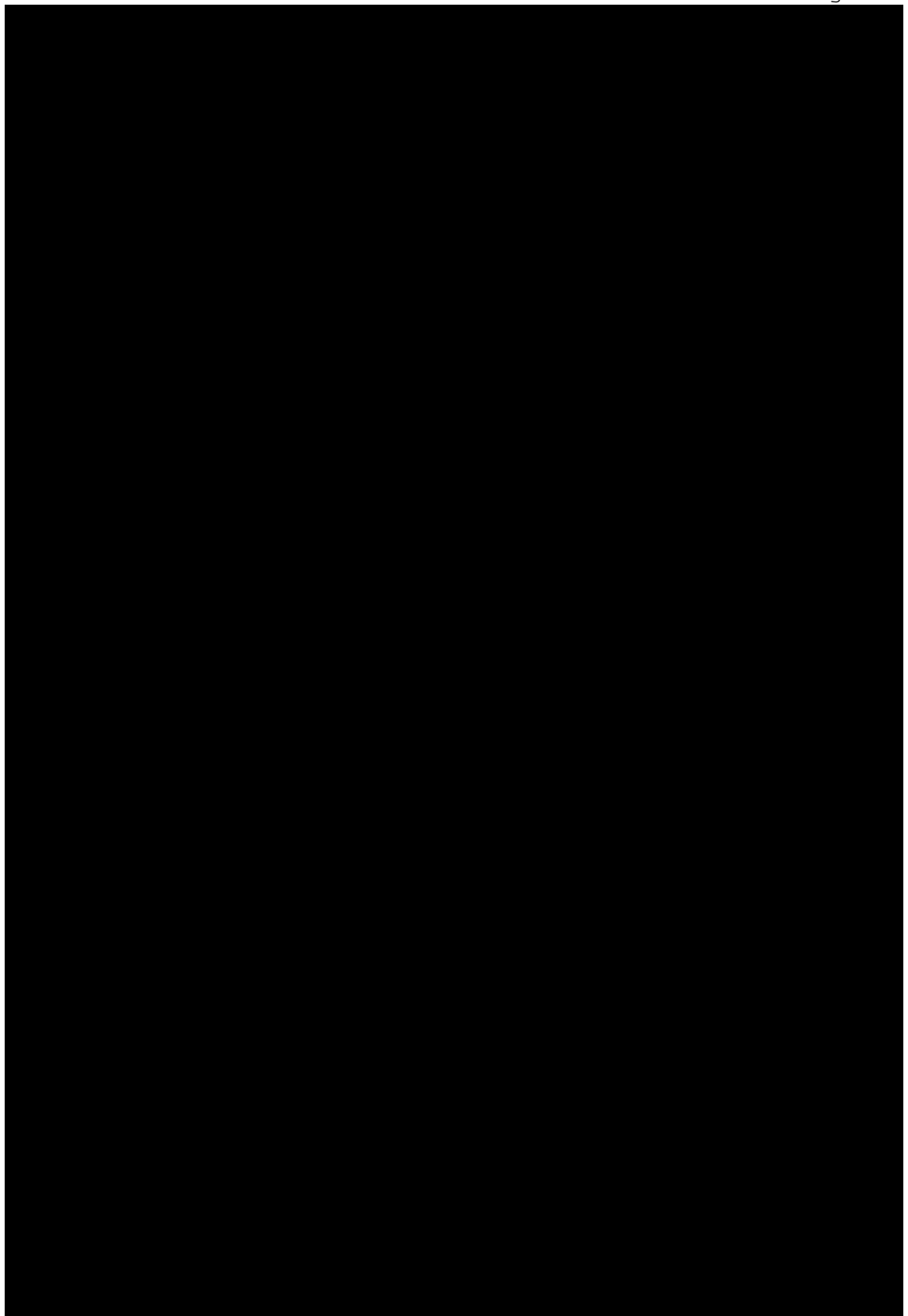
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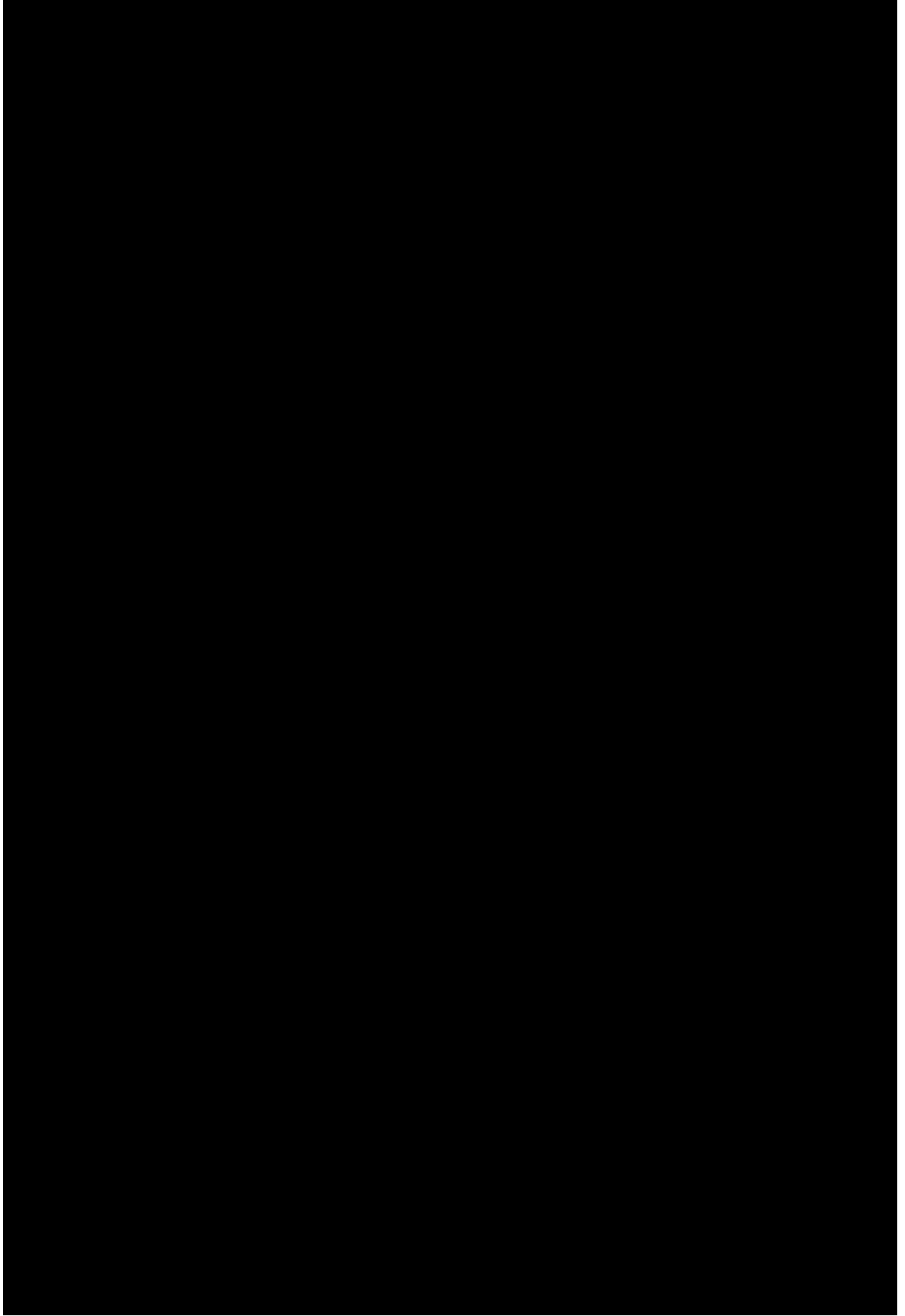
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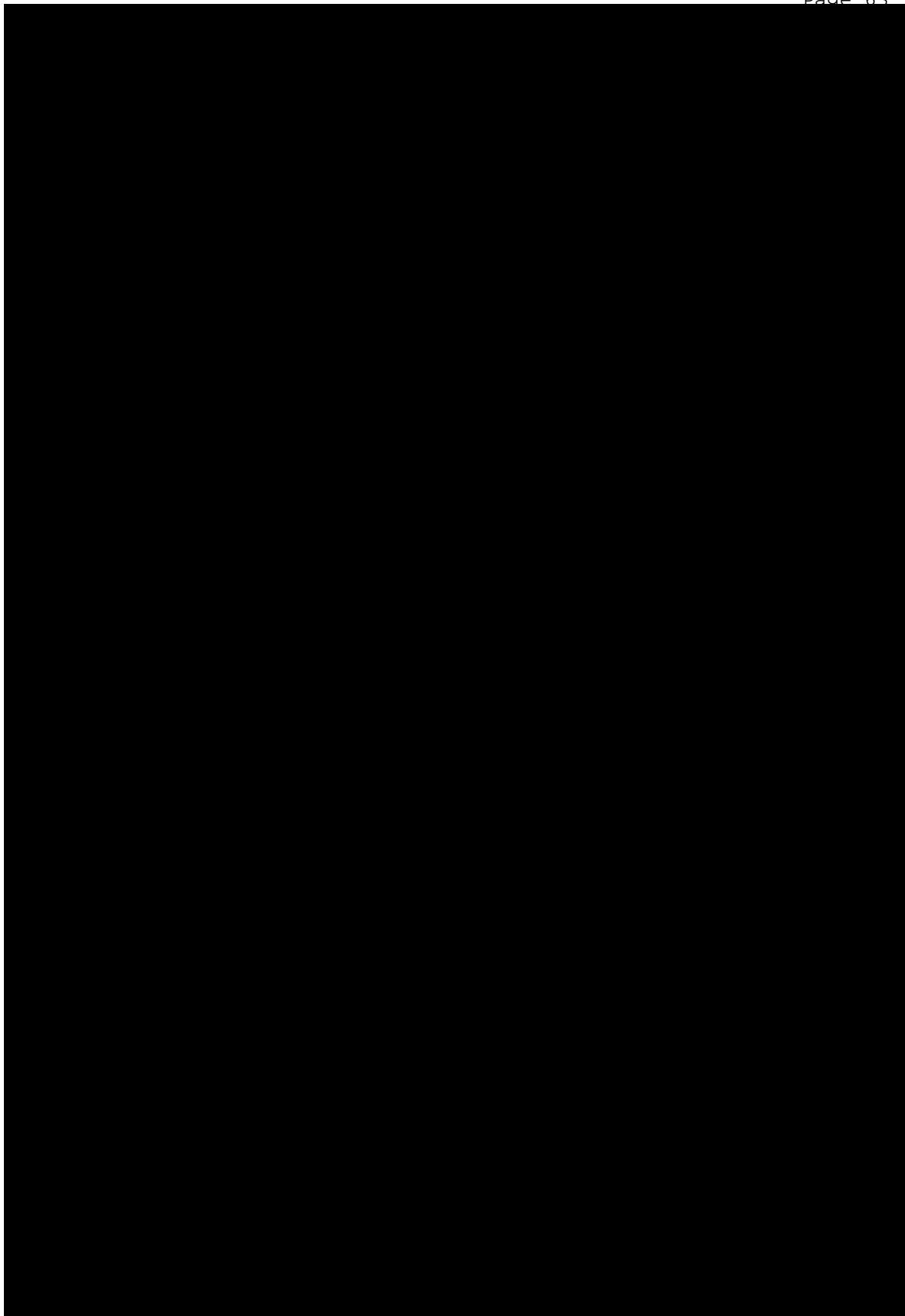
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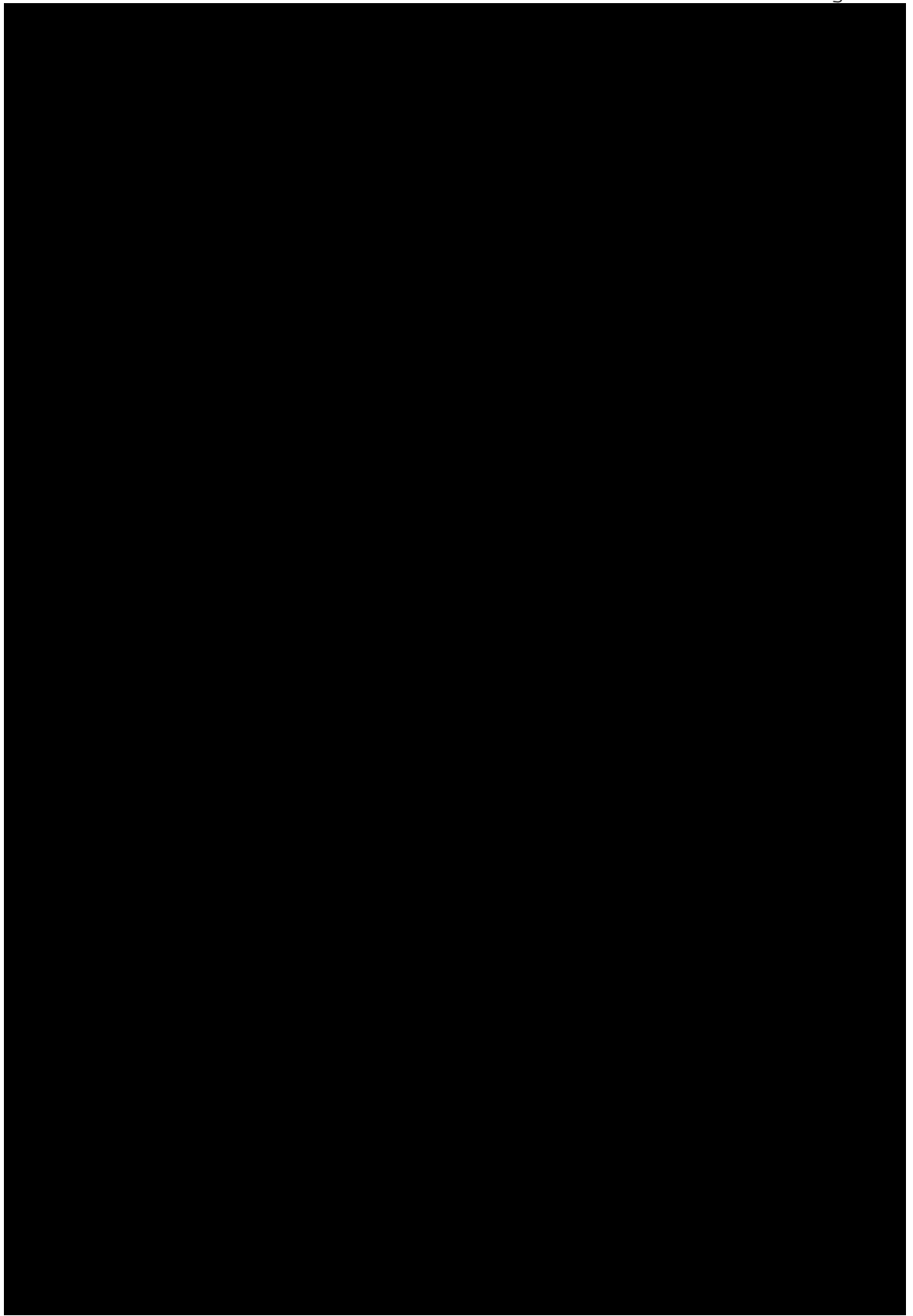
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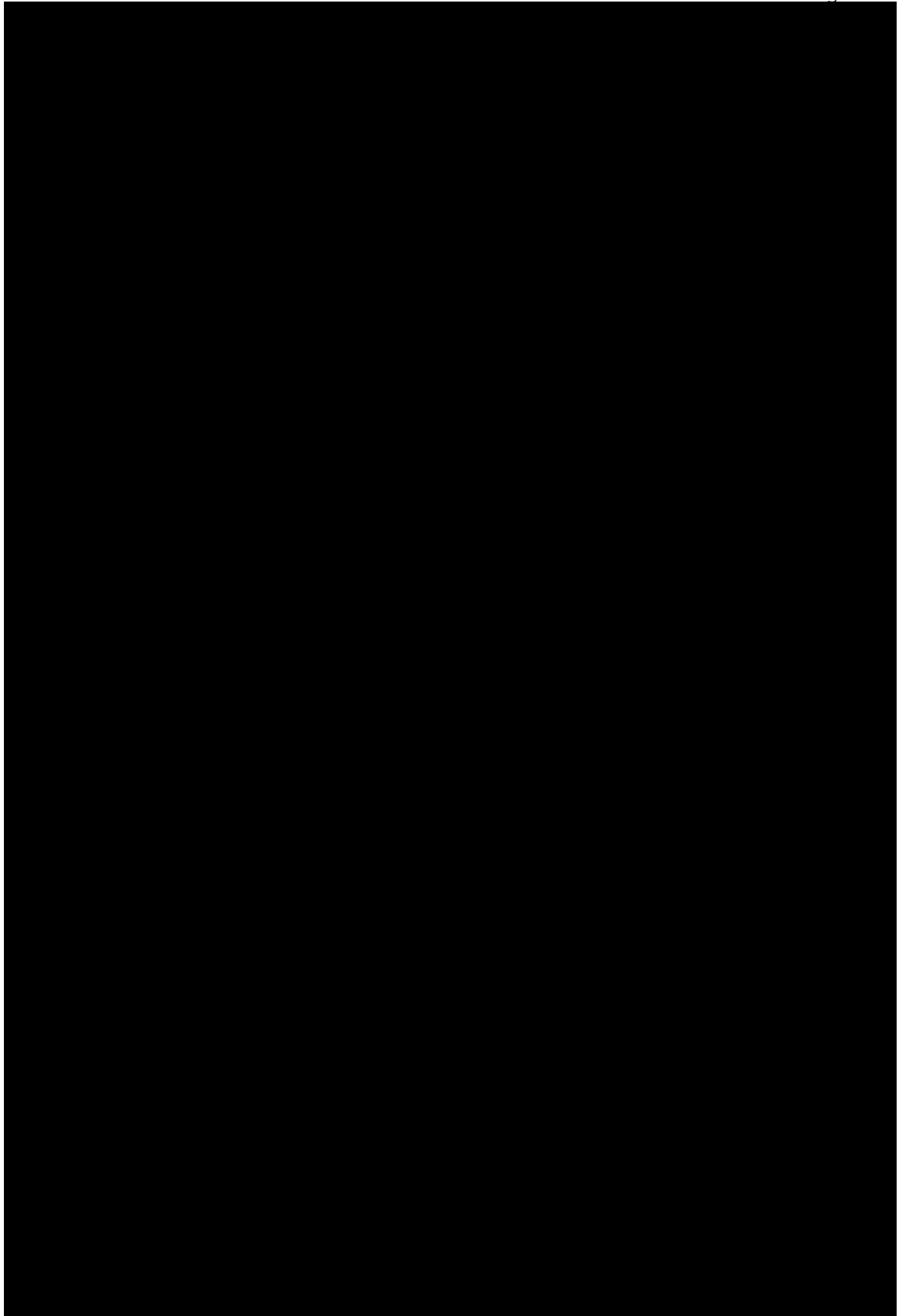
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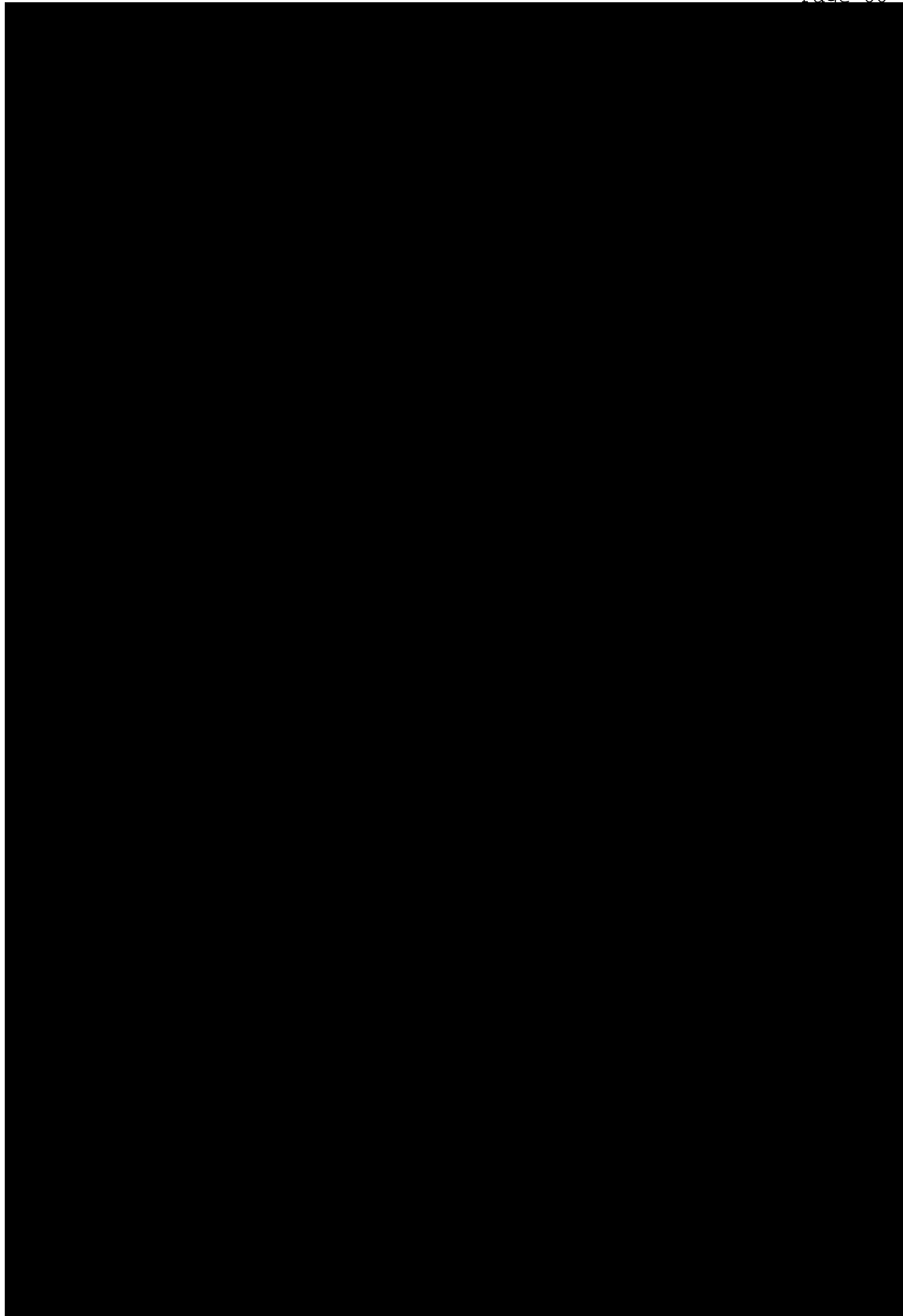
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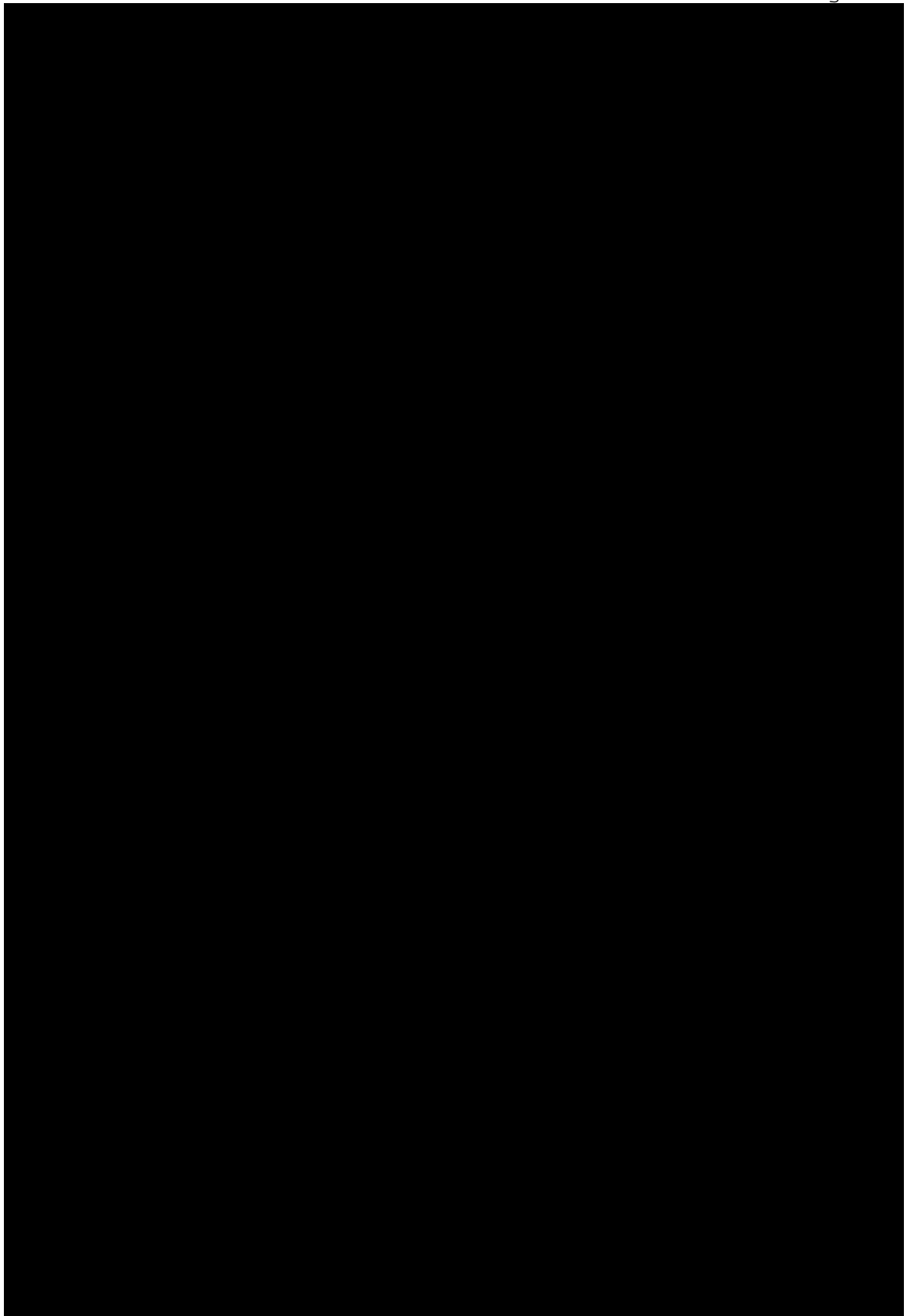
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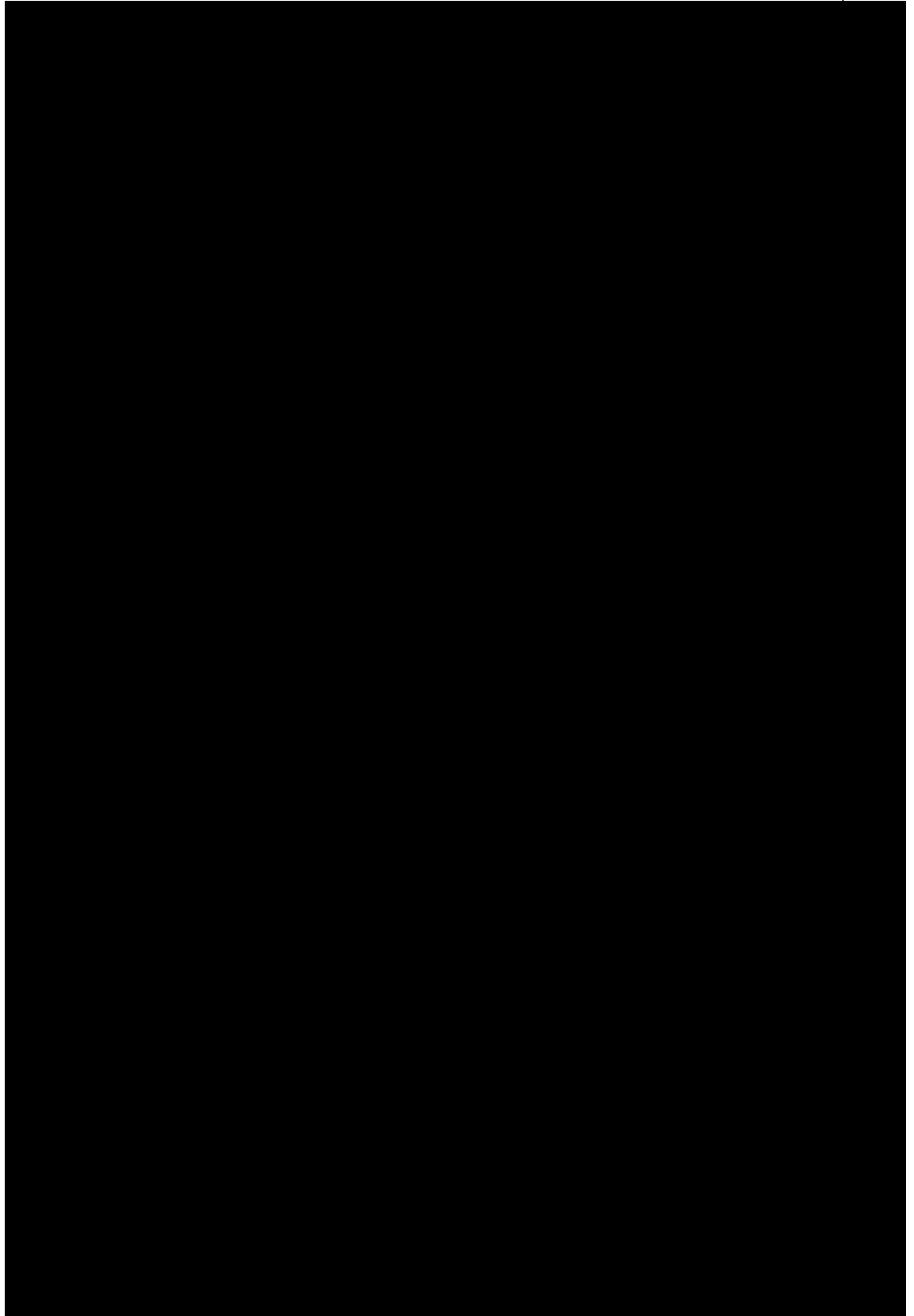
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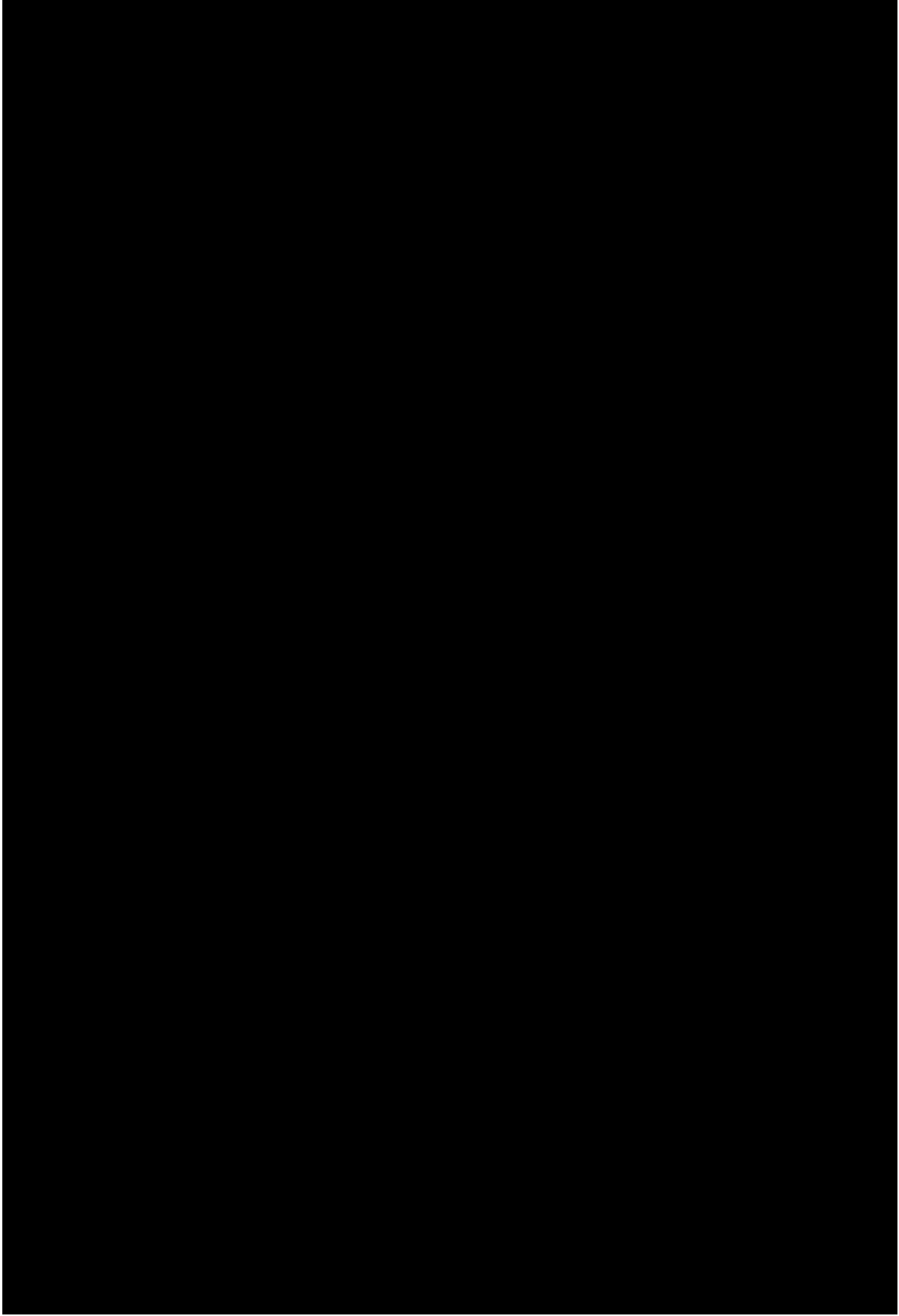
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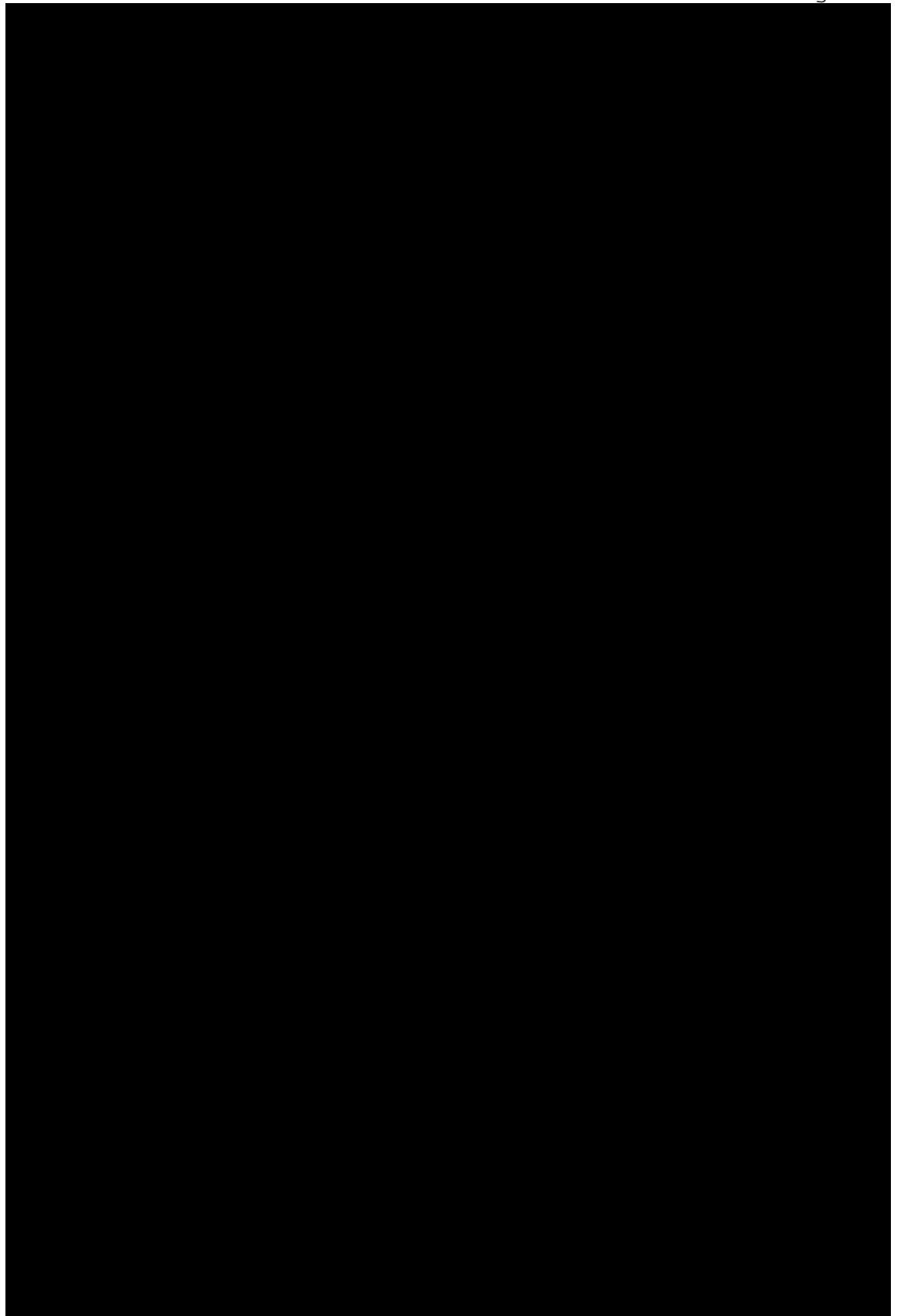
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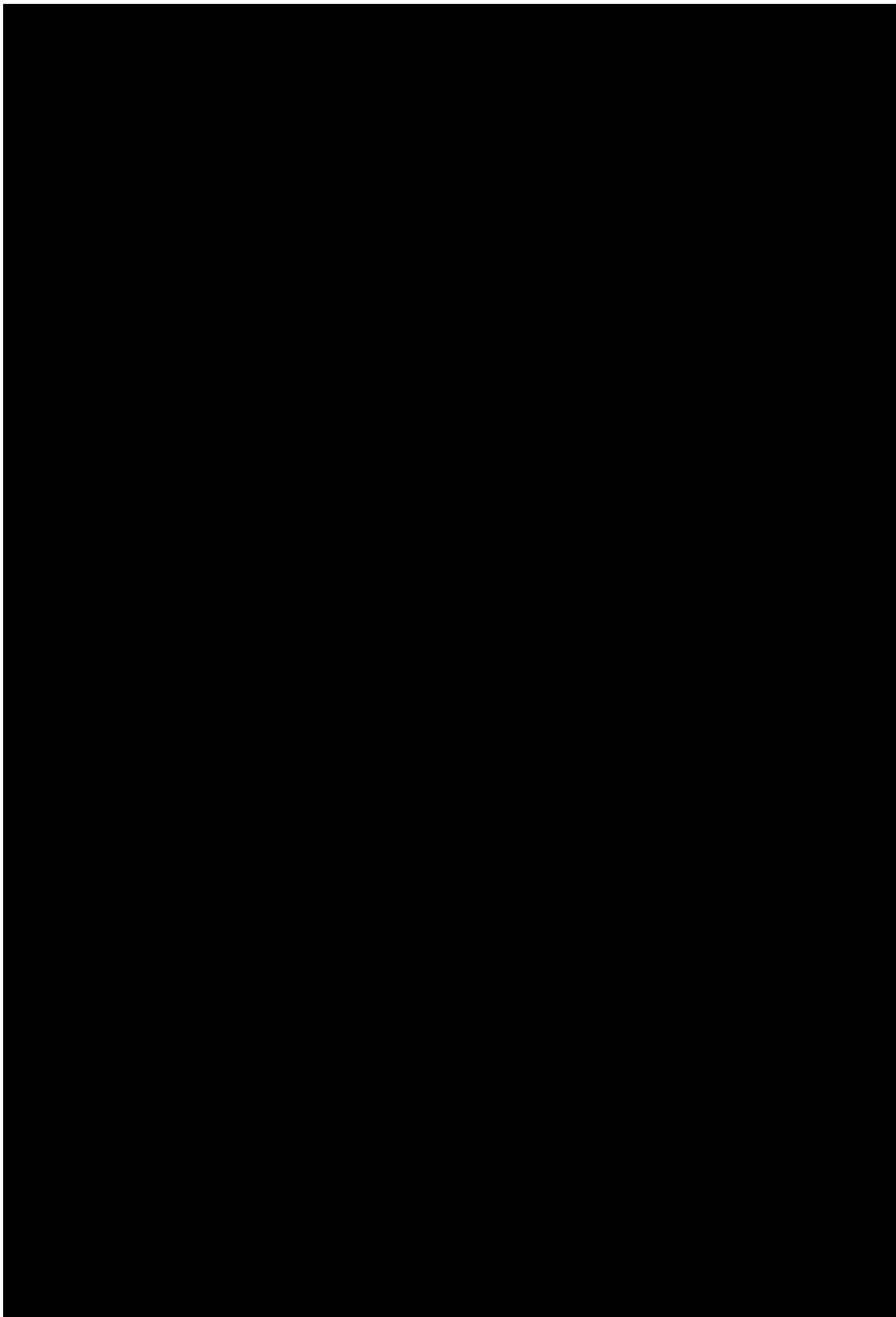
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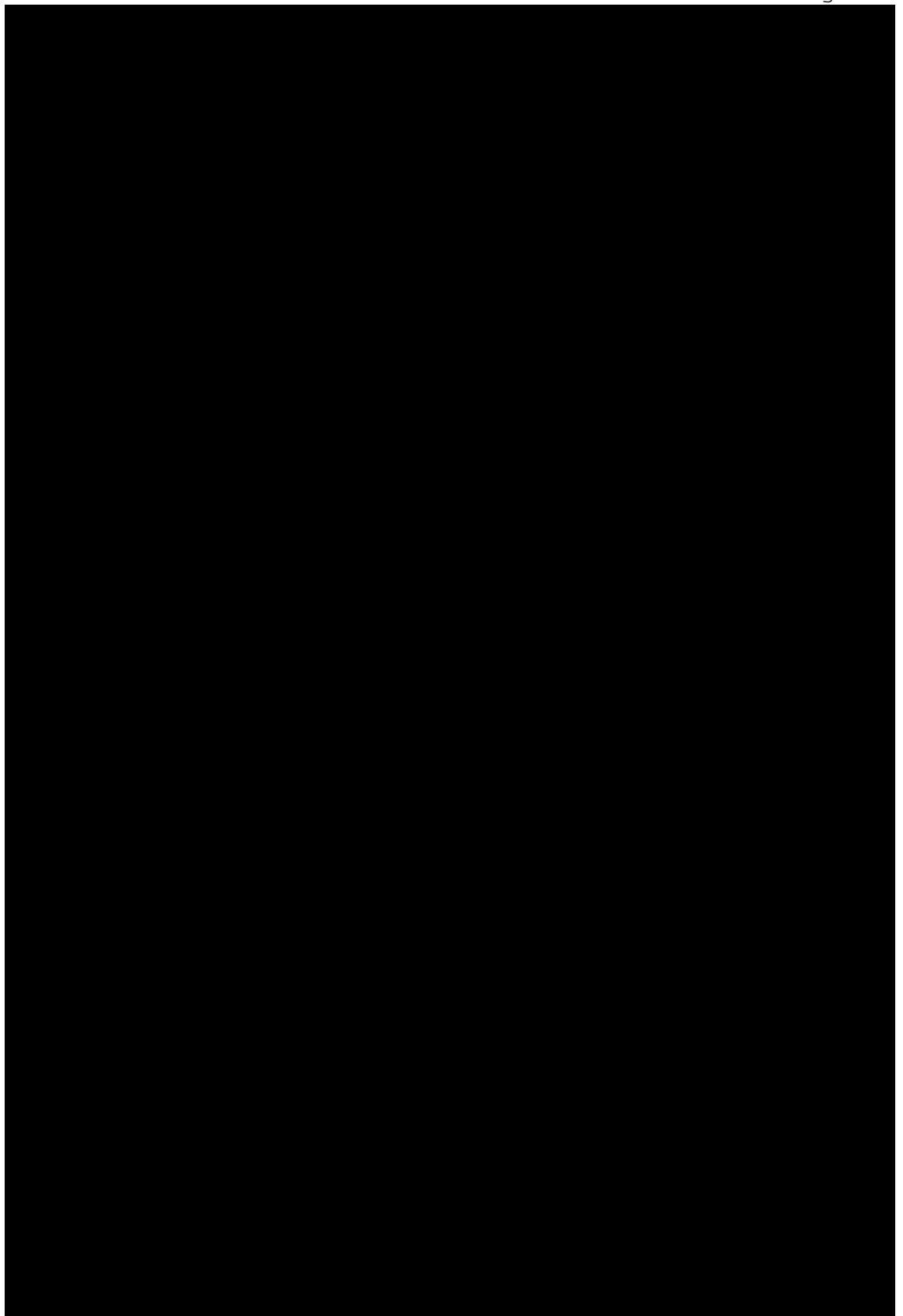
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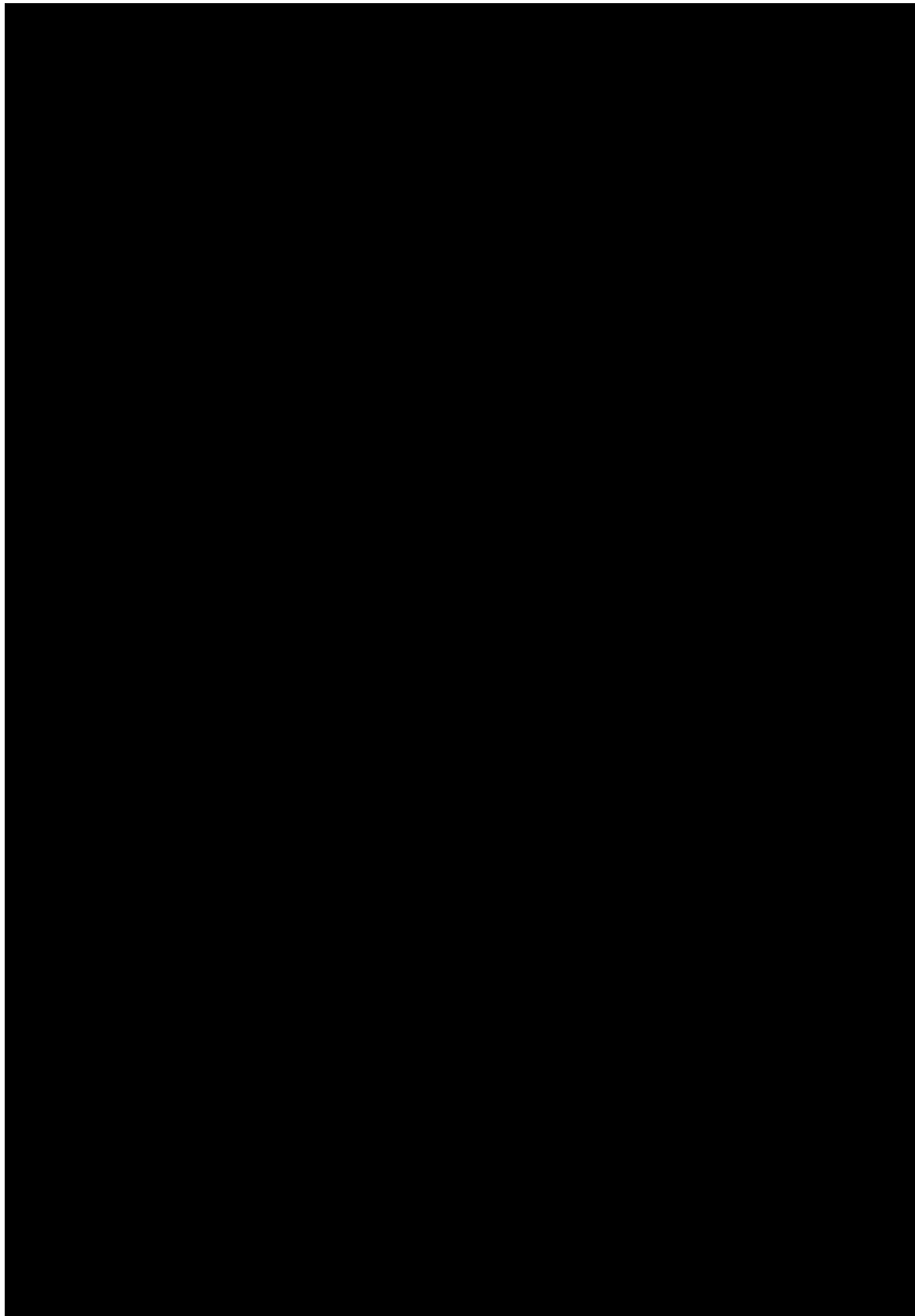
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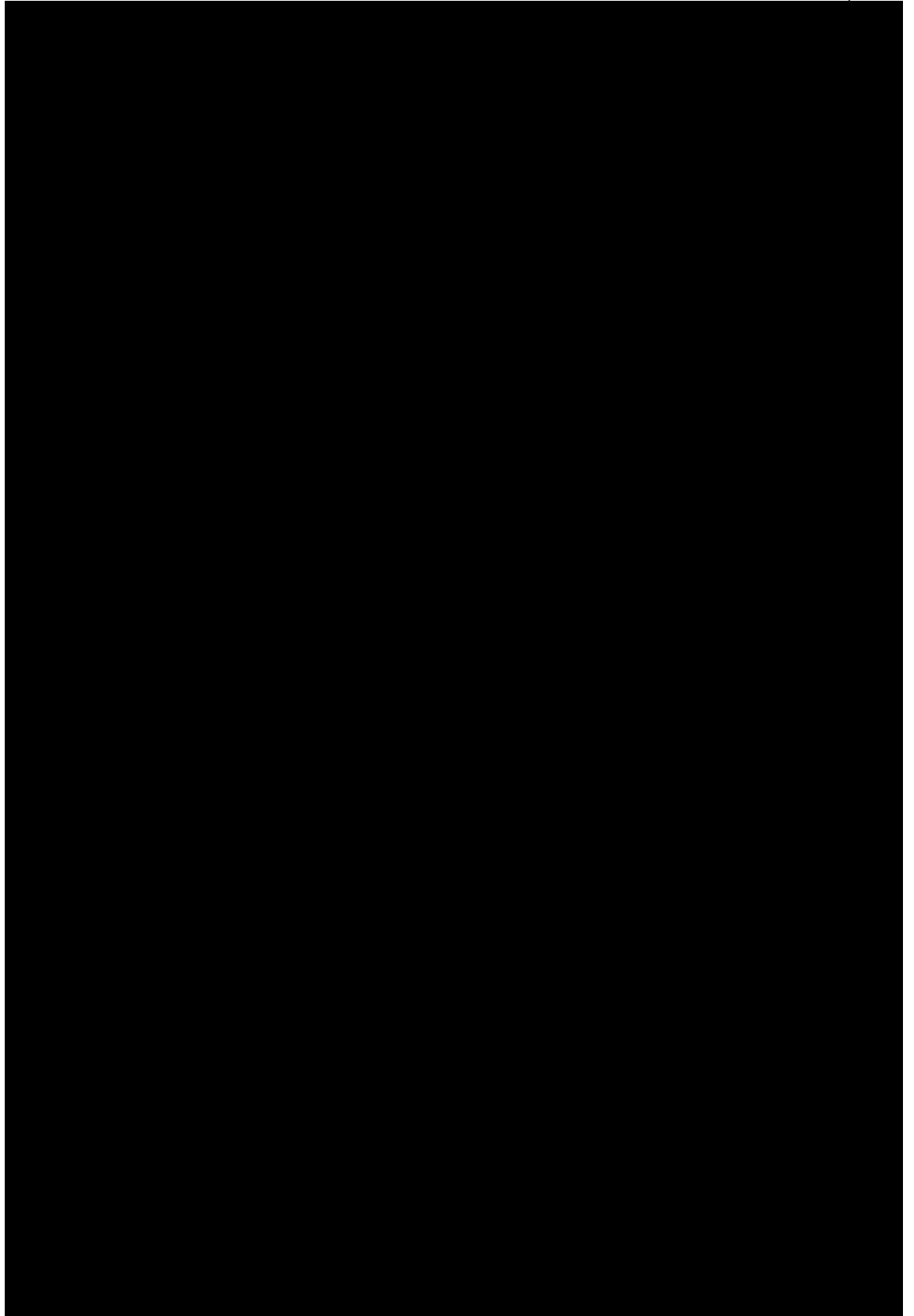
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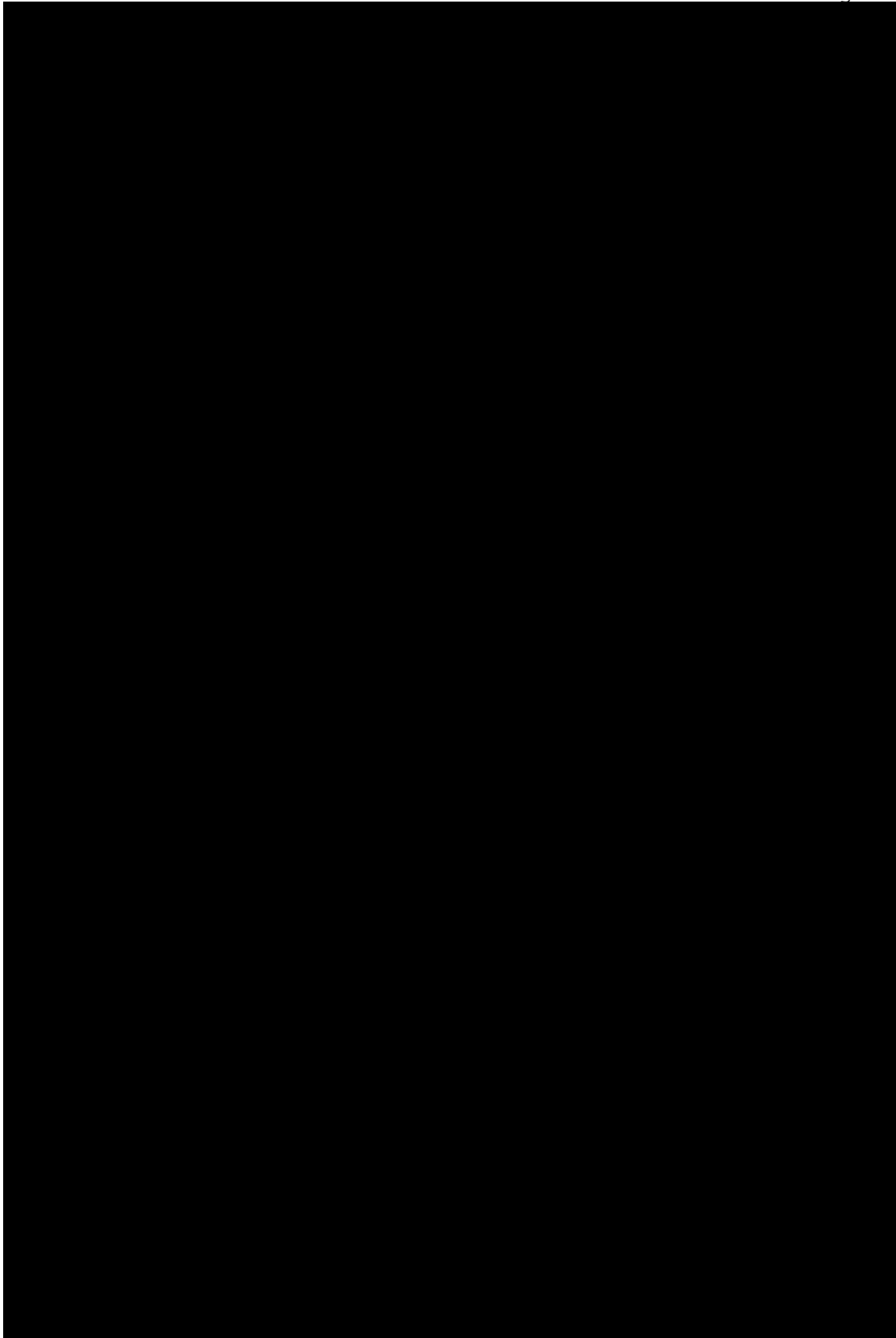
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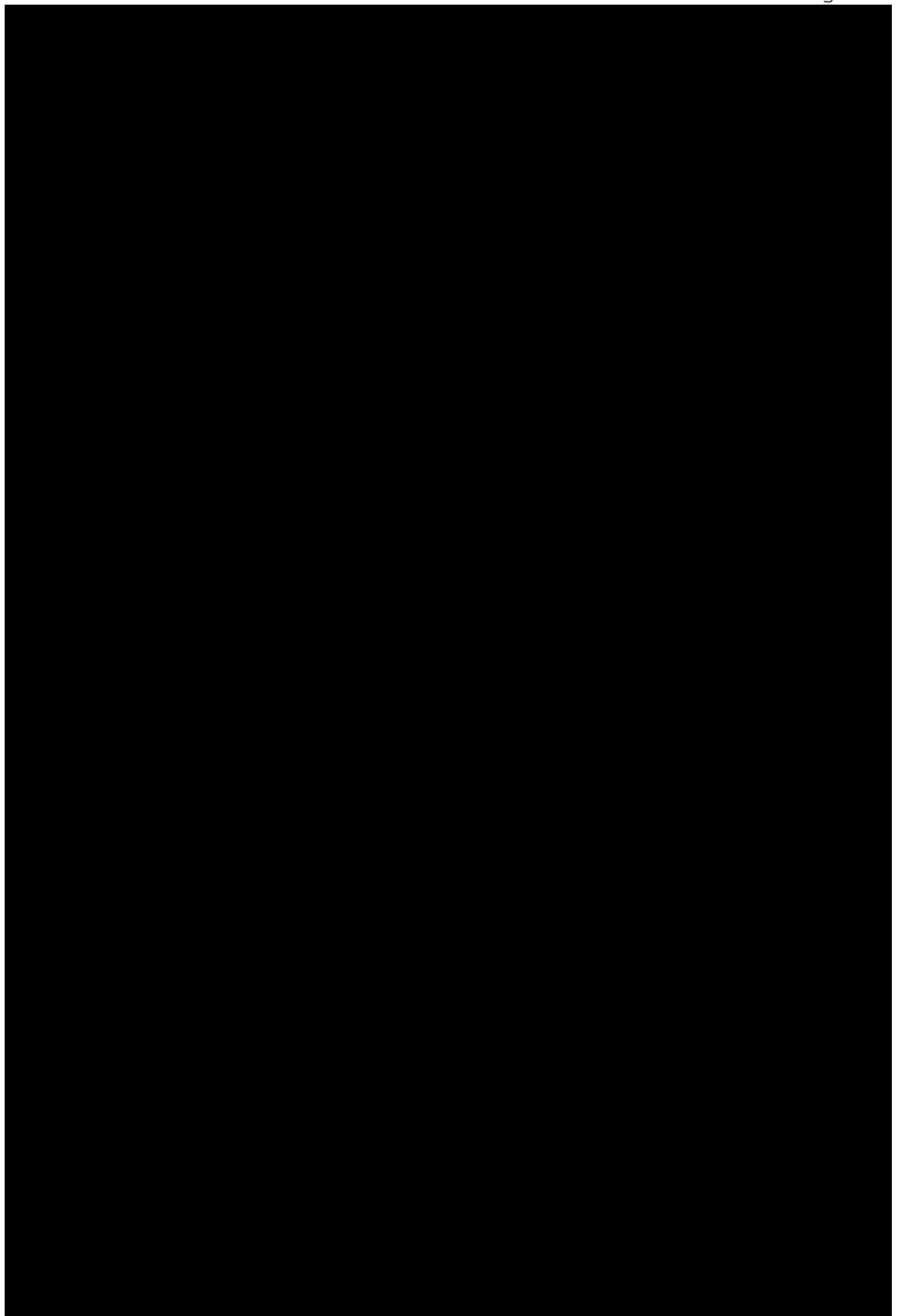
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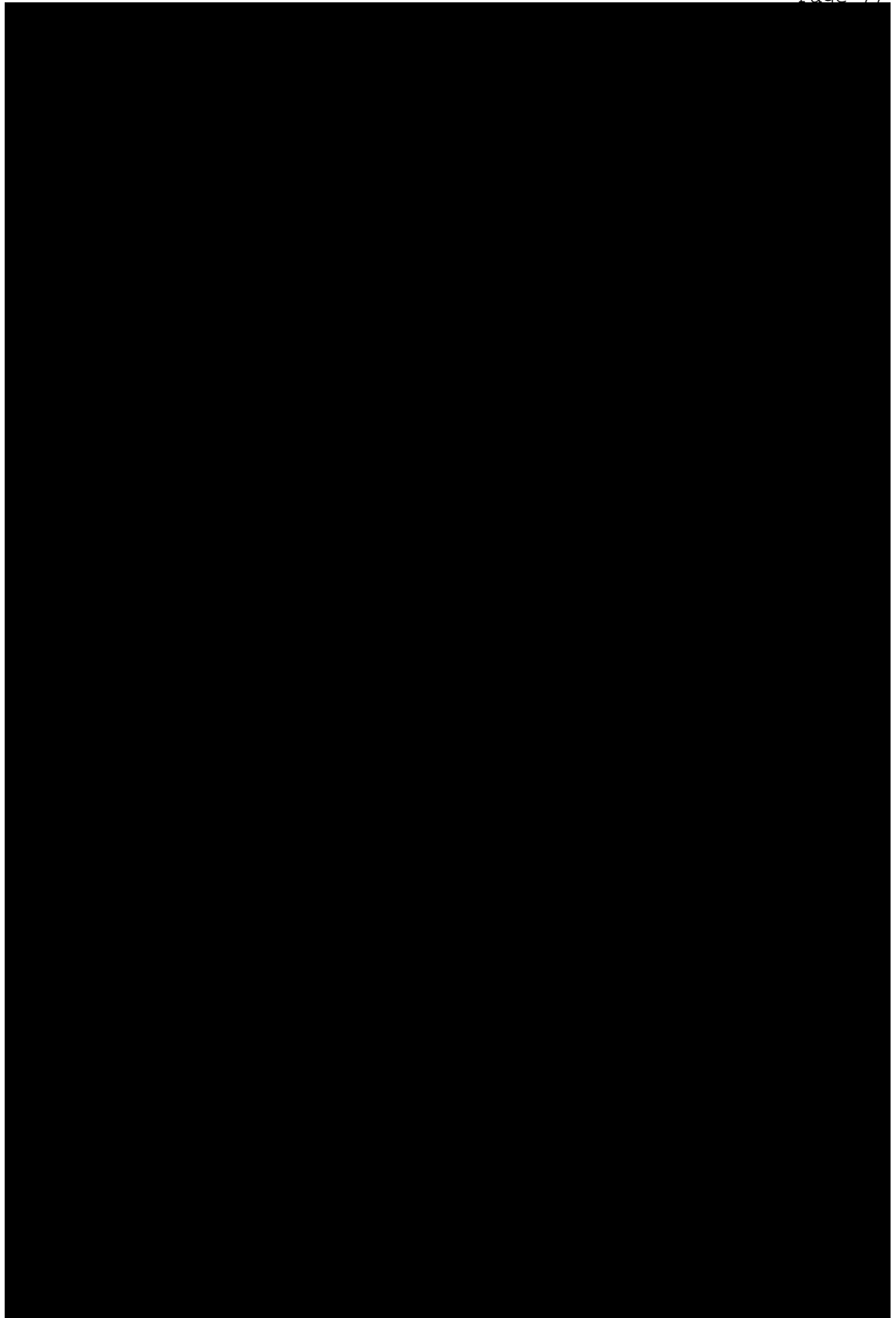
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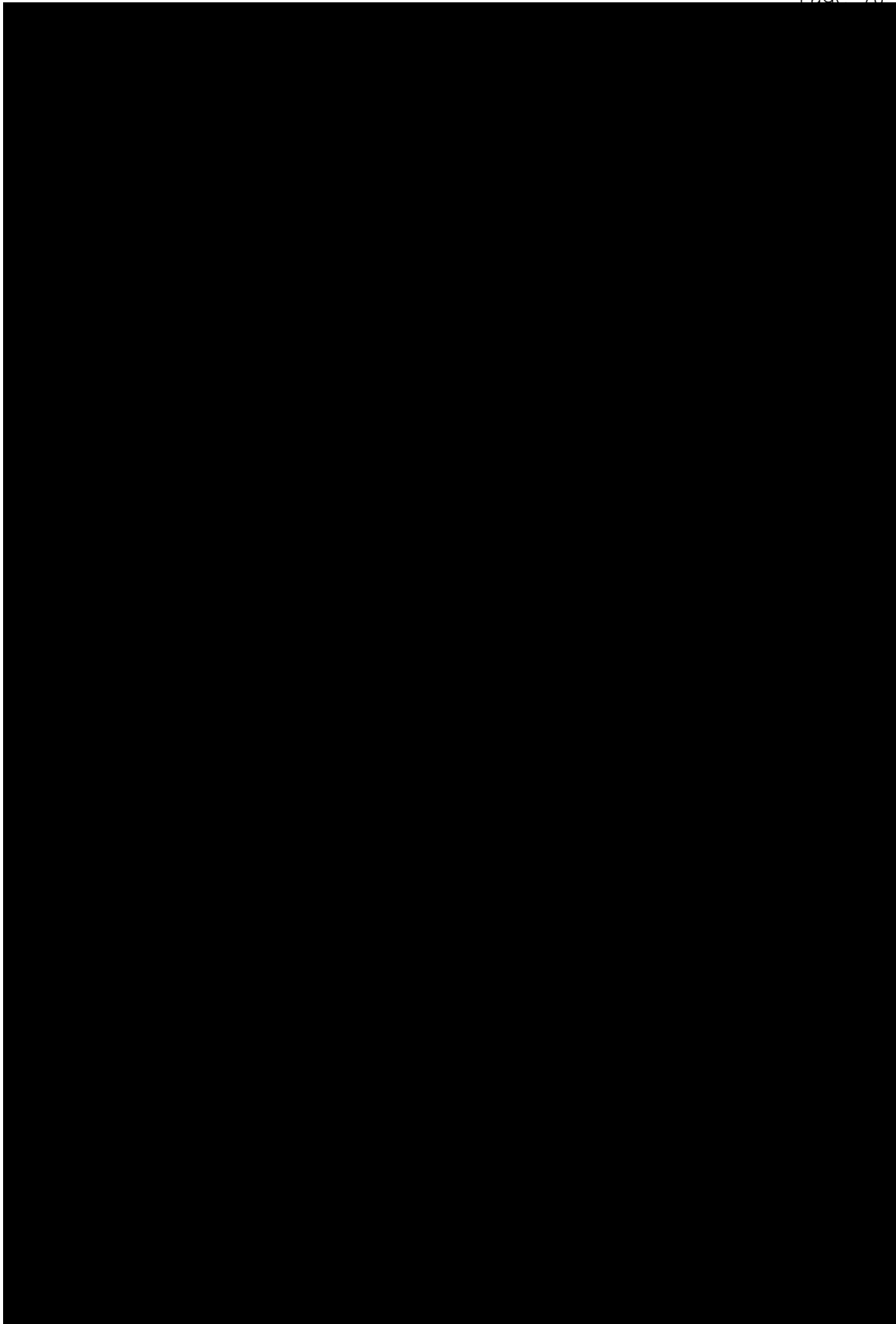
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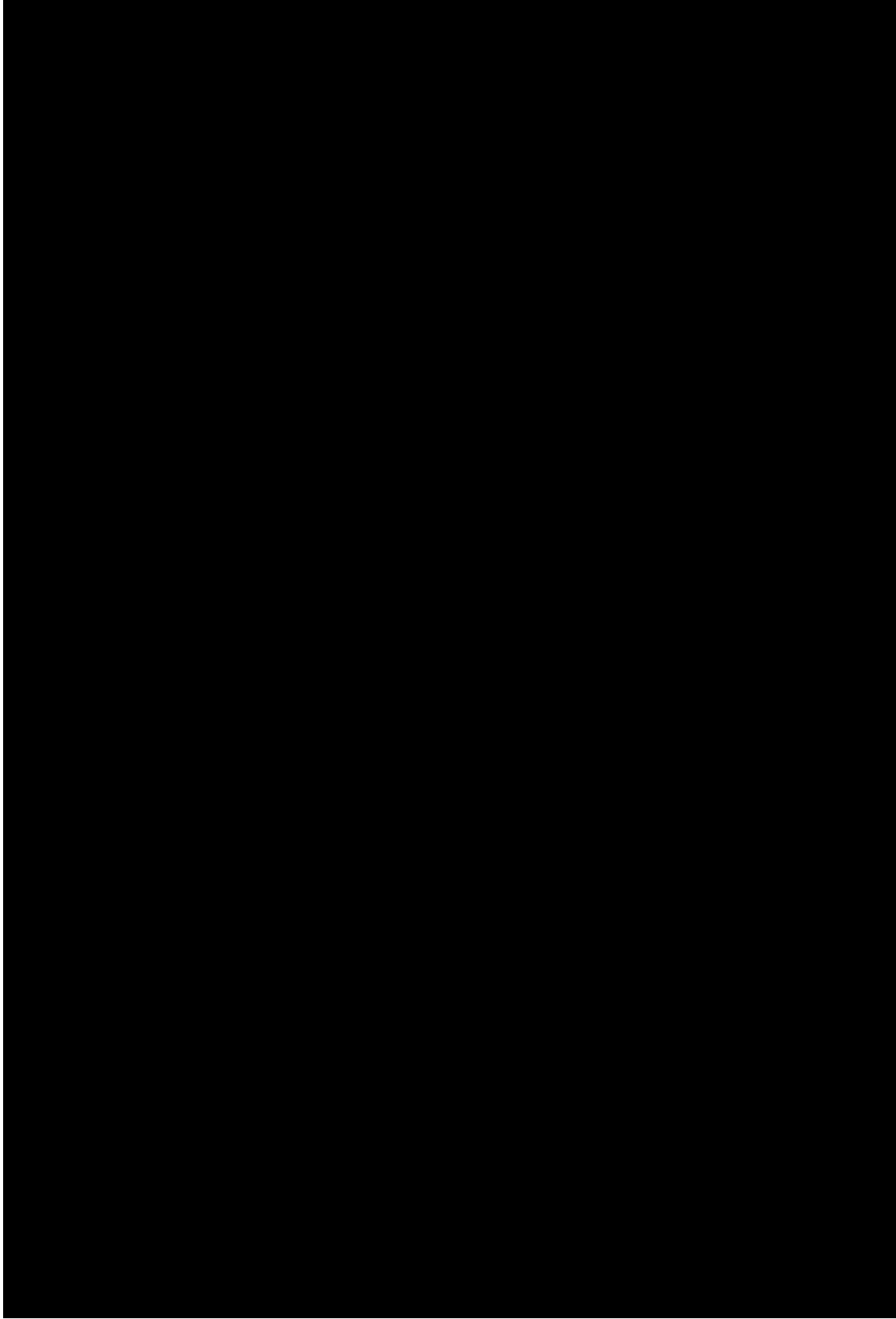
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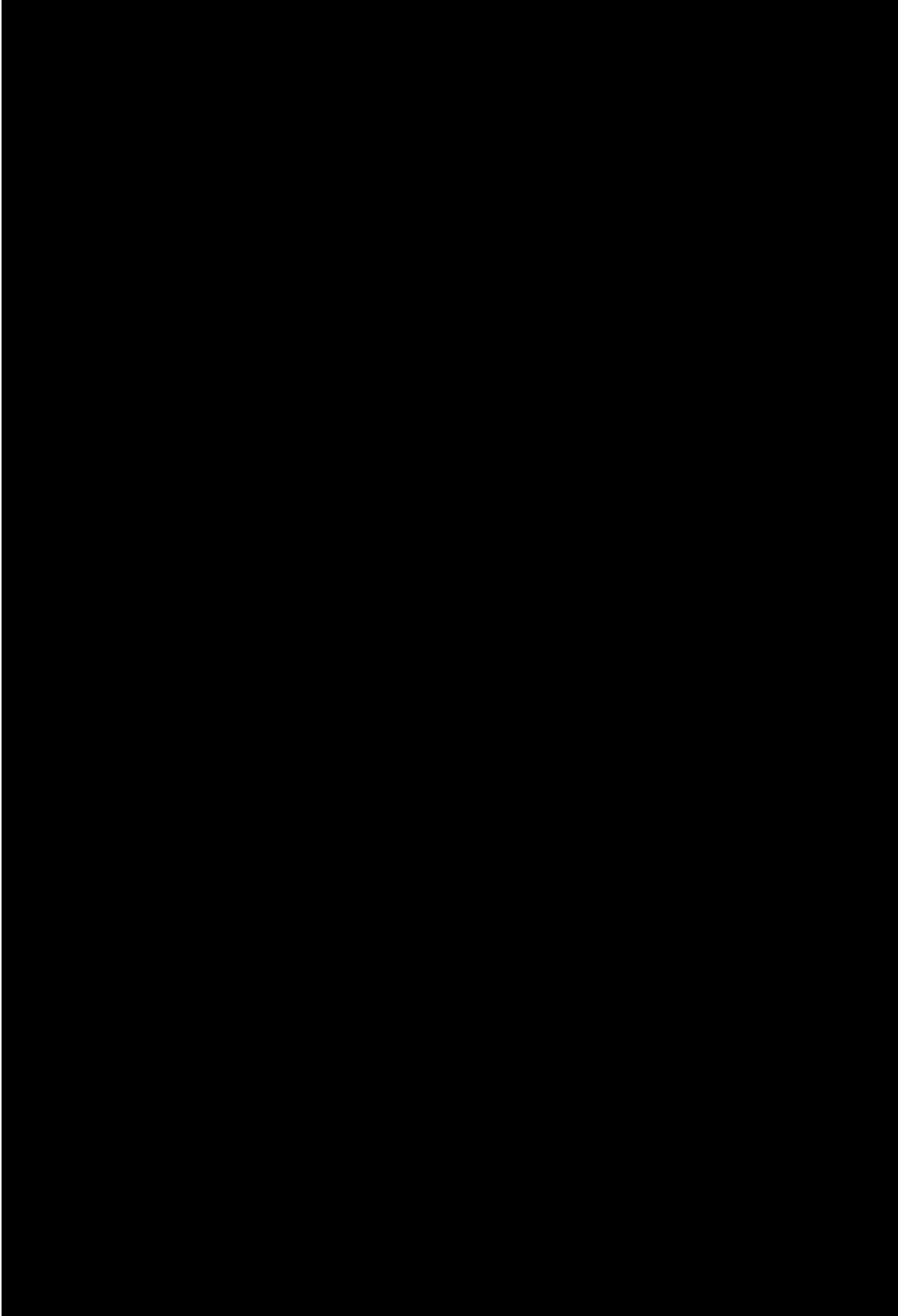
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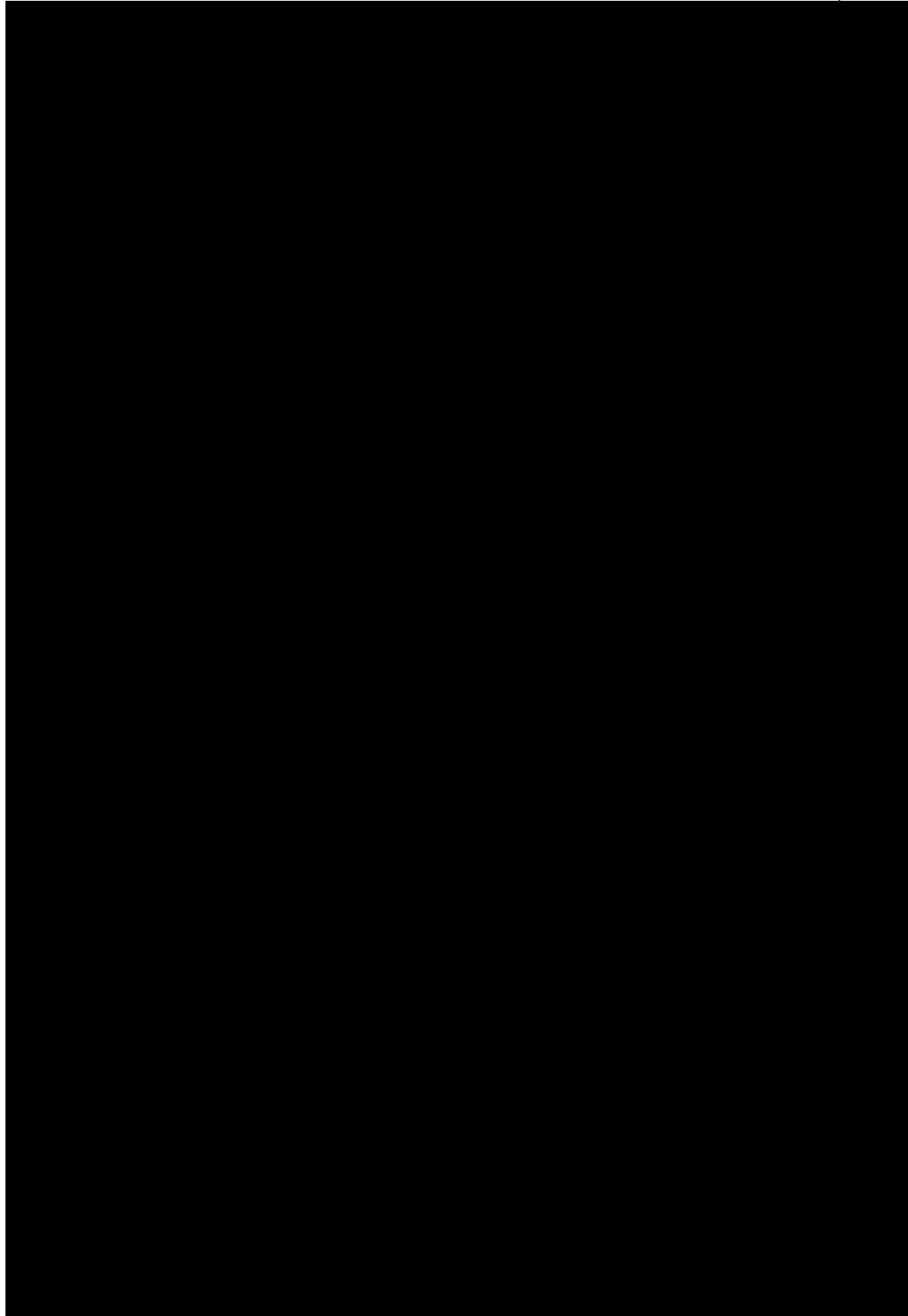
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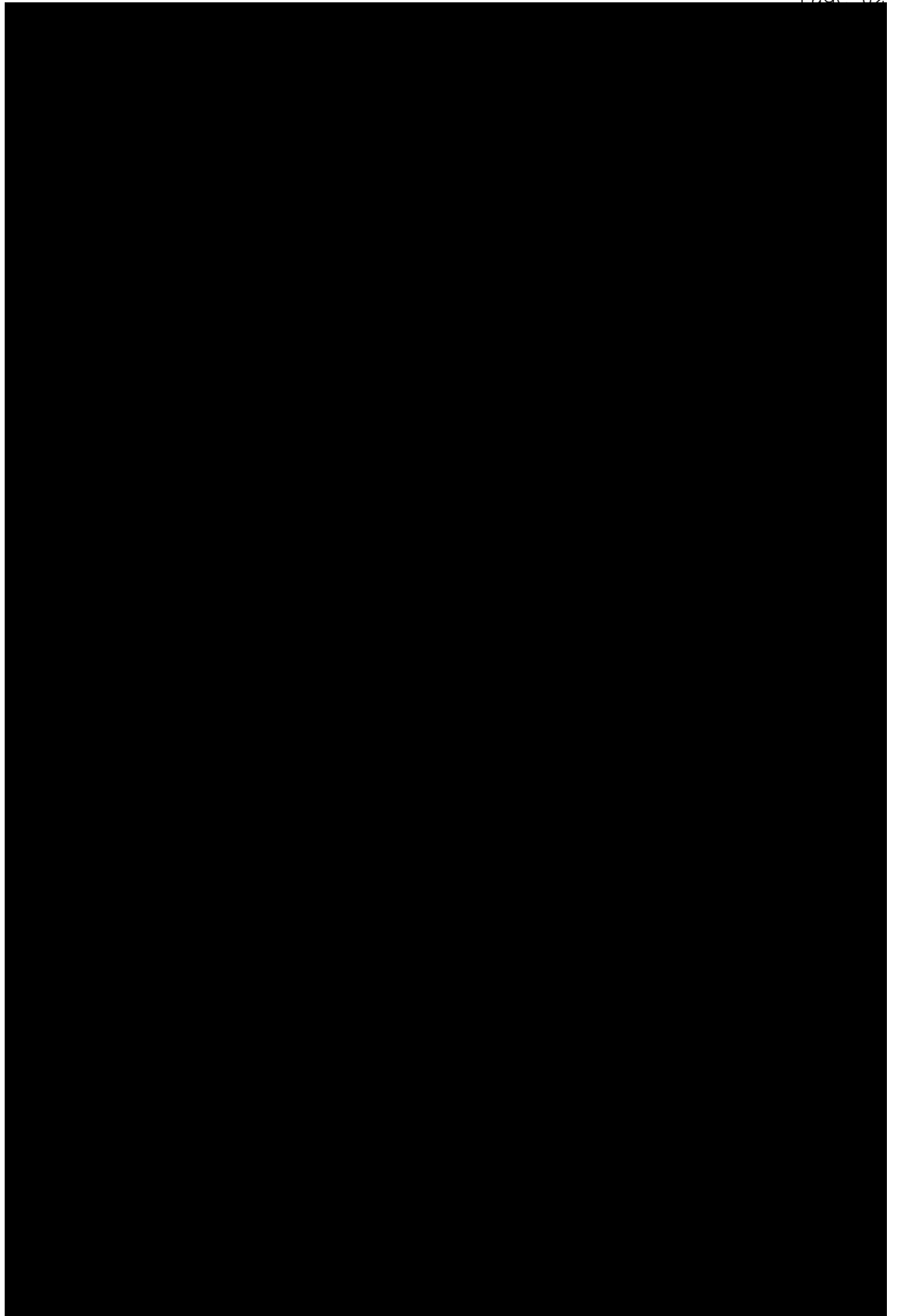
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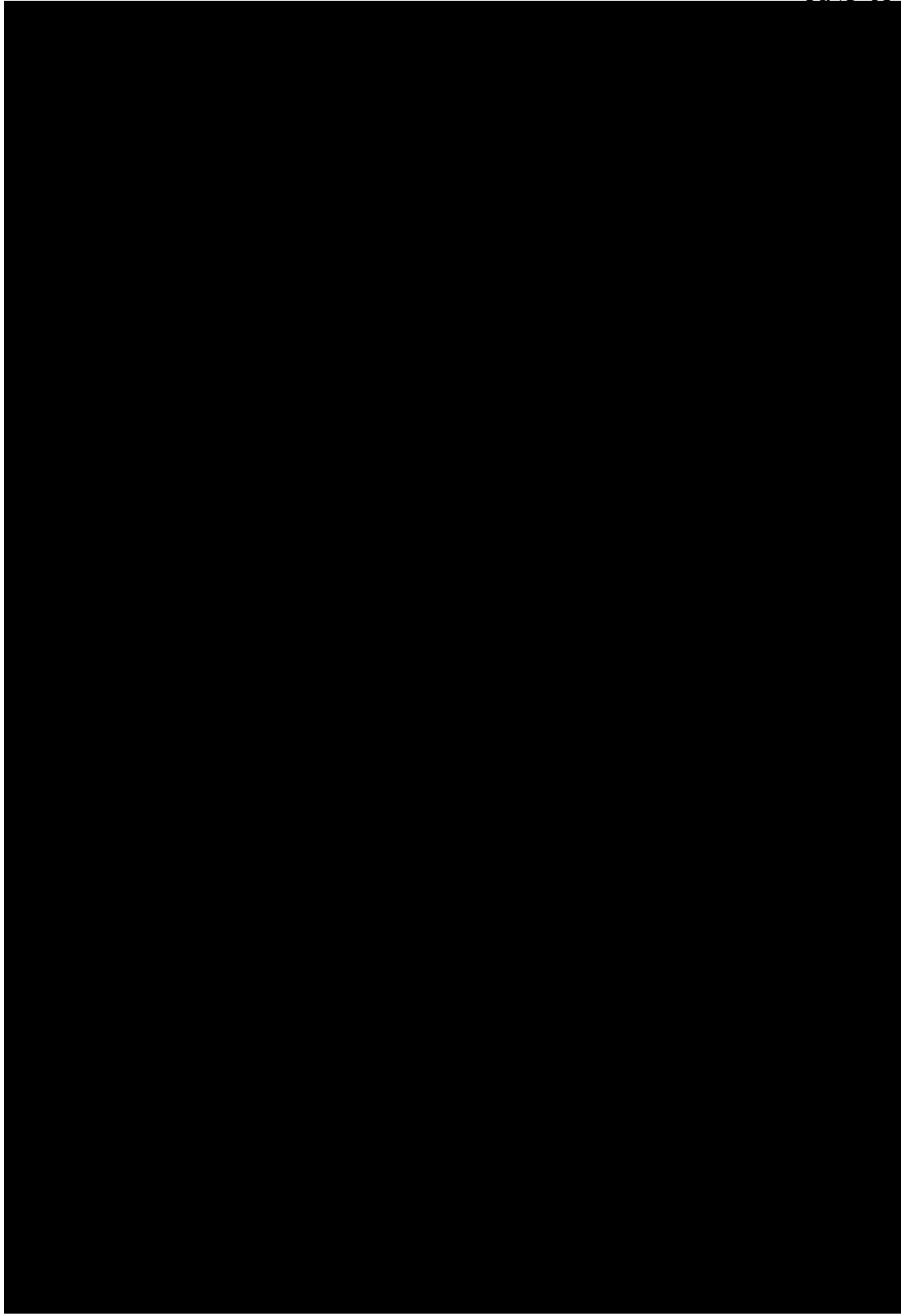
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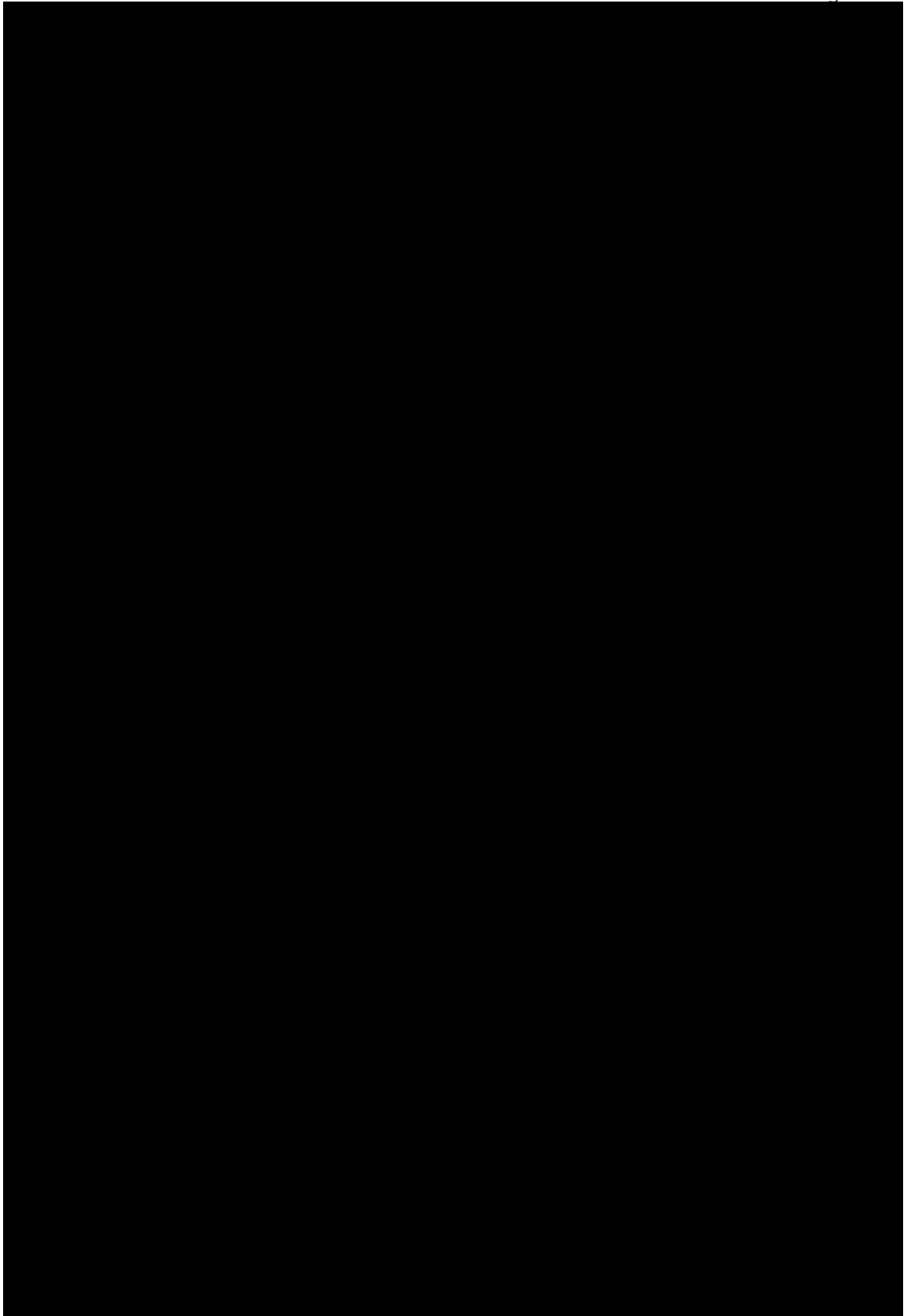
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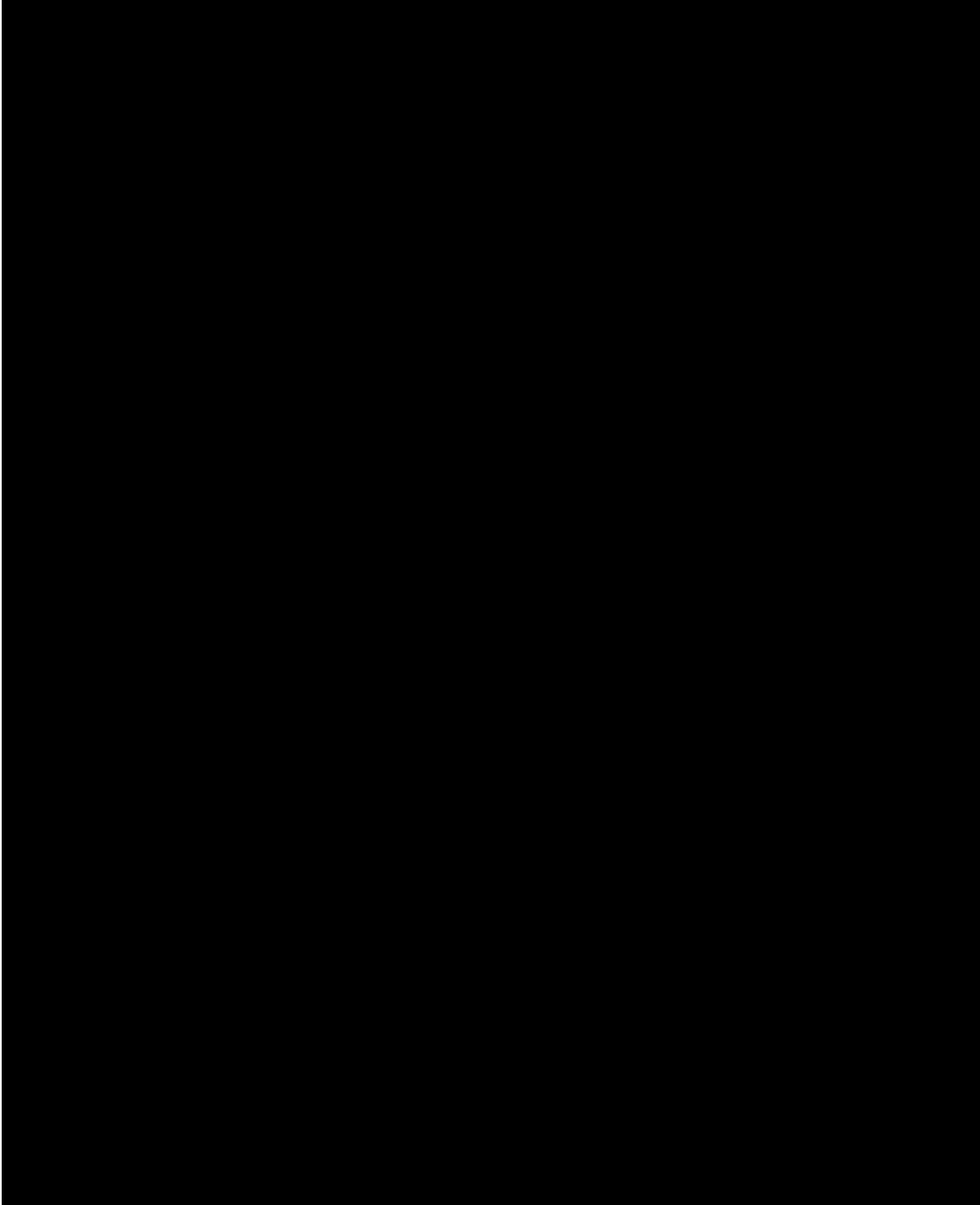
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22 (Conclusion of attorney-client session.)
23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We are going to right now
24 reopen the meeting of the Florida Gaming Control
25 Commission. The time is now 11:13.

1 Commissioners, I would like to ask for you all
2 if someone would be so kind to give us a motion to
3 authorize Mr. Marshman to represent and bind the
4 Gaming Control Commission in Case No.
5 2023-CA-002048 in the mediation that we've been
6 ordered by the Court to attend. Commissioner
7 Drago.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there any discussion?

12 Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

13 (Multiple ayes.)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. This concludes
15 the Commission meeting.

16 (Proceedings concluded at 11:14 a.m.)

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I, I. IRIS COOPER, do hereby certify that I
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