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Subject: Thanks for your help

Hello all,

I just wanted to thank you all for they help that you or your staff did in helping to make the first meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council go so well on Friday. This was a meeting with lots of media and public interest and I think it came off very well. In particular,

Joshua, thank you for organizing and helping conduct,

Craig and David, thank you for the excellent presentations and fielding questions from the council members,

Rich, that you for having Zach and other refuge officers in the meetings and hallways to keep an eye on things,

Gavin, thank you for managing a barrage of media who seemed to be everywhere.

And others that I may not have mentioned above for your contributions. We needed a good day and I believe this went off as well as we could have hoped for,

Thanks again,
Greg

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The combating wildlife trafficking presentation will follow in a separate email.

Best,

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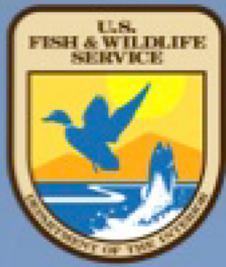
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Our Mission



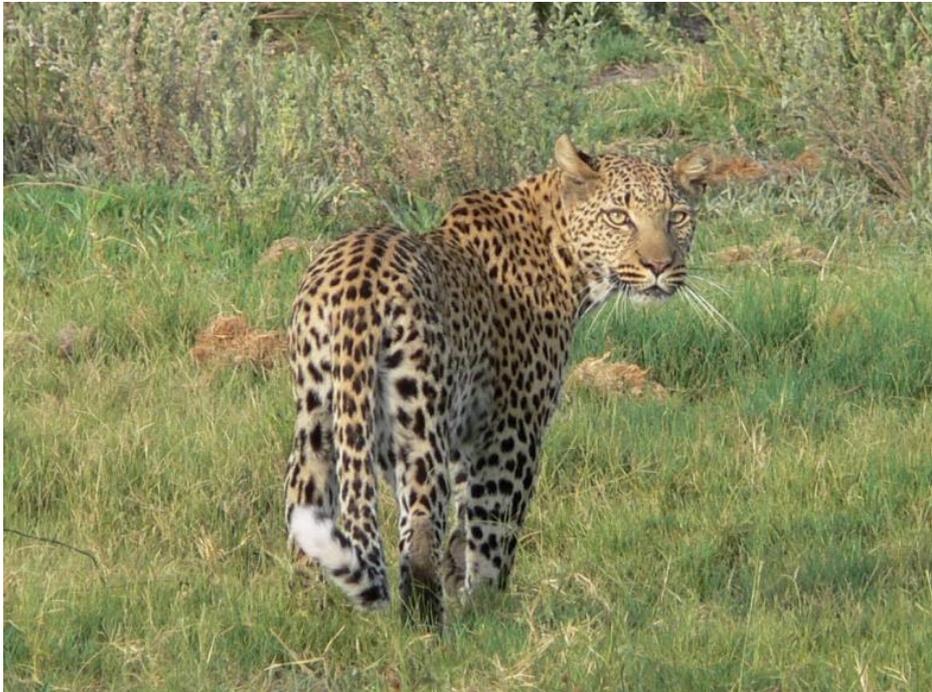
“Work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people”

Why do we care about international conservation?





Iconic species capture the hearts, imagination, and adventurous spirit of Americans of every generation.



- Of U.S. citizens traveling abroad in 2015, 31.5 percent visited a national park or monument.
- International hunters (74% from the U.S.) contributed more than \$325 million to East/Southern African country economies annually.

Since 2011, Americans have purchased more than 38 million tiger stamps to support international conservation efforts.



Wildlife and ecosystems support billions of people and drive the world's economy through:

- Hunting
- Nature-based tourism
- Wild-sourced food
- Pest control
- Seed dispersal
- Medicines

To name just a few!





The U.S. is one of the world's largest importers and exporters of wildlife and wildlife products. Through implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), we ensure sustainable use of native and non-native CITES-listed species and combat wildlife trafficking in collaboration with State agencies.

Our participation in CITES facilitates trade between the U.S. and 182 member countries and the European Union.





FWS International Conservation Efforts

- International conservation across the agency
 - Office of Law Enforcement (enforcement, inspection, capacity building)
 - International Affairs (financial assistance, permits, policy)
 - Migratory Birds (hunting, financial assistance)
 - Ecological Services (Endangered Species Act and foreign species listing/delisting)
 - Fisheries and Aquatic Conservation (invasive species)
 - Regional programs (Canada/Mexico cooperation)



International Wildlife Conservation Strategy Development

- **Goal:** Develop an enduring vision that defines the Service's niche in international conservation; strengthens cooperation with partners and stakeholders; and leverages additional support for international wildlife conservation priorities.
- **Objectives:**
 - Articulate the ways in which the Service currently engages in international conservation
 - Document our legal mandates
 - Engage external stakeholders and provide opportunities for feedback



International Wildlife Conservation Strategy Development

- **Process and timeline:**
 - Define project goals and objectives, solidify project team, and develop plan for stakeholder engagement (January-March 2018)
 - Gather data from stakeholders (April-July 2018)
 - Analyze data (ongoing)
 - Develop strategies and a vision for the Service's role in international wildlife conservation (July-September 2018)
 - Present the vision to stakeholders (September-October 2018)

Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement





Office of Law Enforcement



- ❖ Inspection Program
- ❖ Investigations
- ❖ National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Lab
- ❖ Law Enforcement Attachés

Wildlife Inspectors



- 123 Wildlife Inspectors
- 7 K9 teams
- 14 Supervisory Wildlife Inspectors
- 5 Senior Wildlife Inspectors





Wildlife Inspectors

- Wildlife Inspectors at U.S. 37 ports of entry:
- - work closely with Customs & Border Protection
- - have border search authority
- - enforce FWS regulations and international treaties
- - search for smuggled wildlife



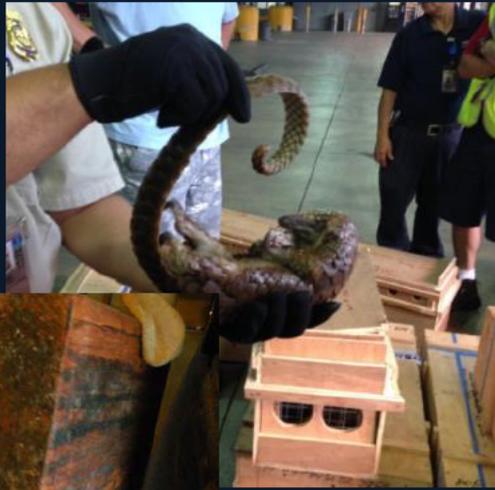


Special Agents

- Plain Clothes
- Criminal Investigators
- Arrest Authority
- Overt and Covert Investigations
- Utilize broad array of investigative techniques



International Investigations





National Fish & Wildlife *Forensic Laboratory*



- **The only forensic lab in the world dedicated to crimes against wildlife.**
- **Chemistry Unit**
 - i.e. poisonings, pesticides, trace evidence
- **Criminalistics Unit**
 - i.e. latent prints, ballistics,
- **Genetics Unit**
 - i.e. DNA; identification of species, populations, individuals, parentage
- **Morphology Unit**
 - i.e. species ID based on physical characteristics
- **Pathology Unit**
 - i.e. cause of death determination





Role of the USFWS *Special Agent Attachés*

- Support regional capacity building
- Leverage USG assets for use in CWT efforts
- Coordinate transnational investigations and information sharing
- Support host government's and regional CWT investigations with a nexus to the U.S.

International Affairs Program: Financial Assistance



Financial Assistance Programs

1. Species

2. Regional

3. Emerging Priority Threats





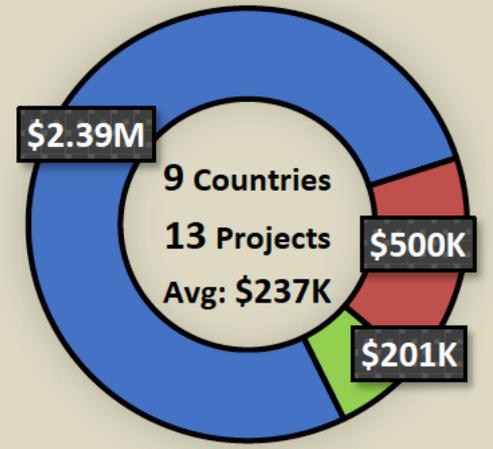
African Elephant Conservation Act (1988)



Priority Activities:

- ✓ Protection of at-risk elephant populations
- ✓ Anti-poaching operations:
Improved detection, interdiction,
and prosecution of wildlife crime

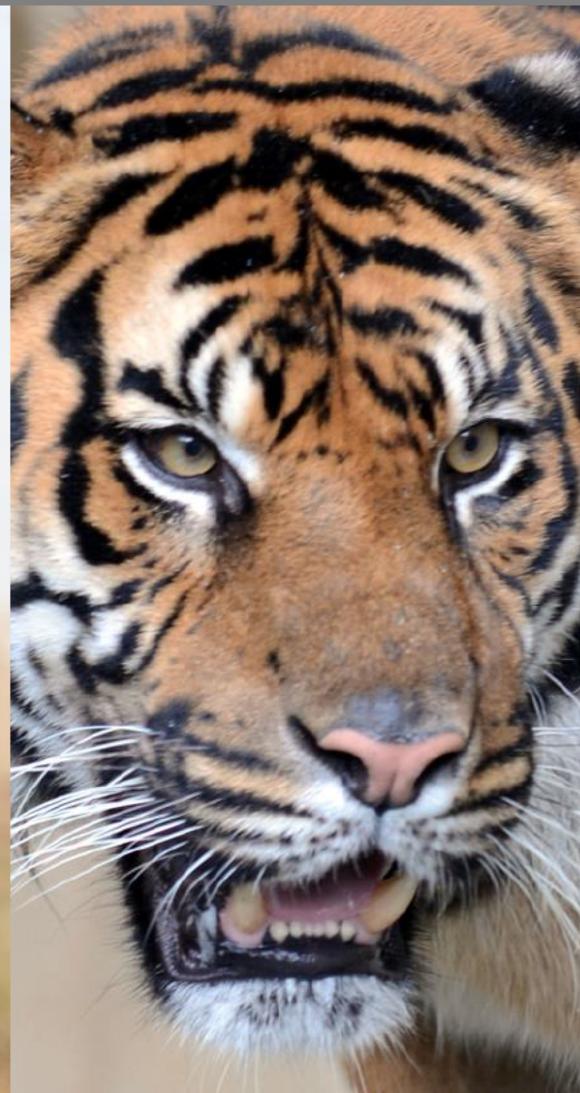
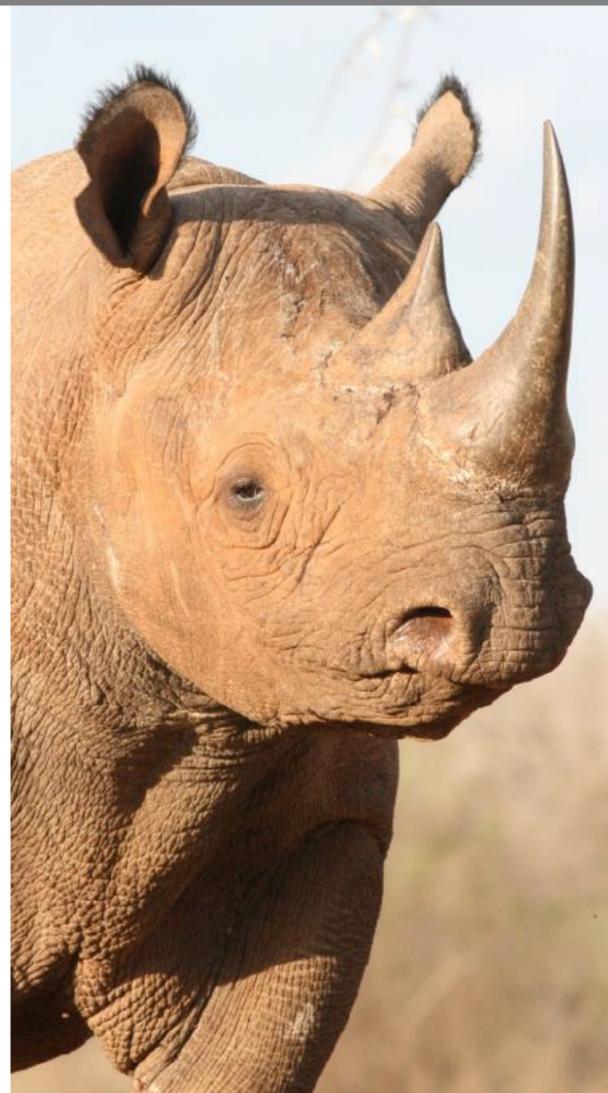
FY17 Funding:
\$3.09M; \$7.59M Leveraged



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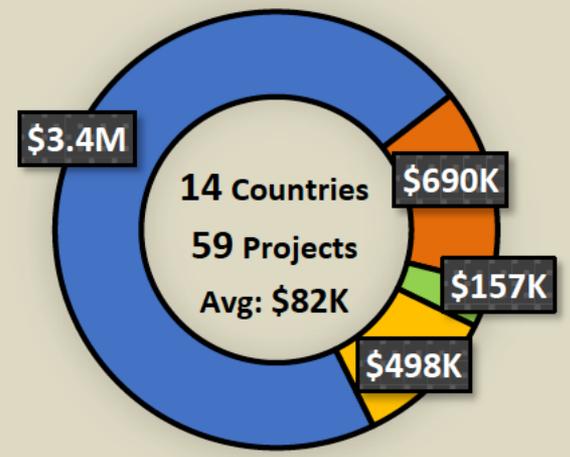
Rhino and Tiger Conservation Act (1994)



Priority Activities:

- ✓ Protection of at-risk populations
- ✓ Anti-poaching operations: Improved detection, interdiction, and prosecution of wildlife crime

FY17 Funding:
\$4.8M; \$11.1M Leveraged



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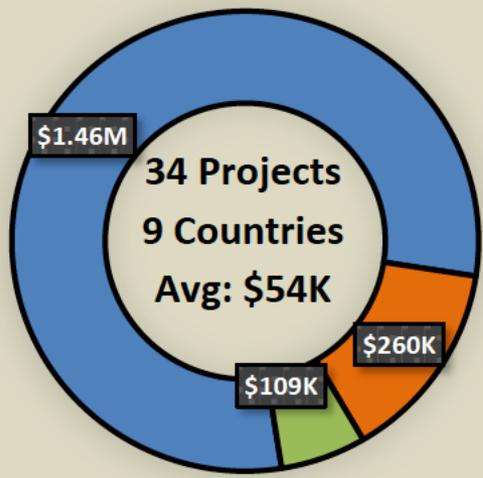
Asian Elephant Conservation Act (1997)



Priority Activities:

- ✓ Perpetuate healthy populations of wild Asian elephants and conserve their habitats
- ✓ Enhance protection of at-risk populations and their habitats
- ✓ Mitigate human-elephant conflict

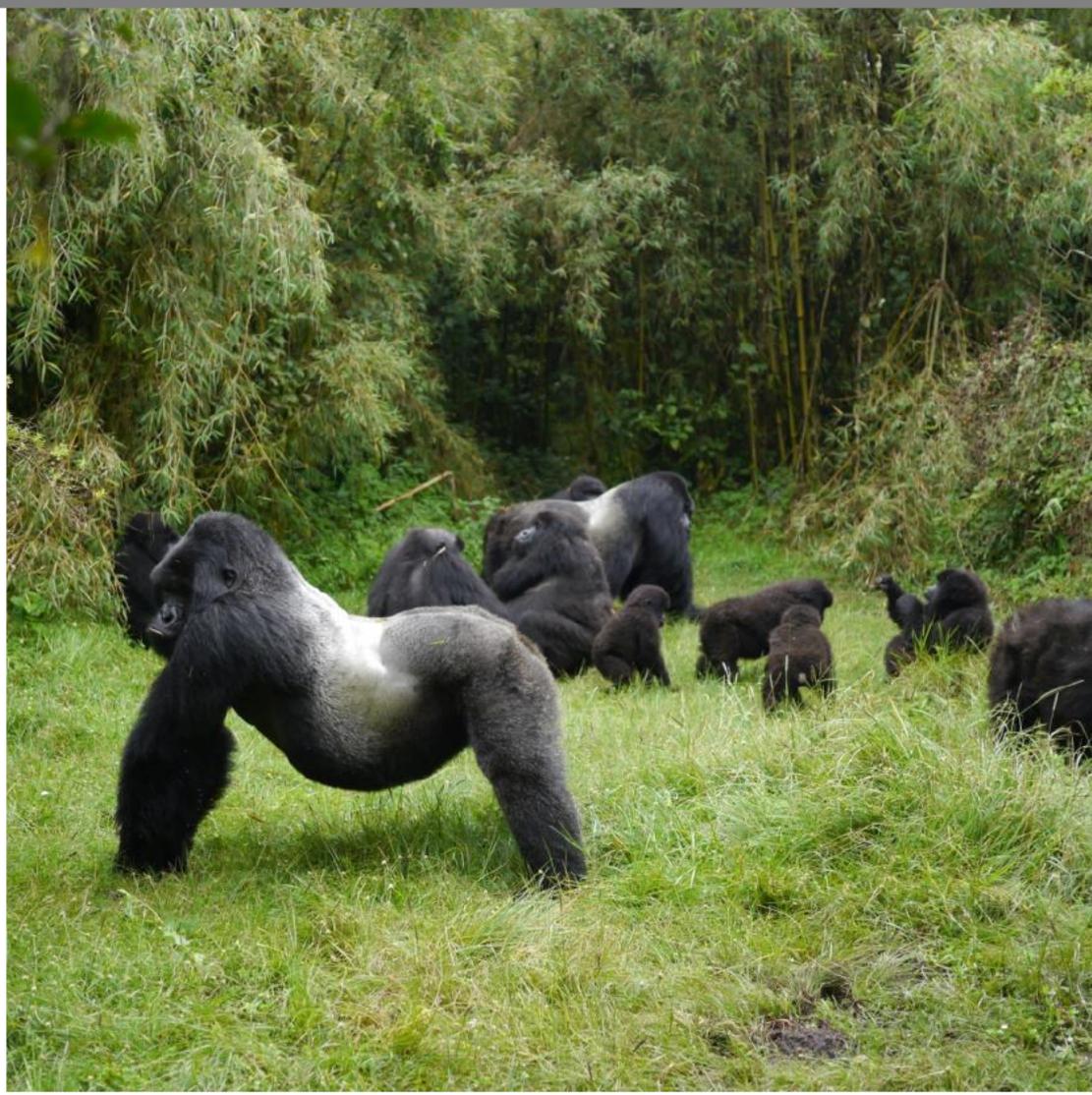
FY17 Funding:
\$1.84M; \$2.74M Leveraged



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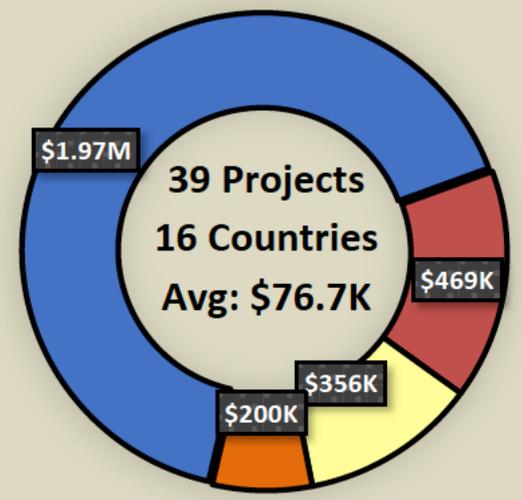
Great Ape Conservation Act (2000)



Priority Activities:

- ✓ Sustain viable populations in the wild
- ✓ Prevent habitat loss from forest fragmentation and degradation
- ✓ Reducing trade in, and consumer demand for, illegally harvested apes

FY17 Funding \$3.0M; \$2.9M Leveraged



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- USAID-CWT



Marine Turtle Conservation Act (2004)

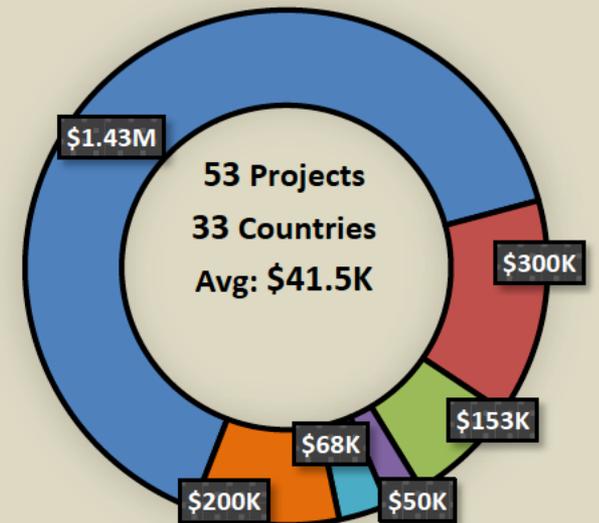


Priority Activities:

- ✓ Developing local and institutional capacity for sea turtle conservation
- ✓ Supporting the creation of National Conservation Action Plans
- ✓ Reducing bycatch with communities

FY17 Funding:

\$2.2M; \$3.0M Leveraged



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| ■ USFWS-RM | ■ NOAA | ■ USAID-CWT |

Types of IA Financial Assistance Programs

1. Species

2. Regional

3. Emerging Priority Threats





Through our **regional programs**, we work with governments, agencies, and other partners to conserve wildlife and high value landscapes that provide economic, geopolitical, and other benefits to the American people.





Central Africa / CARPE



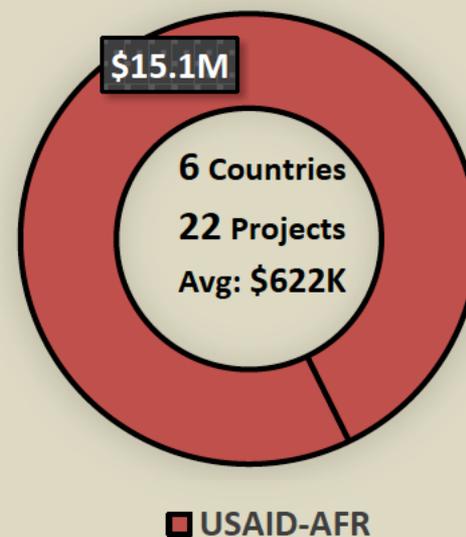
Priority Activities:

Securing Congo Basin wildlife by:

- ✓ professionalizing park guards
- ✓ improving law enforcement effectiveness
- ✓ site-based conservation activities

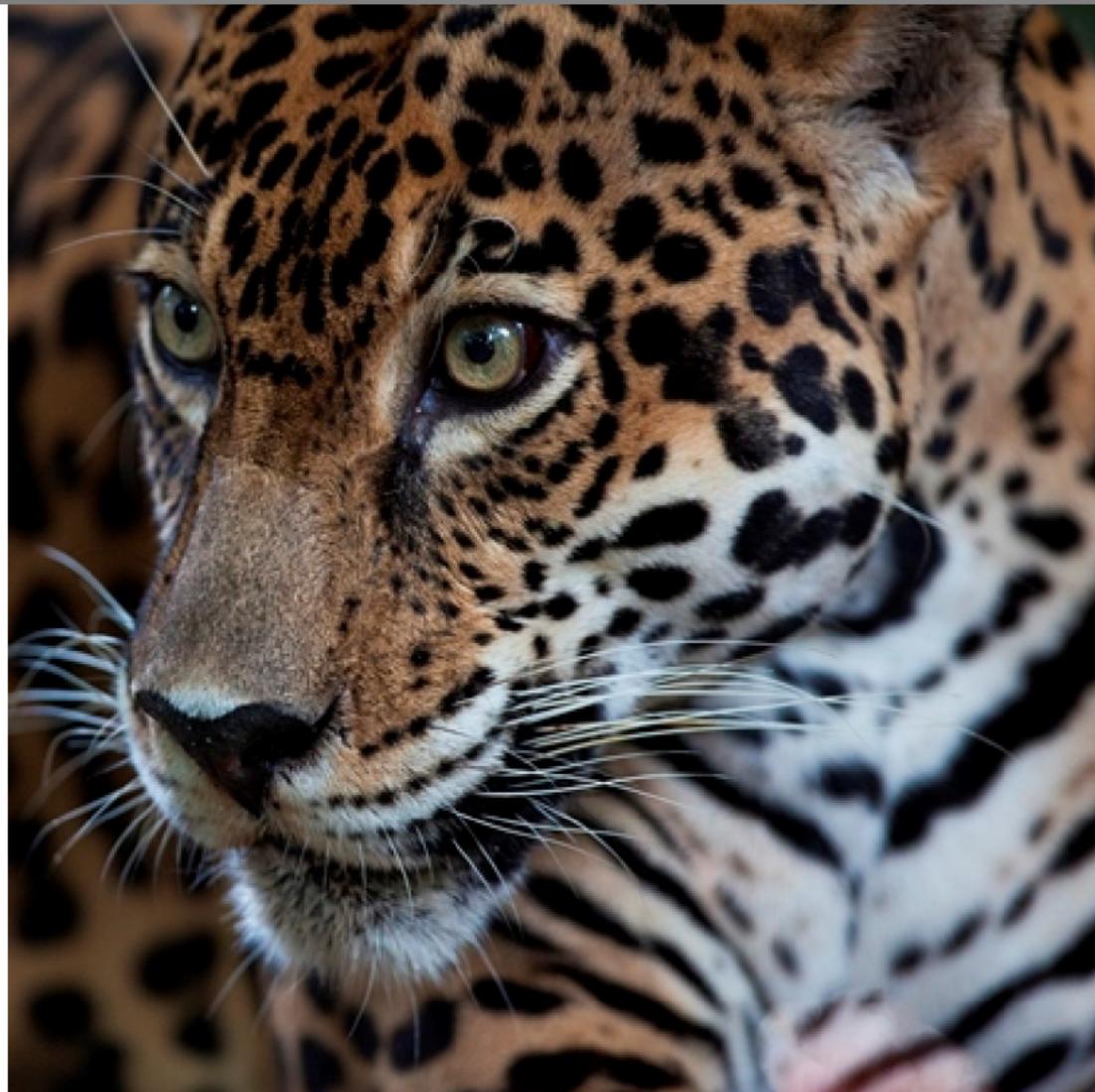
FY17 Funding:

\$15.1M; \$13.7M Leveraged





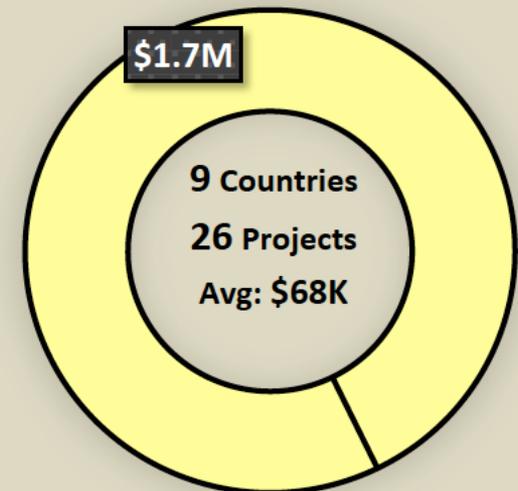
Western Hemisphere



Priority Activities:

- ✓ Species and habitat management
- ✓ Wildlife law enforcement
- ✓ Institutional strengthening
- ✓ Public private partnerships

FY17 Funding:
\$1.7M; \$1.8M Leveraged



■ USFWS-RM



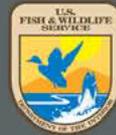
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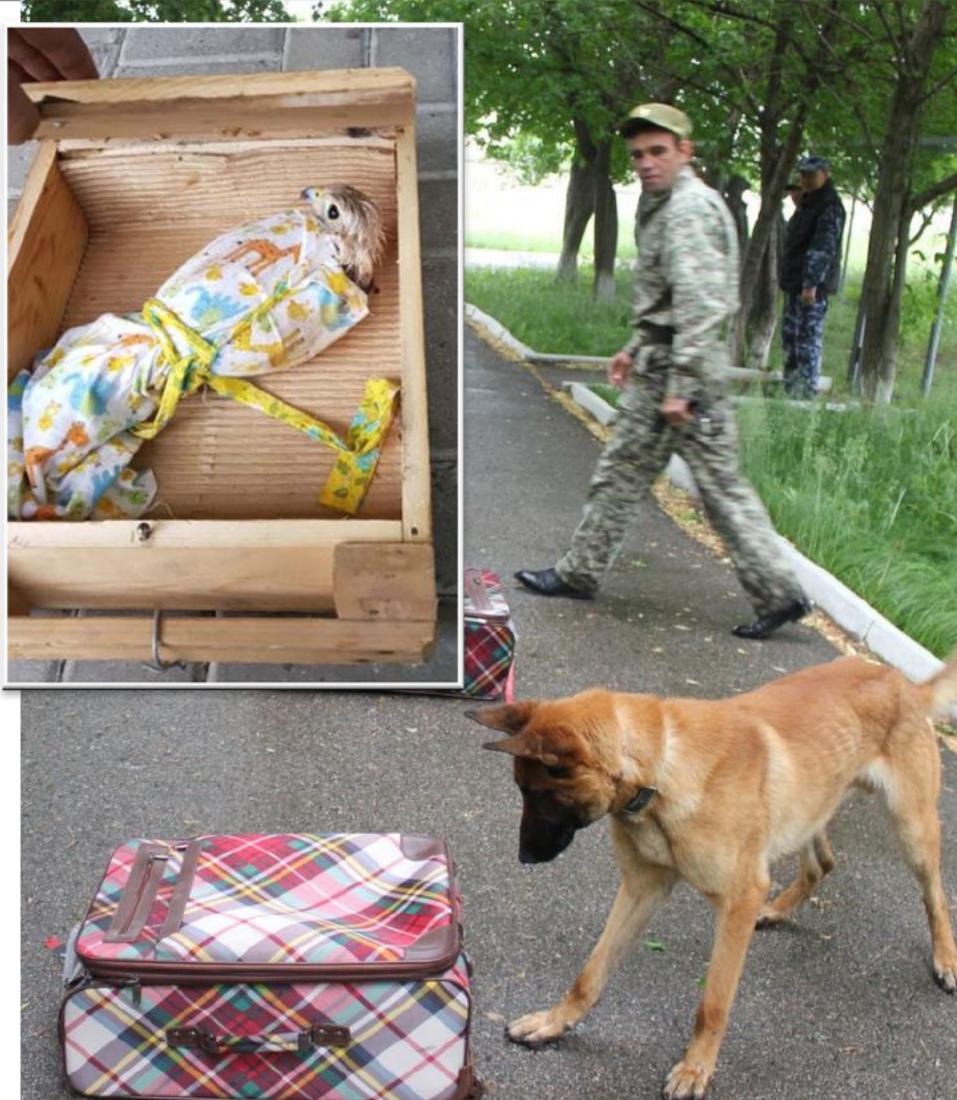
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Combating Wildlife Trafficking

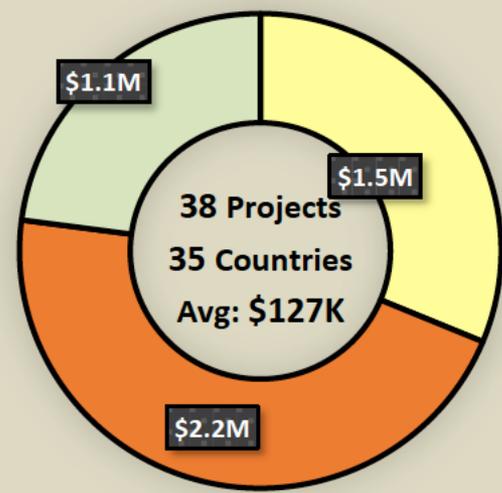


Priority Activities:

- ✓ Address trafficking threat in priority species
- ✓ Support CITES and build CITES capacity
- ✓ Implement the Eliminate, Neutralize, Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act

\$4.8M: \$1.9 Leveraged

**FY17 Funding:
\$4.8M; \$1.9M Leveraged**



USFWS-RM
 USAID-CWT
 USAID/INL IAA

The End



U.S. Efforts to Combat Wildlife Trafficking





What is the Problem?

- Dramatic increases in the scope and scale of poaching to supply illegal trade;
- Landscape-scale losses of wildlife populations, both iconic and little known;
- Wildlife trafficking undermines security, weakens institutions and exacerbates official corruption;
- More than 1,000 rangers have died in the past decade;
- Responses were insufficient.



Wildlife trafficking is taking a devastating toll on some of the world's most treasured species.



*1,028 rhinos
poached in South
Africa in 2017*

*More than 30,000
elephants poached
every year*





It's also impacting many lesser-known species that are important food sources for local communities, support healthy ecosystems, and supply clean air and water.



More than 1 million pangolins have been poached in the last decade

African grey parrots are poached to supply the pet trade





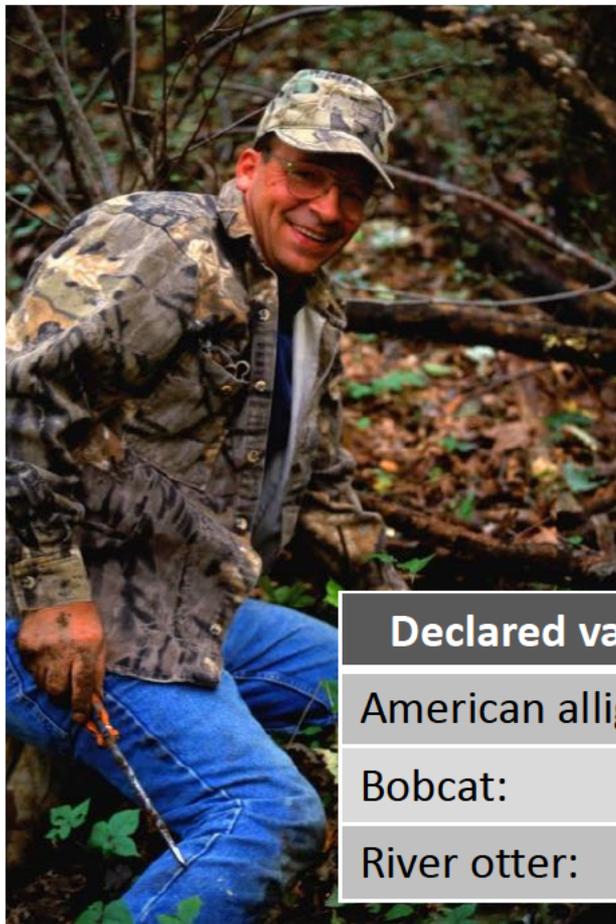
Internationally, wildlife trafficking has emerged as a crisis that imperils both conservation and global security. It can destabilize local communities and national governments by exacerbating corruption and poor governance and reducing ecotourism revenue, a major source of income for many nations.



A ranger is killed in the line of duty, on average, every three days.



Here in the U.S., wildlife trafficking can undercut legal trade and reduce populations of domestic species that are in demand around the globe. American ginseng, bobcat, alligators, and paddlefish are the foundation of significant economies that Americans depend on.



Declared values of U.S. exports of skins, 2013-2015:

American alligator:	\$355.9 million
Bobcat:	\$29.8 million
River otter:	\$4.4 million



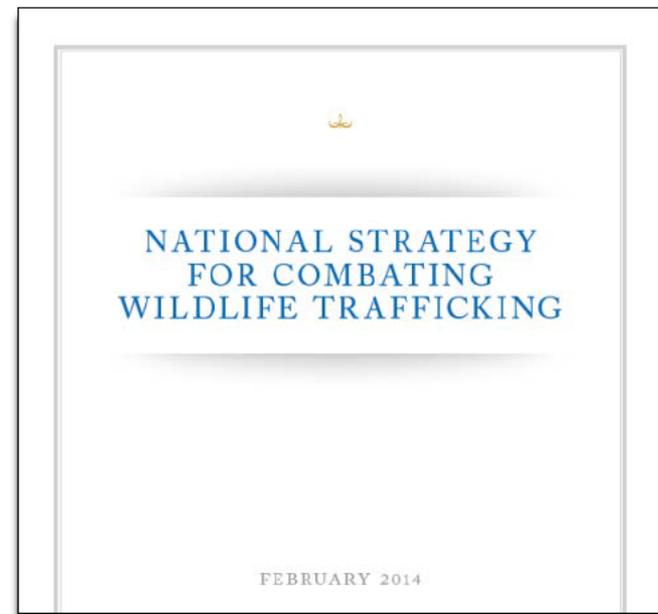
Executive Order: Wildlife Trafficking

- Executive Order announced July 1, 2013
- Established a Presidential Task Force
- Co-chaired by Departments of Interior, State and Justice
- Called for the Task Force to develop a National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking



National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking

- National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking signed on February 11, 2014
- Lays out a whole-of-government approach across 17 federal departments and agencies
- Focuses on three areas of intervention:
 - Strengthening enforcement and prosecution
 - Reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife
 - Expanding international cooperation and commitment





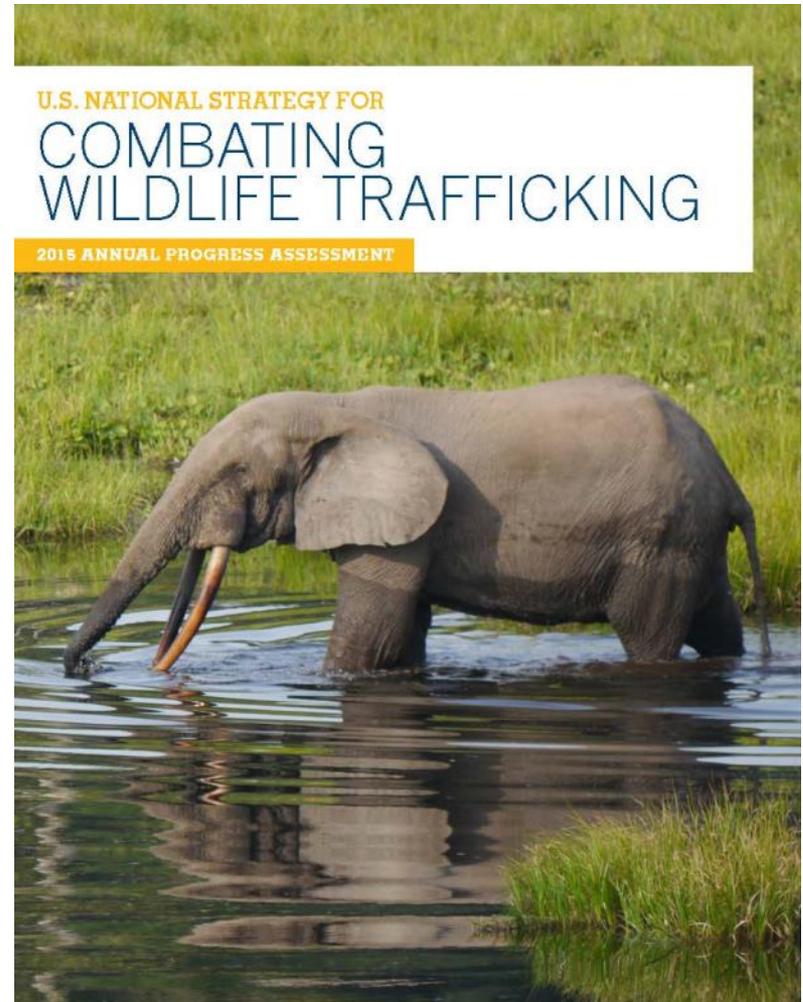
Implementation Plan

- Implementation Plan launched on February 11, 2015
- Outlines specific commitments delivering on each of the 24 objectives in the National Strategy
- Progress measures
- Lead and participating agencies identified



Annual Progress

- Annual Progress Assessments and Fact Sheets have documented major actions to date.



President Trump's Executive Order

- In February 2017, President Trump signed the Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking, identifying wildlife trafficking as a focal area.





END Wildlife Trafficking Act

- Bipartisan Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act signed into law in October 2016
- Endorses and enshrines the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking and its National Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Makes wildlife trafficking a liable offense for money laundering prosecution
- Requires an annual report that identifies “focus countries” determined to be a major source, transit point, or consumer of wildlife trafficking products and makes a special designation for “countries of concern”
- Requires USG to prepare and implement strategic plans for combating wildlife trafficking for these countries



Wildlife Trafficking Task Force

Some major actions taken under the National Strategy include:

- A near total ban on elephant ivory trade;
- A comparable Chinese ivory trade ban;
- Domestic and international demand reduction campaigns;
- Law Enforcement, prosecution and judicial training and capacity building;



Wildlife Trafficking Task Force

Some major actions taken under the National Strategy include:

- Stationing wildlife law enforcement attachés;
- Conducting long-term, covert investigations to address organized criminal enterprises;
- ARREST;
- Developing new technologies and partnerships.



Conclusions and Next Steps

- A whole-of-government approach bringing all relevant tools to bear.
- Addressing all parts of the trade chain.
- Implementing the END Wildlife Trafficking Act.

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Hi Craig

Lets just do the presentation ourselves. Maybe we can spend some time talking about wildlife trafficking itself as part of the trafficking task force portion. Maybe Ed could come join us. The primary presentation that you are delivering will be before lunch. The trafficking section is after lunch. Maybe I could help with the wildlife trafficking a little. Tag team it.

During your presentation I think we should have some discussion about some of the other programs in IA that aren't in your shop. Maybe not tons, but a little about our grants and other management assistance that we provide. Lets try to sit down and go over both of these presentations by next Wednesday at the latest.

Thanks for all your help and hard work in the past few months while we have worked through some tough issues.

See you soon.
Greg

On Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 4:51 PM, Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov> wrote:

Greg,

Unfortunately, it looks like neither Chris Dawson nor Judy Garber are available to present at the wildlife trafficking task force meeting. I could inquire with DOJ or USAID, though I think we are equally able to cover it if we aren't going to have the State Dept do so. We might also cover it in the presentation that we're already giving, as this council is meant to be advising DOI/FWS, not the Task Force. Let me know how you'd like to proceed.

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Eric/Gloria/Ed,

As you may already be aware, the FR Notice announcing the International Wildlife Conservation Council's first meeting is out. Here's the link:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-02/pdf/2018-04206.pdf>

Also, the council membership is on the FACA website at:

<https://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/members.aspx?cid=2636>

As you know, the Committee's mandate very much focuses on the role of international hunting in conservation and as a tool to combat wildlife trafficking. The committee is tasked with making recommendations that relate to permitting and enforcement, among other things.

The agenda for the meeting includes an "FWS International Affairs Program Briefing" that Greg will present. Greg indicated that he would like a presentation that covers a variety of issues including permitting, enhancement and non-detriment findings, litigation, etc.

My suggestion is that we should have a presentation that broadly and briefly covers Int'l Affairs and Law Enforcement, and then gets into more specific information about permitting, legal obligations, actions as a result of the SCI/NRA litigation, and regulation of trophies upon import. There was initially an agenda item about the international conservation strategic plan, but that was scrubbed.

I welcome other thoughts on this, including how we might proceed to develop the presentation.

Best,

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CC:
Subject: Re: March 16 Advisory Council Meeting

Thanks.

I'd like to ask a favor of everyone. Please let me know if there are specific meetings/events/travel that I should attend, so that I can get it on my calendar.

Eric

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2018, at 8:40 AM, Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov> wrote:

Eric/Gloria/Ed,

As you may already be aware, the FR Notice announcing the International Wildlife Conservation Council's first meeting is out. Here's the link:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-02/pdf/2018-04206.pdf>

Also, the council membership is on the FACA website at:

<https://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/members.aspx?cid=2636>

As you know, the Committee's mandate very much focuses on the role of international hunting in conservation and as a tool to combat wildlife trafficking. The committee is tasked with making recommendations that relate to permitting and enforcement, among other things.

The agenda for the meeting includes an "FWS International Affairs Program Briefing" that Greg will present. Greg indicated that he would like a presentation that covers a variety of issues including permitting, enhancement and non-detriment findings, litigation, etc.

My suggestion is that we should have a presentation that broadly and briefly covers Int'l Affairs and Law

Enforcement, and then gets into more specific information about permitting, legal obligations, actions as a result of the SCI/NRA litigation, and regulation of trophies upon import. There was initially an agenda item about the international conservation strategic plan, but that was scrubbed.

I welcome other thoughts on this, including how we might proceed to develop the presentation.

Best,

craig

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- 8:30-9:30am: Administrative Session *Note:* Closed session, no public.
- FACA Introduction - DOI Solicitor's Office (Heindl)
 - Ethics Introduction - DOI Ethics Office (Hintz)
- 9:30-9:45am: *Note:* Open up meeting room to public, get them seated.
- 9:45-10am: Opening Remarks (Sheehan)
- *Note:* This starts the open/public mtg
- 10-10:30am: Member Introductions
- *Note:* Short remarks from all members
- 10:30-11am: Secretary Zinke Welcoming Remarks and Photo Opp.
- 11-11:15am: Break
- 11:15am-12:15pm: FWS International Affairs Program Briefing (Sheehan)
- *Note:* topics could include description of FWS/DOI authorities; enhancement findings; importation issues; NRA/SCI litigation; etc.
- 12:15-1:45pm: Lunch
- 1:45-2:30pm: State Department/U.S. Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking Briefing (State Dept/Sheehan)
- 2:30-3:30pm: New Strategies for International Wildlife Conservation
- *Note:* Could be structured as "open mike" for council members, but more directed topics could include emerging efforts such as Elephant Trails Initiative
- 3:30-4pm: Public Comment
- 4-4:30pm: Discussion
- *Note:* topics could include selection of chair/vice-chair; subcommittee creation and assignments; timeframe/location of next full meeting. This section would be for the IWCC to decide on actions/recommendations.
- 4:30pm: Adjourn

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craig

On Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 1:04 PM, Gloria Bell <gloria_bell@fws.gov> wrote:
Craig, please see below. Would you be interested?

Thanks,
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Michael Doyle, E&E News reporter

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The Interior Department created a new advisory committee focused on international hunters. Lord Mountbatten/Wikimedia Commons

International hunters and the companies that arm them will gain a louder voice within the Interior Department, through the establishment of a new advisory committee with a very specific aim.

Once it's up and running, the International Wildlife Conservation Council is supposed to help boost public awareness of the myriad "benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting," according to Interior.

"Additionally, the Council shall advise the [Interior] secretary on the benefits international hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching ... and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas," the department added.

The panel must include U.S. hunters actively engaged in "hunting conservation," as well as senior representatives of the "firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry" and the "archery and/or hunting sports industry," according to the guidance formally published today.

The new committee is one of several formally established this week by Interior, which earlier this year suspended advisory panels pending a broad review. Yesterday, the department announced a new recreation advisory committee ([Greenwire](#), Nov. 7).

"I look forward to hearing from the best and the brightest in our private sector on how to improve the public experience on our federal lands and waters by expanding access for all Americans," Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said.

For the International Wildlife Conservation Council, the *Federal Register* [notice](#) today invites nominations and opens a two-week public comment period. It's already drawing fire.

"The narrow-minded focus on sport trophy hunting reflects this administration's blindness to wildlife conservation," Bob Dreher of Defenders of Wildlife said today. "This is a myopic and one-sided approach that ignores the enormous range of conservation efforts across the globe."

Dreher serves as the group's senior vice president of conservation programs.

The committee, which will also include representatives of wildlife and habitat conservation organizations, could cover a lot of turf in its twice-yearly meetings.

Stocked with up to 18 unpaid members, the new panel will examine issues from "recommending removal of barriers to the importation" of legally hunted wildlife to reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and streamlining import permits, according to Interior.

Some 631 foreign species are currently listed under the Endangered Species Act, though most, such as Australia's false water rat or the Israel painted frog, draw no interest from big-game-oriented hunters.

Targeting a sore point with some hunters, the committee will also consider "recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted" Fish and Wildlife Service seizure and forfeiture actions, Interior said.

Hunters imported into the United States more than 60,000 foreign mammal trophies between 2008 and 2013, according to one study by House Democrats.

Until now, periodic conflicts have sometimes pit international hunters against Interior's policies ([Greenwire](#), Oct. 13).

Last month, for instance, the National Rifle Association and Safari Club International argued in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit against a FWS ban on elephant trophies from Africa. A decision is pending.

At the same time, the new administration has stressed its support for hunting and fishing. Zinke and Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt are both avowed sportsmen, and Bernhardt's former legal clients included the Safari Club International Foundation, according to his [financial disclosure statement](#).

A spokesperson for Safari Club International could not be reached, but on its website, the group says it works to "encourage an appreciation for nature and wildlife so that conservation efforts remain strong, while also fighting to protect our rich hunting heritage."

Individuals can be nominated to the new committee until Dec. 7.

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**U.S. Department of the Interior
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**International Wildlife Conservation Council
Charter**

1. **Official Designation.** International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council).
2. **Authority.** The Council is established in furtherance of 43 U.S.C. 1457, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j), and other Acts applicable to specific bureaus. This Council is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.
3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), focused on increased public awareness domestically regarding the conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting. Additionally, the Council shall advise the Secretary on the benefits international hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.
4. **Description of Duties.** The duties of the Council are solely advisory and include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting.
 - b) Reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as:
 1. An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival; and
 2. An effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching.
 - c) Recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states.
 - d) Recommending removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife.
 - e) Ongoing review of import suspension/bans and providing recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those items, where appropriate.

- f) Reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions.
 - g) Reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications.
 - h) Recommending methods for streamlining/expediting processing of import permits.
 - i) At the conclusion of each meeting, or shortly thereafter, provide a detailed recommendation report, including meeting minutes, to the DFO.
5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports.** The Council reports to the Secretary through the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).
6. **Support.** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Council will be provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Council are estimated to be \$250,000 per year, including all direct and indirect expenses and .50 Federal staff years.
8. **Designated Federal Officer.** The DFO is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO approves or calls all Council and subcommittee meetings, prepares and approves all meeting agendas, attends all Council and subcommittee meetings, adjourns any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chairs meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary.
9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Council will meet approximately two times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.
10. **Duration.** Continuing.
11. **Termination.** The Council will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of the FACA. The Council will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.
12. **Membership and Designation.** The Council will consist of no more than 18 discretionary and 4 ex officio members.
- (a) Ex officio members will include:
- 1. Secretary of the Interior or designated Department of the Interior representatives; and
 - 2. Secretary of State or designated Department of State representatives.

- (b) The remaining discretionary members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the entities listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency.
1. Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;
 2. U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation;
 3. The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;
 4. Archery and/or hunting sports industry; and
 5. Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting.
- (c) Alternate members may be appointed to the Council. Alternate members must be approved and appointed by the Secretary before attending meetings as representatives. Alternate members shall have experience and/or expertise similar to that of the primary member. Alternate members may deliberate and vote on Council matters only in the absence of the primary member.
- (d) Members will be appointed for staggered terms of 3 years, as designated by the Secretary, at the time of the initial appointment. A vacancy on the Council will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary. A member may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor is appointed.
- (e) Council members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Council members must attend at least one Council meeting annually and cannot miss two successive meetings. Council membership will be forfeited if an appointee does not meet these attendance requirements.
- (f) The Council shall elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson by affirmative vote of a majority of its members. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will serve a term of 1 year, renewable for 1 additional year. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may be replaced before his or her term ends by affirmative vote of a majority of the Council's members.
- (g) Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Council and subcommittee members engaged in Council or subcommittee business that is approved by the DFO may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

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14. **Subcommittees.** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed to compile information or conduct research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full Council for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.
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See below. DOI will be issuing this tomorrow.

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Secretary Zinke Announces the Creation of the International Wildlife Conservation Council

WASHINGTON- Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced the creation of the International Wildlife Conservation Council. The Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior. It will focus on increased public awareness domestically regarding conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in recreational hunting, especially in Africa.

“The powerful American conservation legacy continues to provide an example for all nations,” Secretary Zinke said. “Recreational hunting is a crucial aspect of this legacy, and it has had positive benefits. I look forward to hearing what the Council has to say about how we can continue to provide sustainable and beneficial hunting internationally. International hunting benefits countries in multiple ways, from boosting economies and creating hundreds of jobs, to enhancing wildlife conservation.”

The Council will advise the Secretary of the Interior on the benefits that international recreational hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.

The duties of the Council will be solely advisory and will include, but not be limited to:

- Develop a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting.
- Review and make recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as:
 - An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival; and
 - An effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching; and
 - An economic engine and job-creating force for local communities.
- Develop strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states.
- Recommend removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife.
- Ongoing review of import suspension/bans and provide recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those items, where appropriate.
- Review seizure and forfeiture actions/practices and provide recommendations to regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions.
- Review the Endangered Species Act’s foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications.
- Recommend streamlining/expedite process of import permits.

You may submit comments and/or nominations by any of the following methods:

- Mail or hand-carry nominations to Joshua Winchell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, [5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041](https://www.fws.gov/locations/leesburg)-3803; or Email nominations to: joshua_winchell@fws.gov

The Council will meet approximately two times annually, and at such other times as designated by the Designated Federal Officer. The Council will terminate 2 years from the date the Charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the FACA.

The Council will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter. The Council is established in furtherance of 43 U.S.C. 1457, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. §§ 742a-742j), and other Acts applicable to specific bureaus. This Council is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

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From: "Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Nov 07 2017 09:29:12 GMT-0700 (MST)
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Subject: new international conservation council
Attachments: International Wildlife Conservation Council.pdf

FYI, the Dept has in tomorrow's Federal Register (and in the reading room today), a notice regarding the creation of a new International Wildlife Conservation Council, including a request for nominations. Attached.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-R-2017-N118]; [FXGO1664091HCC0-FF09D00000-178]

International Wildlife Conservation Council Establishment; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is establishing and seeking nominations for the International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council). The Council will provide advice to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), on increasing public awareness domestically regarding the conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting. Additionally, the Council shall advise the Secretary on the benefits international hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.

DATES: Comments regarding the establishment of this Council must be submitted no later than [INSERT DATE 15 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Nominations for the Council must be submitted by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and/or nominations by any of the following methods:

- Mail or hand-carry nominations to Joshua Winchell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; or
- Email nominations to: joshua_winchell@fws.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Winchell, Council Designated Federal Officer, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; by telephone at (703) 358–2639; or by email at joshua_winchell@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is established under the authority of the Secretary and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The duties of the Council are solely advisory and include, but are not limited to: developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting; reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as: (a) an enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival, and (b) an effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching; recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states; recommending removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife; ongoing review of import suspension/bans and providing recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those items, where appropriate; reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions;

reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications; and recommending methods for streamlining/expediting the process of import permits.

The Council will meet approximately two times per year. The Secretary will appoint members and their alternates to the Council to serve up to a 3-year term. The Council will not exceed 18 discretionary members and 4 ex officio members.

Ex officio members will include:

- Secretary of the Interior or designated DOI representatives; and
- Secretary of State or designated Department of State representatives.

The remaining members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the entities listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency.

- Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;
- U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation;
- The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;
- Archery and/or hunting sports industry; and
- Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting.

Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable DOI to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Council and to permit DOI to contact a potential member.

Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their

homes or regular places of business, Council and subcommittee members engaged in Council or subcommittee business that the DFO approves may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF COMMENTS: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: I hereby certify that the International Wildlife Conservation Council is necessary and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior 43 U.S.C. 1457, under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a–742j), and other Acts applicable to specific bureaus.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: November 3, 2017.

Ryan K. Zinke

Secretary, Department of the Interior

[FR Doc. 2017-24328 Filed: 11/7/2017 8:45 am; Publication Date: 11/8/2017]

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From: **Winchell, Joshua** <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Date: Wed, Feb 21, 2018 at 10:17 AM

Subject: IWCC FR mtg notice package

To: Margaret A Tribsch <Margaret_Tribsch@ios.doi.gov>

Margaret,

Meeting date has been set for March 16, signed FR notice needs to be received by OFR by March 1st. I've put together the FR mtg notice package and have sent it along its merry DTS (FR00003252) way up my chain of command for Greg's signature.

Attached are the first draft docs I put together.

-Joshua

Joshua Winchell, Designated Federal Officer and Coordinator
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–HQ–R–2018–N030]; [FXGO1664091HCC0–FF09D00000–189]

International Wildlife Conservation Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council). The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), focused on increased public awareness domestically regarding the conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting. Additionally, the Council shall advise the Secretary on the benefits international hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.

DATES: *Meeting:* Friday, March 16, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). For deadlines and directions on registering to attend, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see **Public Input** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the South Penthouse at the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Winchell, Council Designated Federal Officer, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; by telephone at (703) 358–2639; or by email at iwcc@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that the International Wildlife Conservation Council will hold a meeting.

Background

Formed in December 2017, the Council is an advisory body whose duties include, but are not limited to:

- a) Developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting.

- b) Reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as:
 - 1. An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival; and
 - 2. An effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching.
- c) Recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states.
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- g) Reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications.
- h) Recommending methods for streamlining/expediting processing of import permits.

Meeting Agenda

The Council will convene to discuss issues including:

- 1. International wildlife conservation programs conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
- 2. U.S. Government efforts to combat wildlife trafficking; and

3. Other Council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/iwcc>.

Attendance

To attend this meeting, register by close of business on the date listed in **Public Input**. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to the Council Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Space is limited and requests to attend will be accommodated in the order they are received.

Public Input

If you wish to	You must contact the Council Designated Federal Officer (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than
Attend the meeting	March 5, 2018.
Submit written information or questions before the meeting for the council to consider during the meeting	March 5, 2018.
Give an oral presentation during the meeting	March 5, 2018.

Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the public meeting. Written statements must be received by the date in **Public Input**, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements must be supplied to the Council

Designated Federal Officer in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and/or one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Giving an Oral Presentation

Each individual or group making an oral presentation at the meeting will be limited to 5 minutes, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Designated Federal Officer, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the meeting. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Council Designated Federal Officer up to 30 days subsequent to the meeting. Requests to address the Council during the public comment period will be accommodated in the order the requests are received.

Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). They will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting.

**Greg Sheehan,
Principal Deputy Director**



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington D.C. 20240



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/PPM

December 21, 2017

Committee on Natural Resources
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sir/Madame:

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), enclosed is a copy of the establishment charter for the International Wildlife Conservation Council. The establishment of the Council was announced in the Federal Register on November 8, 2017. We have also filed the charter with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration; the Library of Congress; and the Committee on Environment and Public Works, United States Senate.

If you need additional information, please let us know. I can be reached at (703) 358-1914 or at krista_bibb@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Krista K. Bibb
Federal Group Officer

Enclosure



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington D.C. 20240



December 21, 2017

In Reply Refer To:
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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December 21, 2017

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**U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

**International Wildlife Conservation Council
Charter**

1. **Official Designation.** International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council).
2. **Authority.** The Council is established in furtherance of 43 U.S.C. 1457, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j), and other Acts applicable to specific bureaus. This Council is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.
3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), focused on increased public awareness domestically regarding the conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting. Additionally, the Council shall advise the Secretary on the benefits international hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.
4. **Description of Duties.** The duties of the Council are solely advisory and include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting.
 - b) Reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as:
 1. An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival; and
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- f) Reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions.
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- h) Recommending methods for streamlining/expediting processing of import permits.
- i) At the conclusion of each meeting, or shortly thereafter, provide a detailed recommendation report, including meeting minutes, to the DFO.

- 5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports.** The Council reports to the Secretary through the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).
- 6. **Support.** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Council will be provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Council are estimated to be \$250,000 per year, including all direct and indirect expenses and .50 Federal staff years.
- 8. **Designated Federal Officer.** The DFO is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO approves or calls all Council and subcommittee meetings, prepares and approves all meeting agendas, attends all Council and subcommittee meetings, adjourns any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chairs meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary.
- 9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Council will meet approximately two times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.
- 10. **Duration.** Continuing.
- 11. **Termination.** The Council will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of the FACA. The Council will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.
- 12. **Membership and Designation.** The Council will consist of no more than 18 discretionary and 4 ex officio members.

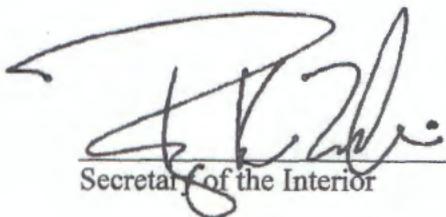
(a) Ex officio members will include:

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and
- 2. Secretary of State or designated Department of State representatives.

- (b) The remaining discretionary members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the entities listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency.
1. Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;
 2. U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation;
 3. The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;
 4. Archery and/or hunting sports industry; and
 5. Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting.
- (c) Alternate members may be appointed to the Council. Alternate members must be approved and appointed by the Secretary before attending meetings as representatives. Alternate members shall have experience and/or expertise similar to that of the primary member. Alternate members may deliberate and vote on Council matters only in the absence of the primary member.
- (d) Members will be appointed for staggered terms of 3 years, as designated by the Secretary, at the time of the initial appointment. A vacancy on the Council will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary. A member may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor is appointed.
- (e) Council members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Council members must attend at least one Council meeting annually and cannot miss two successive meetings. Council membership will be forfeited if an appointee does not meet these attendance requirements.
- (f) The Council shall elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson by affirmative vote of a majority of its members. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will serve a term of 1 year, renewable for 1 additional year. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may be replaced before his or her term ends by affirmative vote of a majority of the Council's members.
- (g) Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Council and subcommittee members engaged in Council or subcommittee business that is approved by the DFO may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

(h) A vacancy on the Council will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

13. **Ethics Responsibilities of Members.** No Council or subcommittee member will participate in any Council or subcommittee deliberations or votes relating to a specific party matter before the Department or its bureaus and offices including a lease, license, permit, contract, grant, claim, agreement, or litigation in which the member or the entity the member represents has a direct financial interest.
14. **Subcommittees.** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed to compile information or conduct research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full Council for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.
15. **Recordkeeping.** The Records of the Council, and formally and informally established subcommittees of the Council, must be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2, and other approved Agency records disposition schedule. These records must be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.


Secretary of the Interior

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IWCC Appointments

1 message

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Fri, Jan 5, 2018 at 8:55 AM

Here you go...

Thanks,
Margaret

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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Mr. Paul D. Babaz

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Dear Mr. Babaz:

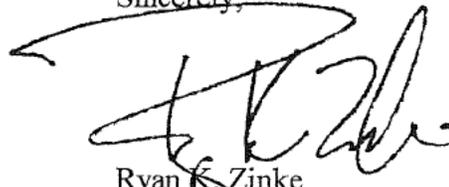
I am pleased to appoint you as a member of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council) representing the interests of wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations. Your appointment is for a 3-year term effective the date of this letter.

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DEC 27 2017

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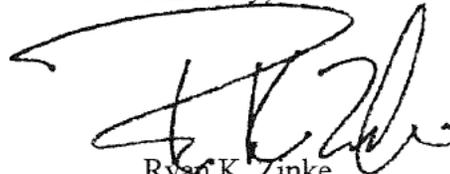
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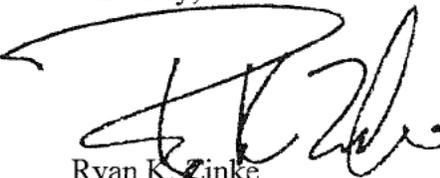
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Mr. Peter L. Horn II

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Mr. John J. Jackson III

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Terry L. Maple, Ph.D.

(b) (6)

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Bibb, Krista <krista_bibb@fws.gov>

Re: TOP PRIORITY DTS PACKAGE (FR MTG Notice) - FR00003252

1 message

Bibb, Krista <krista_bibb@fws.gov>
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Cc: Sara Prigan <sara_prigan@fws.gov>

Wed, Feb 21, 2018 at 10:59 AM

Joshua,

Attached are edits and a couple of comments on the FR notice, justification, and briefing paper. I'm going to surname now in DTS based on these edits. The bit I added in your notice is required now by DOI for all FACA meeting notices.

Krista

Krista Bibb
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Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs (PPM)
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On Wed, Feb 21, 2018 at 10:06 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:
Sara and Krista:

The fast-mover has been uploaded to DTS - FR00003252. Please jump in, review, revise, and move as quickly as possible.

As always, thank you.

-Joshua

Joshua Winchell, Designated Federal Officer and Coordinator
Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council
International Wildlife Conservation Council

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Cell (571) 329-1172

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3 attachments

Briefing Paper for IWCC FR mtg notice KKB.docx

3/19/2018

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Briefing Paper for Departmental Clearance of *Federal Register* Documents

I. Subject: Meeting Notice: International Wildlife Conservation Council

II. RIN:

III. Docket or tracking number:

IV. DCN: FR00003252

V. Popular short name: Inaugural Meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council

VI. Summary: At the request of the Secretary of the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is announcing the inaugural, public meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council) on March 16, 2018. The Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior, focused on increased public awareness domestically regarding the conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting. Additionally, the Council will advise the Secretary on the benefits international hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.

VII. Is the action controversial? Yes. No.

a. What are the controversial issues? International wildlife conservation through sport-hunted trophy importation.

b. Who will care about the controversial issues? International wildlife conservation community and the anti-hunting community.

c. How strongly will they care? Strongly. This is a highly charged, emotional topic.

VIII. Communications: (note: DOI is lead on comms.)

a. Has the bureau communications office coordinated with DOI communications staff?

Yes. No.

b. Does this document require a press release?

Yes. No.

Press release title:

Press release first paragraph:

IX. Is timing critical? Yes. No.

a. What is the target date, and (if applicable) the “no-later-than” (NLT) date, for the *Federal Register* document to clear DOI? The signed Federal Register Notice must be received

by the Office of the Federal **no later than 2 p.m. Monday, February 26th, 2018**, for the notice to publish by March 1, 2018.

Target date: 2/26/2018.

NLT: 2/26/2018.

b. What is the main driver of the timing? Scheduled Event

c. Explain the main driver of the timing. Meeting date set by Department of the Interior to accommodate Secretary Zinke's schedule, while still complying with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

d. What happens if the deadline is missed? FACA requires that meeting notices be published in the Federal Register no later than 15 calendar days prior to a FACA committee meeting.

e. If there are additional drivers of timing, explain them here:

X. Background: At the request of the Secretary, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is announcing the inaugural, public meeting of the Council. The Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior, focused on increased public awareness domestically regarding the conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting. The Council was established December 21, 2017, and is a committee governed by FACA.

XI. Is there an information collection associated with this document?

Yes. No.

a. If yes, does the document any approved OMB control number(s)? Yes. No.

OMB control number(s) and expiration date(s):

b. Does the document require a new OMB control number or a renewal of an existing approval?

If a new number or renewal is required, what is the current status?

XII. For regulatory actions only: Has this action, in its current stage, been on an OMB quarterly report? Yes. No.

If yes, on which report did it first appear in its current stage?

Did OIRA provide comments or change the significance? Yes. No.

If yes, summarize OIRA comments and DOI response:

XIII. Approval is requested to send the document to:

The Office of the Federal Register for publication, or

OIRA for review.

XIV. Primary contact:

Name: Greg Sheehan, Principal Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Phone: 202 208 4545

Email: greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov

JUSTIFICATION for FACA ACTION

International Wildlife Conservation Council

Type of Package: *Federal Register meeting notice (meeting scheduled for March 16, 2018).*

Is this committee statutorily mandated? _____ YES ___X___ NO

Authority for committee and year established			
<i>IWCC established by Secretary Zinke, notice announcing the establishment published in the Federal Register on November 8, 2017 [FR Doc. 2017-24328 Filed 11-7-17].</i>			
Typical Average Costs to the FWS Per FY (provide more explanation below)	Total # of members	# of Federal members	Typical # of meetings Per FY (include any subcommittee meetings)
Per charter, est. \$250K annually	<i>No more than 18 representative members.</i>	<i>No more than 4 ex officio members, selected by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of State.</i>	<i>Per charter, est. 2 meetings annually.</i>

Instruction	Justification
Explain what FWS or DOI purpose is achieved by the committee's work.	<i>The Council will provide advice to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), on increasing public awareness domestically regarding the conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting. Additionally, the Council will advise the Secretary on the benefits international hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations.</i>
Explain the average FY costs you provide above.	<i>Costs are estimates based on those found in the IWCC charter and include 0.5 FTE for administrative support. This is the inaugural meeting of the IWCC and therefore it has no operating history.</i>
Explain the consequences if the committee didn't meet or exist	<i>DOI leadership has requested that the FWS schedule this meeting as a kick-off for the efforts of the IWCC.</i>



Bibb, Krista <krista_bibb@fws.gov>

New FWS FACA Council

1 message

Triebisch, Margaret <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>
To: "Bibb, Krista" <krista_bibb@fws.gov>

Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 10:34 AM

Hi Krista,

Here's the charter and FR Notice on the new FWS Council.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Margaret

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2 attachments



2017 SIGNED Charter, International Wildlife Conservation Council, 11 03 17.pdf
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2017 SIGNED FR Notice of Establishment, IWCC, 11 03 17.pdf
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-R-2017-N118]; [FXGO1664091HCC0-FF09D00000-178]

International Wildlife Conservation Council Establishment; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is establishing and seeking nominations for the International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council). The Council will provide advice to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), on increasing public awareness domestically regarding the conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting. Additionally, the Council shall advise the Secretary on the benefits international hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.

DATES: Comments regarding the establishment of this Council must be submitted no later than [INSERT DATE 15 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Nominations for the Council must be submitted by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and/or nominations by any of the following methods:

- Mail or hand-carry nominations to Joshua Winchell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; or
- Email nominations to: joshua_winchell@fws.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Winchell, Council Designated Federal Officer, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; by telephone at (703) 358–2639; or by email at joshua_winchell@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is established under the authority of the Secretary and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The duties of the Council are solely advisory and include, but are not limited to: developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting; reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as: (a) an enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival, and (b) an effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching; recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states; recommending removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife; ongoing review of import suspension/bans and providing recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those

items, where appropriate; reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions; reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications; and recommending methods for streamlining/expediting the process of import permits.

The Council will meet approximately two times per year. The Secretary will appoint members and their alternates to the Council to serve up to a 3-year term. The Council will not exceed 18 discretionary members and 4 ex officio members.

Ex officio members will include:

- Secretary of the Interior or designated DOI representatives; and
- Secretary of State or designated Department of State representatives.

The remaining members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the entities listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency.

- Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;
- U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation;
- The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;
- Archery and/or hunting sports industry; and
- Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting.

Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable DOI to make an informed decision

regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Council and to permit DOI to contact a potential member.

Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Council and subcommittee members engaged in Council or subcommittee business that the DFO approves may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

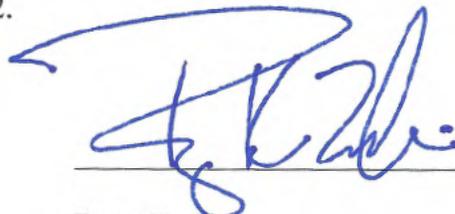
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF COMMENTS: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: I hereby certify that the International Wildlife Conservation Council is necessary and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior 43 U.S.C. 1457, under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a–742j), and other Acts applicable to specific bureaus.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

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Date



Ryan K. Zinke
Secretary, Department of the Interior



Bibb, Krista <krista_bibb@fws.gov>

Fwd: Cleared to go to Fed Register

1 message

Bibb, Krista <krista_bibb@fws.gov>
To: Kashyap Patel <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>

Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 8:52 AM

Krista Bibb
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From: **Linda Walker** <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 8:45 AM
Subject: Re: Cleared to go to Fed Register
To: "Bibb, Krista" <krista_bibb@fws.gov>
Cc: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, charisa_morris@fws.gov

I am sorry Krista. (b) (6) I will not be able to check emails any longer. Could you please check in with Charisa? Thank you.

Linda D. Walker, Division Chief
Visitor Services and Communications
National Wildlife Refuge System
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office: (703) 358-2172
Mobile: (571) 419-0935

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 26, 2018, at 8:31 AM, Bibb, Krista <krista_bibb@fws.gov> wrote:

Linda,

(b) (6) so I know it wasn't her he may have made arrangements with, and I'm sure he had a plan. I wrote Charisa back and told her that Joshua told me Greg Sheehan wanted to sign the notice himself.

In DTS, it didn't clear the Director's office or FWP, so the package is still with the Director's office. However, it cleared the Secretary's office because they knew it needed to go to the OFR today.

I'm not sure what else to do about it. It really should go down there today before 2:00. Are you able to find out from Joshua?

Krista

Krista Bibb

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Thanks,

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On Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 5:49 PM, Prigan, Sara <sara_prigan@fws.gov> wrote:

I can contact OFR and ask them to change it. I can say that the notice needs to publish 15 calendar days before the meeting and that the FACA group is an Administration priority. Would that be good?

On Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 4:33 PM, Triebsch, Margaret <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Sara,

Why is it scheduled to be published on Friday, May 2nd? We got it there before 2:00 pm today.

Thanks,
Margaret

On Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 4:24 PM, Prigan, Sara <sara_prigan@fws.gov> wrote:

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From: noreply@fedreg.gov <noreply@fedreg.gov>

Date: Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 4:19 PM

Subject: SCHEDULED: Document Number - 2018-04206

To: fws_fedregpub@fws.gov

Cc: ppatchimanon@gpo.gov

Please do not reply directly to this e-mail. If you have any questions or comments regarding this email, please contact [Pisanu Patchimanon](#).

Attention : Fish and Wildlife Service FWS, (FWS) Fish and Wildlife Service

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-R-2018-N030; FXGO1664091HCC0-FF09D00000-189]

International Wildlife Conservation Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announces a public meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council).

DATES: Friday, March 16, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). For deadlines and directions on registering to attend, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see Public Input under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the South Penthouse at the Main Interior Building, [1849 C Street NW, Washington D.C. 20240](#).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Winchell, Council Designated Federal Officer, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, [5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041](#)–3803; by telephone at (703) 358–2639; or by email at iwcc@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), regarding the benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting.

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Thanks,

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3/19/2018

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Re: managing public comment on IWCC establishment?

always, your wisdom is appreciated.

The fun. It never. Ends.

Joshua Winchell, Designated Federal Officer and Coordinator
Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council
<http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>

****on detail with BLM****

Bureau of Land Management
Division of Recreation & Visitor Services
Office: 202-912-7474
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Bibb, Krista <krista_bibb@fws.gov>

Re: For IWCC -- Attached are advance copies of filing letters and stamped charter that will be filed 11/24/17

1 message

Bibb, Krista <krista_bibb@fws.gov>
To: "Triebisch, Margaret" <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 7:45 AM

Hi. I wasn't planning to mail them until after the 24th anyway -- probably wait until Tuesday the 28th when I'm in Falls Church. What's up?

Krista

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On Fri, Nov 17, 2017 at 4:26 PM, Triebisch, Margaret <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Krista,

Please hold the filing letters. I'll explain on Monday.

Have a great weekend!

Thanks,
Margaret

On Fri, Nov 17, 2017 at 10:26 AM, Bibb, Krista <krista_bibb@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Margaret and Joshua.

I have prepared the letters filing the International Wildlife Conservation Council with the House, Senate, and Library of Congress on November 24, 2017. I will hold everything so they won't be mailed until 11/24/17 or shortly thereafter. Also enclosed is the charter with the filing date stamped -- 11/24/2017.

I wanted to have all this ready early because I am actually on leave that day. I know it's important to have that date -- the 24th -- set as the establishment date of the Council.

These are for your records, and so you won't be concerned about this getting done -- one more thing we can all check off the "to-do" list. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Krista

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Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

Draft IWCC response letter

1 message

Jones, Lisa <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 3:01 PM

To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, Craig Hoover <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

Hi Josh and Craig,

Please take a look at the attached draft response to the Congressional letter we got expressing concerns about the IWCC. The original letter is also attached.

If you can send me your comments/edits by COB tomorrow, that would be great!

Thanks!

Lisa

Lisa Hummon-Jones
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In Reply Refer To:
XXXXXXXXXX

Dear _____,

Thank you for your January 16, 2018 letter to Secretary Zinke regarding the International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC). Wildlife around the world face myriad complex threats that deserve our focus and attention. Given the contributions of American hunters to the successful conservation model in the U.S., they are uniquely positioned to contribute solutions to the challenges of international wildlife management and conservation.

Secretary Zinke announced the creation of the IWCC on November 8, 2017. The IWCC has been tasked with developing a plan for educating and engaging the American public on the benefits of international hunting. It will also recommend policy changes in Federal programs to ensure that hunting is recognized as an economic benefit to local communities, and as a tool to enhance foreign wildlife conservation and combat wildlife trafficking and poaching.

The IWCC will also review and provide recommendations to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to streamline the processing of permits for the import of sport-hunted wildlife and methods to remove barriers to the import of legally sport-hunted wildlife. It will also provide recommendations regarding options to reduce unwarranted seizure and forfeiture of sport-hunted wildlife and related items. Finally, the IWCC will develop strategies to obtain data and information from range states in a timely manner, review and provide recommendations regarding decisions to suspend or ban the import of sport-hunted wildlife, and policies to reduce regulatory duplications between the Endangered Species Act and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

In addition, as part of our ongoing efforts to combat wildlife trafficking, the Department of the Interior is a co-chair of the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, along with the Department of Justice, and Department of State. The Task Force communicates at a staff level on a weekly basis, and the principals of the Task Force recently met in person to discuss efforts to date, including implementation of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act, as well as priorities and next steps for the coming year.

Thank you for your letter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Joshua Winchell at joshua_winchell@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Greg Sheehan
Principal Deputy Director

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 16, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

We, the undersigned members of Congress, write today to express our deep concern about your misguided idea to form a new “International Wildlife Conservation Council” to promote trophy killing and urge you to abandon it. The stated goal of this council is to boost public awareness of the “benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting;” however, trophy hunting is unethical, unpopular, and of questionable conservation value in many cases. Further, this council is a poor use of taxpayer dollars. The few wealthy hobbyists who can afford to fly around the world for the sole purpose of killing endangered animals do not need to be subsidized by the many Americans who love these iconic and imperiled species but can only dream of seeing them anywhere other than at the zoo or on the Discovery Channel.

This council is not actually intended to promote conservation. Instead, it is intended to rationalize the behavior and advance the agenda of a miniscule subset of the uber-rich who find entertainment in killing rare wildlife. The suggestion that this council would help us confront poaching and wildlife trafficking is laughable: the Administration has already abandoned other, more legitimate and effective efforts to address these issue. For instance, the Trump administration has not held a meeting of the Wildlife Trafficking Advisory Council or the Federal Interagency Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking created by President Obama.

It is not only shortsighted but also disingenuous to elevate trophy hunting above other tools that have proven more valuable and effective for wildlife conservation and economic development. An analysis by Economists at Large found that, overall, trophy hunting accounts for less than 2 percent of tourism revenues in Africa.¹ Photo safaris, in comparison, allow for sustainable, lucrative tourism activity in which the animals can be “rcused” rather than killed.

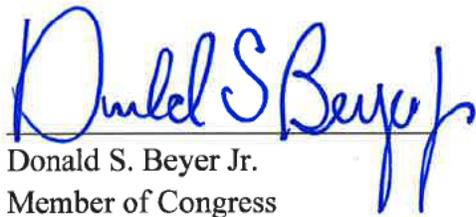
Furthermore, the Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that “new advisory committees should be established only when they are determined to be essential and their number should be kept to the minimum necessary.” This council is not essential, and its function is already covered

¹ Economists at Large, 2013. *The \$200 million question: How much does trophy hunting really contribute to African communities?*, a report for the African Lion Coalition, prepared by Economists at Large, Melbourne, Australia. <<https://www.ifaw.org/sites/default/files/Ecolarge-2013-200m-question.pdf>>

by the very broad mandate of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council. The proposed makeup of this new council also concerns us, with designated seats for representatives of the firearms and ammunition industries, who have no scientific or conservation expertise.

Most Americans want to see international wildlife valued and protected via nonlethal methods. In fact, 86% of Americans oppose hunting big game (HBO Real Sports/Marist Poll), clearly indicating that this proposed council is not in the public interest.² As members of Congress, we have a responsibility to ensure that the wishes of the majority of wildlife-loving Americans are upheld and that our government promotes the best global conservation policies. We urge the USFWS to dismantle its plans for the International Wildlife Conservation Council.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Member of Congress



Raúl Grijalva
Member of Congress



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress



Anna G. Eshoo
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Ted W. Lieu
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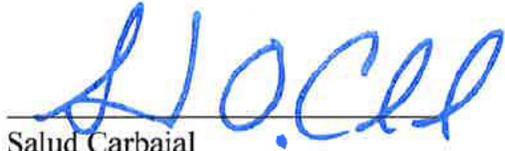
² HBO Real Sports/Marist Poll, 2015. *Americans Oppose Big Game Hunting... More Than Six in Ten Favor Legal Ban*. Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. <http://maristpoll.marist.edu/wp-content/misc/usapolls/us151001/Sports/HBO%20Real%20Sports_Marist%20Poll_Complete%20Survey%20Findings_November%202015.pdf>



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Member of Congress



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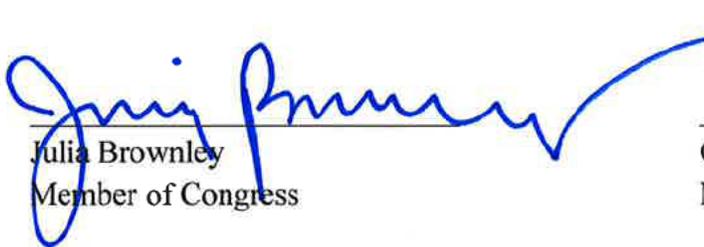
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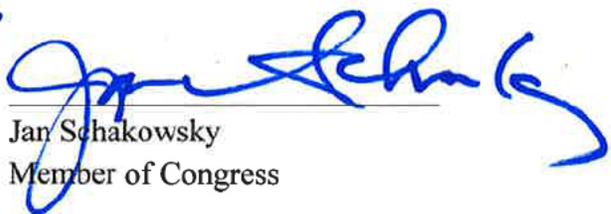
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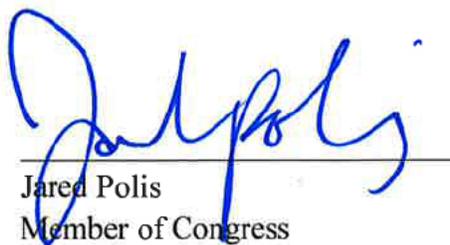
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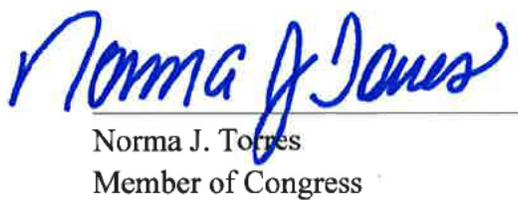
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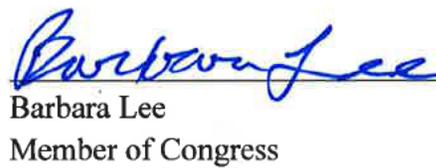
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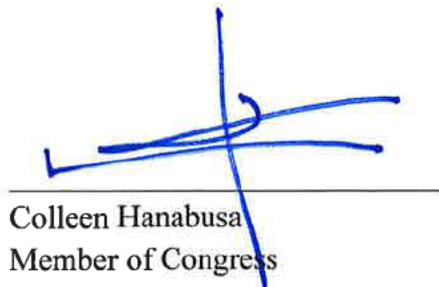
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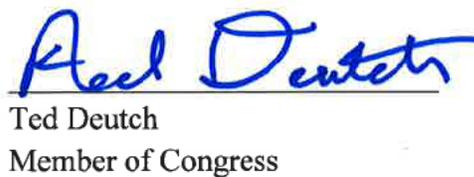
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Member of Congress



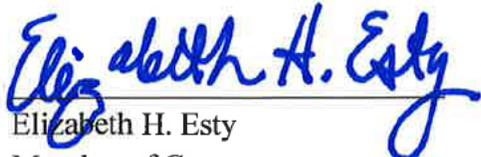
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Member of Congress



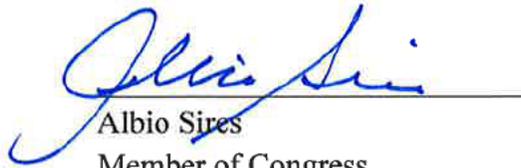
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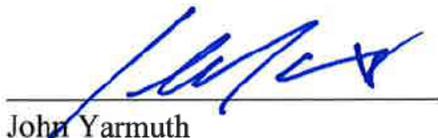
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Member of Congress



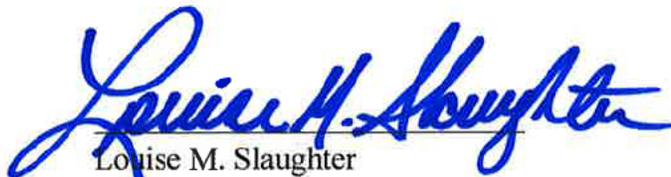
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Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

Fwd: call from Rep. Young's (AK) office, re: IWCC applicant

1 message

Jones, Lisa <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
To: Craig Hoover <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 10:30 AM

fyi....

Lisa Hummon-Jones
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Devin Helfrich <devin_helfrich@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 6:29 PM
Subject: Fwd: call from Rep. Young's (AK) office, re: IWCC applicant
To: Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Cc: "Martin Kodis (Marty)" <martin_kodis@fws.gov>, Angela Gustavson <angela_gustavson@fws.gov>, Taylor Pool <taylor_pool@fws.gov>

Relevant for Lisa too I believe

Begin forwarded message:

From: Martin Kodis <martin_kodis@fws.gov>
Date: December 12, 2017 at 6:07:43 PM EST
To: Taylor Pool <taylor_pool@fws.gov>, Angela Gustavson <angela_gustavson@fws.gov>, matthew_huggler@fws.gov, barbara_wainman@fws.gov, Devin Helfrich <devin_helfrich@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: call from Rep. Young's (AK) office, re: IWCC applicant

All - FYI.

Sent from my iPhone

Devin

Sent from my cell phone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Walker, Linda" <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Date: December 12, 2017 at 5:08:14 PM EST
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, Martin Kodis <Martin_Kodis@fws.gov>, Matt Huggler <Matthew_Huggler@fws.gov>, Shaun Sanchez <shaun_sanchez@fws.gov>, Cynthia Martinez <cynthia_martinez@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: call from Rep. Young's (AK) office, re: IWCC applicant

Joshua,

Thank you for the heads up. I am copying Marty and others on your email for awareness.

Linda

Linda D. Walker

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On Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 4:00 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:
Linda,

I just received a telephone call from Congressman Young regarding his support for an IWCC applicant (Jeff Stanley). I inserted the note below into Mr. Stanley's nomination material describing the call. ExecSec recommends that in addition to including this note, I inform FWS LegAffairs (done here, through you/NWRS) as well as inform Stephen Wackowski (DOI AK liaison).

I will hold on reaching out to Wackowski until I hear back from you.

NOTE INSERTED INTO JEFF STANLEY'S APPLICATION TO IWCC

"Congressman Don Young (AK): Support for Mr. Stanley's nomination to the International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC).

12/12/17

IWCC Designated Federal Officer Joshua Winchell received a telephone call from Congressman Don Young expressing his strong support for Mr. Jeff Stanley's application to the IWCC. Rep. Young mentioned Mr. Stanley's commitment of and knowledge of African wildlife and stated he represents a valuable addition to the council. Winchell confirmed with Rep. Young that Mr. Stanley had been nominated and that he would include a note in Mr. Stanley's application referencing Rep. Young's support."

Joshua Winchell
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Wildlife Refuge System

****ON DETAIL WITH BLM****

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Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

new FACA committee?

1 message

Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 4:38 PM

Josh,

I hope you are doing well. I understand that the Dept is rolling out a new FACA committee on international wildlife trafficking and hunting, and that you will be the DFO. It was apparently discussed at the Directorate mtg this morning. Can you provide any additional information at this time? Anything you can share would be appreciated.

Best,

craig

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Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

Re: council

1 message

Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
To: "Gardner, Neil" <neil_gardner@fws.gov>
Cc: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 8:22 AM

Tomorrow is the only option for me. And 1 or 1:30 is all that will work right for me now.

On Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 8:14 AM, Gardner, Neil <neil_gardner@fws.gov> wrote:

Tomorrow is probably better, AM is pretty open right now but can do after lunch too. Thanks Neil

On Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 8:11 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

Craig and Neil:

I'd like to schedule a phone call with you both today or tomorrow, no more than 30 minutes, to discuss the International Wildlife Conservation Council.

Let me know if you're available and, if so, what time(s) works for you.

-Joshua

Joshua Winchell
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Wildlife Refuge System

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On Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 4:37 PM, Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov> wrote:

Josh,

Neil Gardner from the Office of Law Enforcement will participate. Included here.

craig

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Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

Re: Draft IWCC response letter

1 message

Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
To: "Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Cc: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 9:57 AM

A few suggested edits in the attached.

craig

On Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 3:01 PM, Jones, Lisa <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Josh and Craig,

Please take a look at the attached draft response to the Congressional letter we got expressing concerns about the IWCC. The original letter is also attached.

If you can send me your comments/edits by COB tomorrow, that would be great!

Thanks!

Lisa

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 **IWCC response letter draft 1 hoover.docx**
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In Reply Refer To:
XXXXXXXXXX

Dear _____,

Thank you for your January 16, 2018, letter to Secretary Zinke regarding the International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC). Wildlife around the world face myriad complex threats that deserve our focus and attention. Given the many contributions ~~that of~~ American hunters make to the successful conservation model in the ~~United States-S.~~, we believe that those same huntersthey are uniquely positioned to contribute solutions to the challenges of international wildlife management and conservation.

Secretary Zinke announced the creation of the IWCC on November 8, 2017. The IWCC has been tasked with developing a plan for educating and engaging the American public on the benefits of international hunting. It will also recommend policy changes in Federal programs to ensure that hunting is recognized as an economic benefit to local communities, and as a tool to enhance foreign wildlife conservation and combat poaching and wildlife trafficking ~~and poaching~~.

The IWCC will also review and provide recommendations to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to streamline the processing of permits for the import of sport-hunted wildlife and identify methods to remove barriers to the import of legally sport-hunted wildlife. It will also provide recommendations regarding options to reduce ~~unwarranted~~ seizure and forfeiture of sport-hunted wildlife and related items. Finally, the IWCC will develop strategies to obtain data and information from range states in a timely manner, review and provide recommendations regarding decisions to suspend or ban the import of sport-hunted wildlife, and policies to ~~reduce~~ avoid regulatory duplications between the Endangered Species Act and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

In addition, as part of our ongoing efforts to combat wildlife trafficking, the Department of the Interior is a co-chair of the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, along with the Department of Justice, and Department of State. The Task Force communicates at a staff level on a weekly basis, and the principals of the Task Force recently met in person to discuss efforts to date, including implementation of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act, as well as priorities and next steps for the coming year.

Thank you for your letter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Joshua Winchell at joshua_winchell@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Greg Sheehan
Principal Deputy Director

Conversation Contents

Notice

Attachments:

/134. Notice/1.1 2018 SIGNED IWCC Meeting Notice, 02 26 18.pdf

/134. Notice/1.2 2018 SIGNED Certification Letter, IWCC Meeting Notice, 02 26 18.pdf

"Triebisch, Margaret" <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Triebisch, Margaret" <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Feb 28 2018 07:52:56 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Notice
Attachments: 2018 SIGNED IWCC Meeting Notice, 02 26 18.pdf 2018 SIGNED Certification Letter, IWCC Meeting Notice, 02 26 18.pdf

Hi Joshua,

Attached is a copy of the signed meeting notice.

Thanks,
Margaret

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Margaret Triebisch
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<https://www.doi.gov/execsec/faca>

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Feb 28 2018 07:59:13 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Triebisch, Margaret" <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Notice

Got it. Thanks.

Joshua Winchell, Designated Federal Officer and Coordinator

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On Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 9:52 AM, Tribsch, Margaret <margaret_tribsch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Hi Joshua,

Attached is a copy of the signed meeting notice.

Thanks,
Margaret

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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International Wildlife Conservation Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: : In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announces a public meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council).

DATES: Friday, March 16, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). For deadlines and directions on registering to attend, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see **Public Input** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the South Penthouse at the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Winchell, Council Designated Federal Officer, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; by telephone at (703) 358–2639; or by email at iwcc@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), regarding the benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting.

Background

Formed in December 2017, the Council is an advisory body whose duties include, but are not limited to:

- a) Developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting.
- b) Reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as:
 1. An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival; and
 2. An effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching.
- c) Recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states.
- d) Recommending removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife.
- e) Ongoing review of import suspension/bans and providing recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those items, where appropriate.
- f) Reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions.

- g) Reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications.
- h) Recommending methods for streamlining/expediting processing of import permits.

Meeting Agenda

The Council will convene to discuss issues including:

1. International wildlife conservation programs conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
2. U.S. Government efforts to combat wildlife trafficking; and
3. Other Council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/iwcc>.

Attendance

To attend this meeting, register by close of business on the dates listed in **Public Input**. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to the Council Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Space is limited and requests to attend will be accommodated in the order they are received.

Public Input

If you wish to	You must contact the Council Designated Federal Officer (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than
Attend the meeting	March 12, 2018.

Submit written information or questions before the meeting for the Council to consider during the meeting	March 12, 2018.
Give an oral presentation during the public comment period	March 12, 2018.

Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the public meeting. Written statements must be received by the date in **Public Input**, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Designated Federal Officer in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and/or one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Giving an Oral Presentation

Depending on the number of people wishing to comment and the time available, the amount of time for individual oral comments may be limited. Interested parties must contact the Council Designated Federal Officer, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the meeting. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Council Designated

Federal Officer up to 30 days subsequent to the meeting. Requests to address the Council during the public comment period will be accommodated in the order the requests are received.

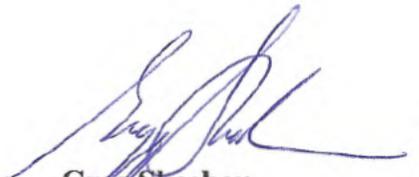
Public Disclosure of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). They will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting.

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2



Greg Sheehan,
Principal Deputy Director



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

FEB 26 2018

Mr. Oliver Potts
Director, Office of the Federal Register
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Washington, DC 20401

Dear Mr. Potts:

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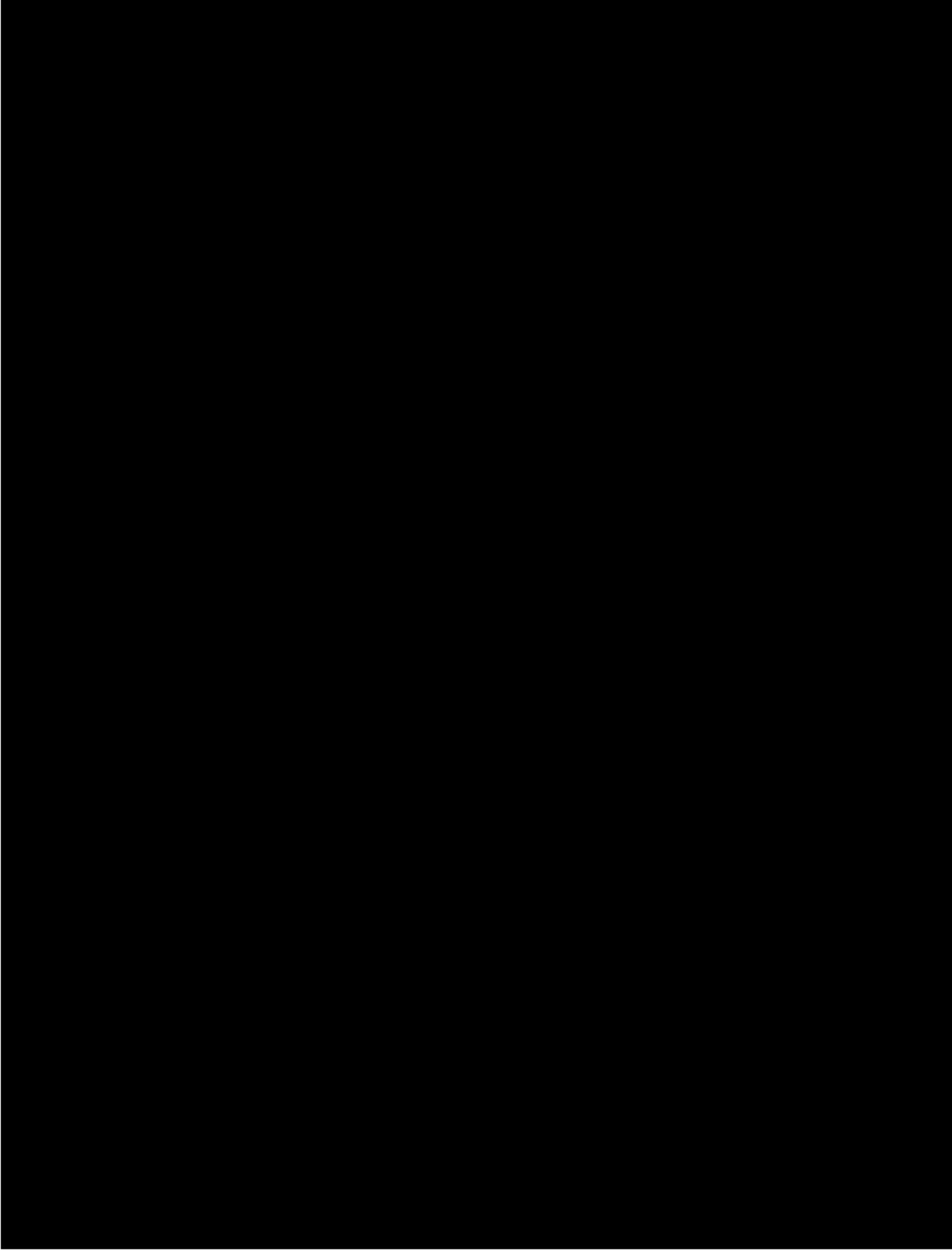
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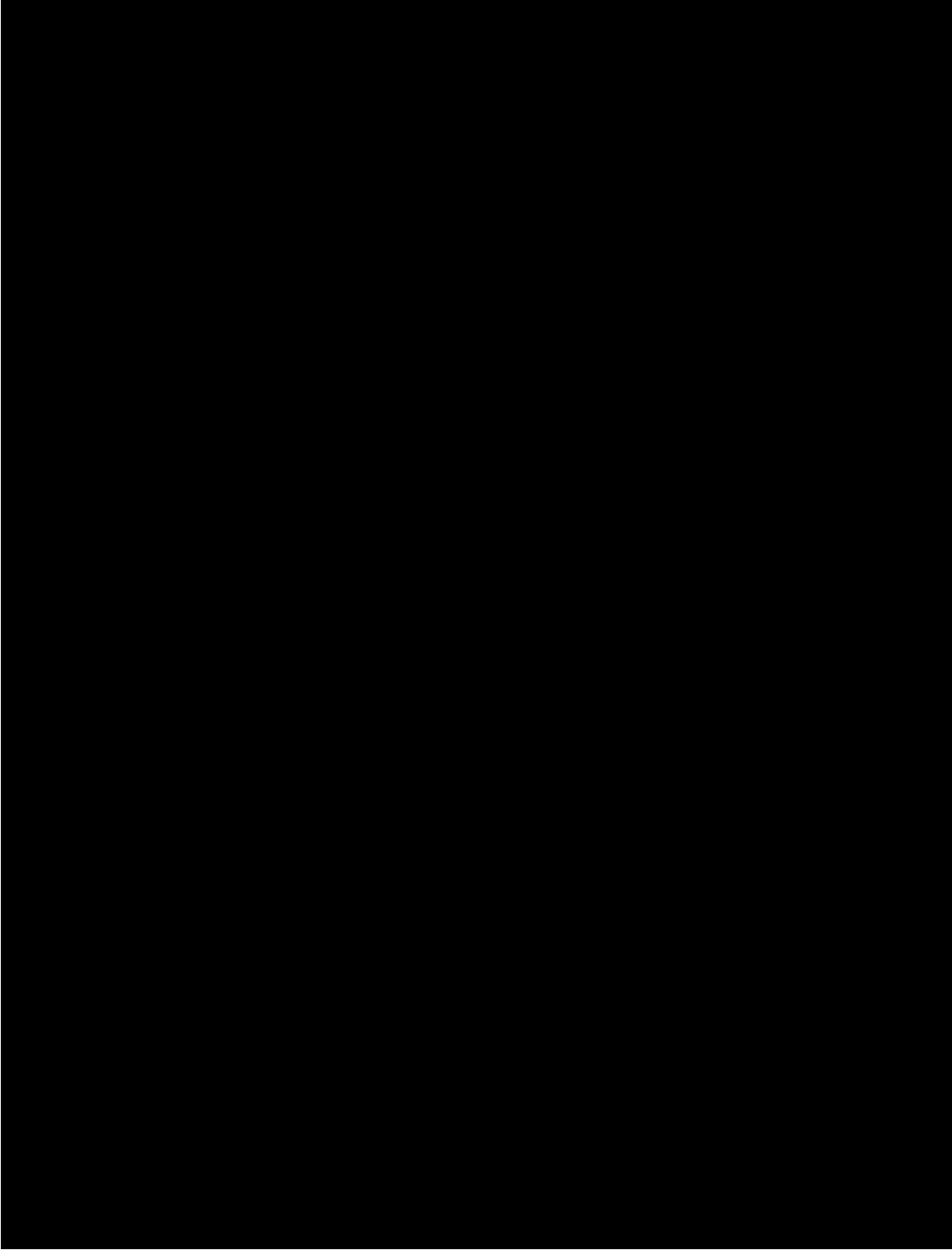
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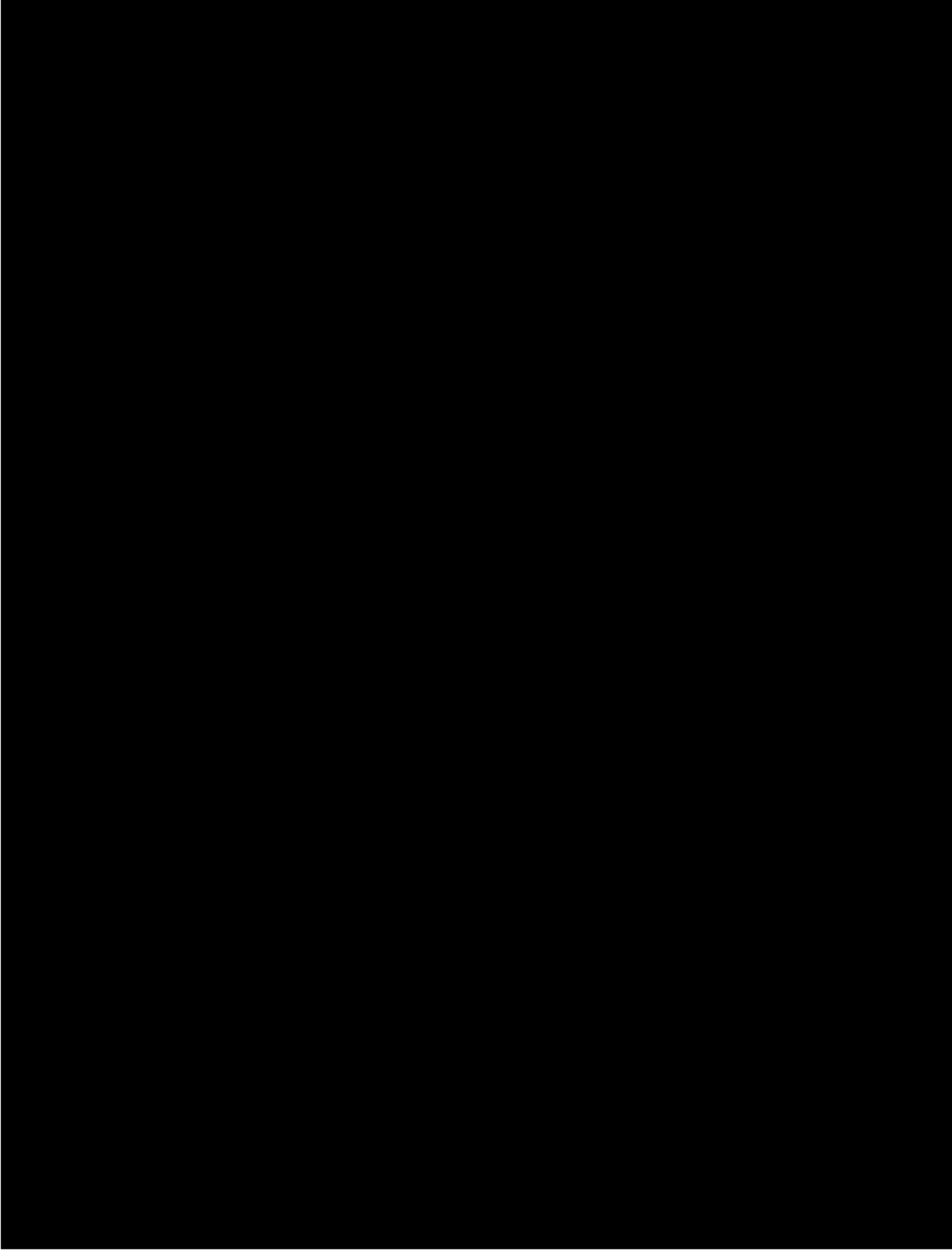
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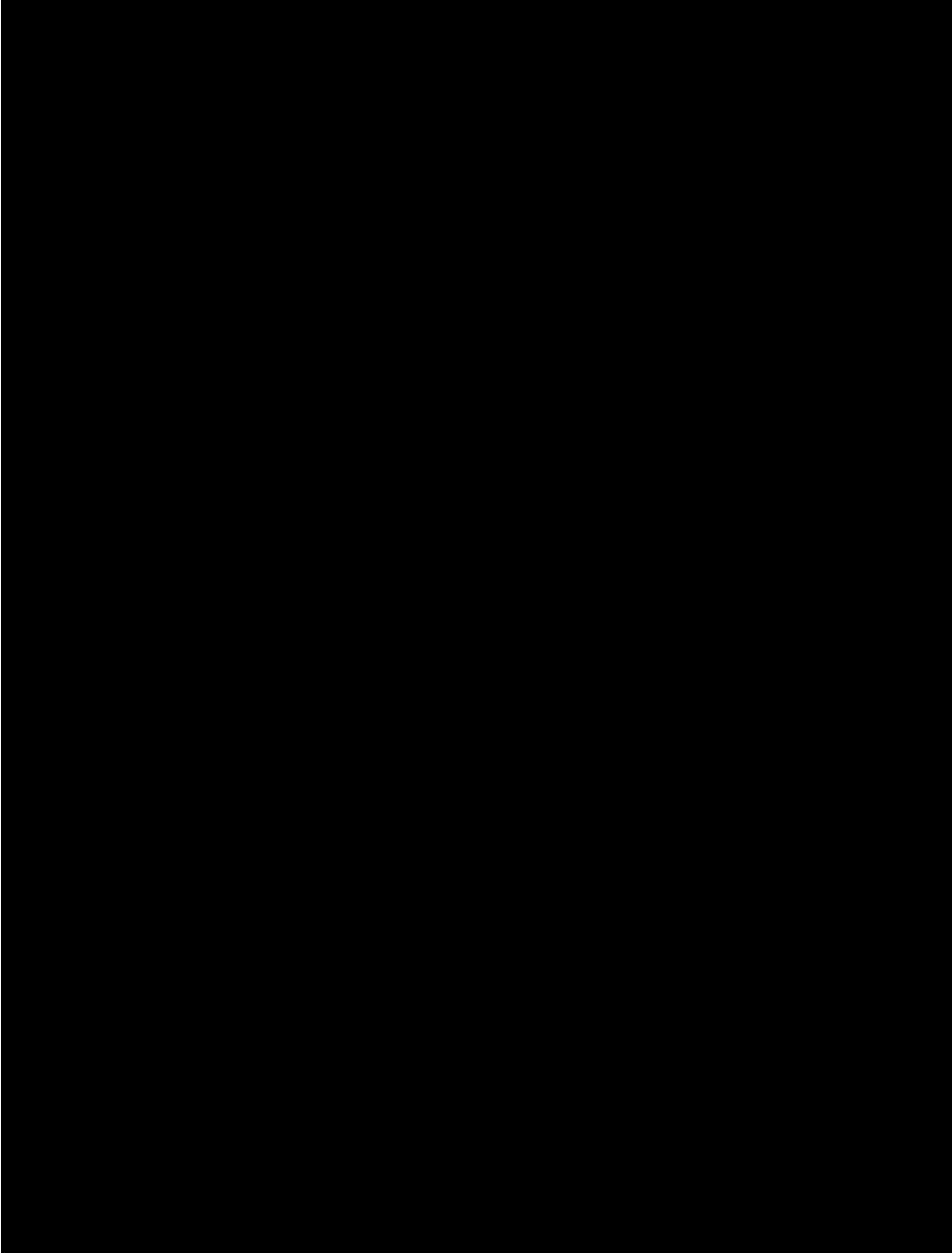
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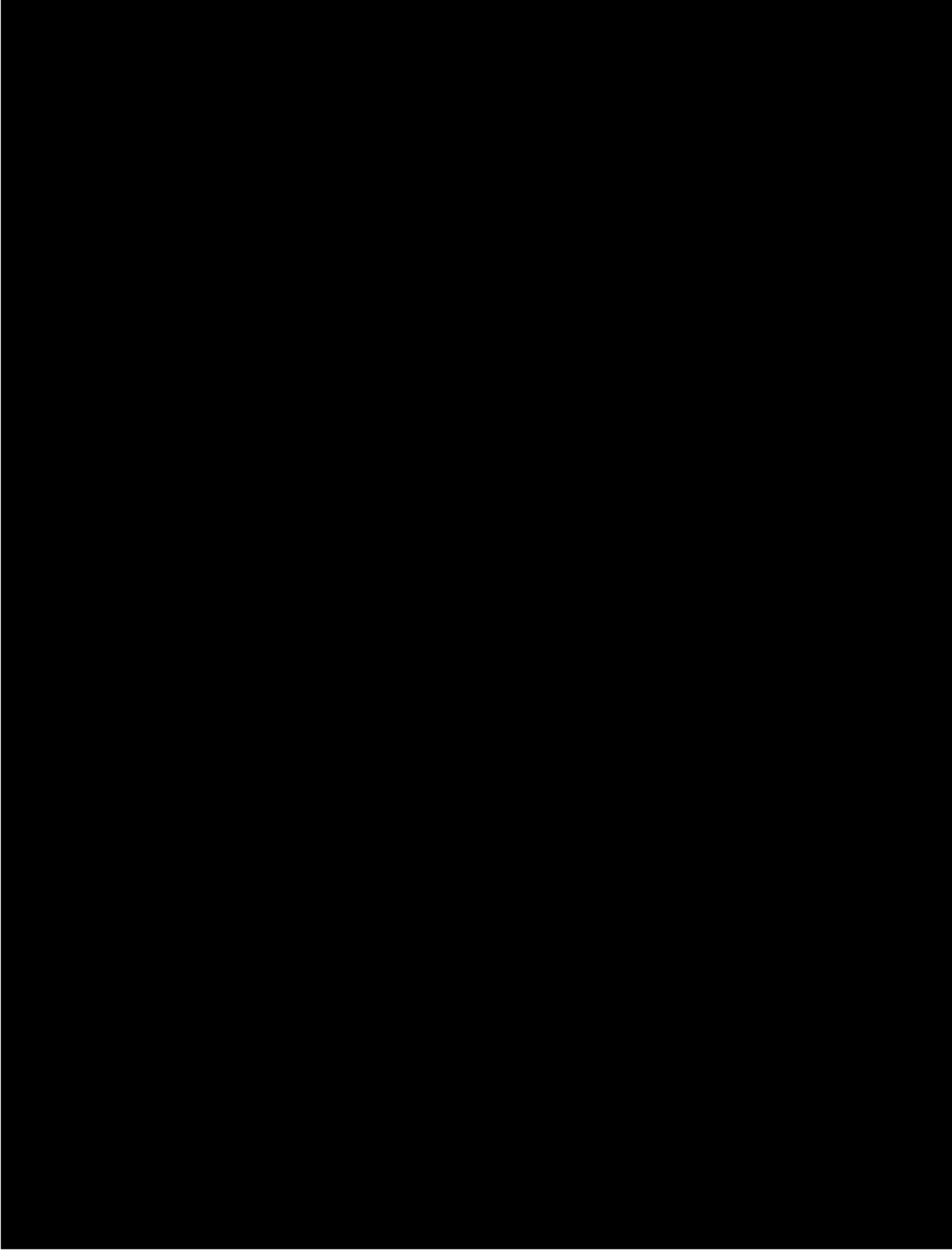
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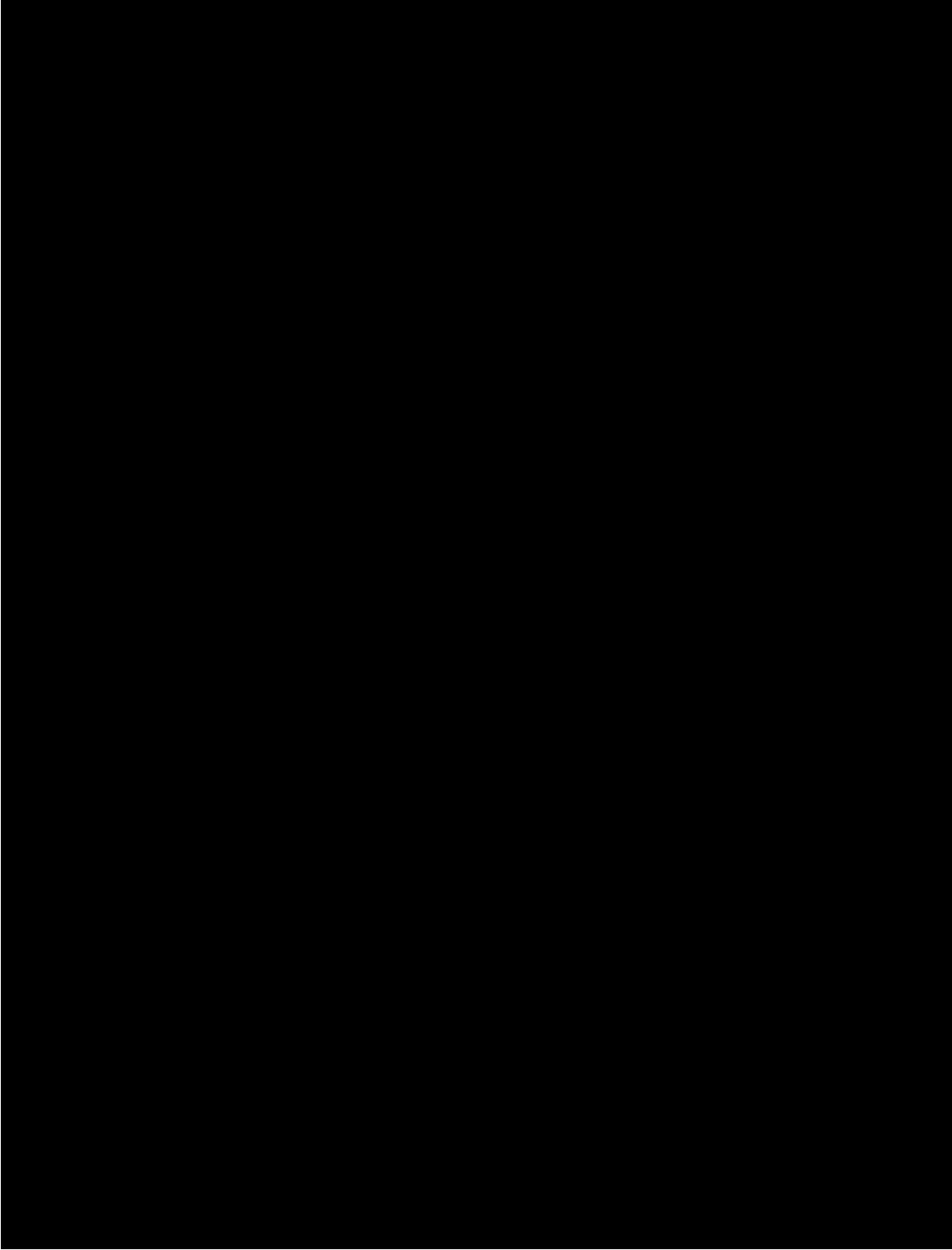
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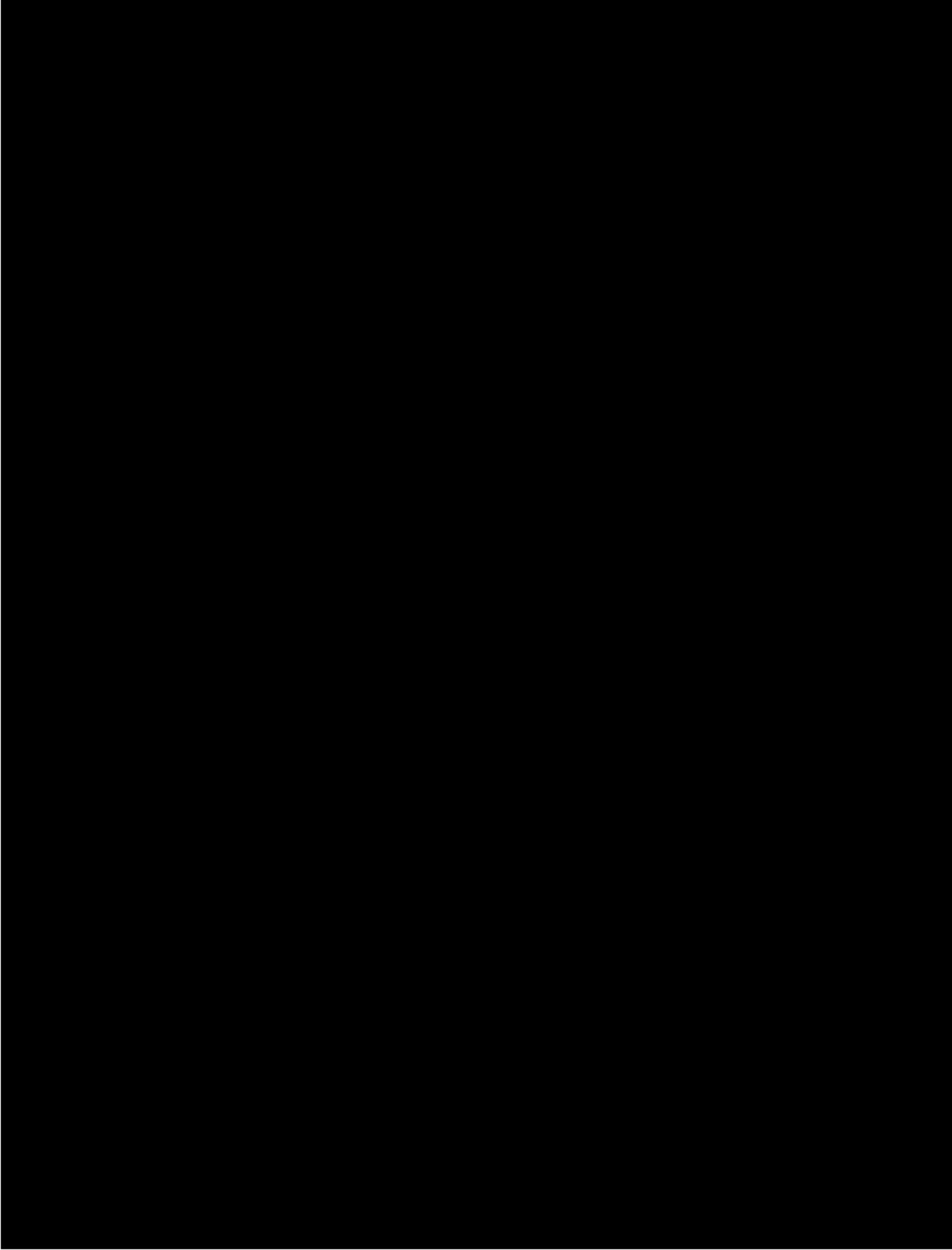
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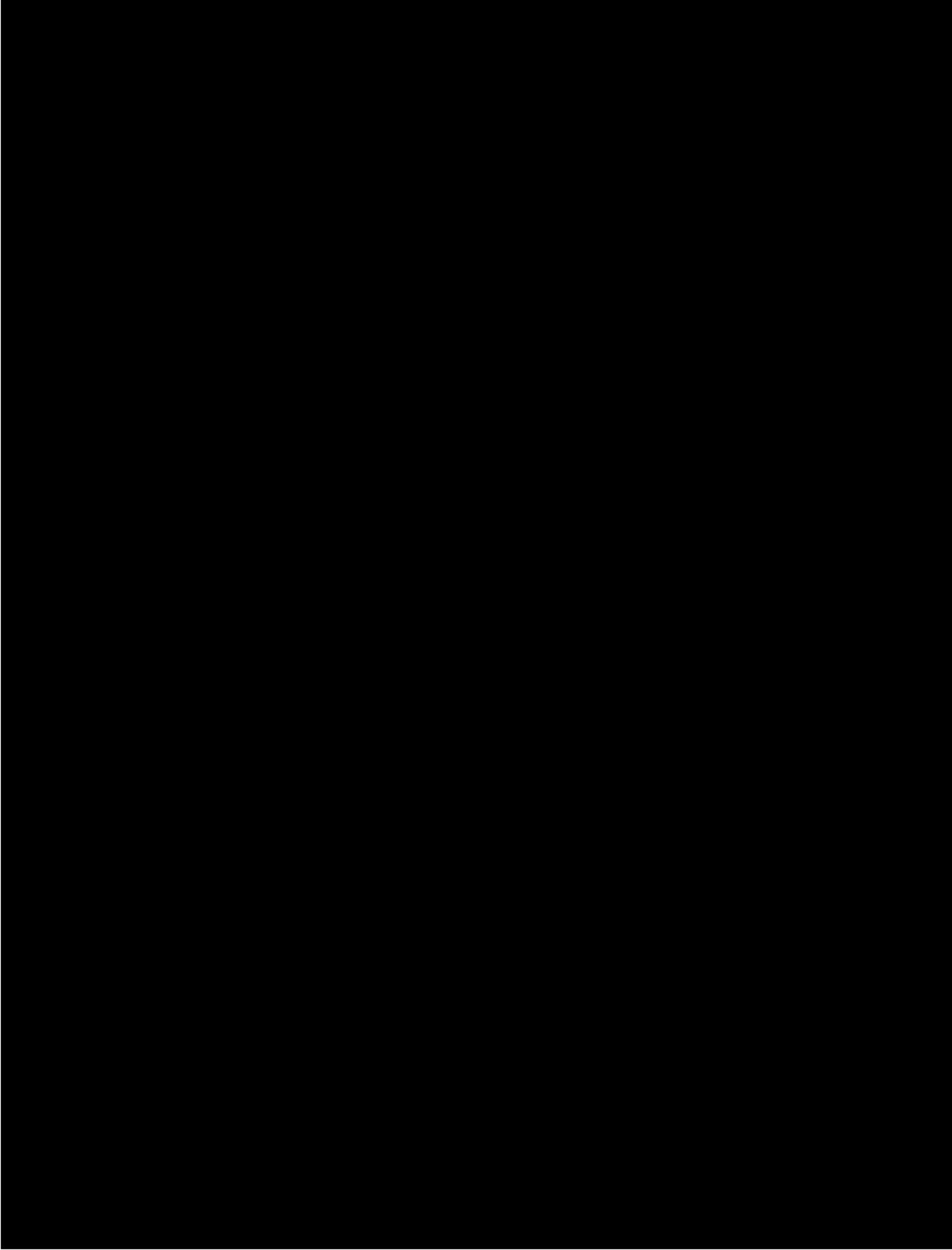


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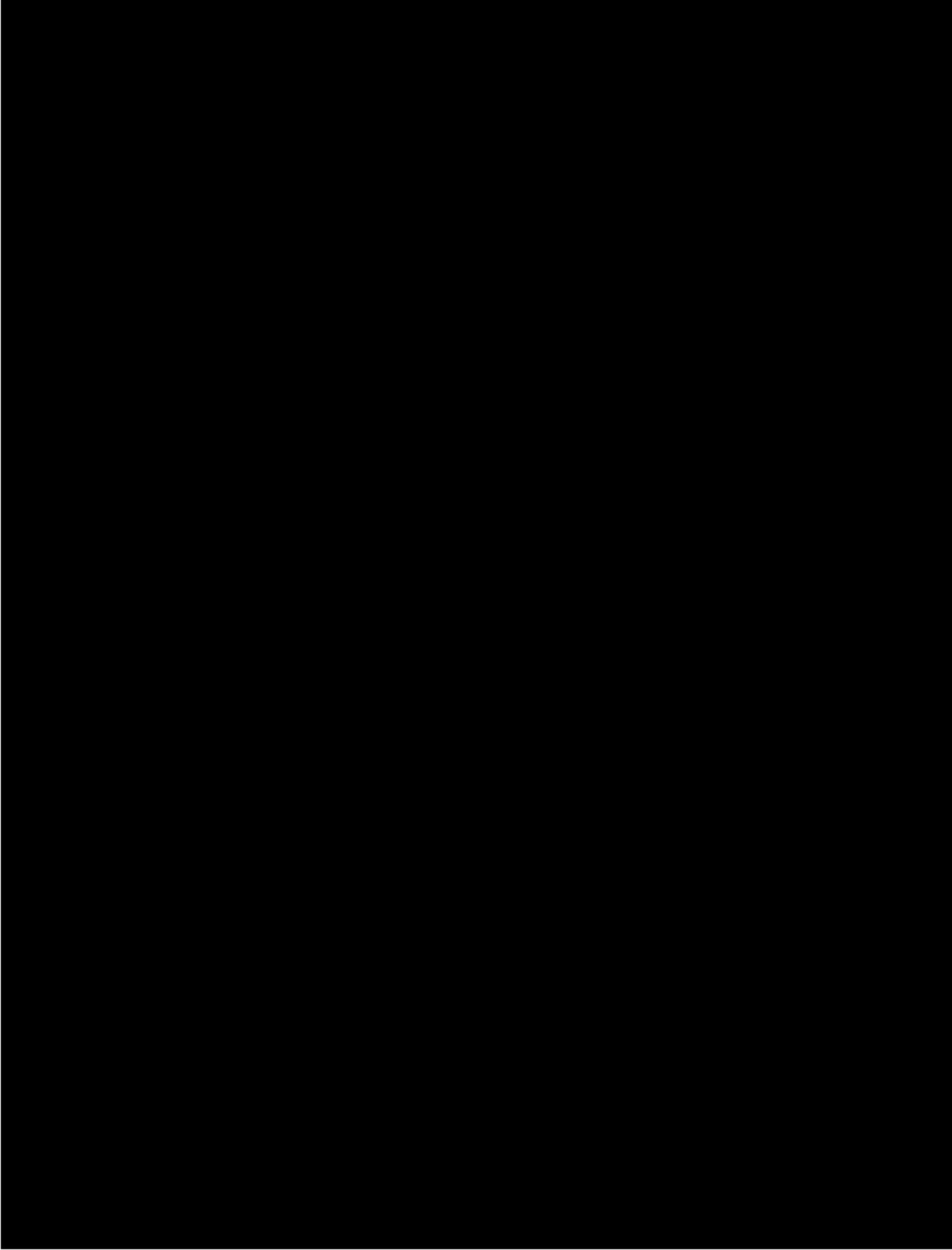


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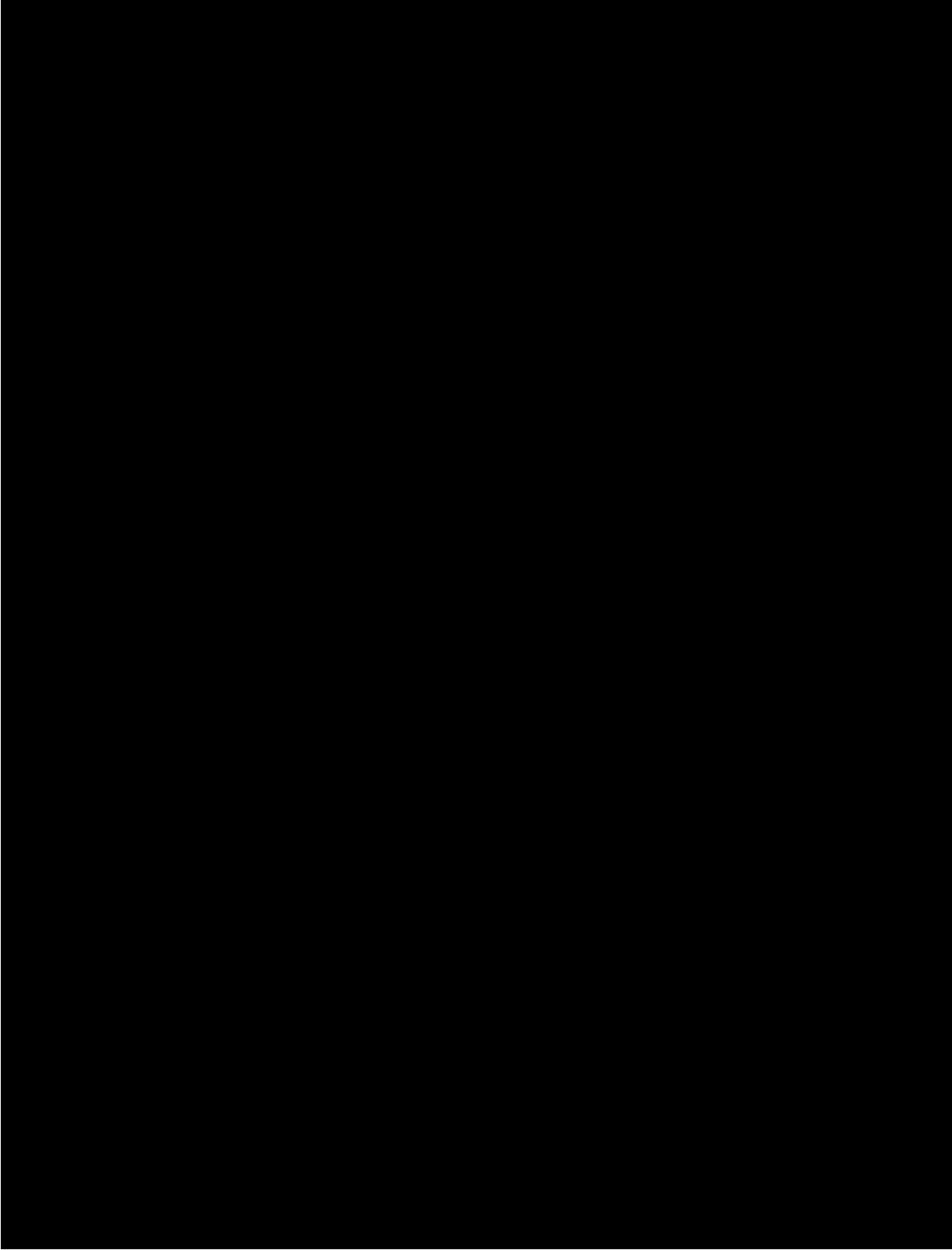
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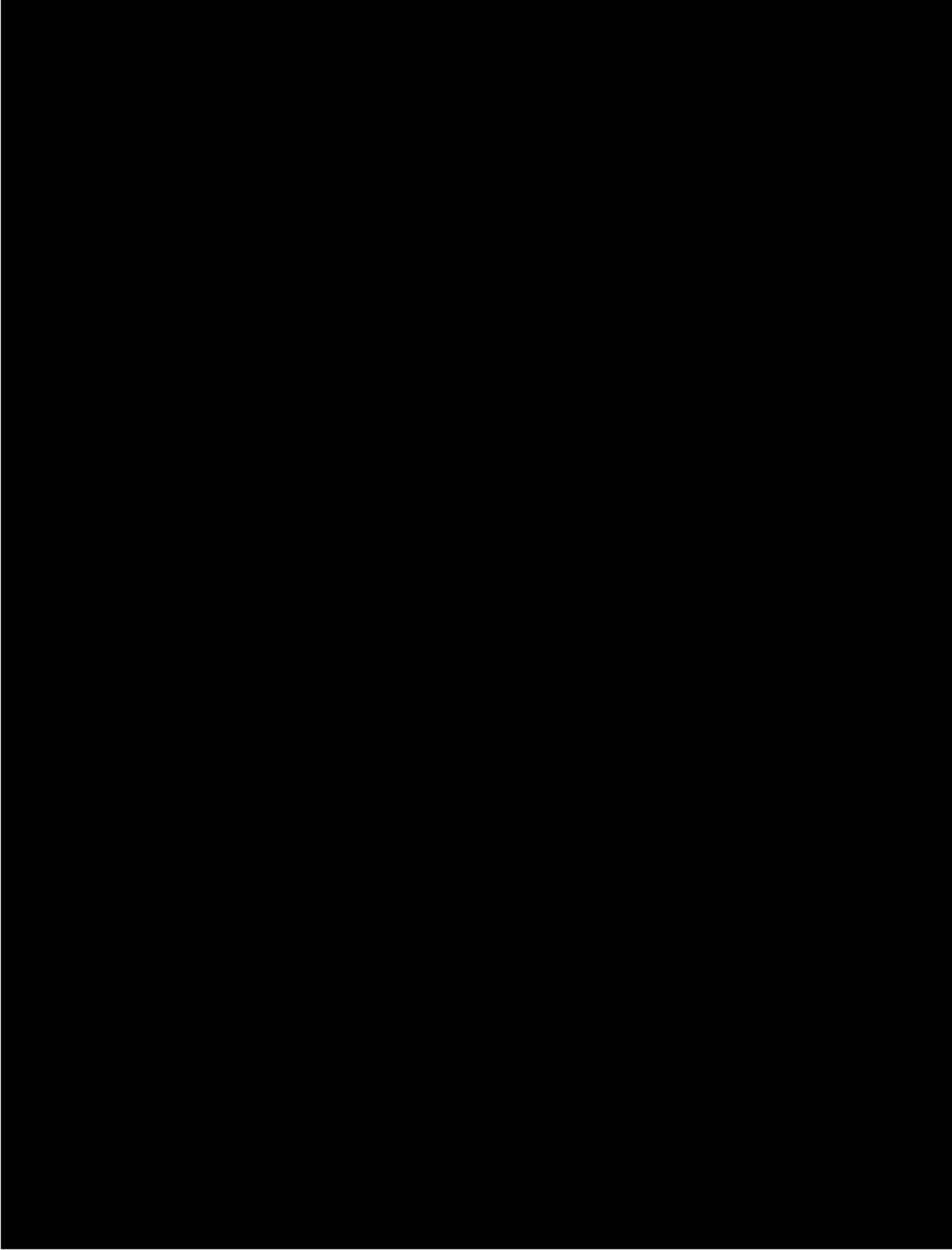
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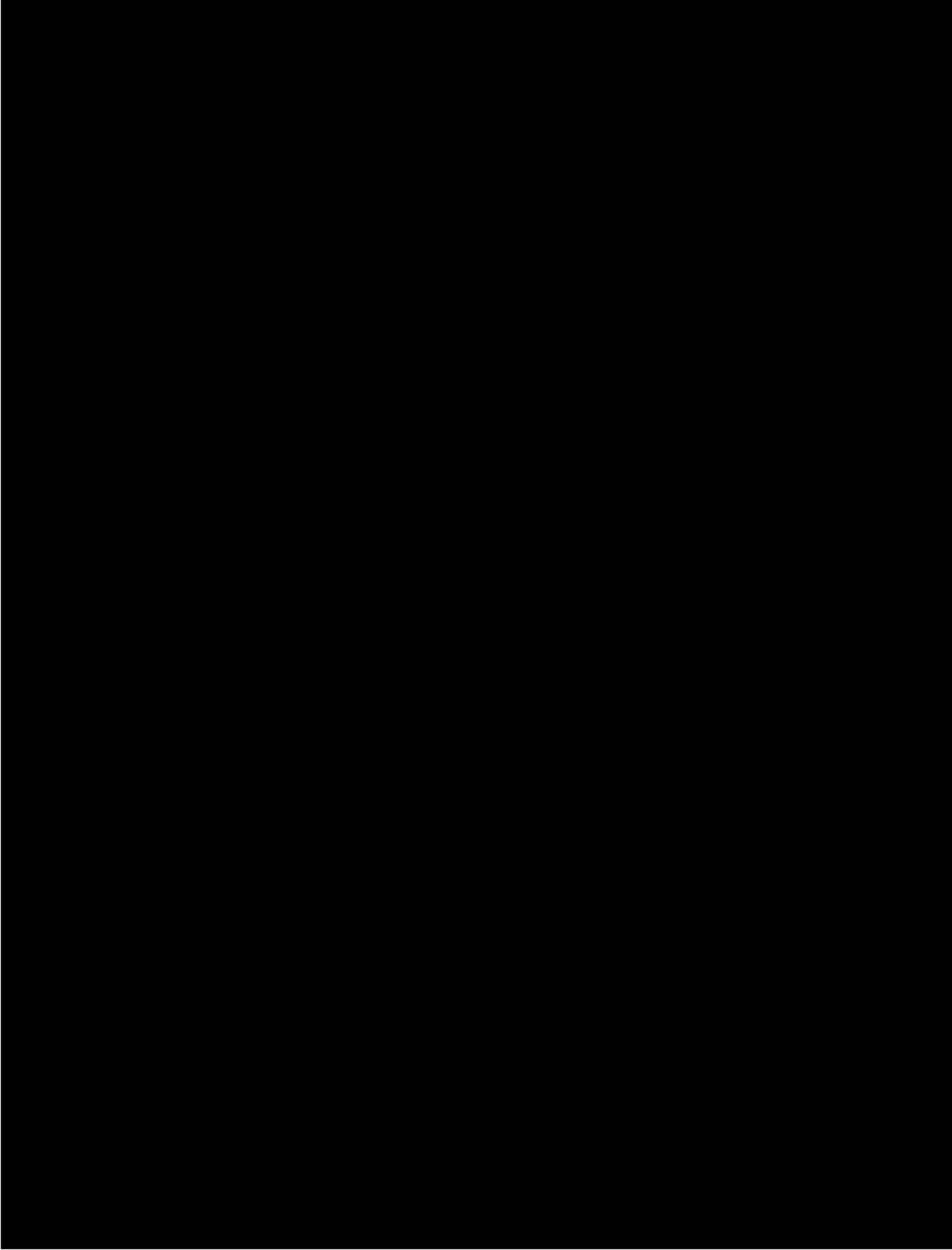


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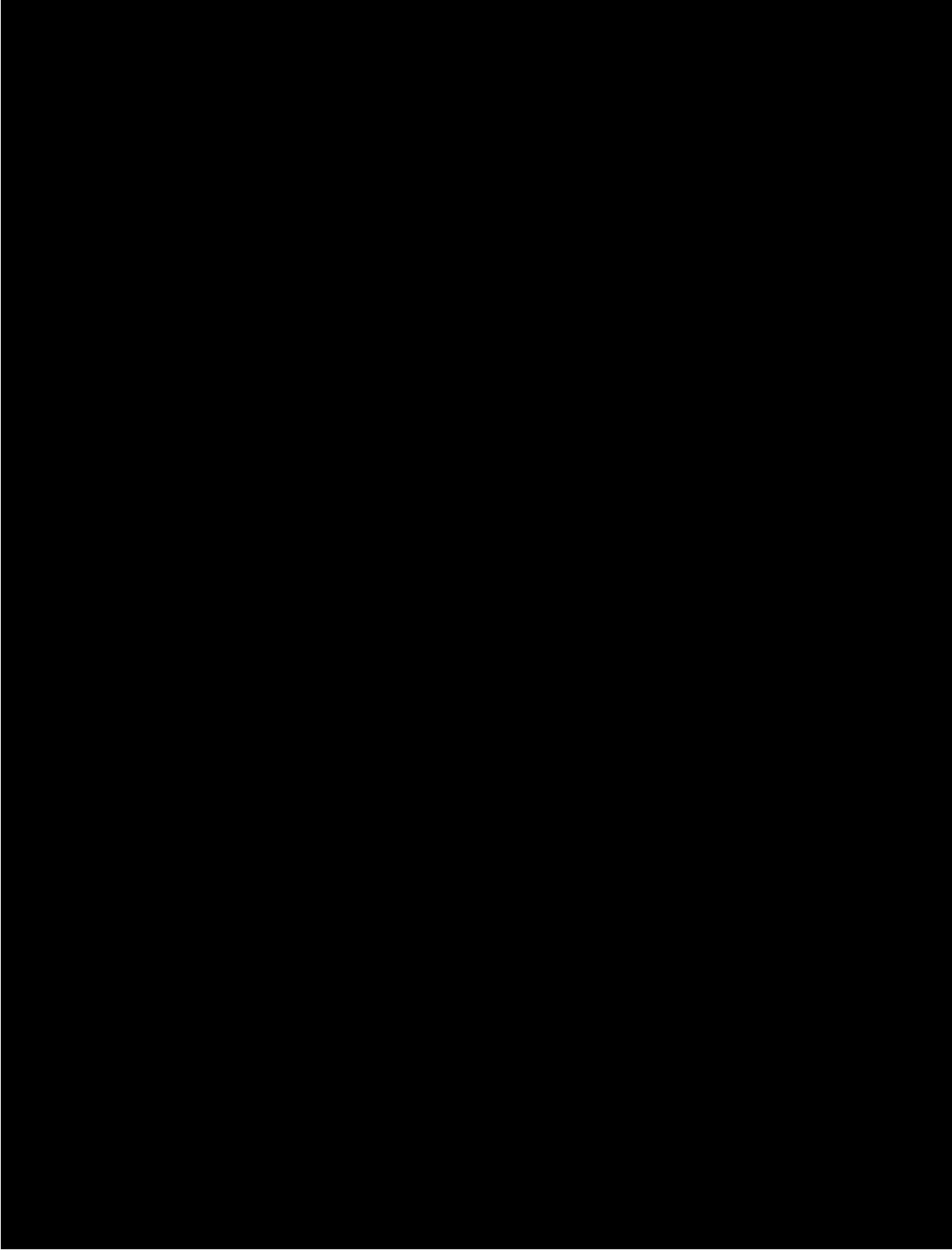


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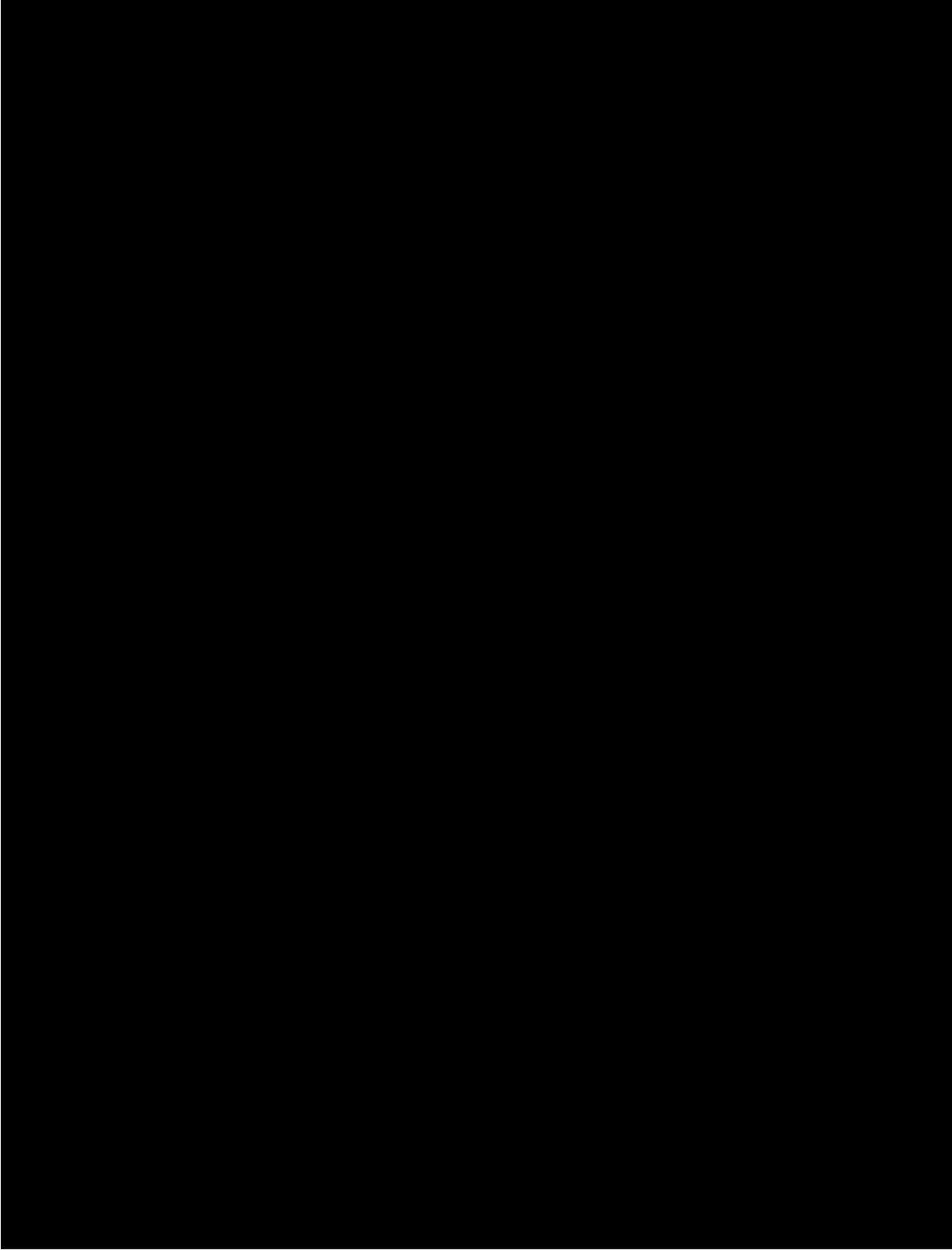
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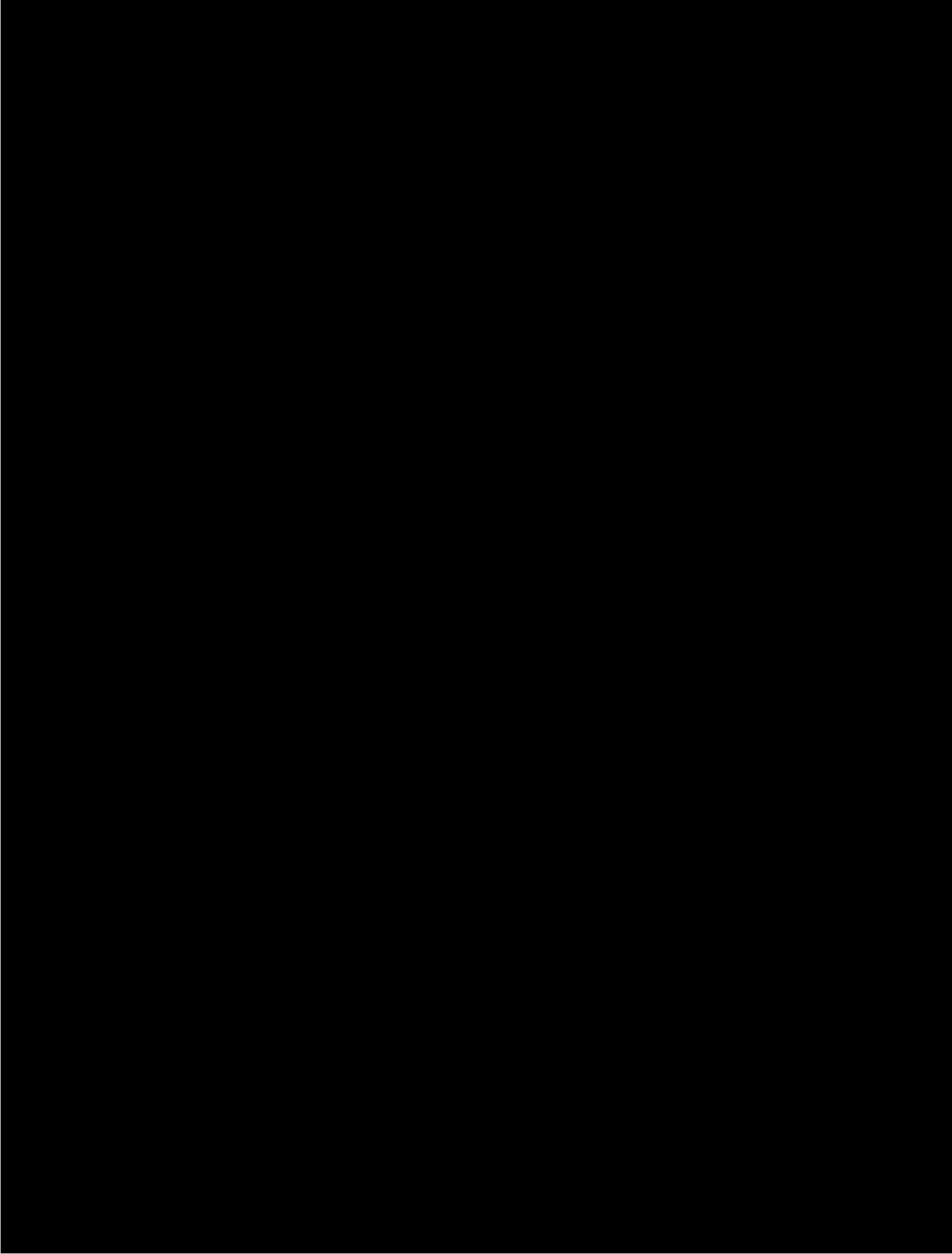
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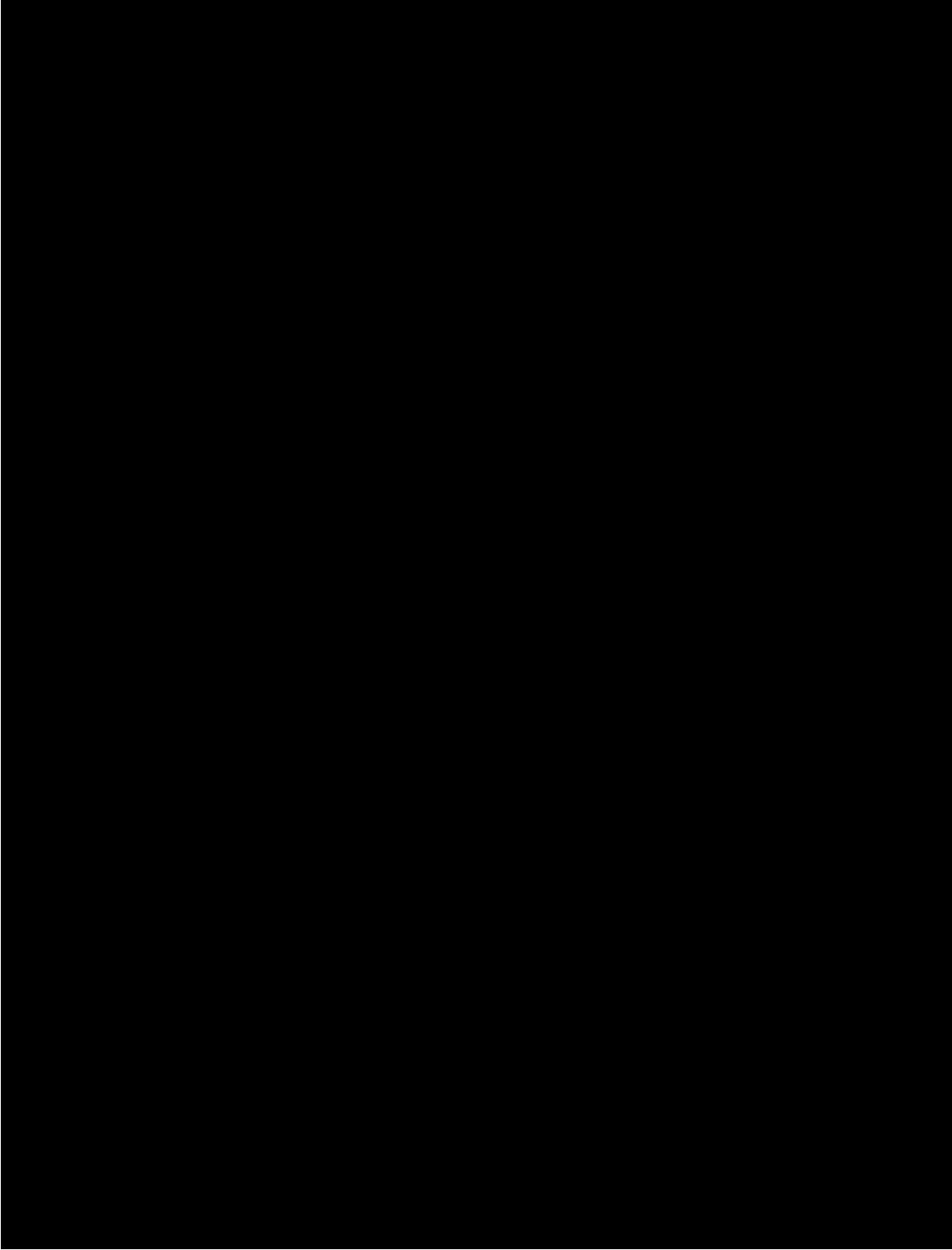
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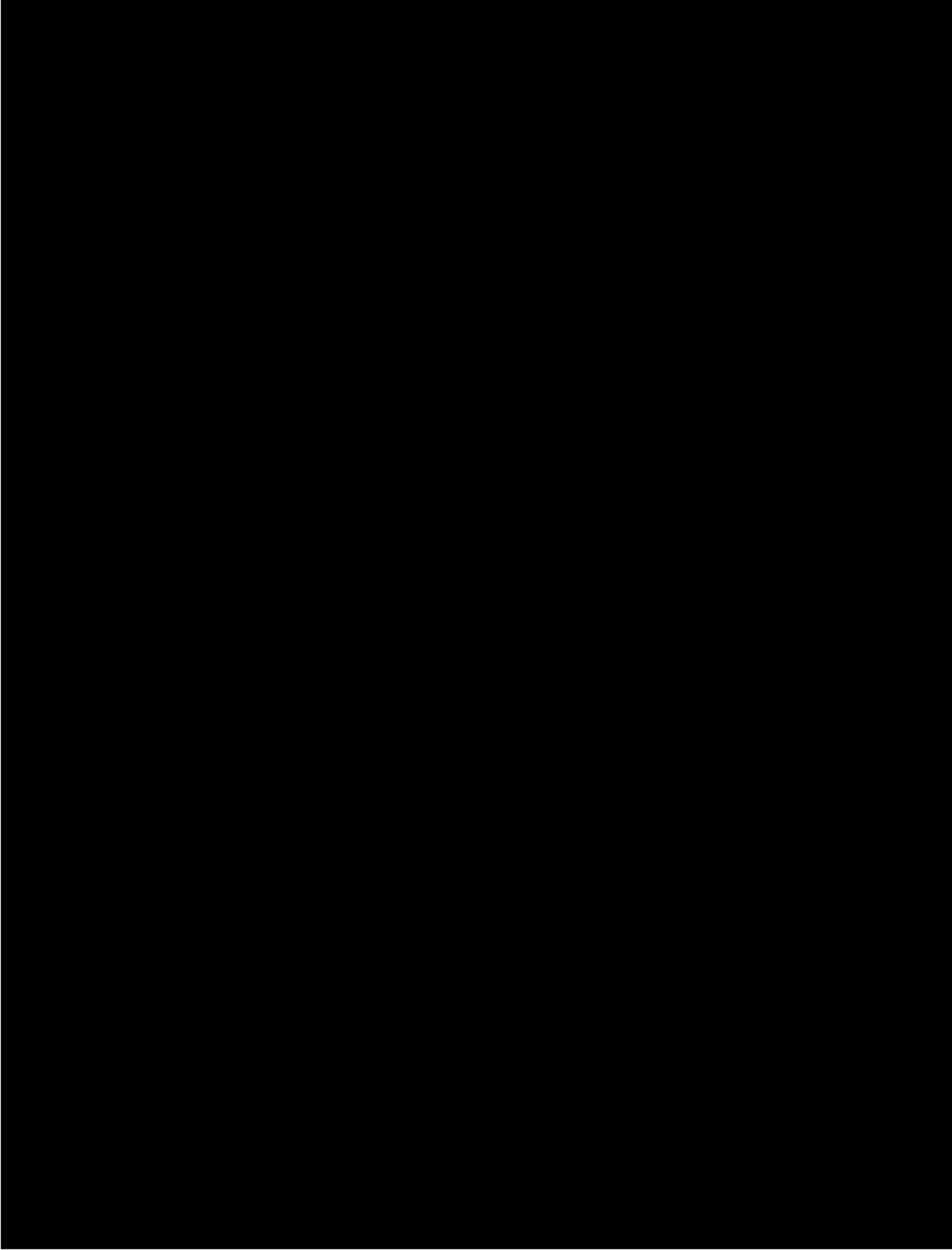
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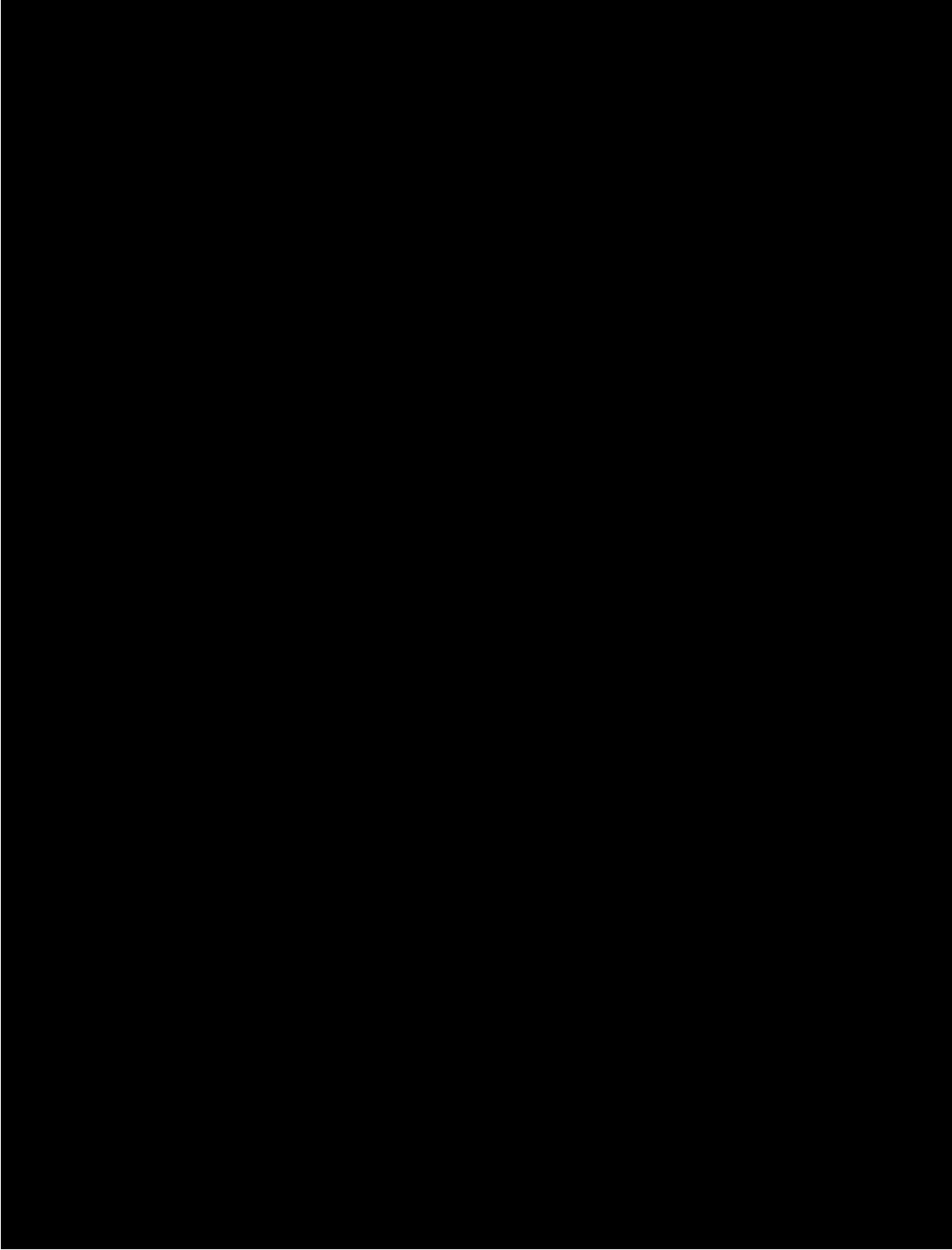
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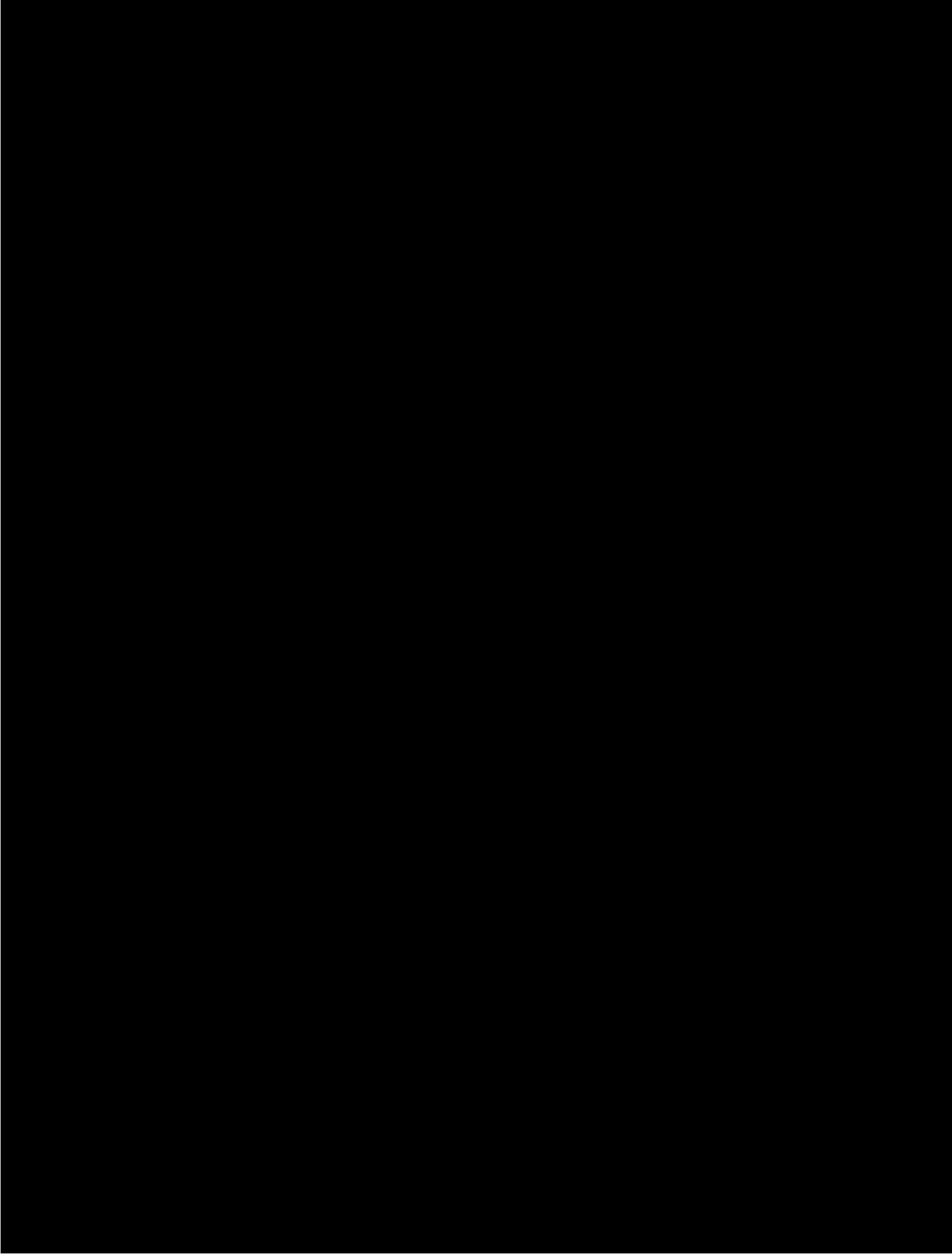
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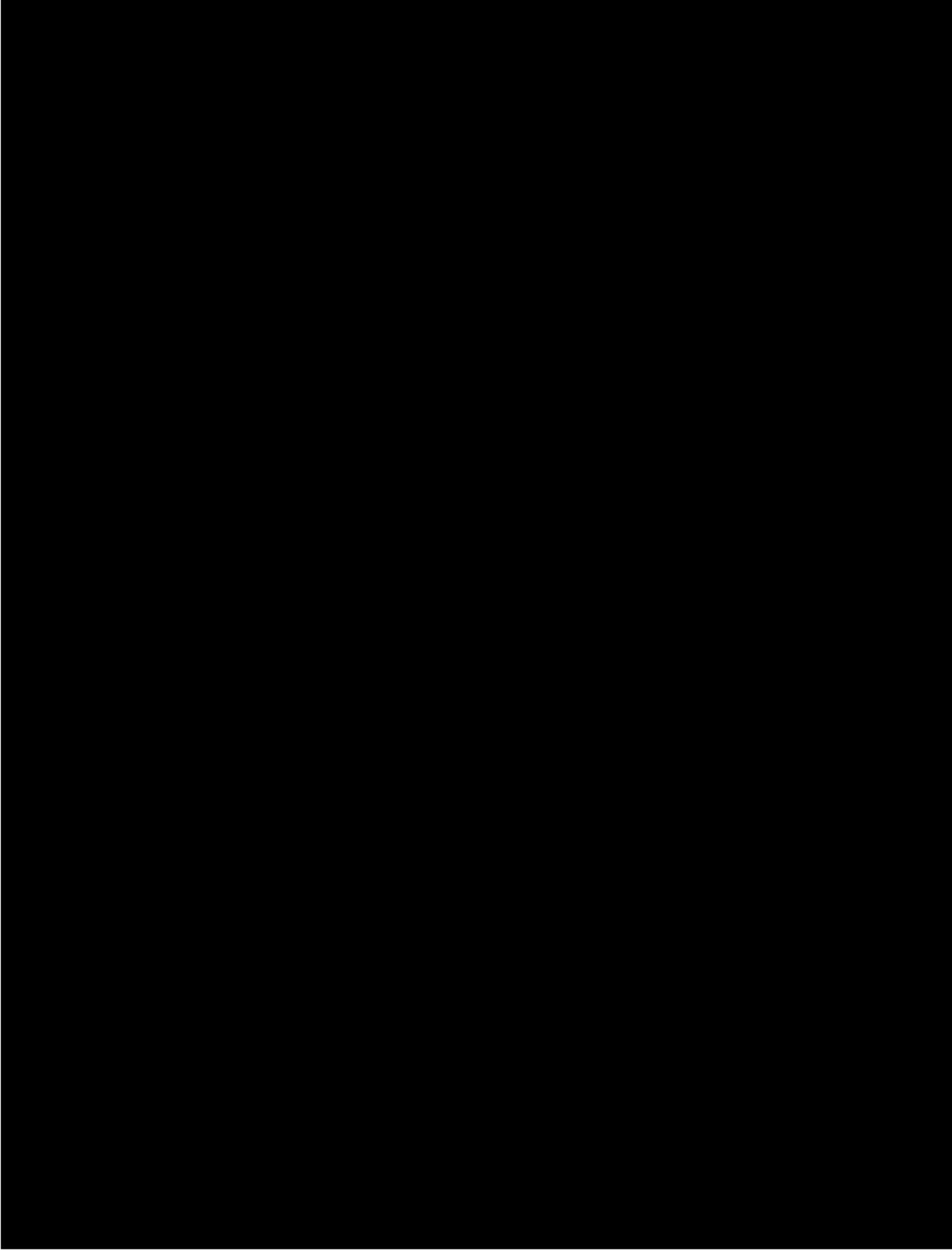
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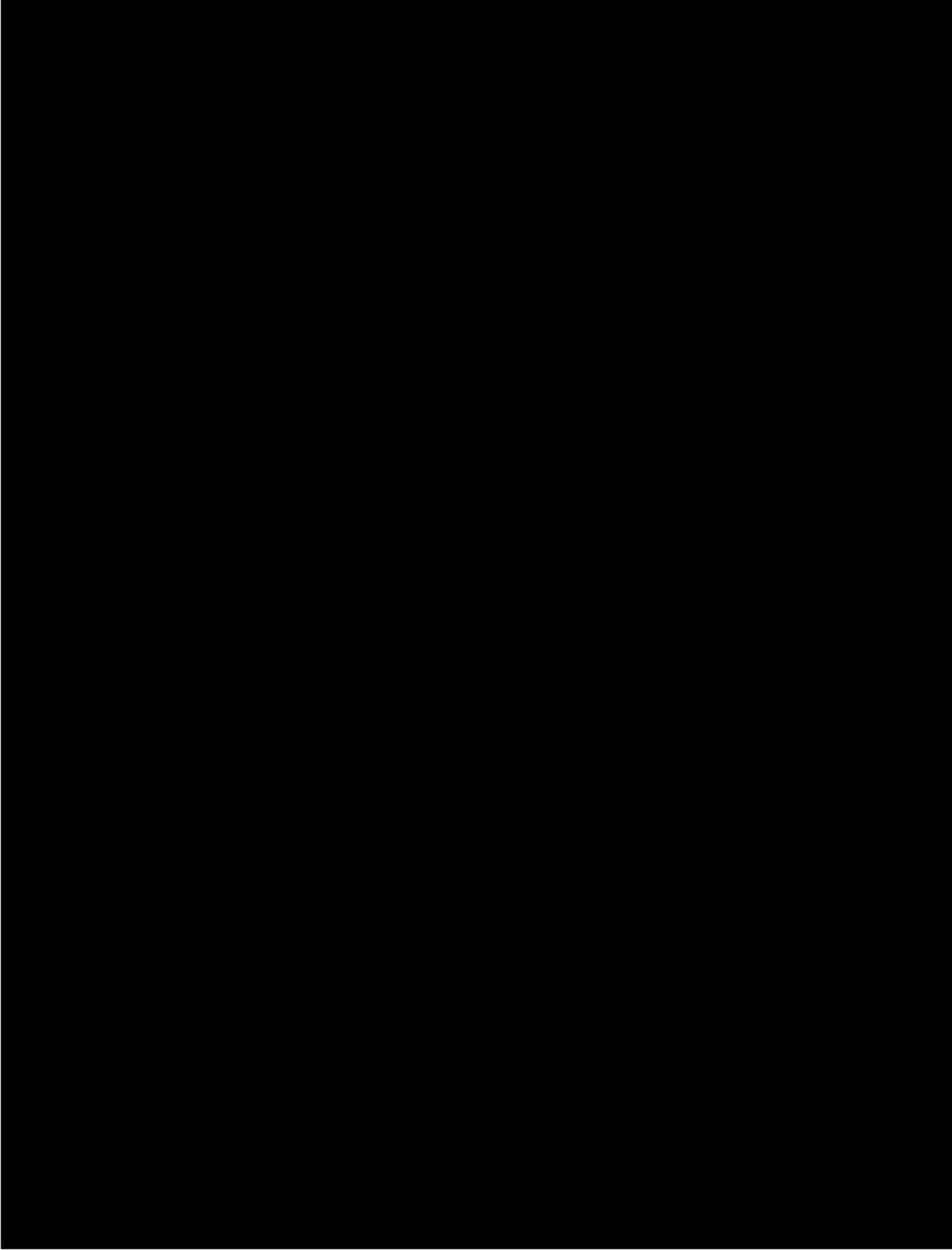
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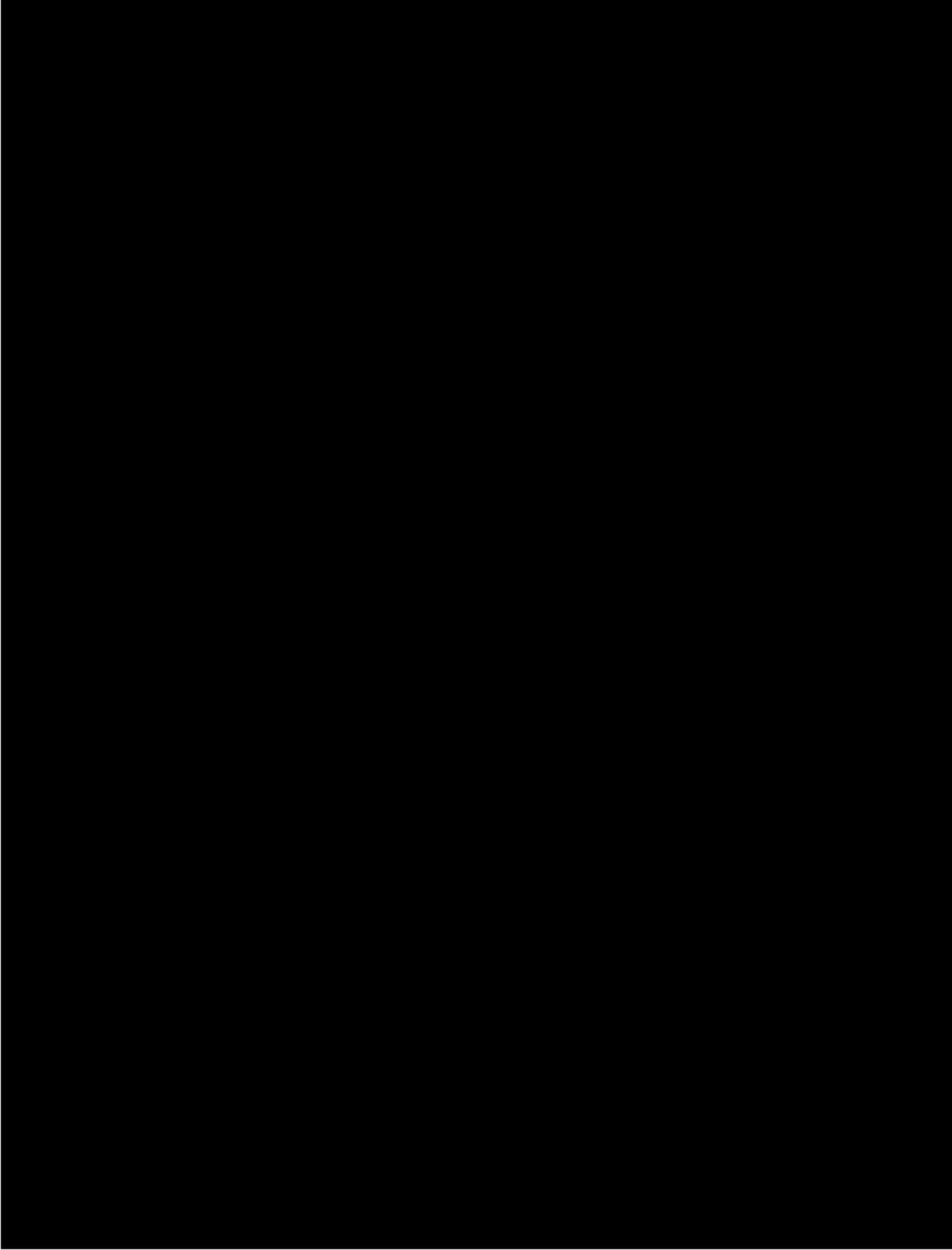
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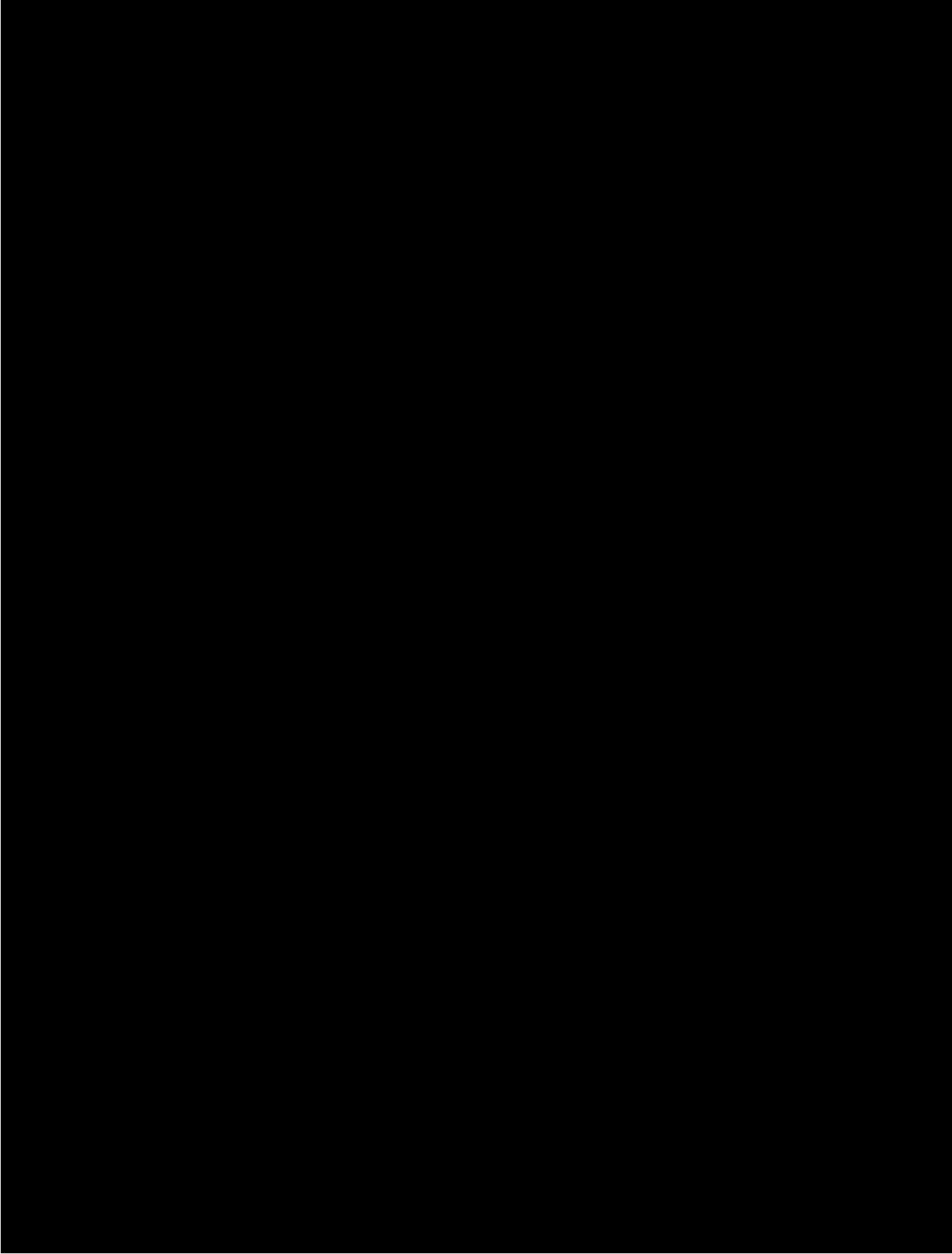
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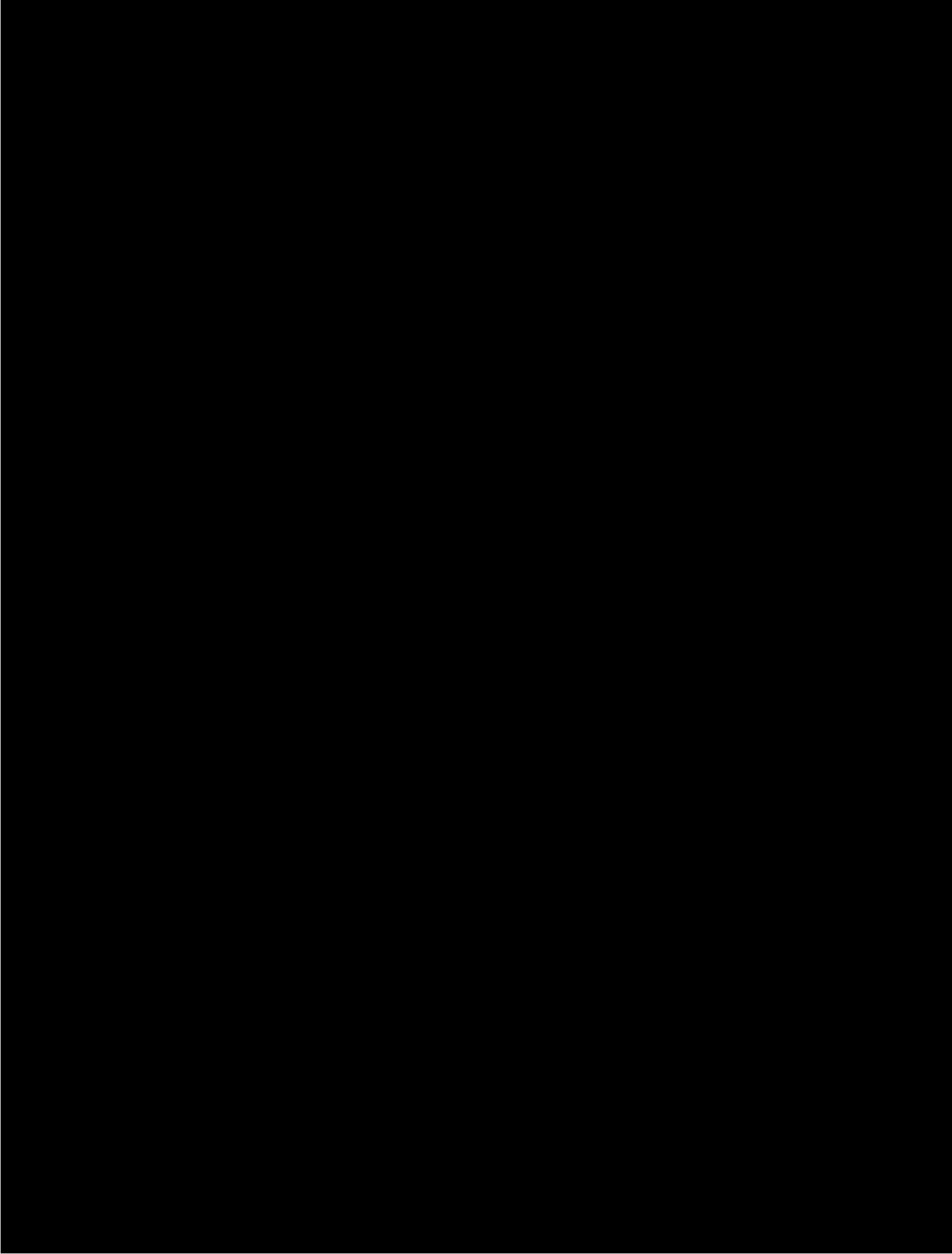
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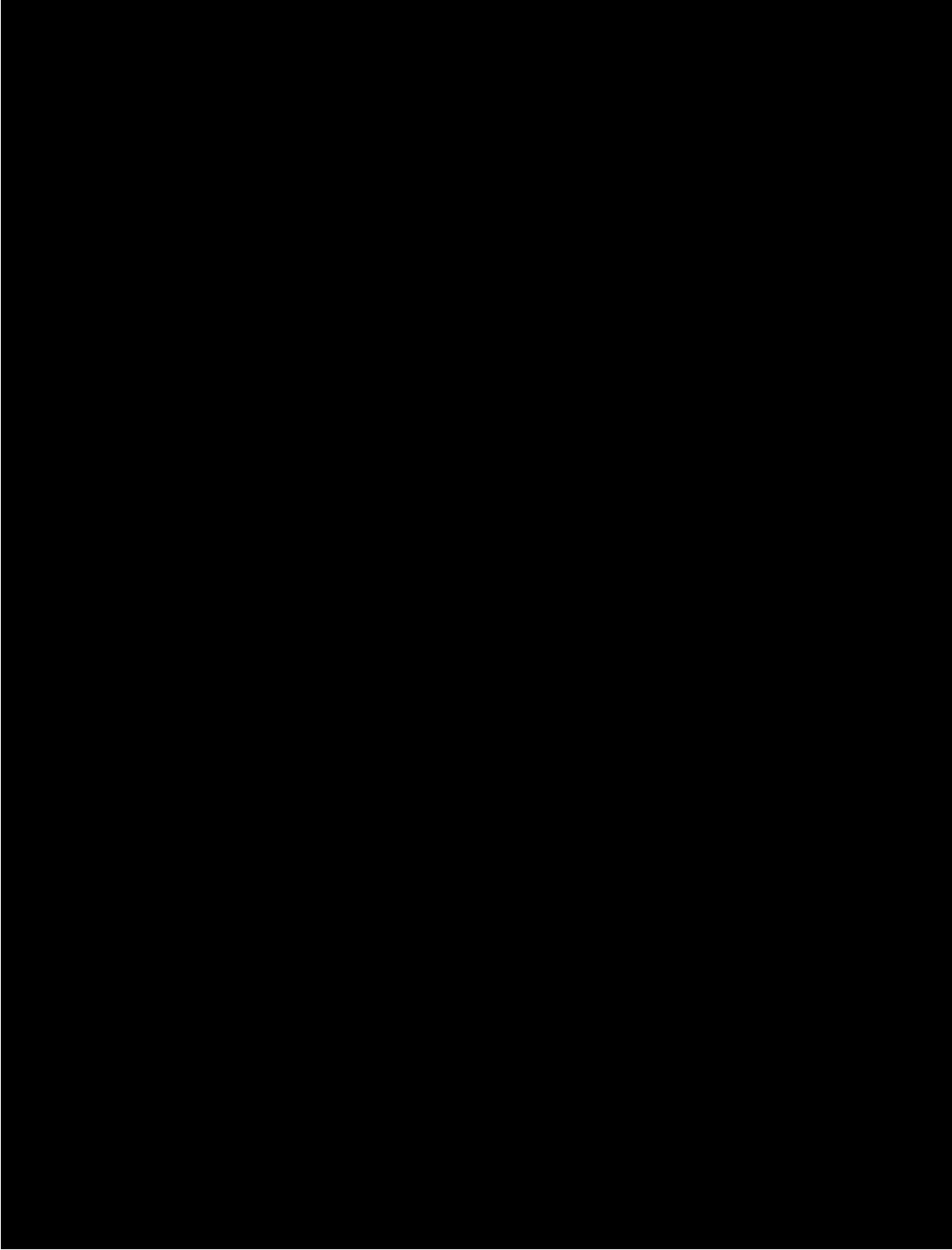
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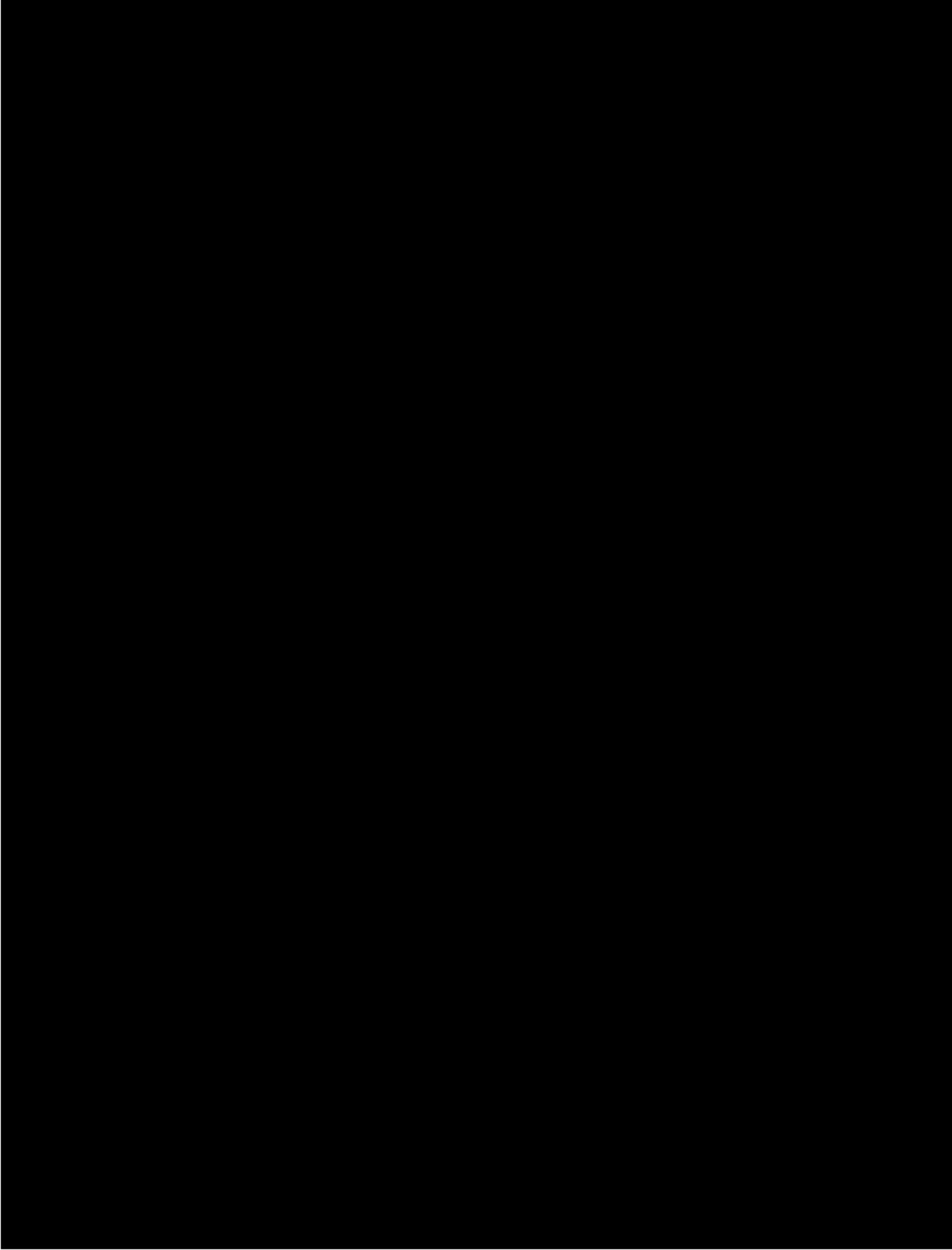
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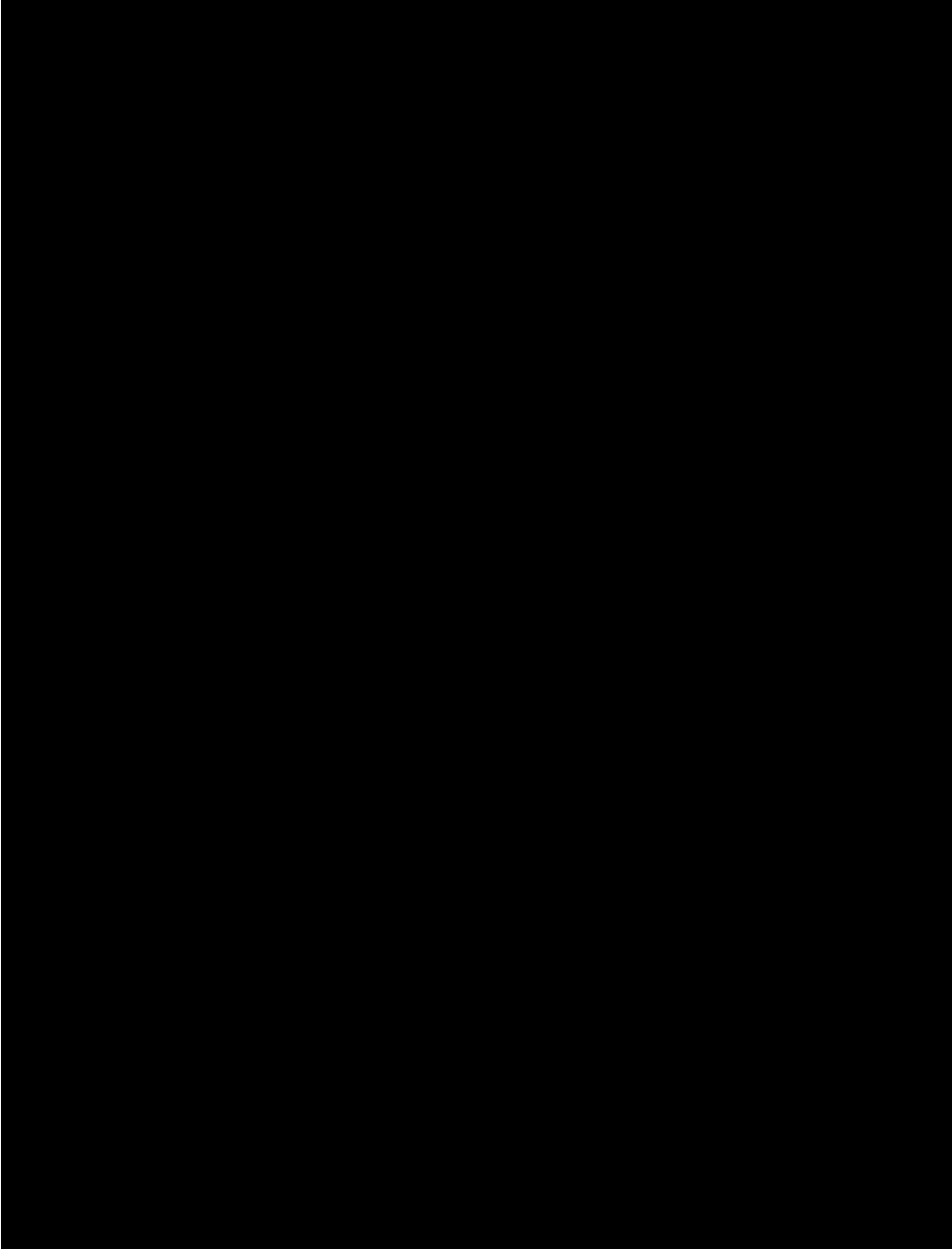
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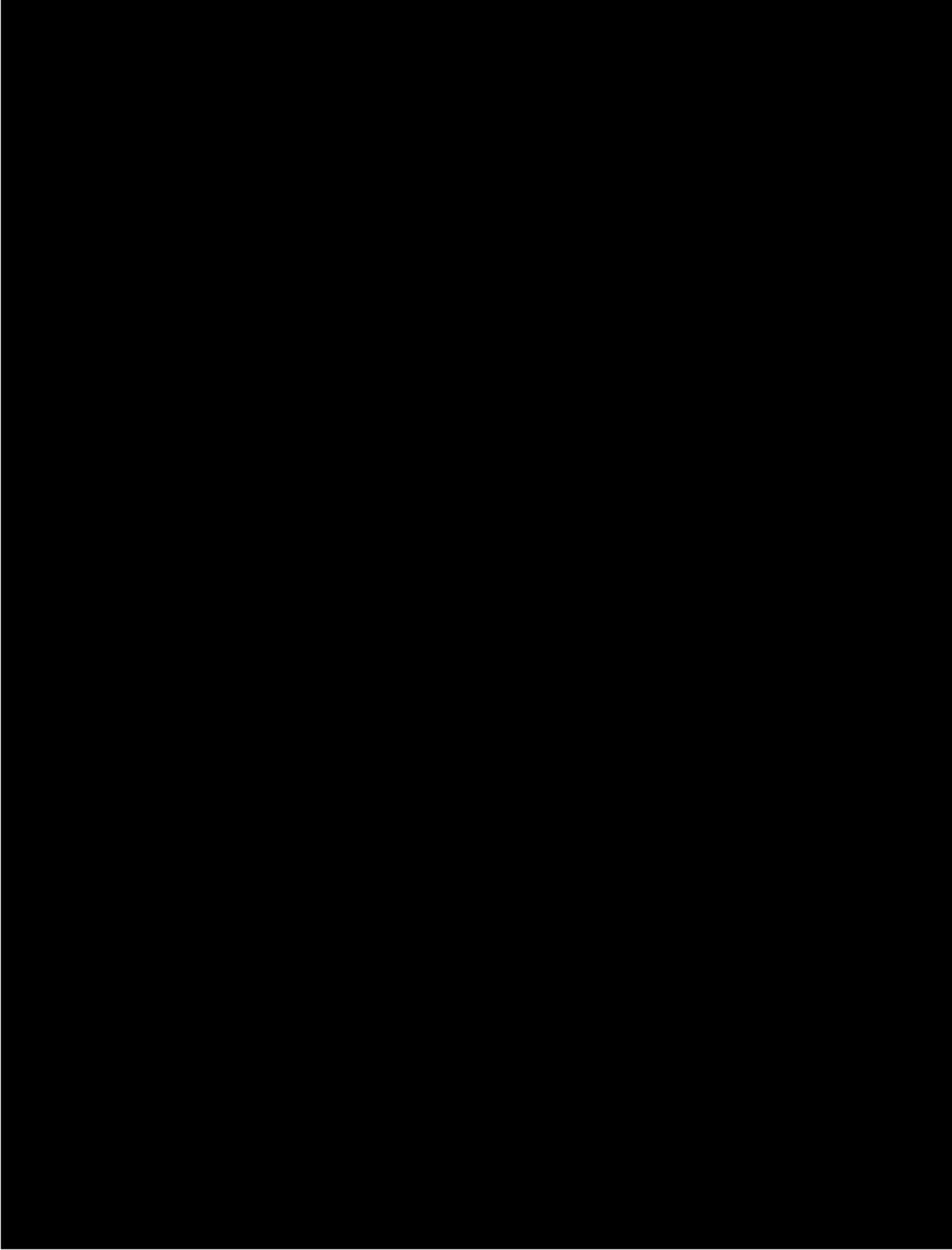
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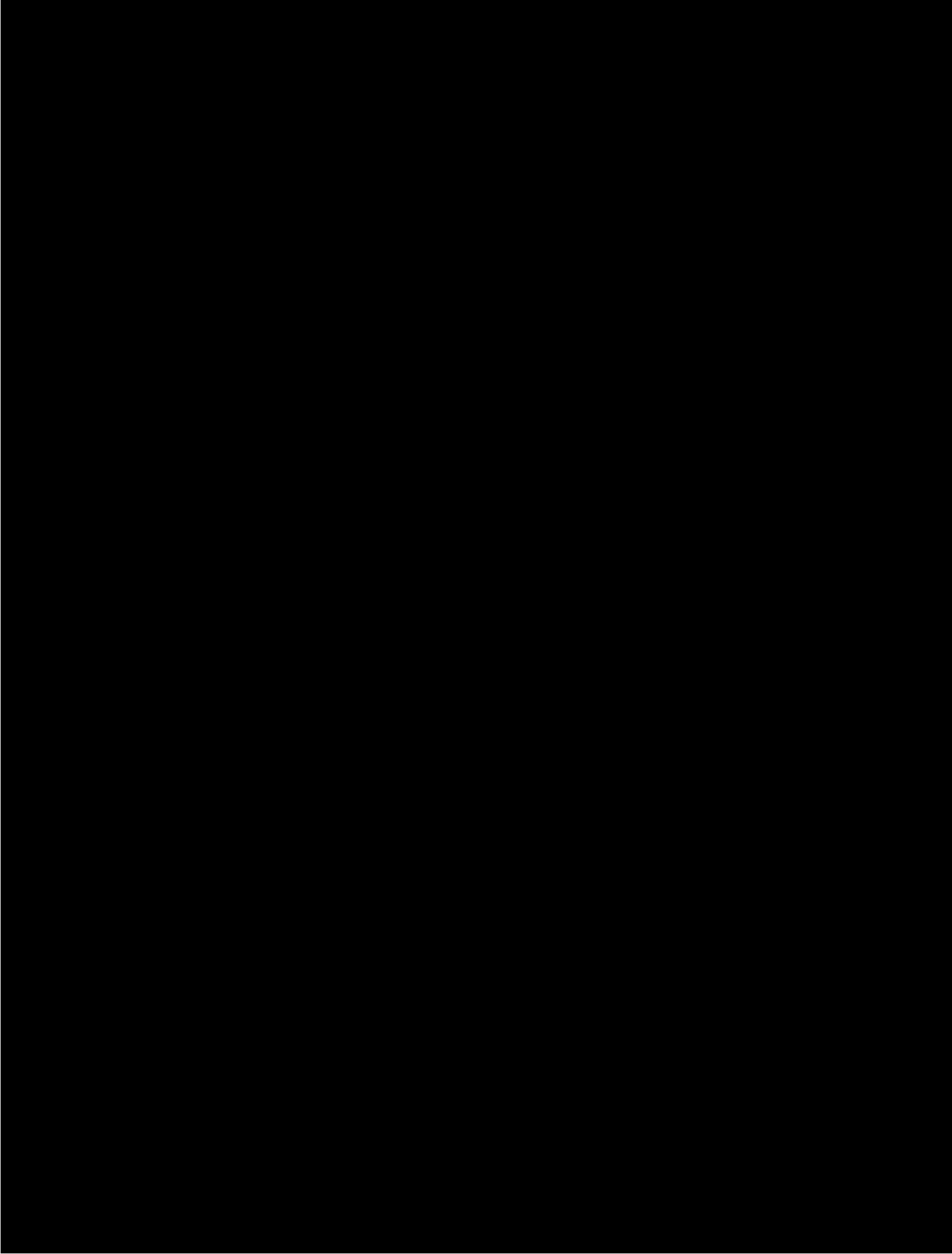
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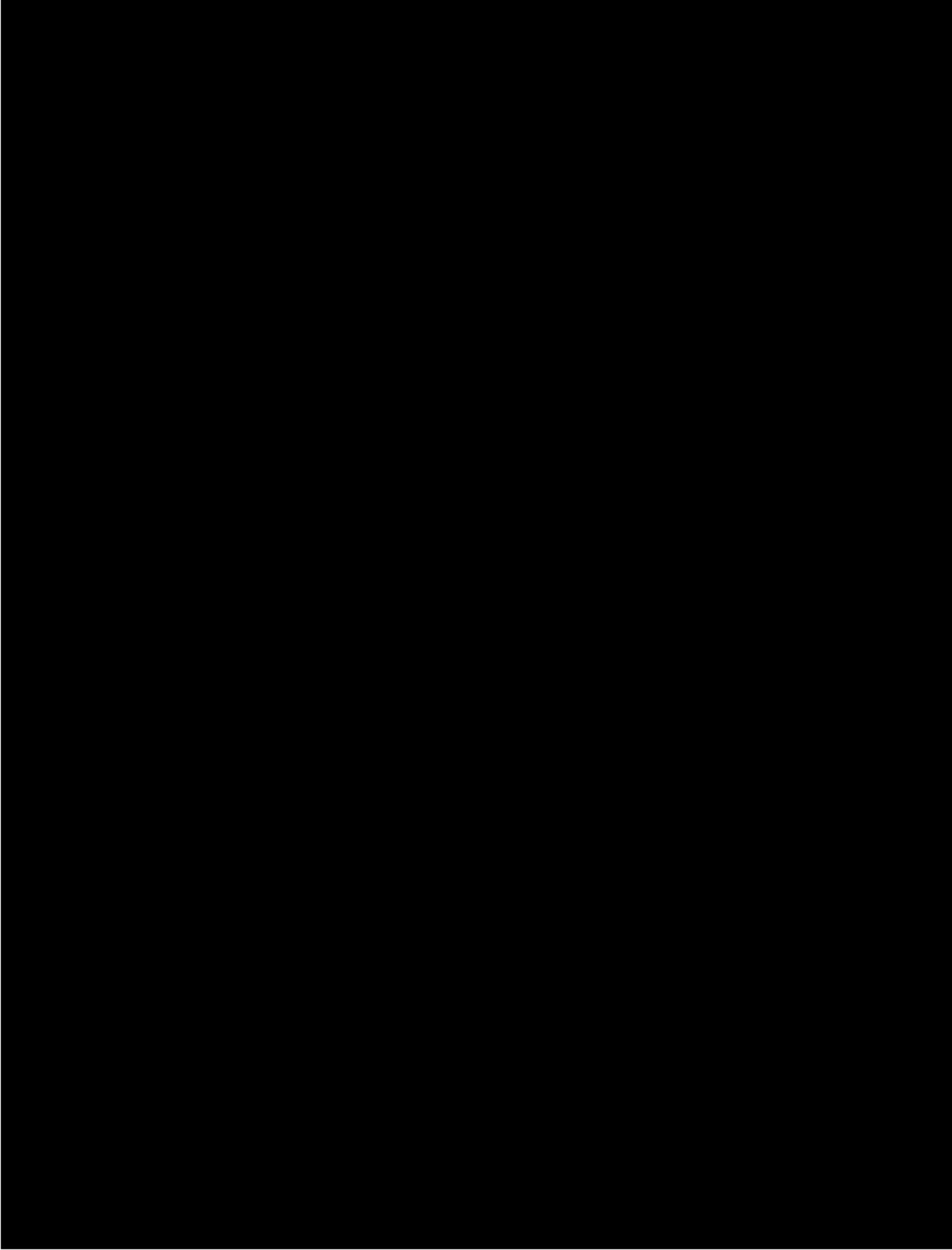
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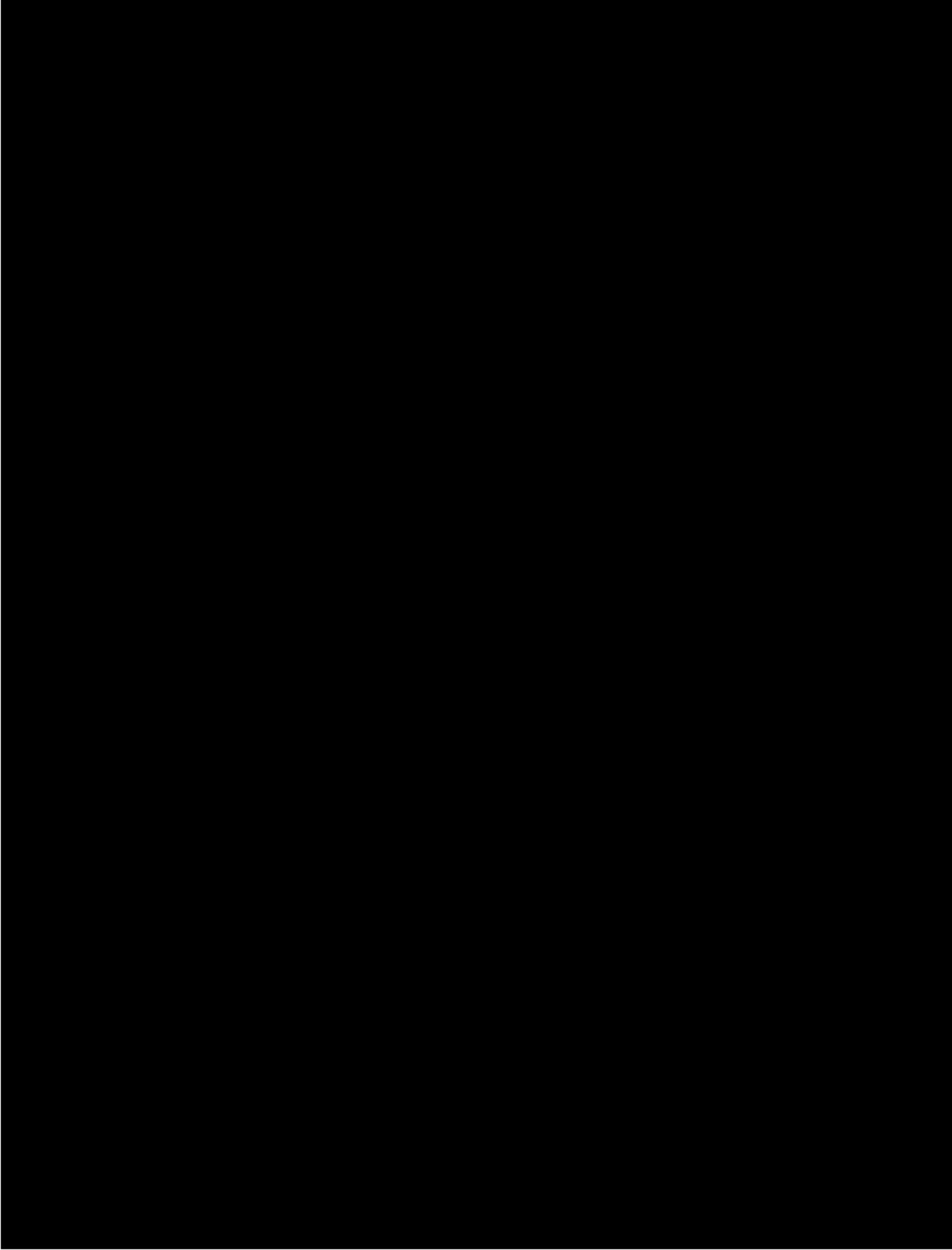
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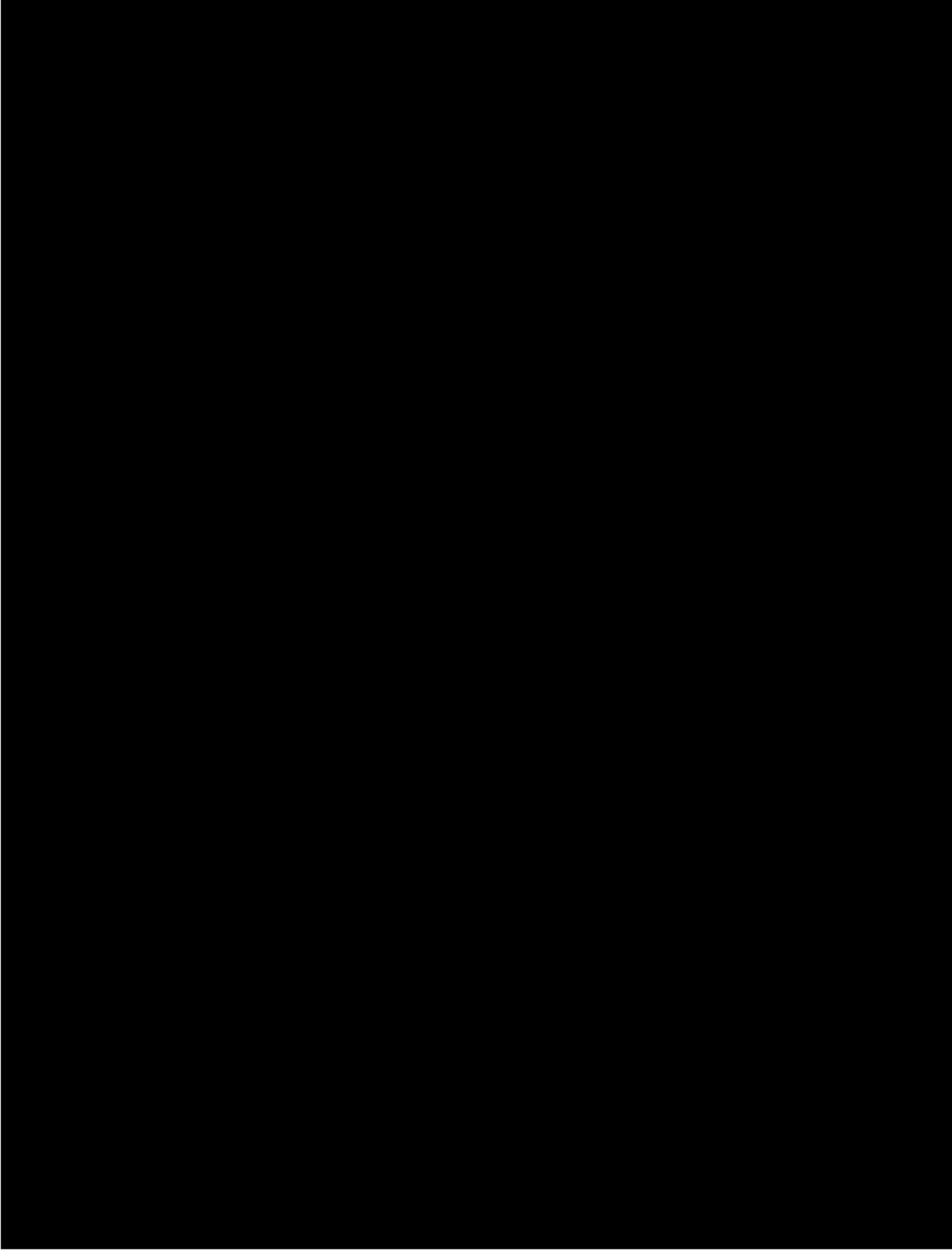
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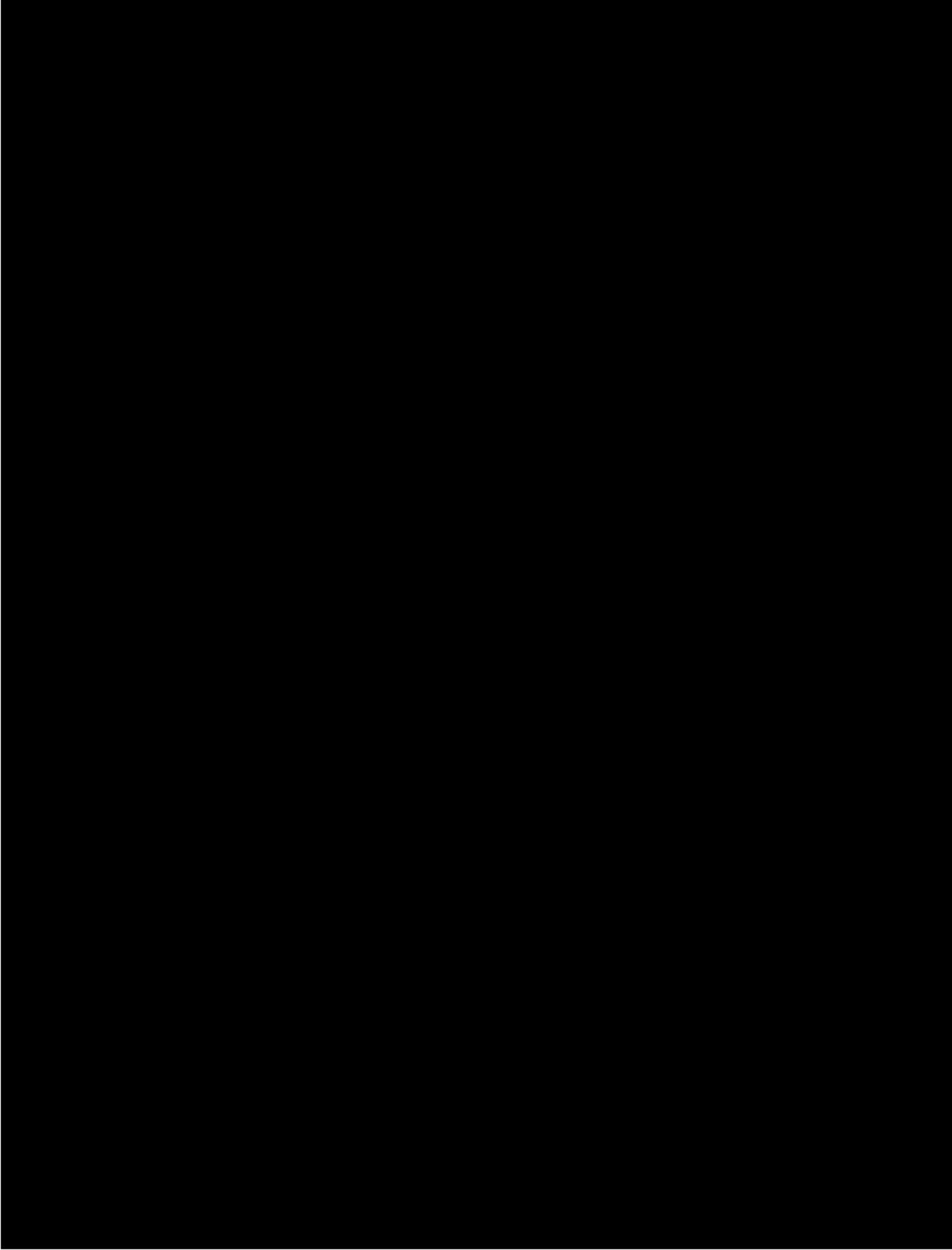
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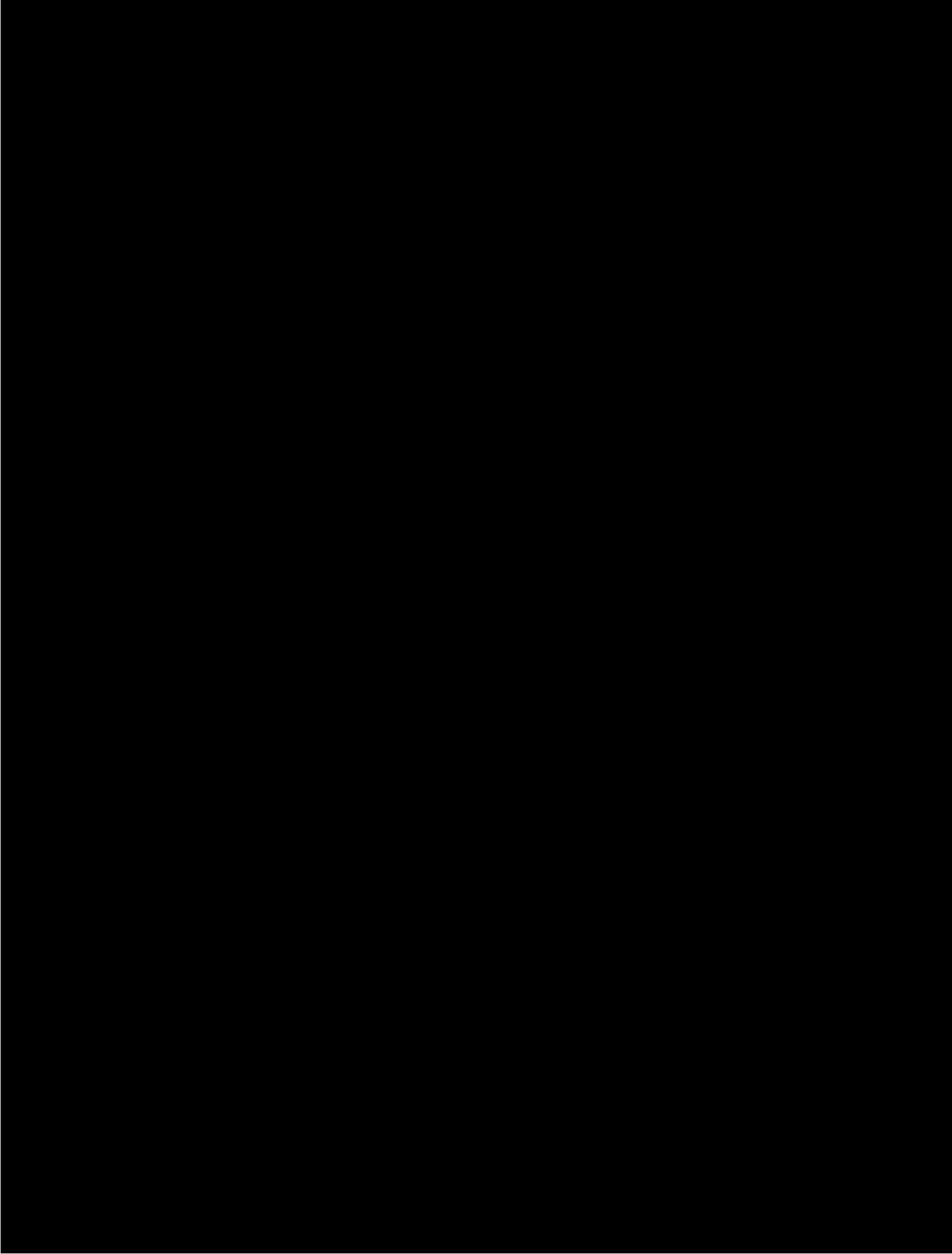
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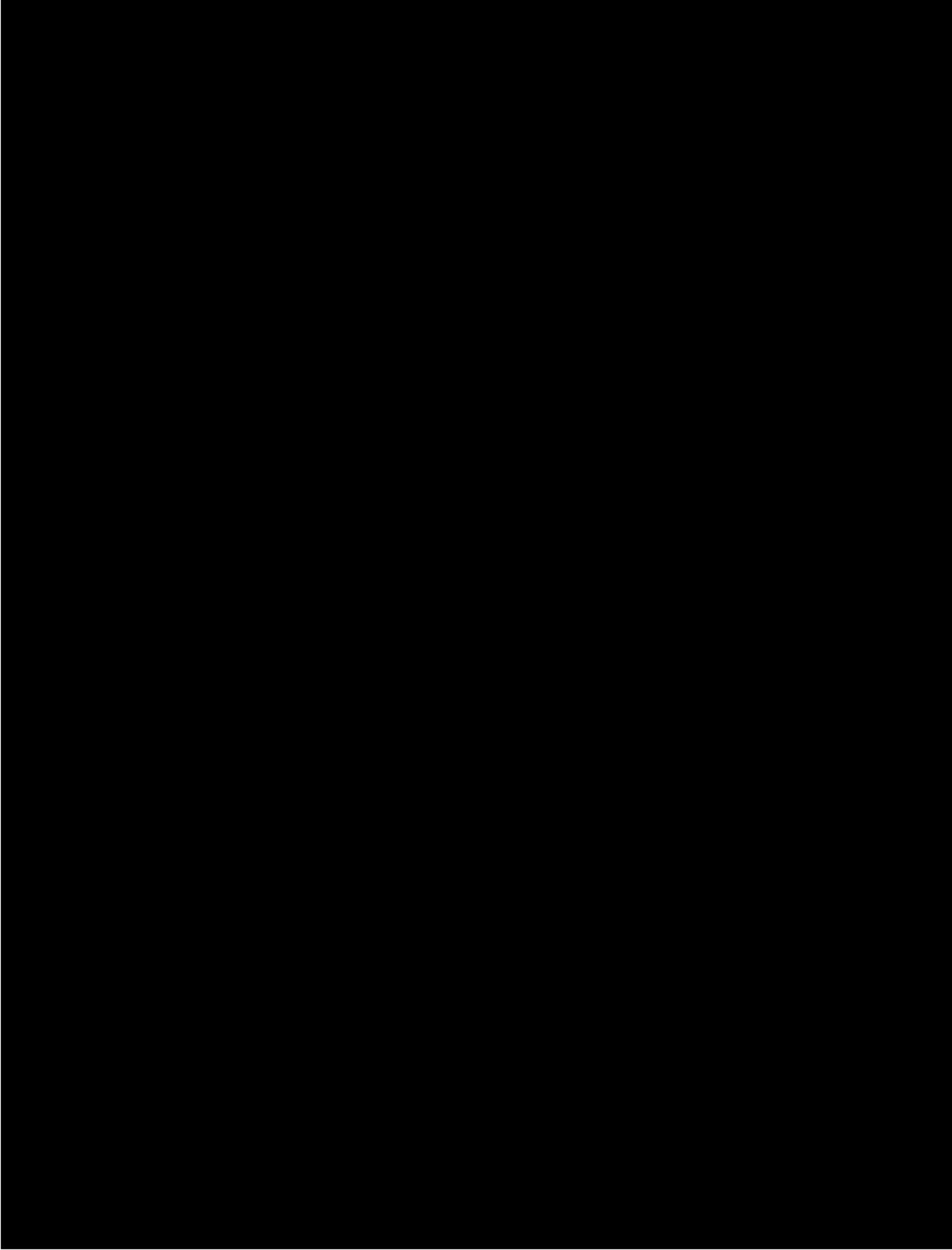


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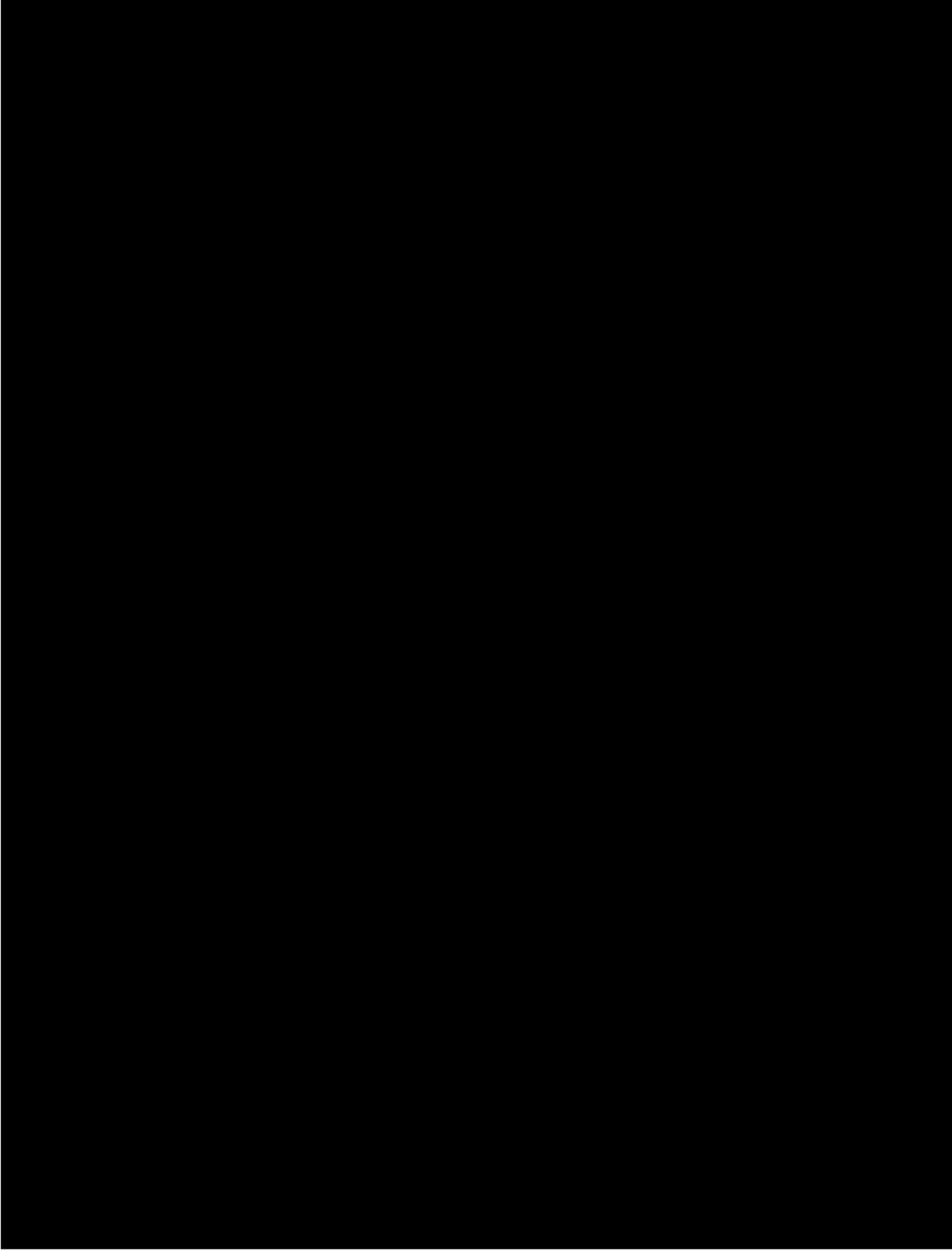


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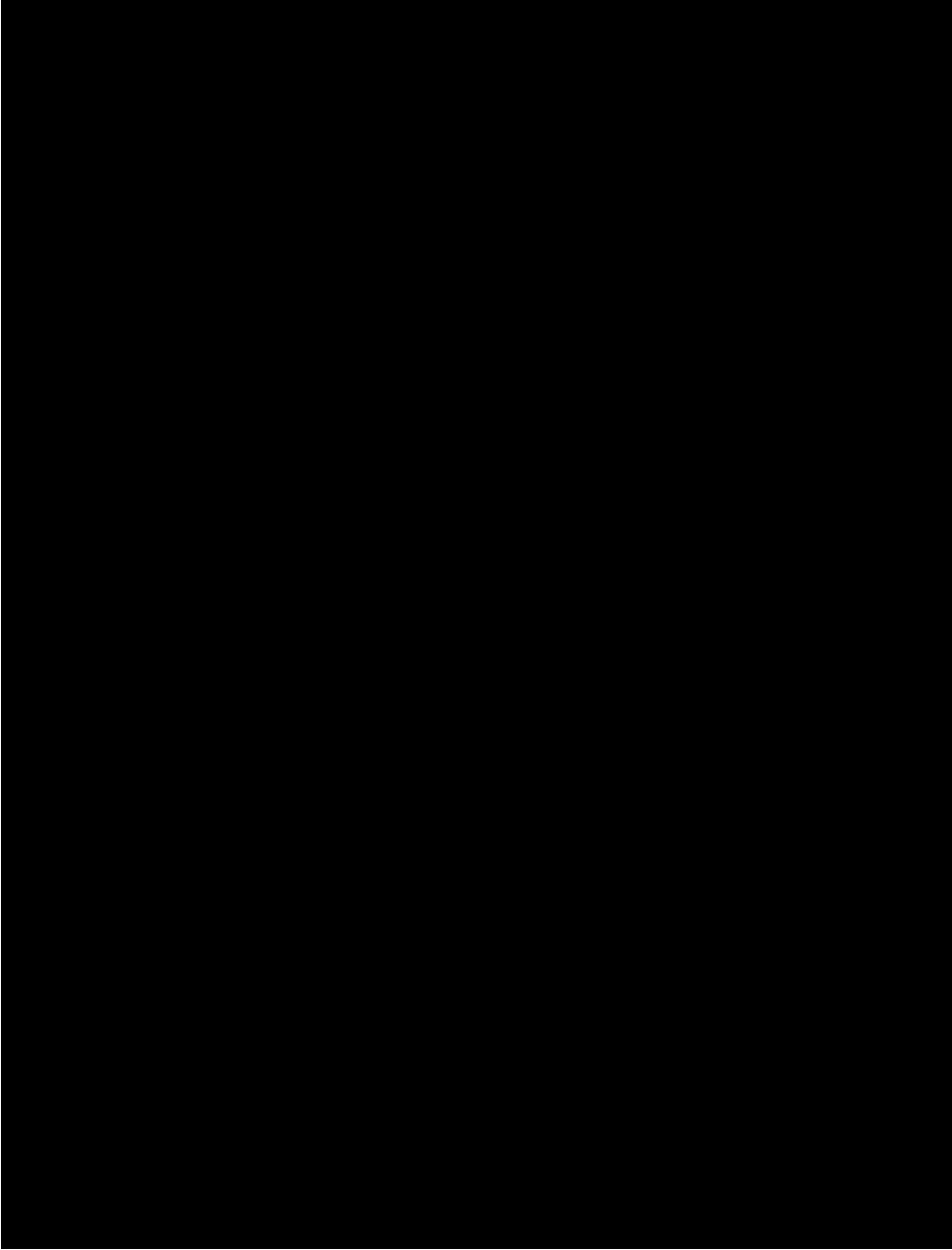
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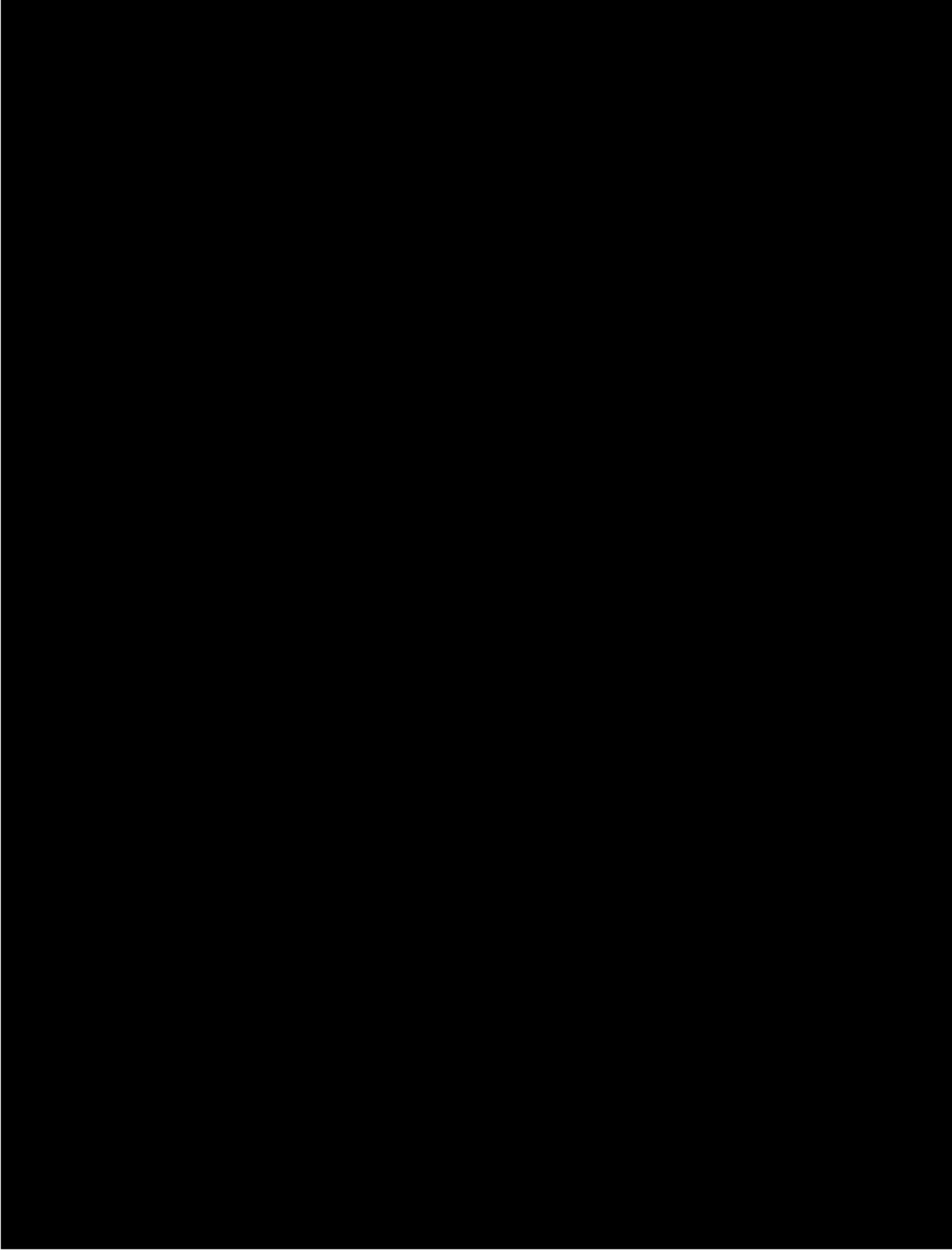
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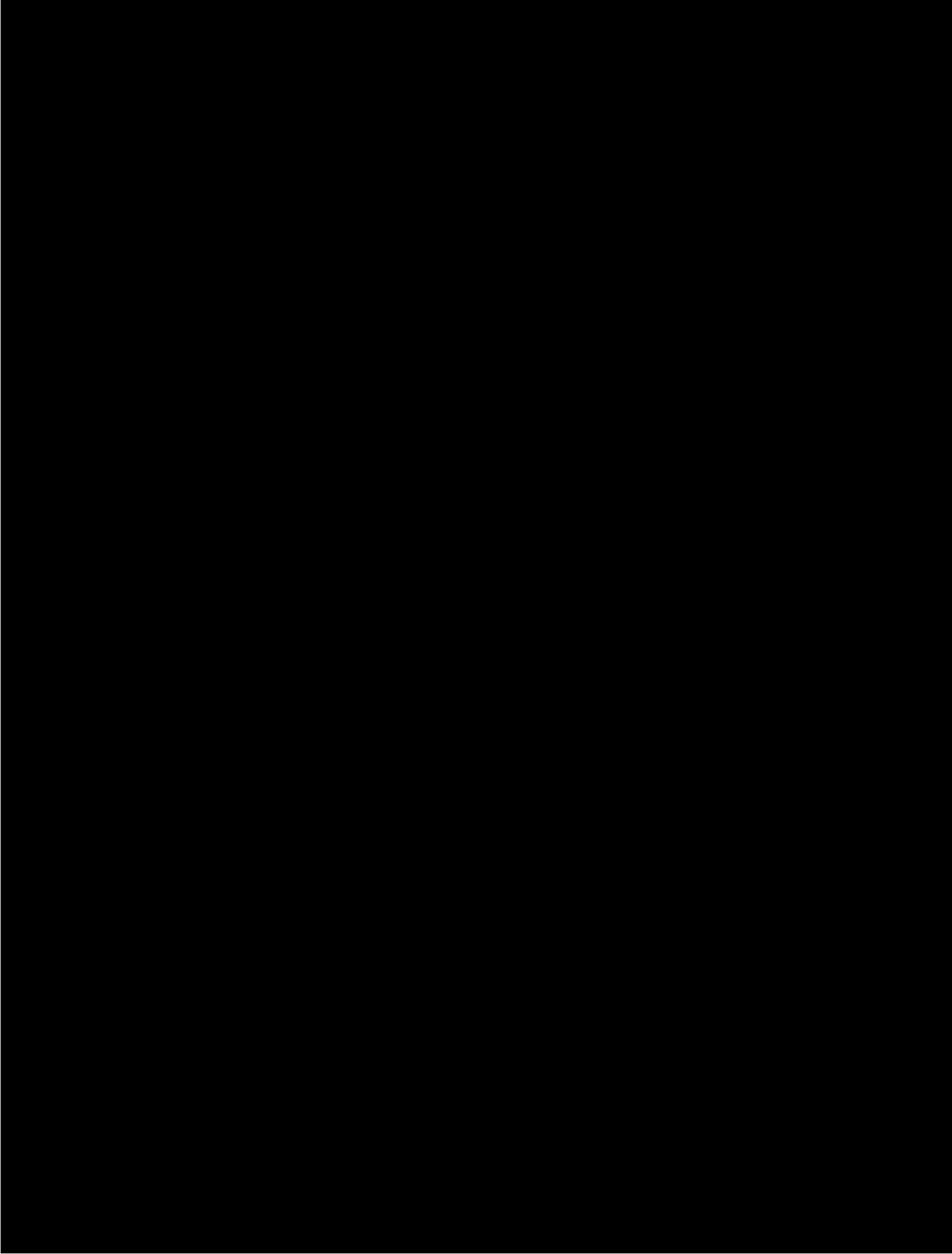
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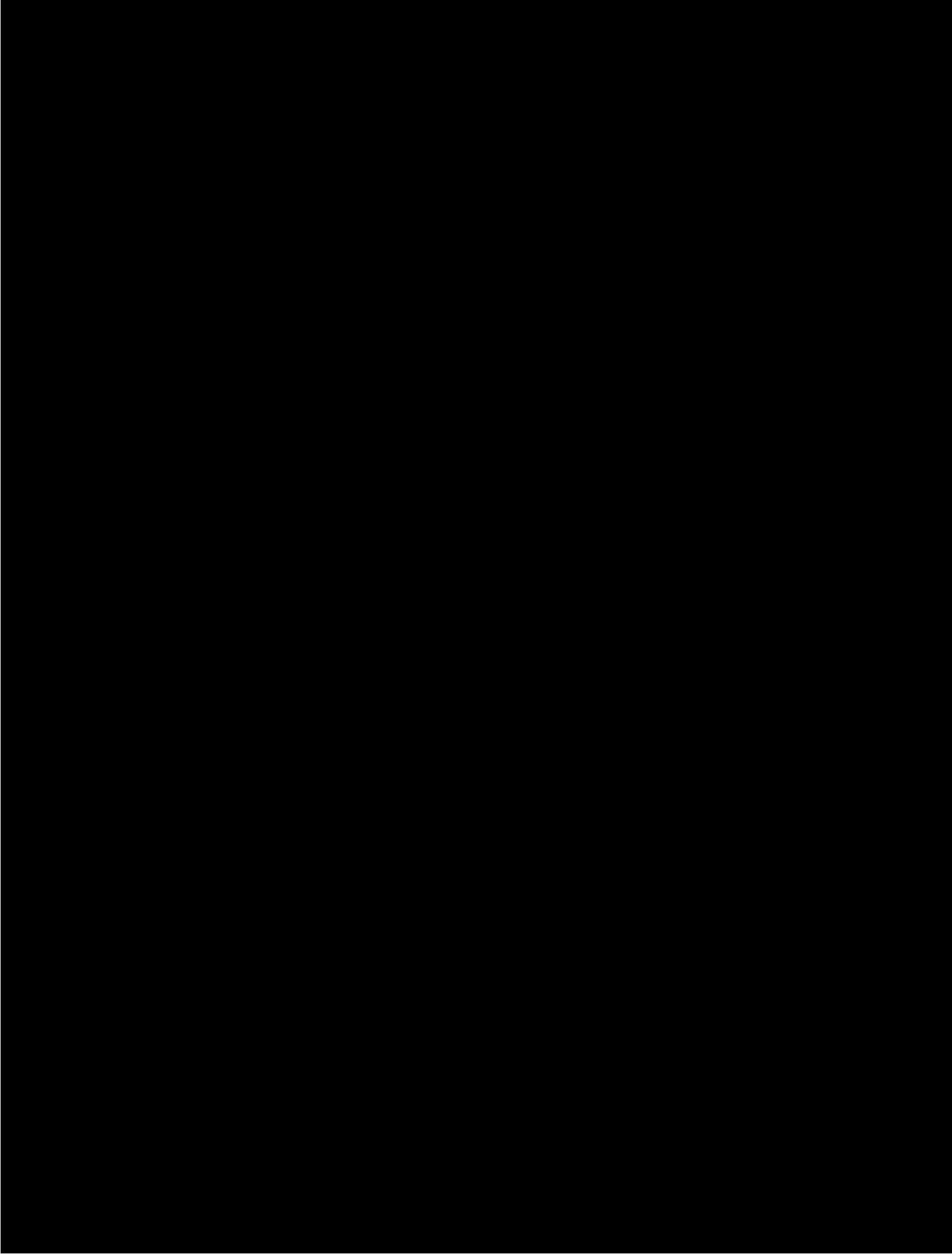
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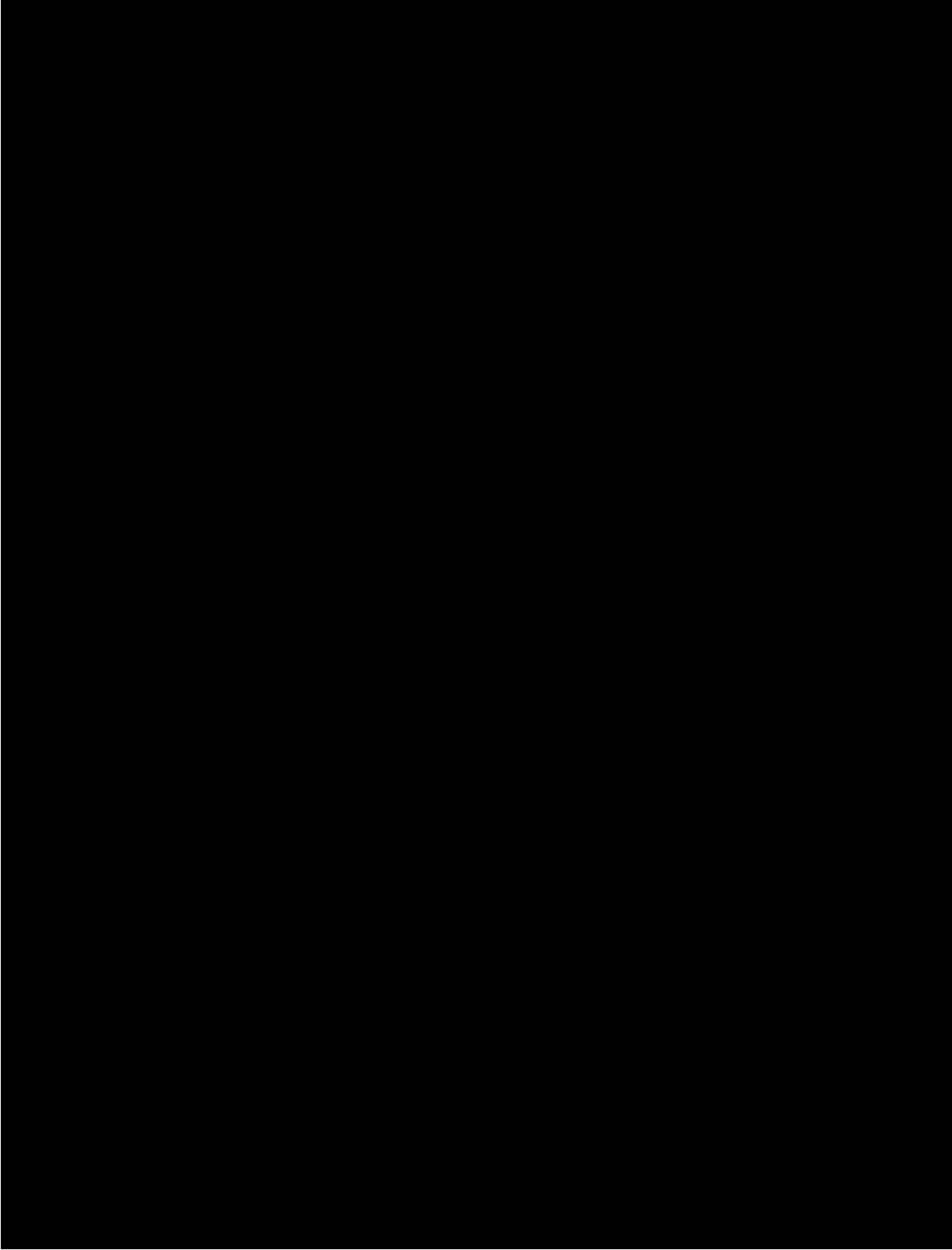
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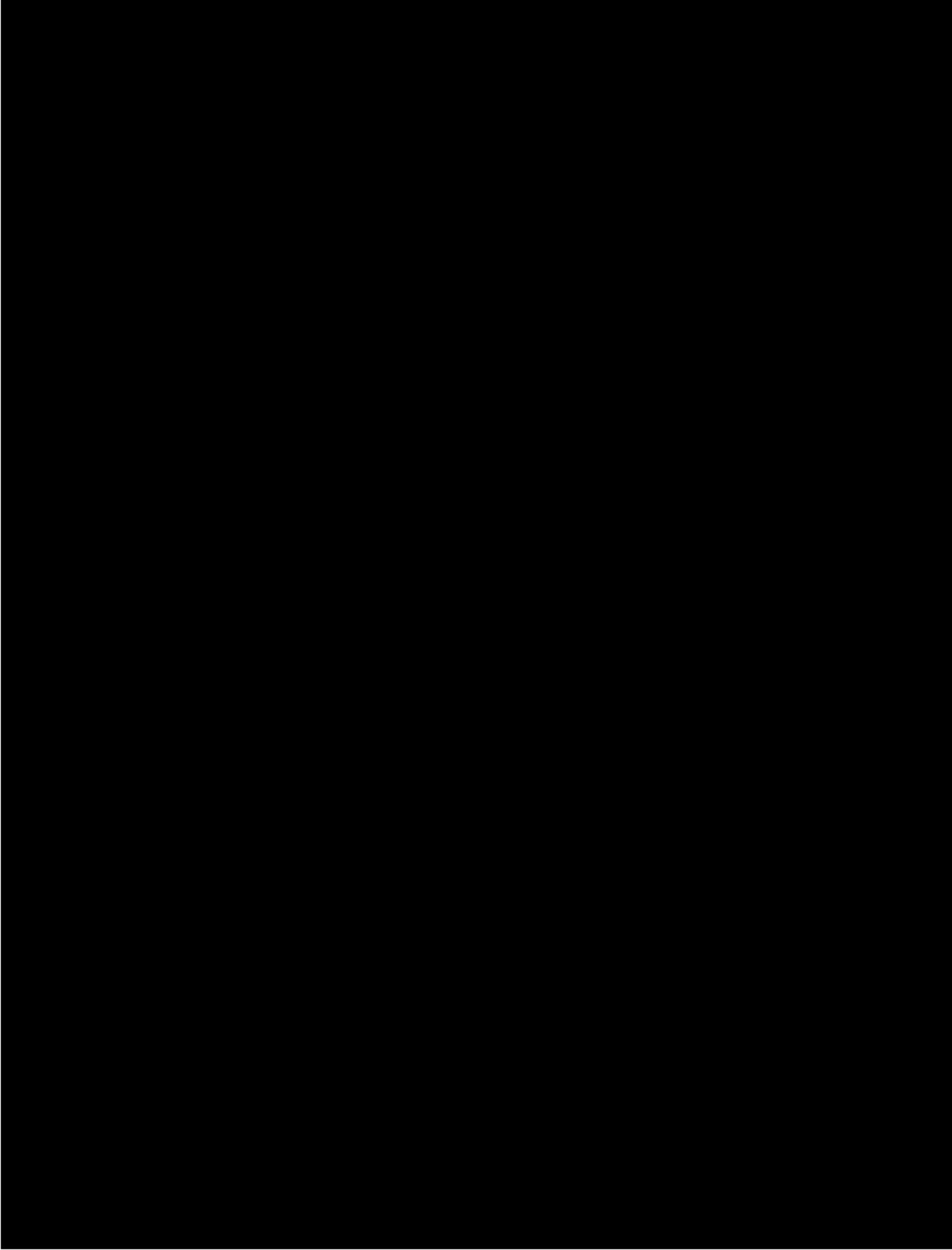
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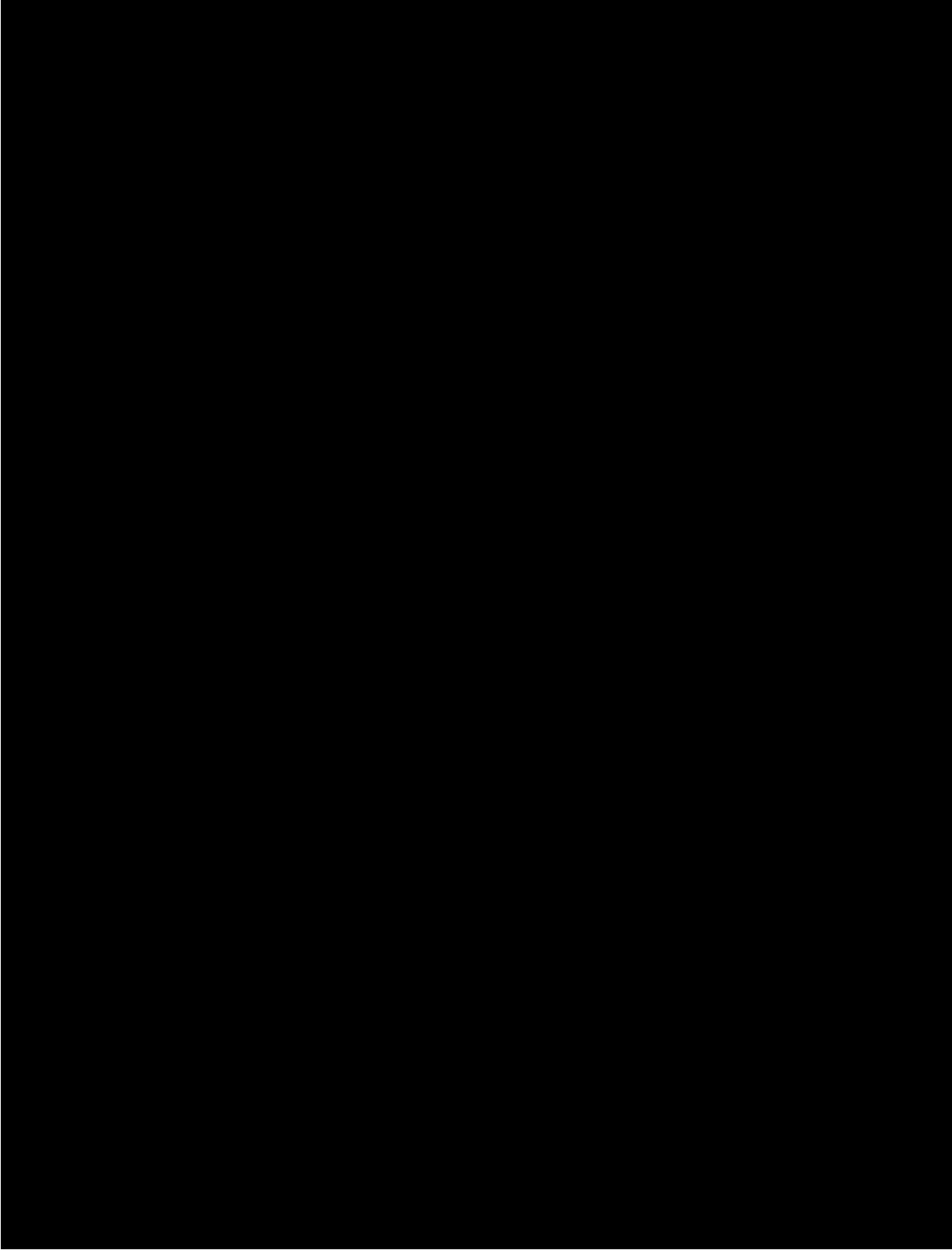
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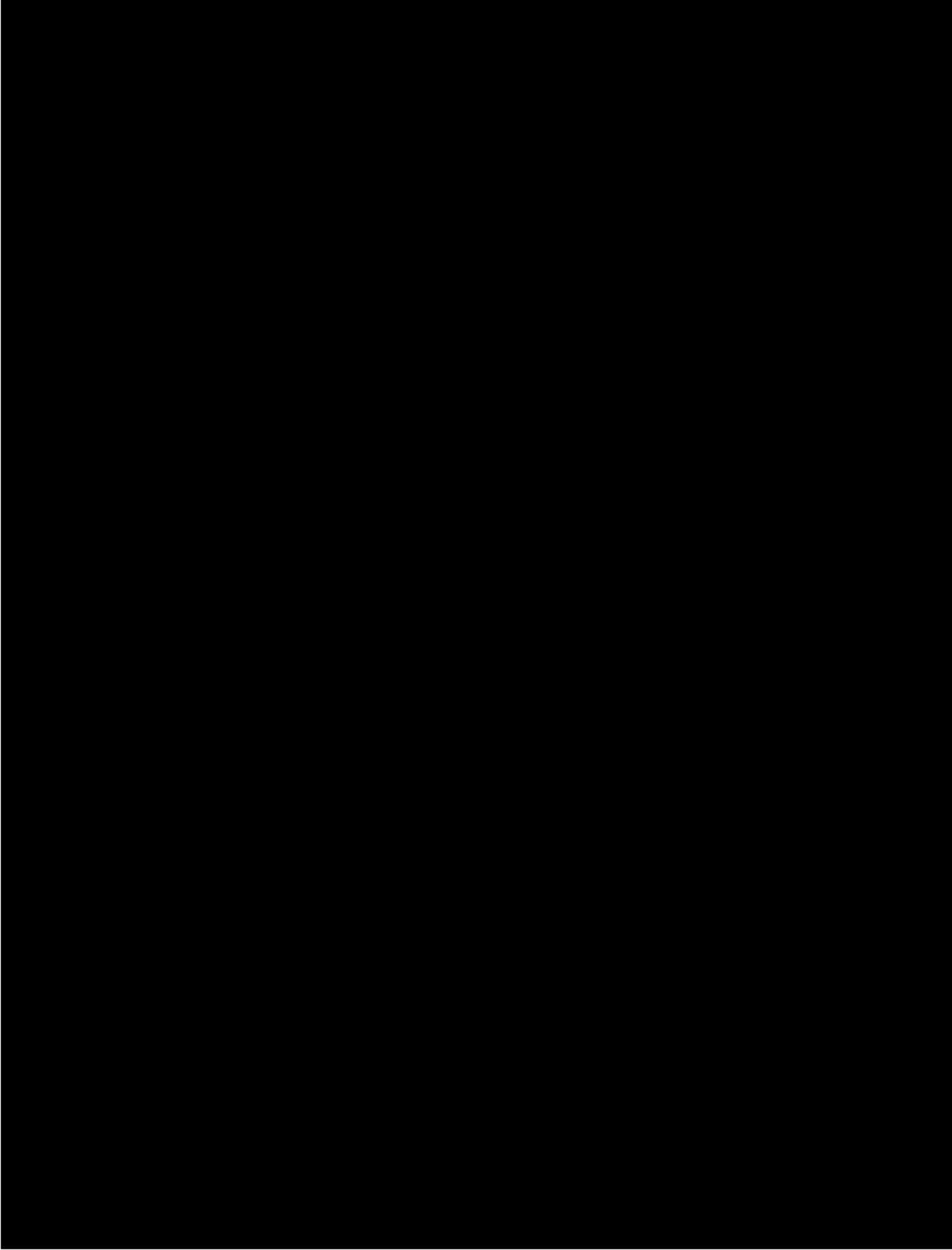
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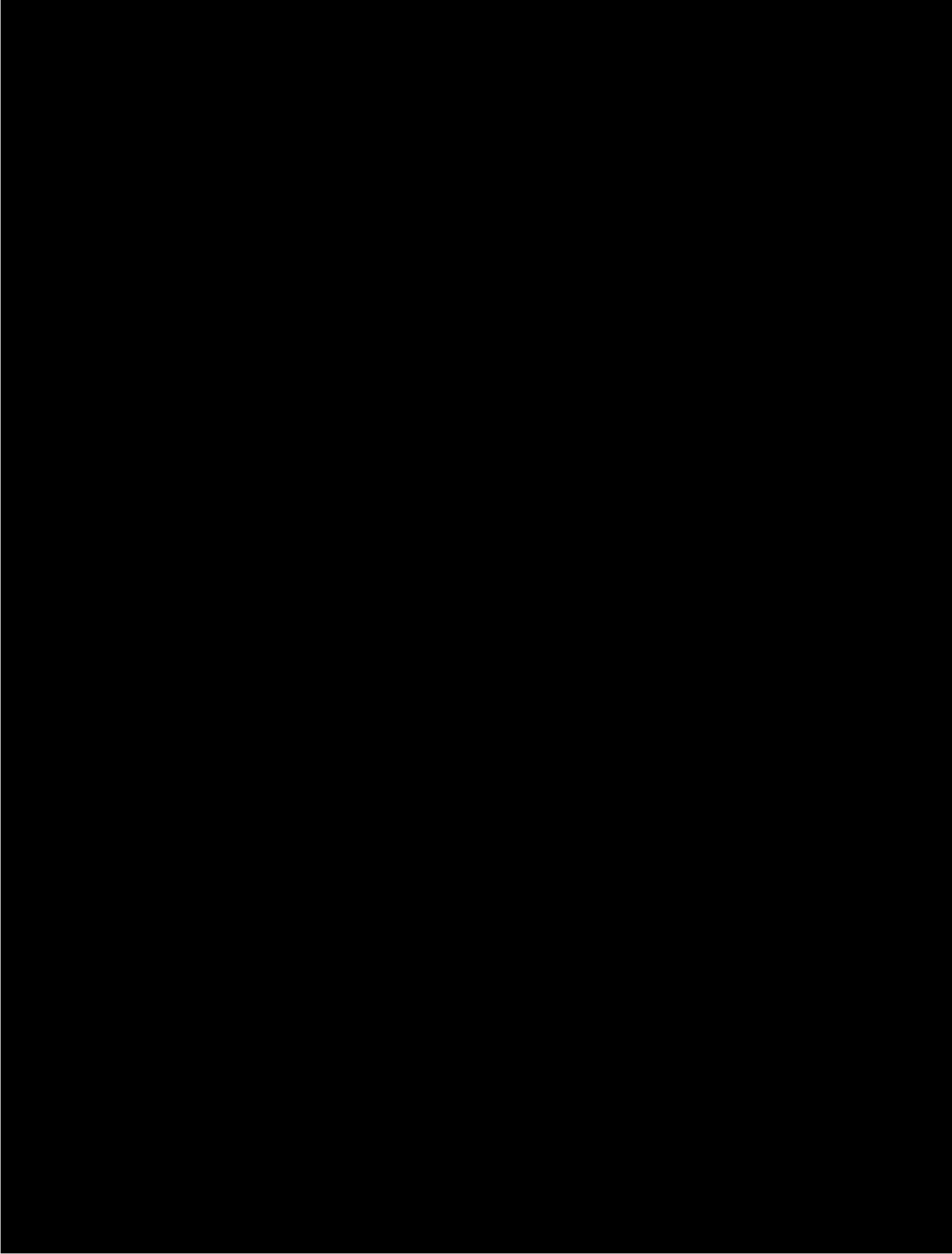


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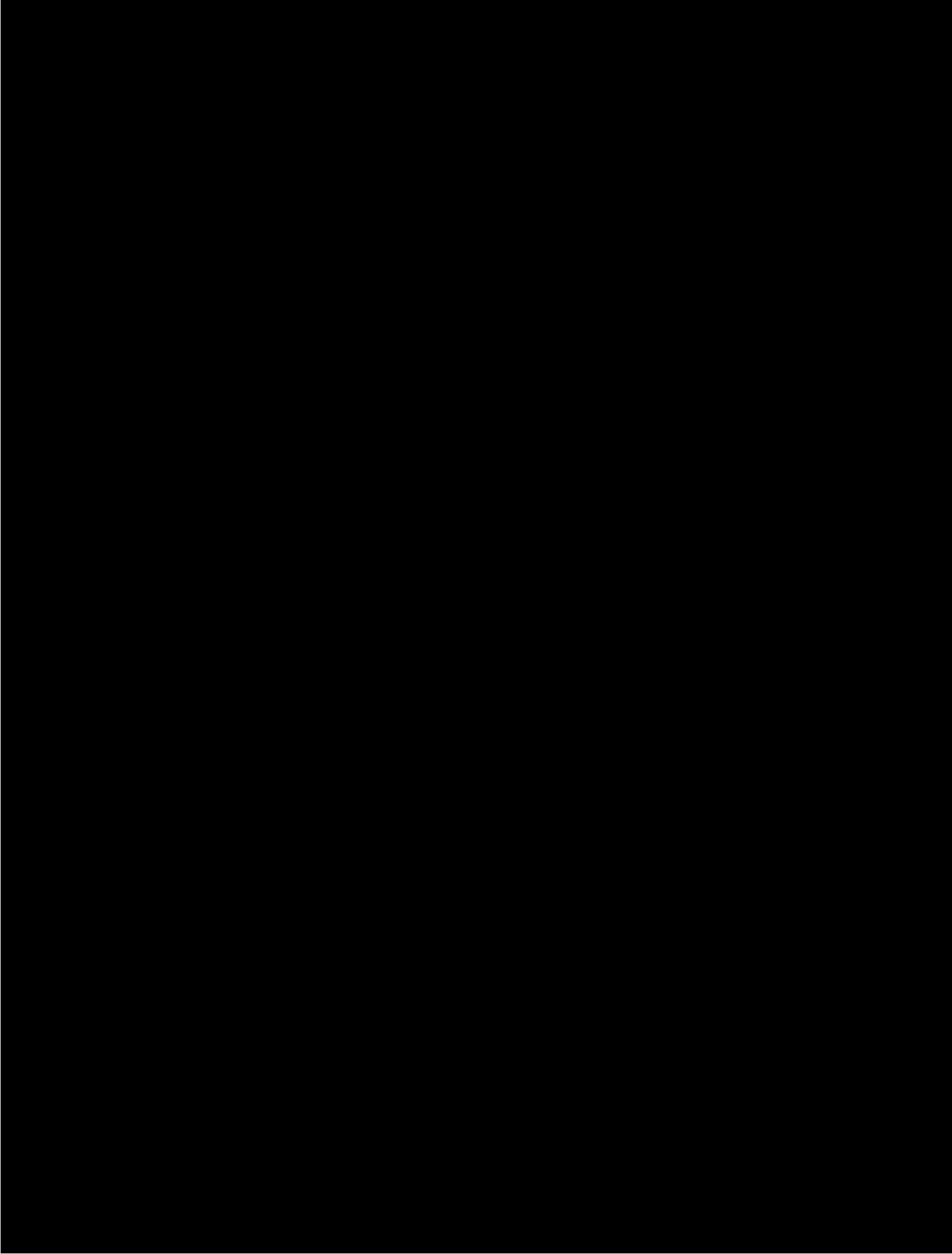


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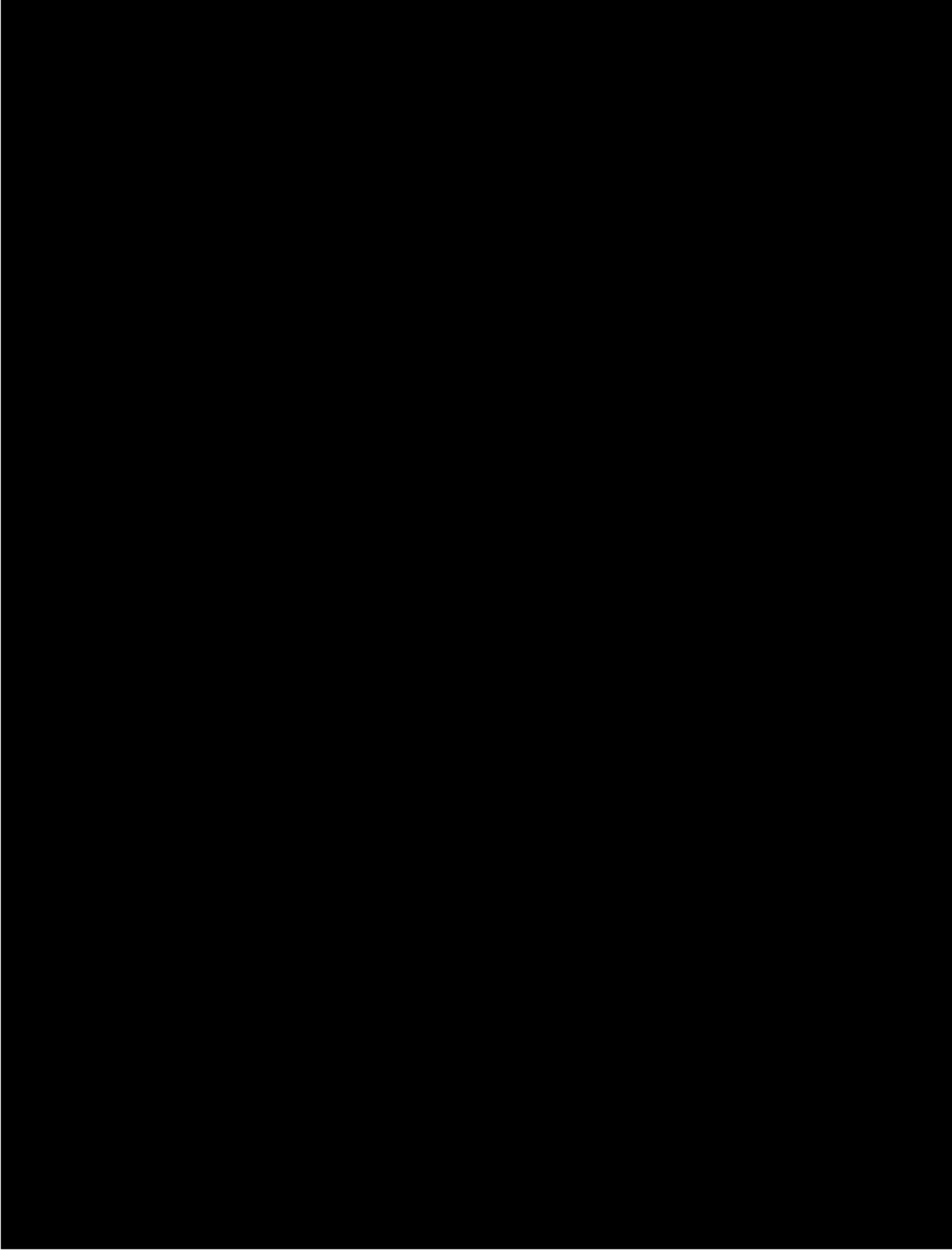
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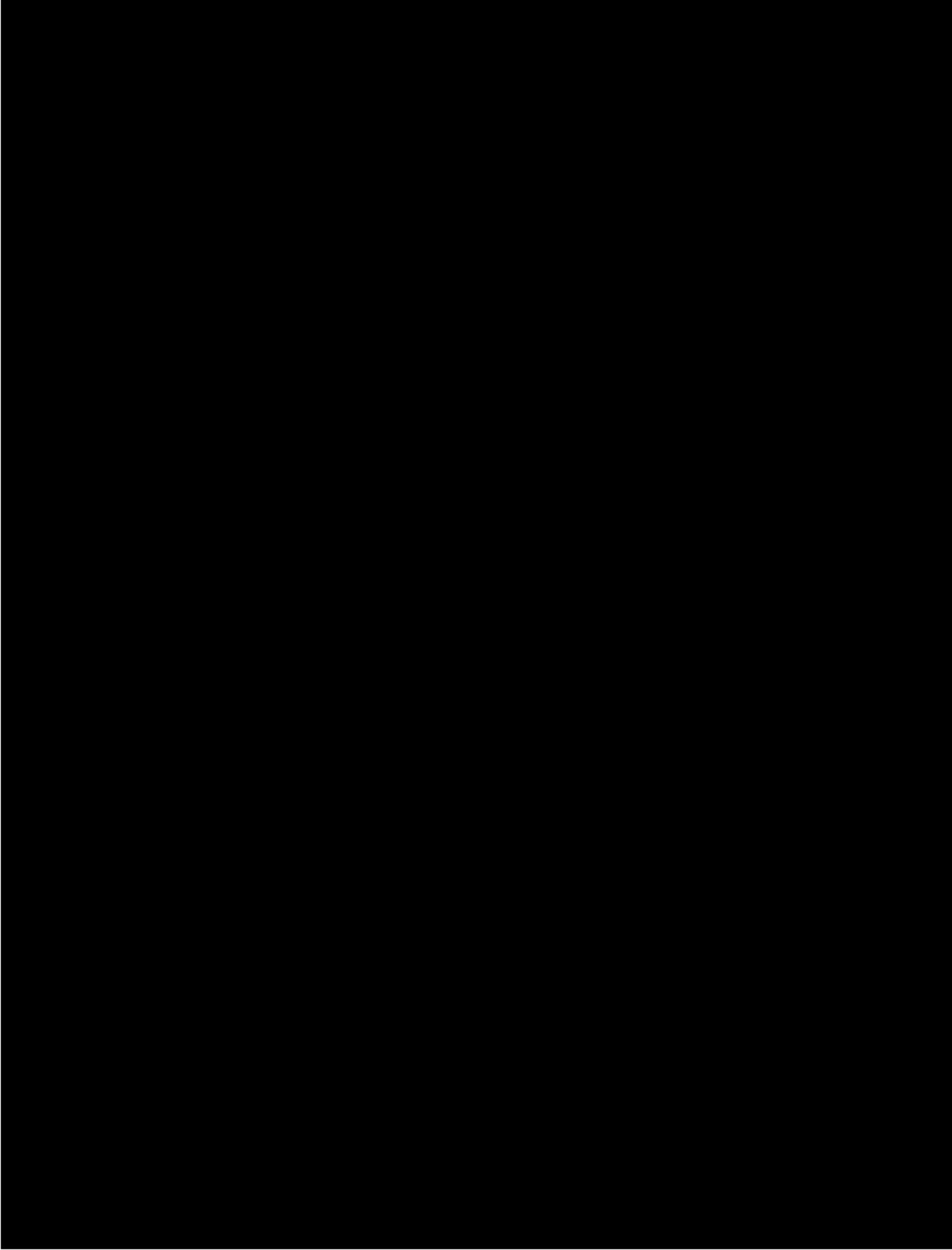
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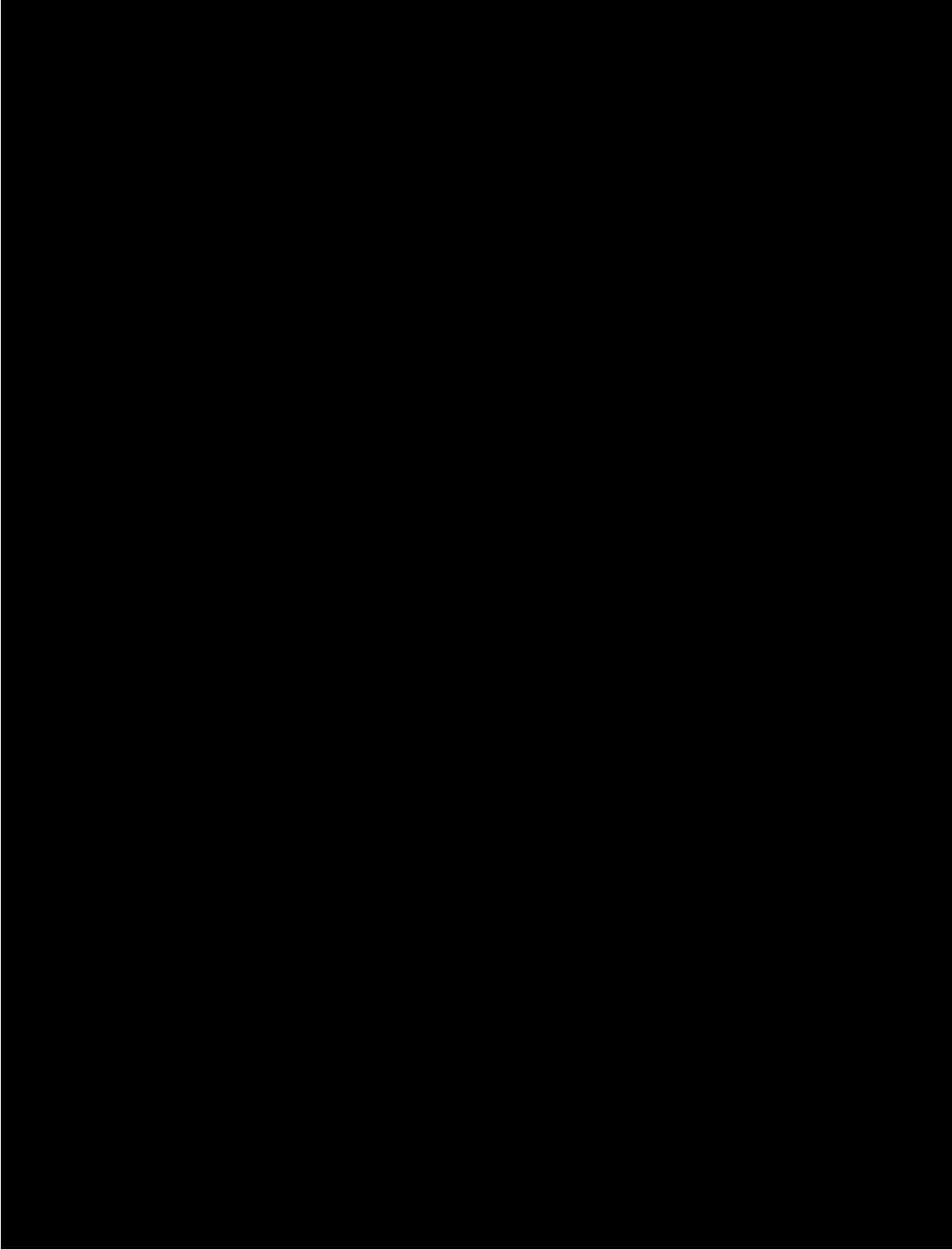
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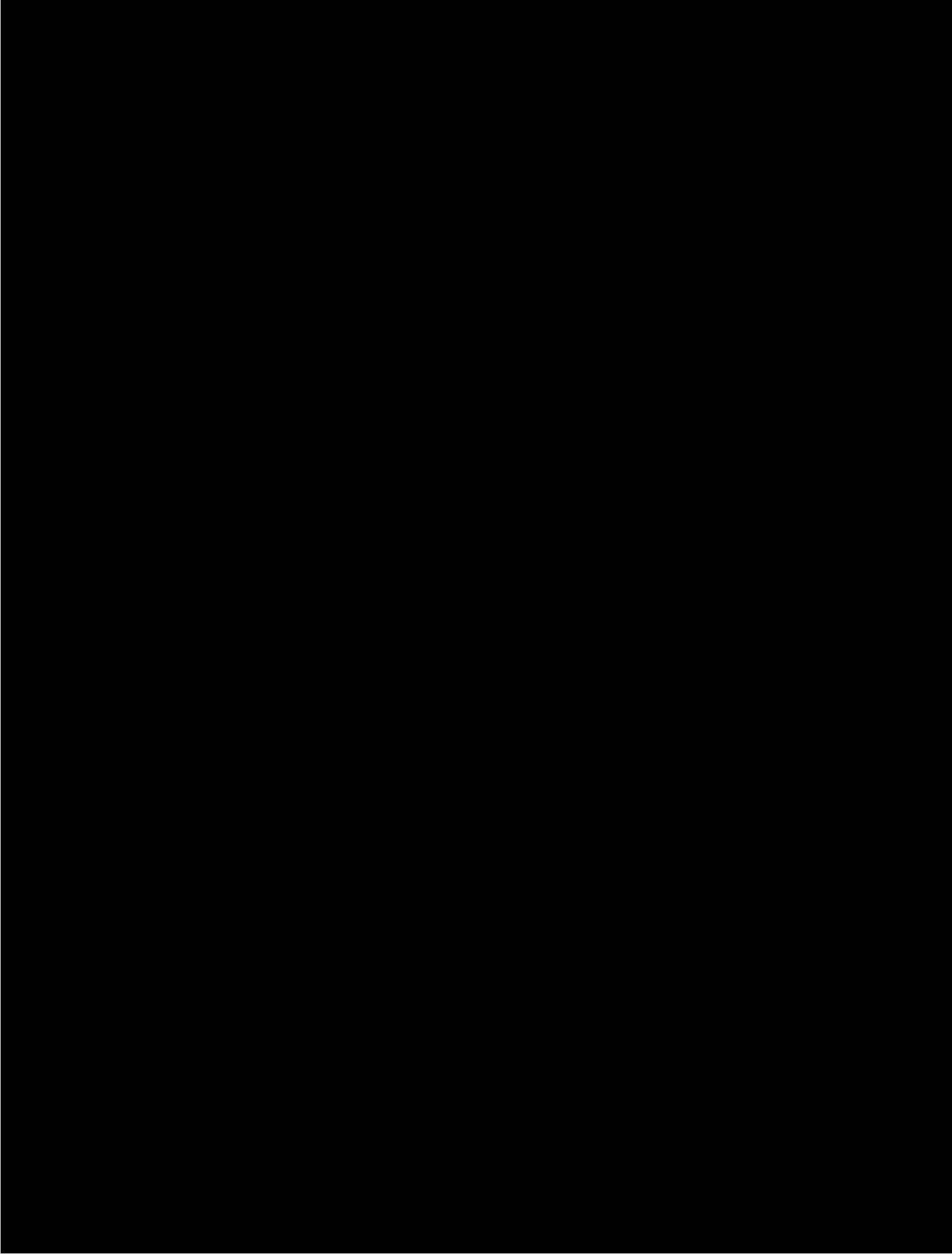
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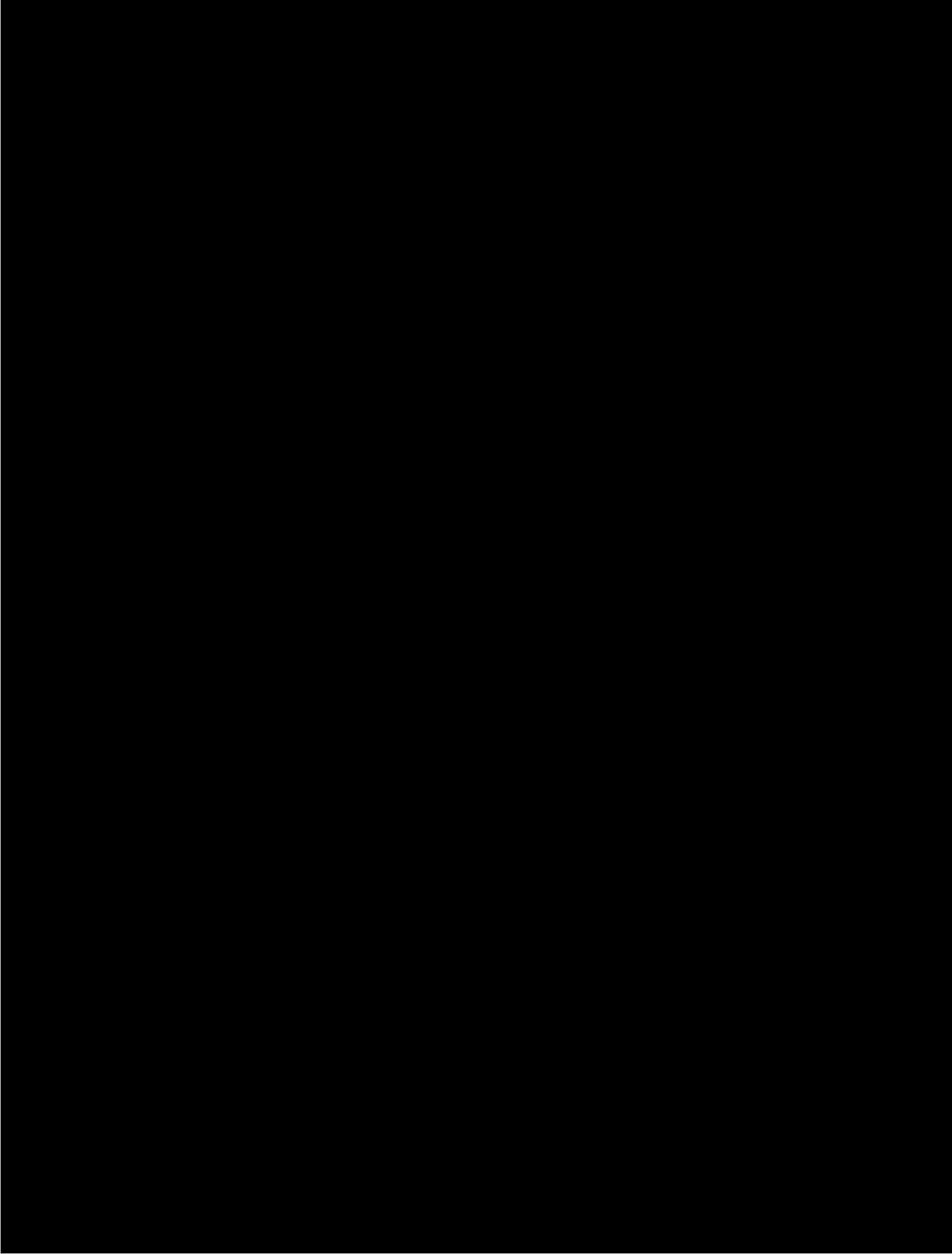
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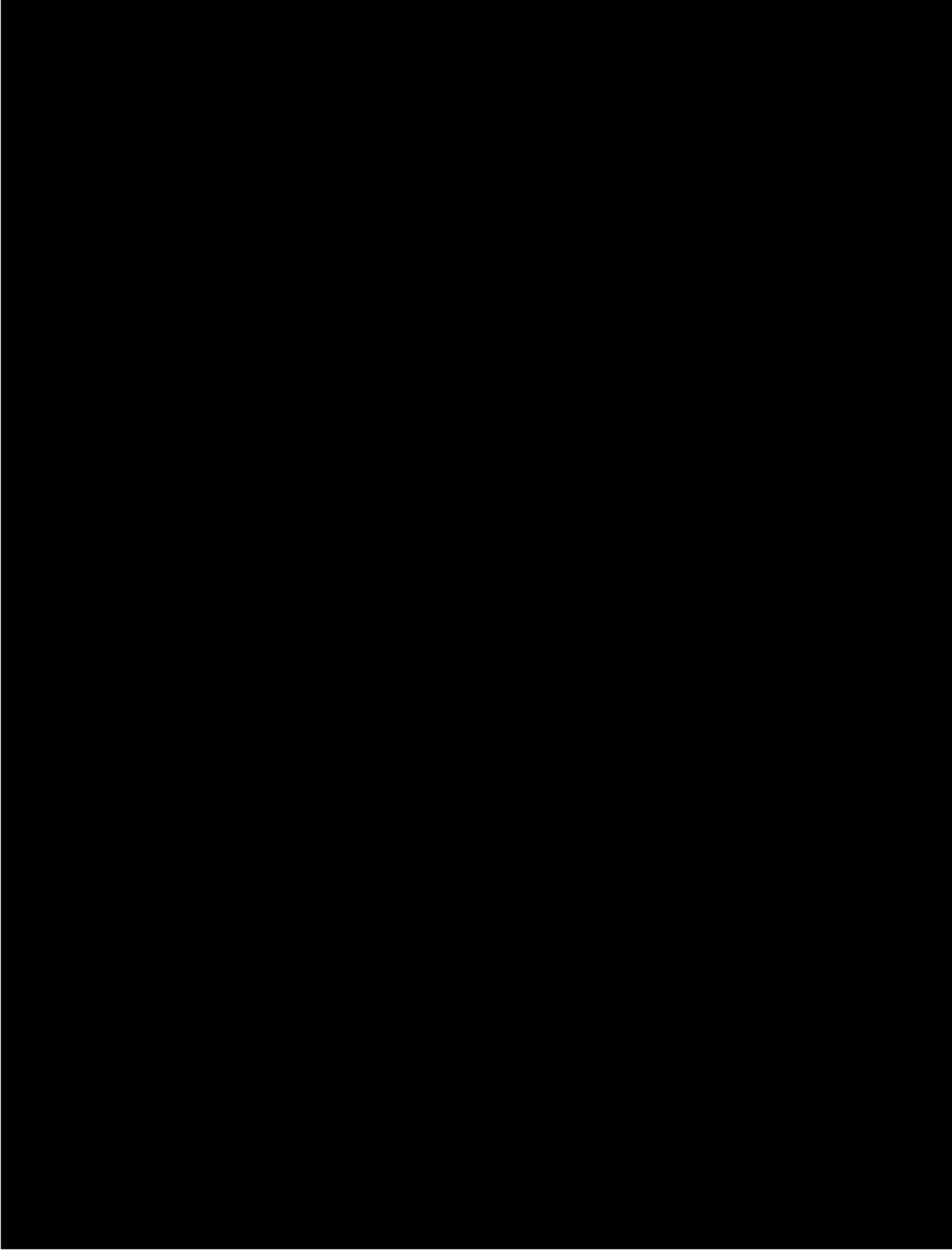


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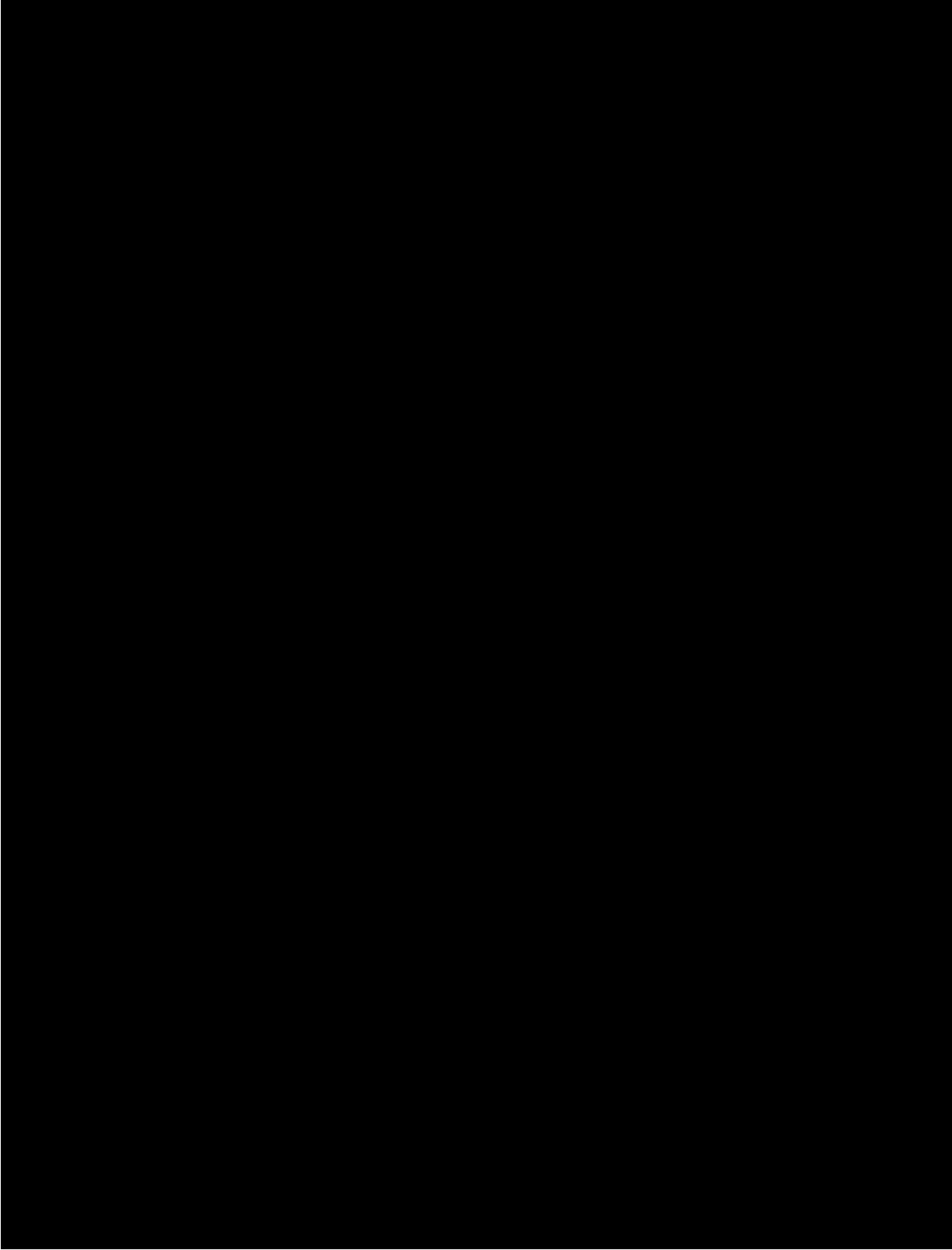


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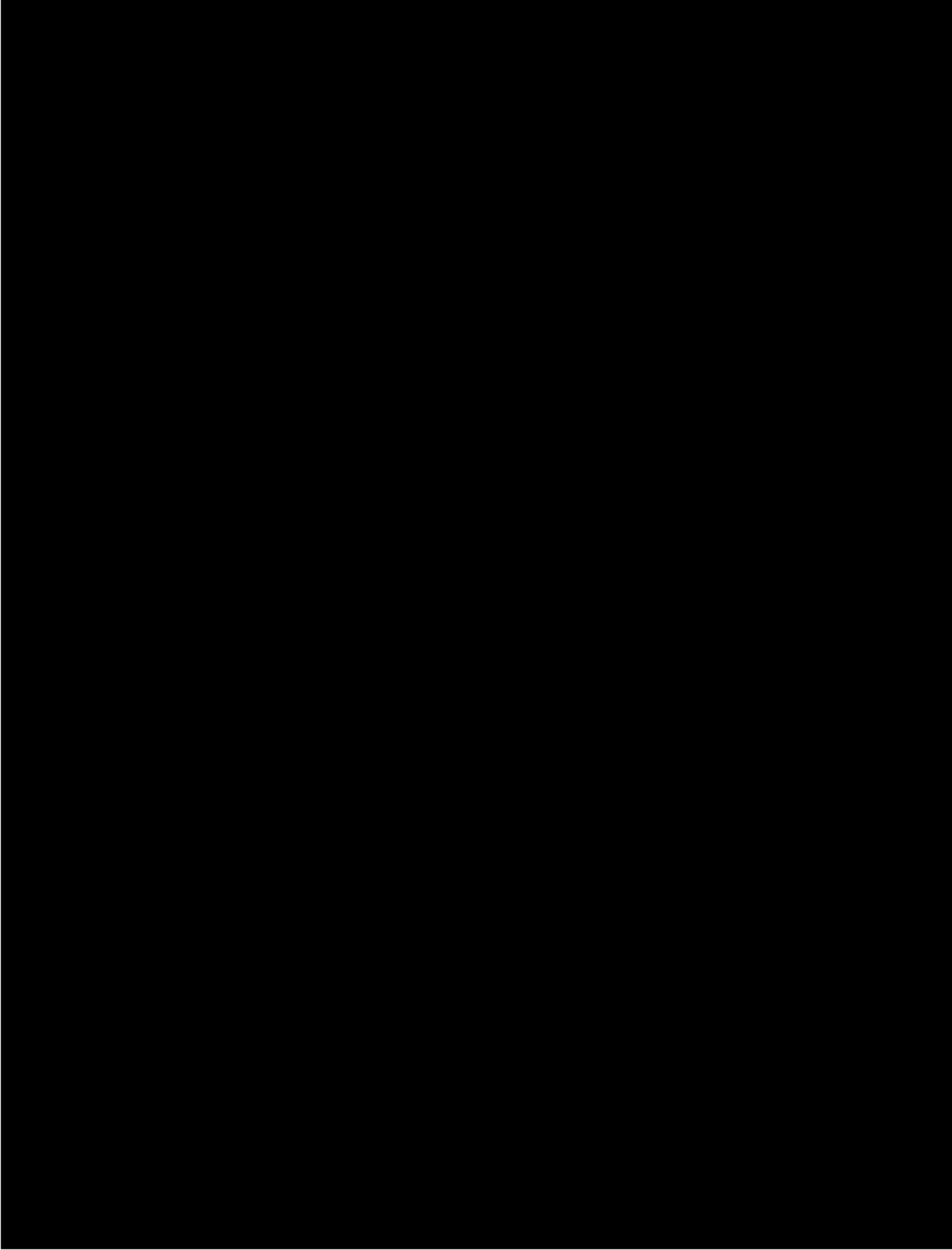
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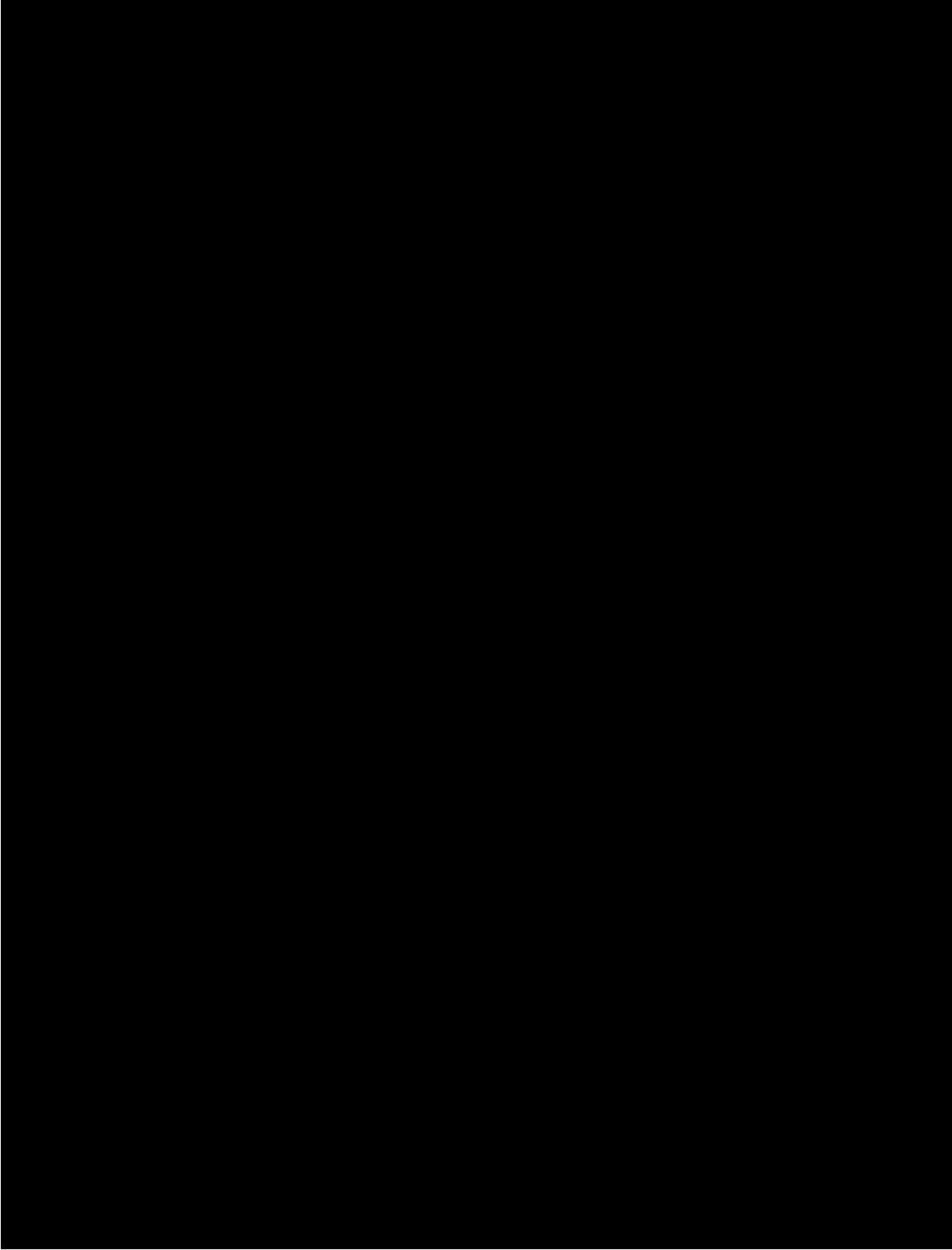
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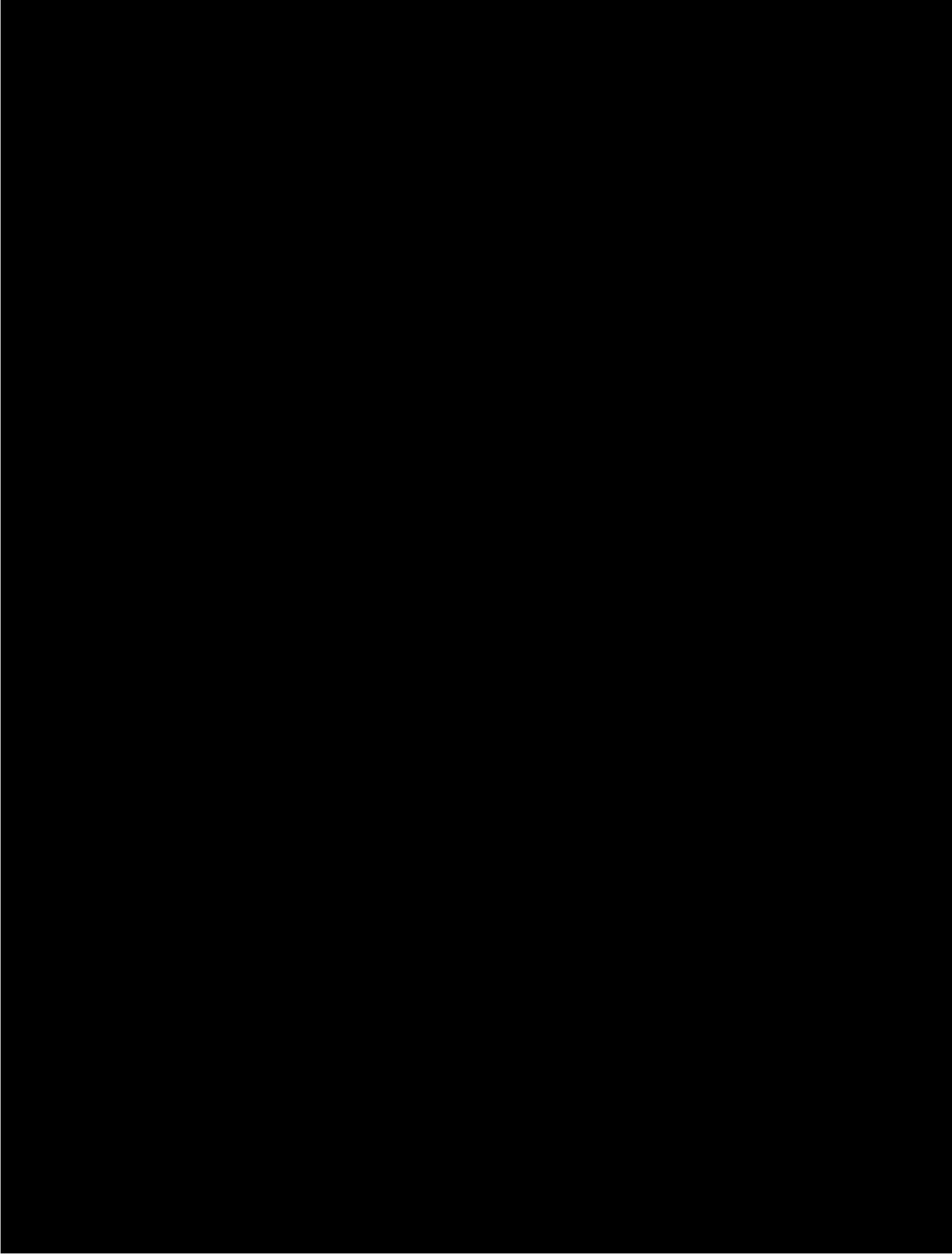
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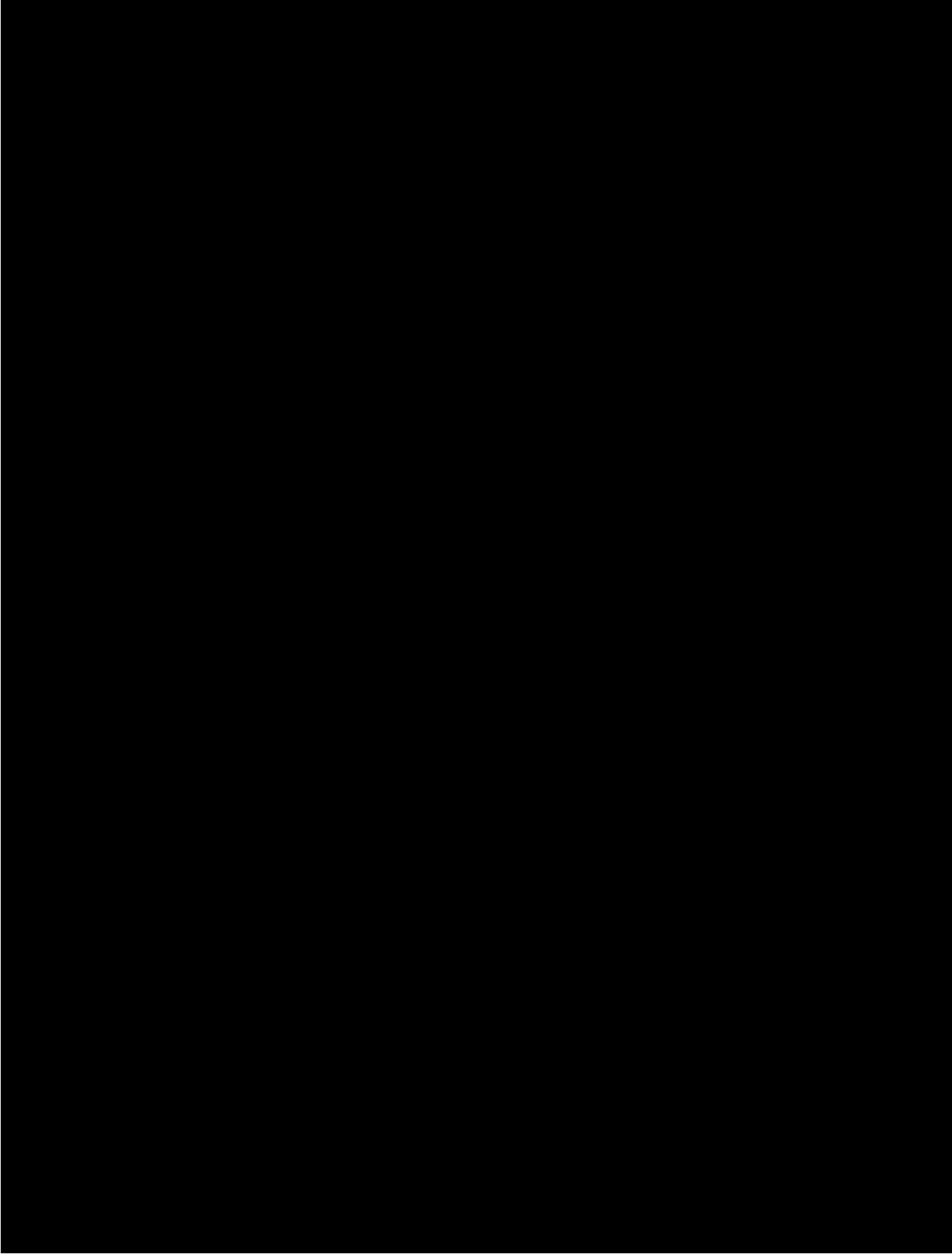
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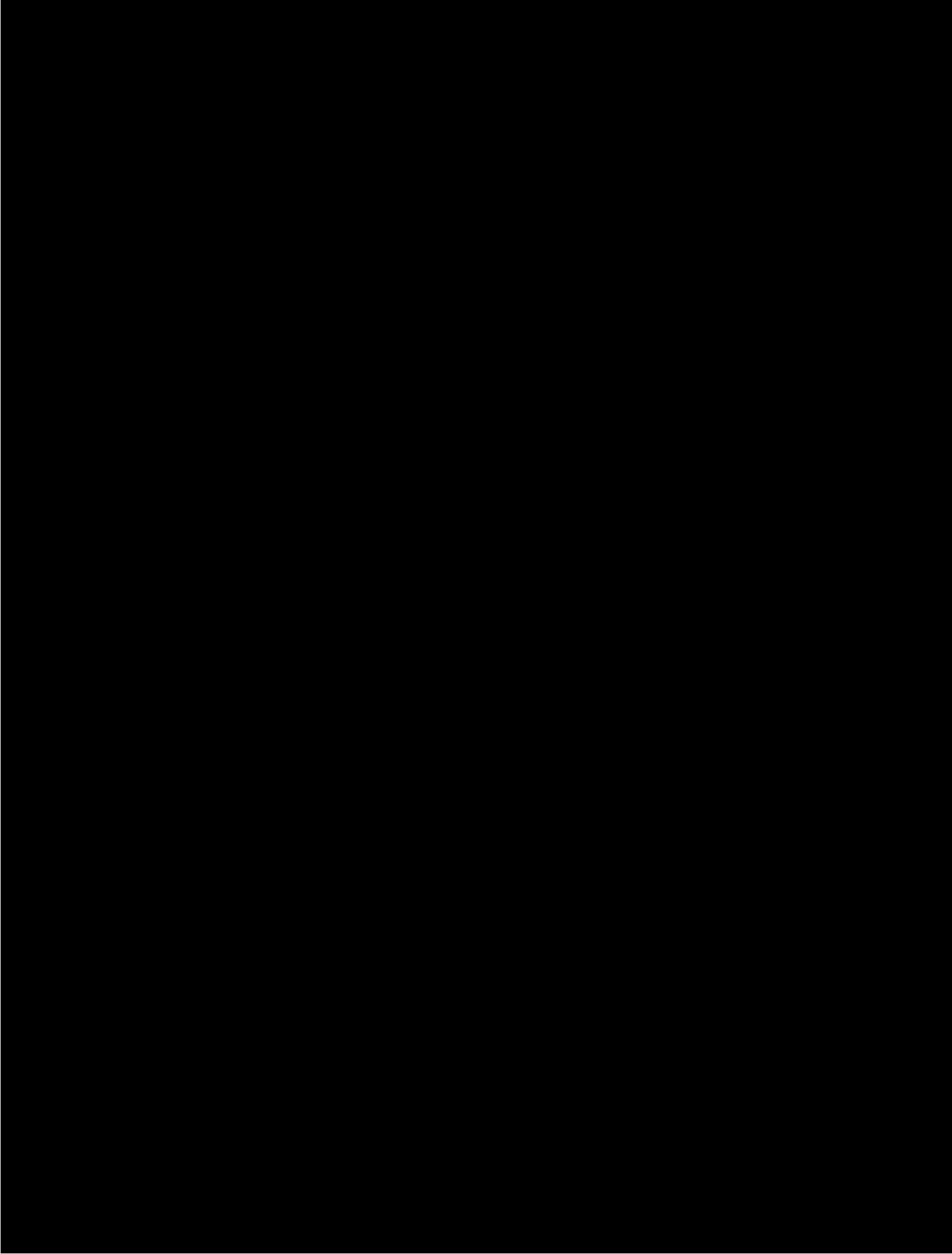


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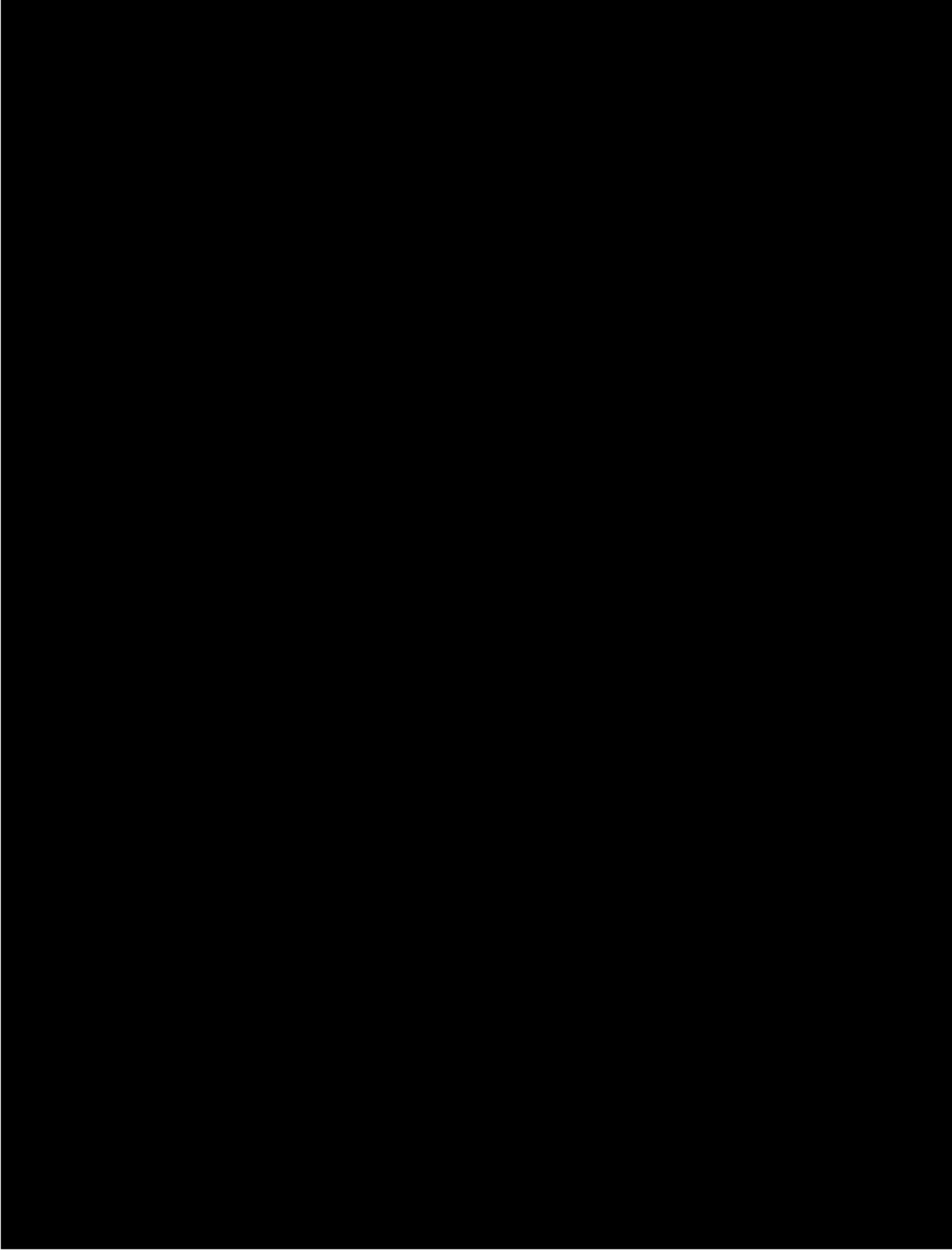


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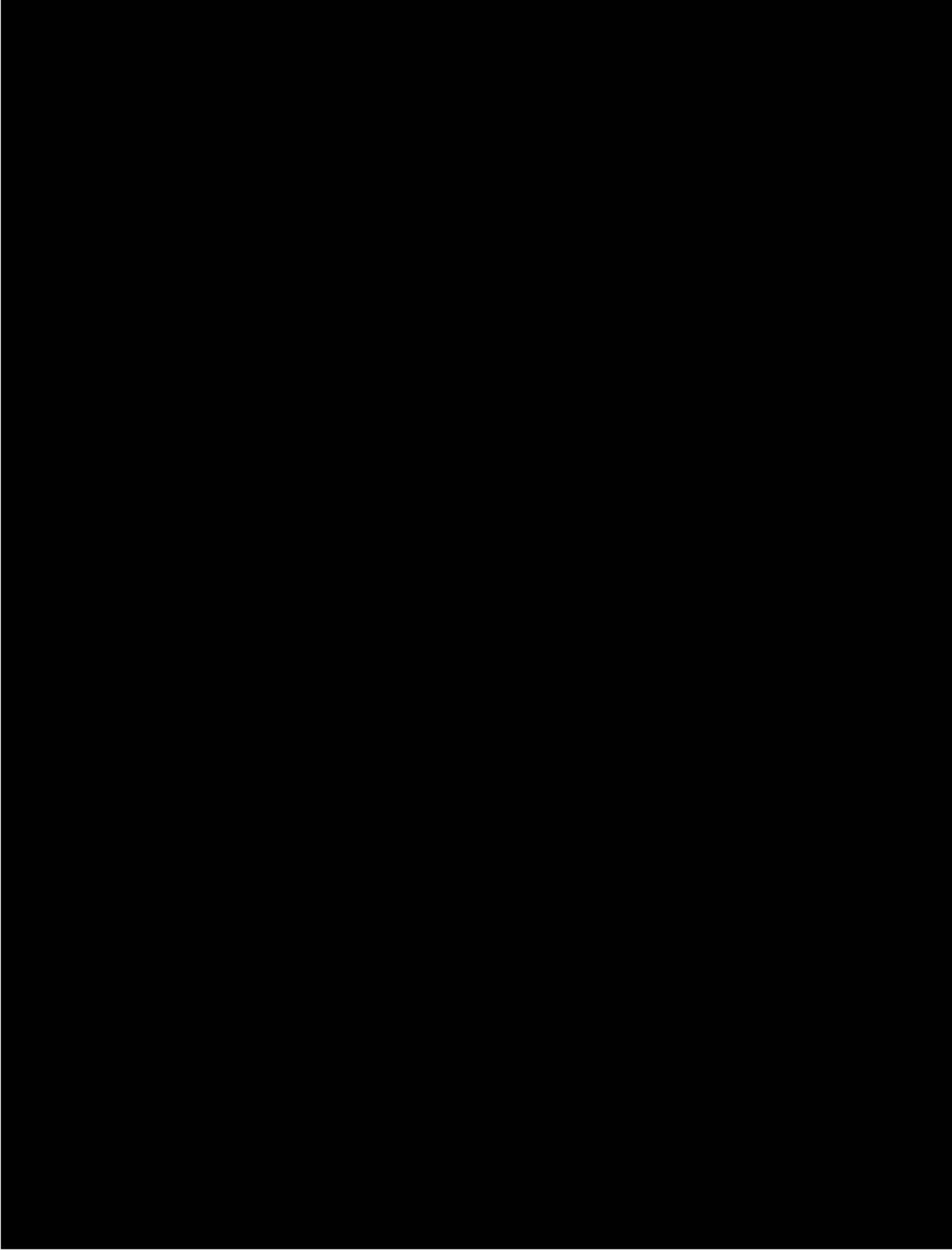
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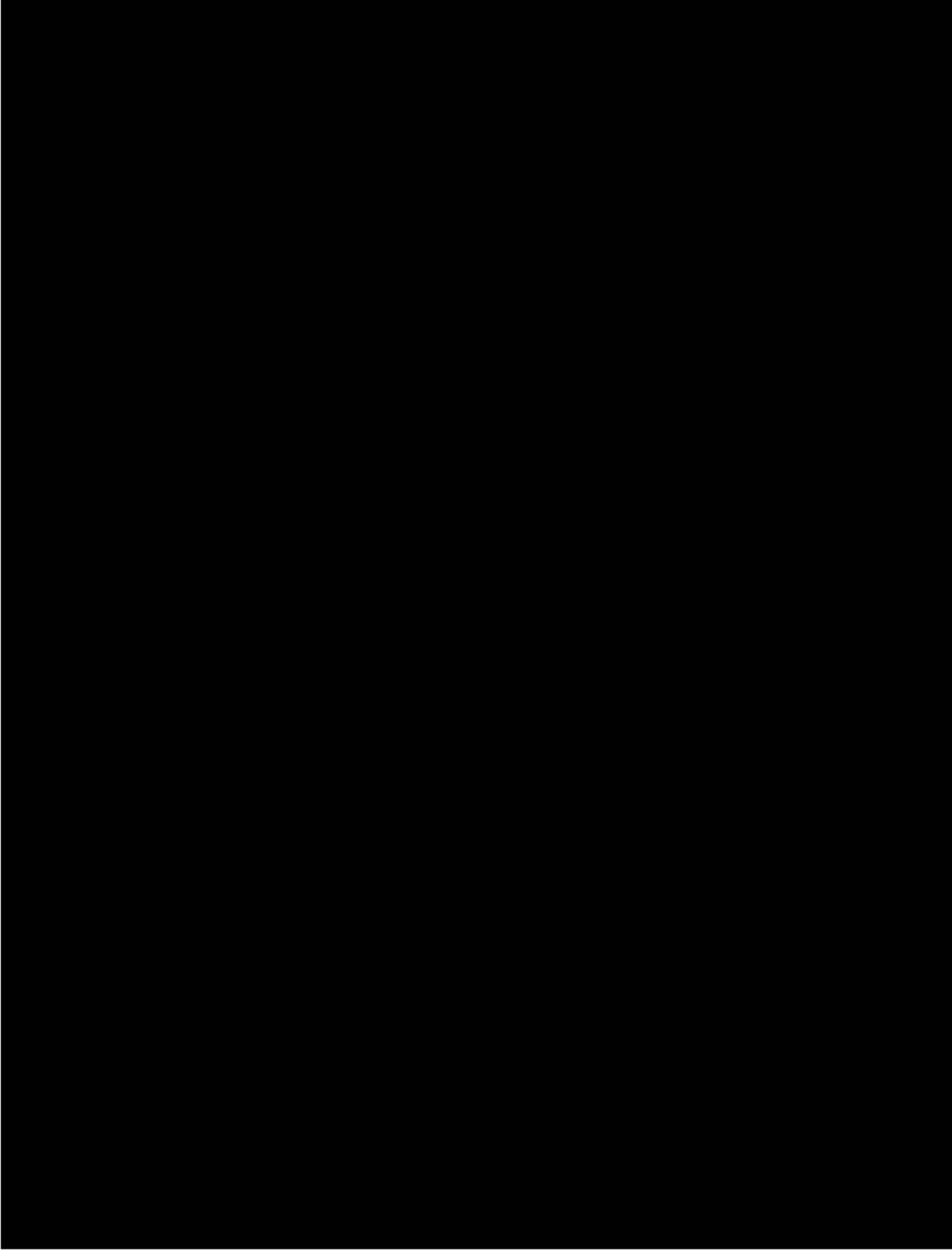
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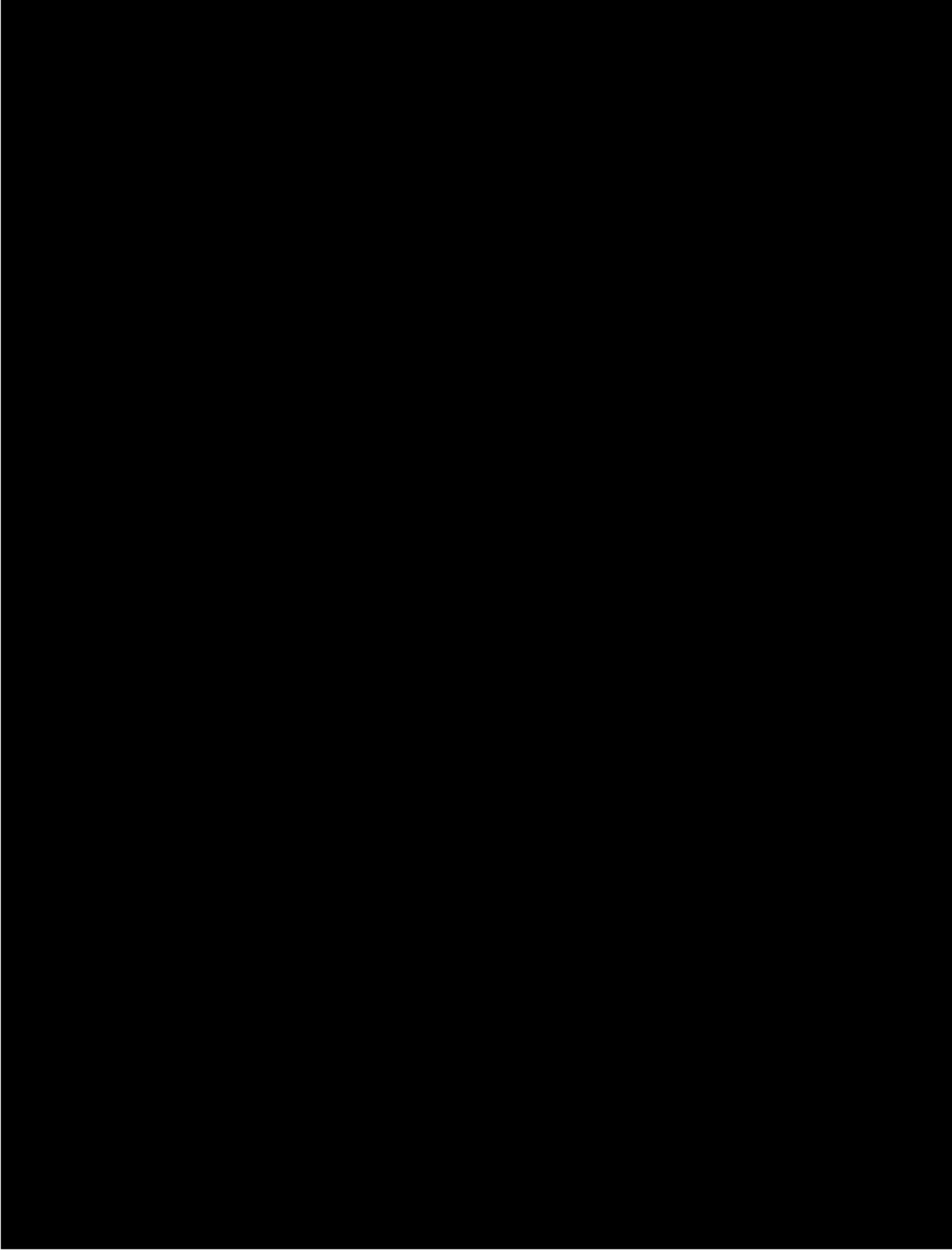
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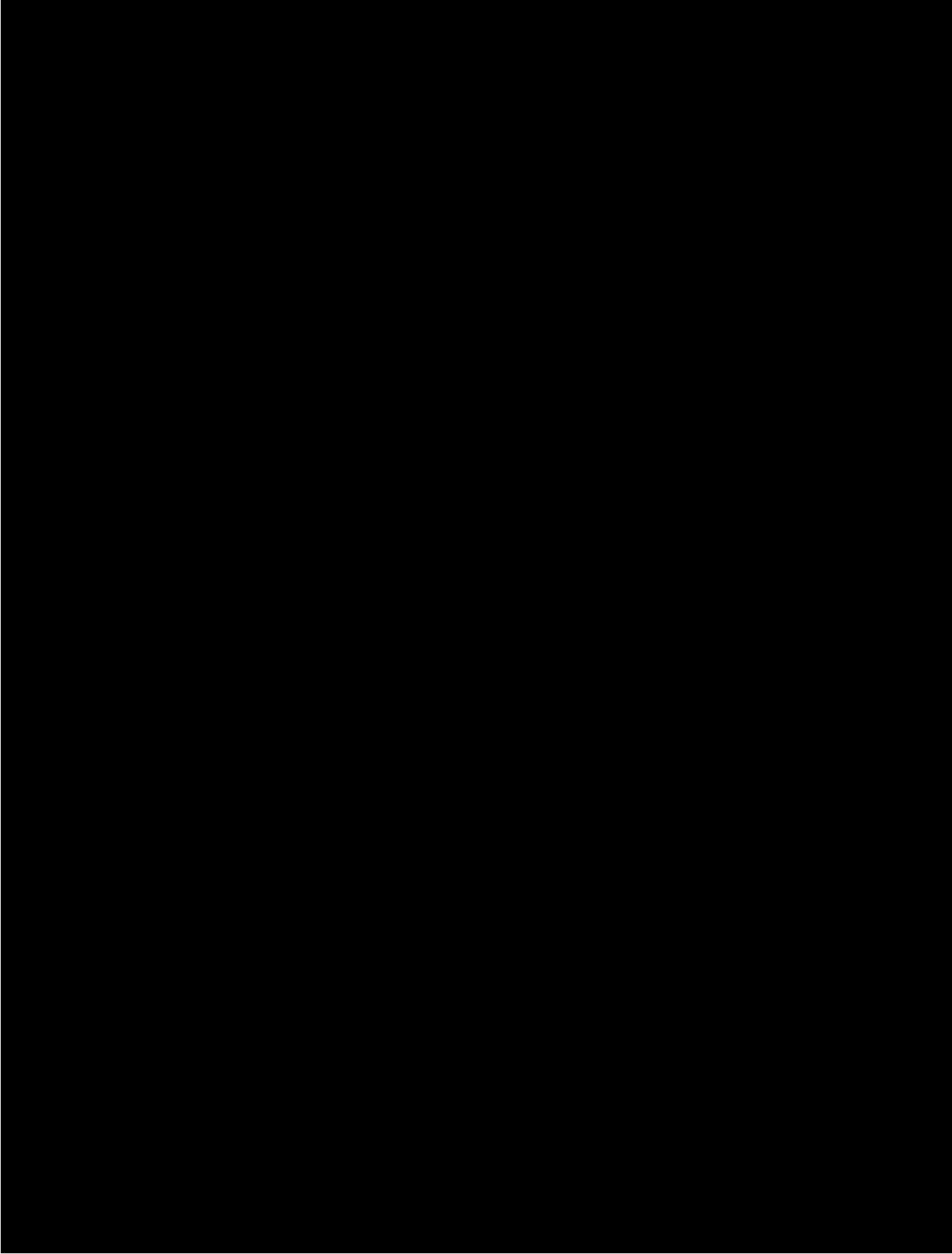
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International Wildlife Conservation Council
Agenda for Inaugural Meeting - March 16, 2018
Main Interior Building 1849 C St. NW, Washington D.C.

Office of the Deputy Secretary

8:30-9am: IWCC member coffee/reception w/ Deputy Secretary

North Penthouse

9-10am: Administrative Session: Closed to public.

- Federal Advisory Committee Act Briefing - DOI Solicitor's Office
- Ethics Briefing - DOI Ethics Office

South Penthouse

10:15-10:30 Opening Remarks (Sheehan)

- *Note:* This starts the open/public mtg

10:30-11am: Member Introductions

11am-12pm: FWS International Affairs Program Briefing (FWS)

12-1pm: Lunch

1-2pm: U.S. Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking Briefing (FWS)

2-2:30pm: Public Comment

2:30-3:30pm: Discussion

3:30pm Adjourn

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 14 2018 10:12:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: visitor list for IWCC mtg March 16th
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From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 14 2018 10:22:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Subject: Re: visitor list for IWCC mtg March 16th

Thank you!

On Wed, Mar 14, 2018 at 12:12 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:
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From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 14 2018 17:09:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: gavin_shire <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
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From: Gavin Shire <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 14 2018 17:49:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: visitor list for IWCC mtg March 16th

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Sent from my iPhone

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Dylewski, Kate	Animal Welfare Institute
Ebbs, Stephanie	ABC News
Frostic, Anna	Humane Society Legislative Fund
Ganim, Sara	CNN
Goergen, Joseph	Safari Club International Foundation
Green, Miranda	The Hill
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Hofberg, Mark	International Fund for Animal Welfare
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LaFontaine, Peter	International Fund for Animal Welfare
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Messina, Marianne	Huffington Post
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Place, Jennifer	Pike Associates LLC
Rhoad, Erica	International Wildlife Conservation Council Member
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Sala, Joseph	The ANN Group
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From: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Jan 30 2018 13:45:07 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: HSSCC Nom

Hi Joshua, Can we transfer Trig French's nomination from IWCC to HSSCC? To get his name on this list? Thanks! Sent from my iPhone

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Jan 30 2018 13:46:39 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: HSSCC Nom

Yes.

Do you want me to also email him a confirmation of his nomination to HSSCC?

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ON DETAIL WITH BLM

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From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Jan 31 2018 07:25:39 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: HSSCC Nom

Thanks Josh!

On Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 3:46 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

Yes.

Do you want me to also email him a confirmation of his nomination to HSSCC?

Joshua Winchell, Designated Federal Officer and Coordinator
Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council
International Wildlife Conservation Council

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Wildlife Refuge System

****ON DETAIL WITH BLM****

Bureau of Land Management
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On Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 3:45 PM, Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Joshua,

Can we transfer Trig French's nomination from IWCC to HSSCC? To get his name on this list?

Thanks!

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Natalie Davis
Special Assistant to the Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
202.208.4928

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"Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

From: "Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Jan 23 2018 11:04:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Congressional letter on International Wildlife Conservation Council
Attachments: International Wildlife Conservation Council Congressional Letter.pdf

Hi Josh,

I believe Craig Hoover may have flagged this for you earlier today, and that you may already be aware, but we have been asked by the Dept. to draft a response to the attached Congressional letter on the IWCC.

Do you have time to chat briefly about this today or tomorrow? The Dept would like to come up with something quickly and get it moving.

Thanks!

Lisa

Lisa Hummon-Jones
Congressional and Legislative Affairs Specialist
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Subject: Fwd: International Wildlife Conservation Council Congressional Letter
To: Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Cc: Angela Gustavson <angela_gustavson@fws.gov>

Barbara asked us to draft a response. Lisa, any ideas on how best to do that?

Thanks,

Marty

From: "Sheehan, Greg" <greg_i_sheehan@fws.gov>
Date: January 17, 2018 at 9:55:08 PM EST
To: "Wainman, Barbara" <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: International Wildlife Conservation Council Congressional Letter

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Date: Wed, Jan 17, 2018 at 1:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: International Wildlife Conservation Council Congressional Letter
To: "Willens, Todd" <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Cassidy <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>, Greg Sheehan <greg_i_sheehan@fws.gov>, "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, Jason Larrabee <jason_larrabee@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: John Tanner <john_tanner@ios.doi.gov>

FYI. This was just sent to me. In case anyone is wondering they spelled lobbyist wrong :) Not to mention the multiple things that are patently false, but here it is for your reading pleasure. I'd recommend a pretty quick and clear reply from FWS, ASFWP or Todd. This is an easy response that we can get our side of the story back to them and we'll be able to tick another letter off the waiting list.

Micah

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From: Landa, Mackenzie <Mackenzie.Landa@mail.house.gov>
Date: Wed, Jan 17, 2018 at 12:21 PM
Subject: International Wildlife Conservation Council Congressional Letter
To: "micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Micah,

I left you a voicemail about looking for your email address but I was able to track it down! I just wanted to give you a heads up that Reps. Beyer and Grijalva, along with 36 other members of Congress, sent a letter to Secretary Zinke regarding the International Wildlife Conservation Council. I've attached the letter to this email.

Thank you!

Best,
Kenzie

Mackenzie Landa, Esq.
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Office of Congressman Donald S. Beyer Jr. (VA-08)
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 16, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

We, the undersigned members of Congress, write today to express our deep concern about your misguided idea to form a new “International Wildlife Conservation Council” to promote trophy killing and urge you to abandon it. The stated goal of this council is to boost public awareness of the “benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting;” however, trophy hunting is unethical, unpopular, and of questionable conservation value in many cases. Further, this council is a poor use of taxpayer dollars. The few wealthy hobbyists who can afford to fly around the world for the sole purpose of killing endangered animals do not need to be subsidized by the many Americans who love these iconic and imperiled species but can only dream of seeing them anywhere other than at the zoo or on the Discovery Channel.

This council is not actually intended to promote conservation. Instead, it is intended to rationalize the behavior and advance the agenda of a miniscule subset of the uber-rich who find entertainment in killing rare wildlife. The suggestion that this council would help us confront poaching and wildlife trafficking is laughable: the Administration has already abandoned other, more legitimate and effective efforts to address these issue. For instance, the Trump administration has not held a meeting of the Wildlife Trafficking Advisory Council or the Federal Interagency Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking created by President Obama.

It is not only shortsighted but also disingenuous to elevate trophy hunting above other tools that have proven more valuable and effective for wildlife conservation and economic development. An analysis by Economists at Large found that, overall, trophy hunting accounts for less than 2 percent of tourism revenues in Africa.¹ Photo safaris, in comparison, allow for sustainable, lucrative tourism activity in which the animals can be “rcused” rather than killed.

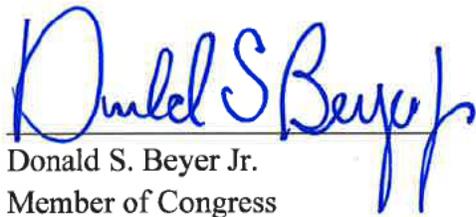
Furthermore, the Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that “new advisory committees should be established only when they are determined to be essential and their number should be kept to the minimum necessary.” This council is not essential, and its function is already covered

¹ Economists at Large, 2013. *The \$200 million question: How much does trophy hunting really contribute to African communities?*, a report for the African Lion Coalition, prepared by Economists at Large, Melbourne, Australia.
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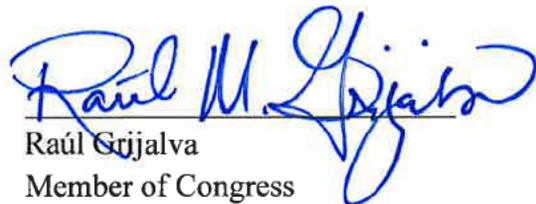
by the very broad mandate of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council. The proposed makeup of this new council also concerns us, with designated seats for representatives of the firearms and ammunition industries, who have no scientific or conservation expertise.

Most Americans want to see international wildlife valued and protected via nonlethal methods. In fact, 86% of Americans oppose hunting big game (HBO Real Sports/Marist Poll), clearly indicating that this proposed council is not in the public interest.² As members of Congress, we have a responsibility to ensure that the wishes of the majority of wildlife-loving Americans are upheld and that our government promotes the best global conservation policies. We urge the USFWS to dismantle its plans for the International Wildlife Conservation Council.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Member of Congress



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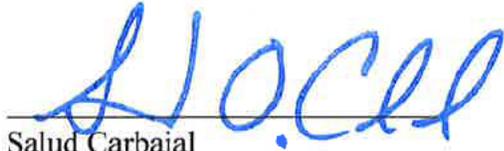
² HBO Real Sports/Marist Poll, 2015. *Americans Oppose Big Game Hunting... More Than Six in Ten Favor Legal Ban*. Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. <http://maristpoll.marist.edu/wp-content/misc/usapolls/us151001/Sports/HBO%20Real%20Sports_Marist%20Poll_Complete%20Survey%20Findings_November%202015.pdf>



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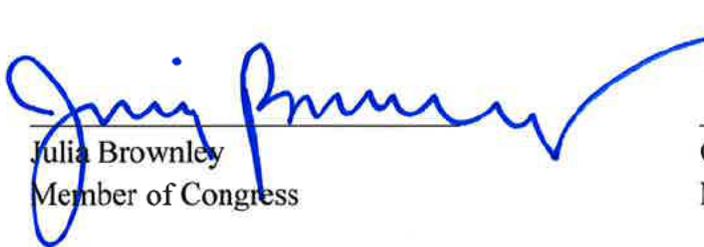
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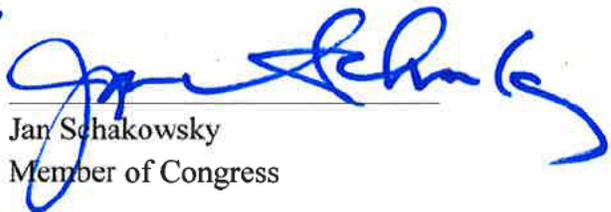
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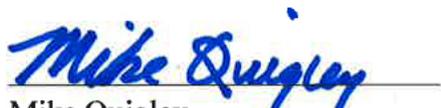
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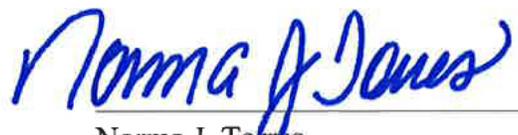
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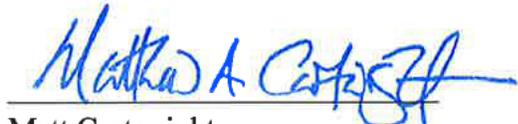
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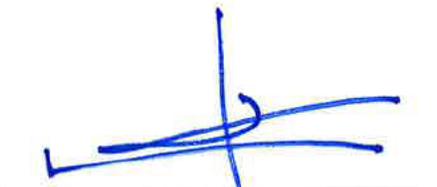
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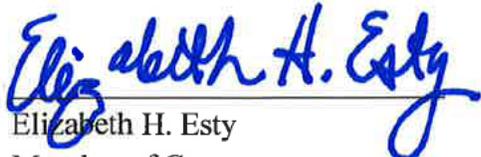
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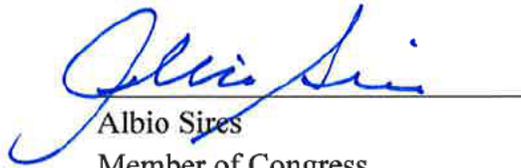
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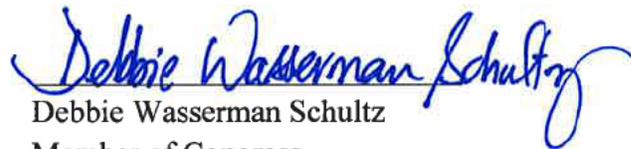
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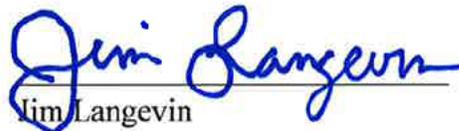
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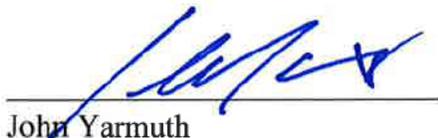
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