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CDC/NIOSH
ATTN: World Trade Center Health Program
400 7th Street SW, Suite 5W
Washington, DC 20024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was transferred to [REDACTED] from an outside hospital on [REDACTED] in the setting of heart failure exacerbation. An urgent heart and kidney transplant evaluation was initiated during this hospital admission and [REDACTED] subsequently received a dual organ transplant (heart/kidney) on [REDACTED]. He is currently under the care of Heart Transplant Physician, [REDACTED].

Please accept this letter as our formal petition to add Cardiomyopathy and Chronic Kidney Disease to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions.

I have attached a letter of medical necessity from our Heart Transplant Medical Director, and clinical documentation from [REDACTED] hospital admission.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the below contact if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF HEALTH INFORMATION PURSUANT TO HIPAA

OCA Official Form No.: 960

[This form has been approved by the New York State Department of Health]

Patient Name	[Redacted]	Date of Birth	[Redacted]	Social Security Number	[Redacted]
Patient Address	[Redacted]				

I, or my authorized representative, request that health information regarding my care and treatment be released as set forth on this form: In accordance with New York State Law and the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), I understand that:

1. This authorization may include disclosure of information relating to **ALCOHOL and DRUG ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**, except psychotherapy notes, and **CONFIDENTIAL HIV* RELATED INFORMATION** only if I place my initials on the appropriate line in Item 9(a). In the event the health information described below includes any of these types of information, and I initial the line on the box in Item 9(a), I specifically authorize release of such information to the person(s) indicated in Item 8.
2. If I am authorizing the release of HIV-related, alcohol or drug treatment, or mental health treatment information, the recipient is prohibited from redisclosing such information without my authorization unless permitted to do so under federal or state law. I understand that I have the right to request a list of people who may receive or use my HIV-related information without authorization. If I experience discrimination because of the release or disclosure of HIV-related information, I may contact the New York State Division of Human Rights at (212) 480-2493 or the New York City Commission of Human Rights at (212) 306-7450. These agencies are responsible for protecting my rights.
3. I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time by writing to the health care provider listed below. I understand that I may revoke this authorization except to the extent that action has already been taken based on this authorization.
4. I understand that signing this authorization is voluntary. My treatment, payment, enrollment in a health plan, or eligibility for benefits will not be conditioned upon my authorization of this disclosure.
5. Information disclosed under this authorization might be redisclosed by the recipient (except as noted above in Item 2), and this redisclosure may no longer be protected by federal or state law.
6. **THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE YOU TO DISCUSS MY HEALTH INFORMATION OR MEDICAL CARE WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN THE ATTORNEY OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY SPECIFIED IN ITEM 9 (b).**

7. Name and address of health provider or entity to release this information:

WTC health Program

8. Name and address of person(s) or category of person(s) to whom information is to be released:

[Redacted]

9(a). Specific information to be released:

- Medical Record from (insert date) [Redacted] to (insert date) present
- Entire Medical Record, including patient histories, office notes (except psychotherapy notes), test results, radiology studies, films, referrals, consults, billing records, insurance records, and records sent to you by other health care providers.
- Other: _____

Include: (Indicate by Initialing)
 _____ Alcohol/Drug Treatment
 _____ Mental Health Information

Authorization to Discuss Health Information with my Attorney or Governmental Agency:

(b) By initialing he [Redacted] authorize [Redacted] to discuss my health information with my attorney, or a governmental agency, listed here:

WTC health Program
 (Attorney/Firm Name or Governmental Agency Name)

10. Reason for release of information:

- At request of individual
- Other:

11. Date or event on which this authorization will expire:

Unknown

12. If not the patient, name of person authorizing release of information:

[Redacted]

13. Authority to sign on behalf of patient:

[Redacted]

All items on this form have been completed and my questions about this form have been answered. In addition, I have been provided a copy of the form.

Signature of patient or representative authorized by law: [Redacted]

Date: [Redacted]

* Human Immunodeficiency Virus that causes AIDS. The New York State Public Health Law protects information which reasonably could identify someone as having HIV symptoms or infection and information regarding a person's contacts.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ATTN:

World Trade Center Health Program
PO Box 7000
Rensselaer, NY 12144

RE: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

[REDACTED] is currently under my care at [REDACTED]. He was transferred to [REDACTED] from an outside hospital on [REDACTED] in the setting of heart failure exacerbation and subsequently, an urgent heart and kidney transplant evaluation was initiated. [REDACTED] is now status post dual organ transplant (heart/kidney) on [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] has a past medical history significant for non-ischemic cardiomyopathy (diagnosed in 2014) and chronic kidney disease and it is highly likely that exposure to the toxic fumes of 9/11 exacerbated these conditions. The patient operated vehicles, which moved the debris out of the WTC site following 9/11. According to the journal article, *Long-term Cardiovascular Disease Risk Among Firefighters After the World Trade Center Disaster*, published in JAMA Network Open in 2019, concluded that there is a significant association between greater WTC exposure and long-term CVD risk, with one of the secondary outcomes of this study examining cardiomyopathy as a consequence of WTC exposure (Cohen, et al.). It is important to note that [REDACTED] chronic kidney disease resulted from his cardiomyopathy thus leading to his need for a double organ transplant.

I am requesting that the WTC Health Program consider certifying [REDACTED] cardiomyopathy and chronic kidney disease, which led to a need for a dual organ transplant, as WTC-health related conditions so his care relating to the organ transplant may be covered by the WTC Health Program. Now that [REDACTED] is status post-transplant, he will require intensive immunosuppression, anti-infective prophylaxis, and supplement regimen, which are necessary to prevent transplant rejection. Again, given that [REDACTED] cardiomyopathy and relatedly, his chronic kidney disease, were most likely exacerbated by the toxic exposures of 9/11, resulting in his dual-organ transplant, we ask that these conditions and the medications related to his heart transplant be covered under the WTC Health Program.

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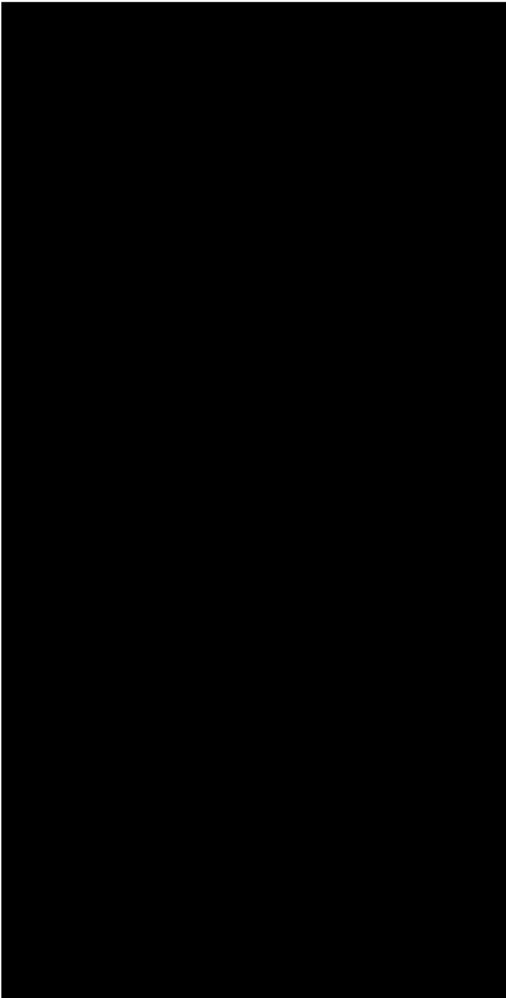
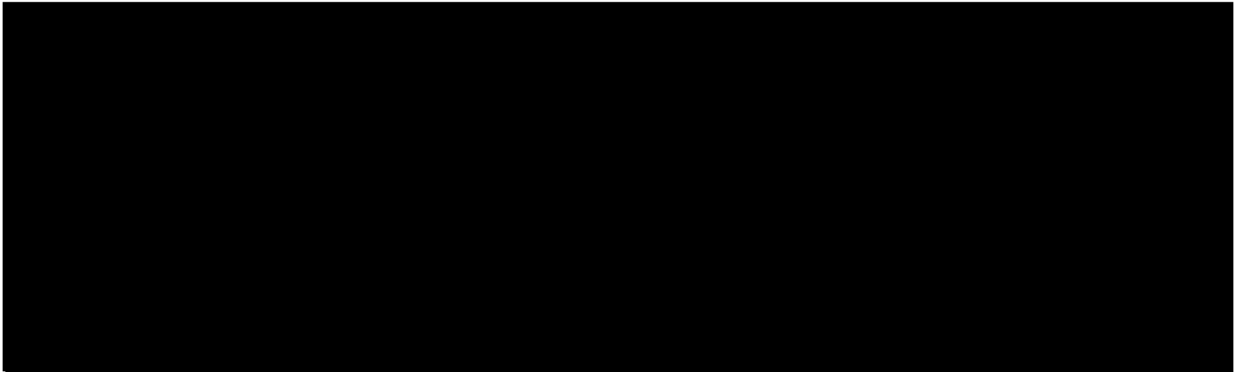


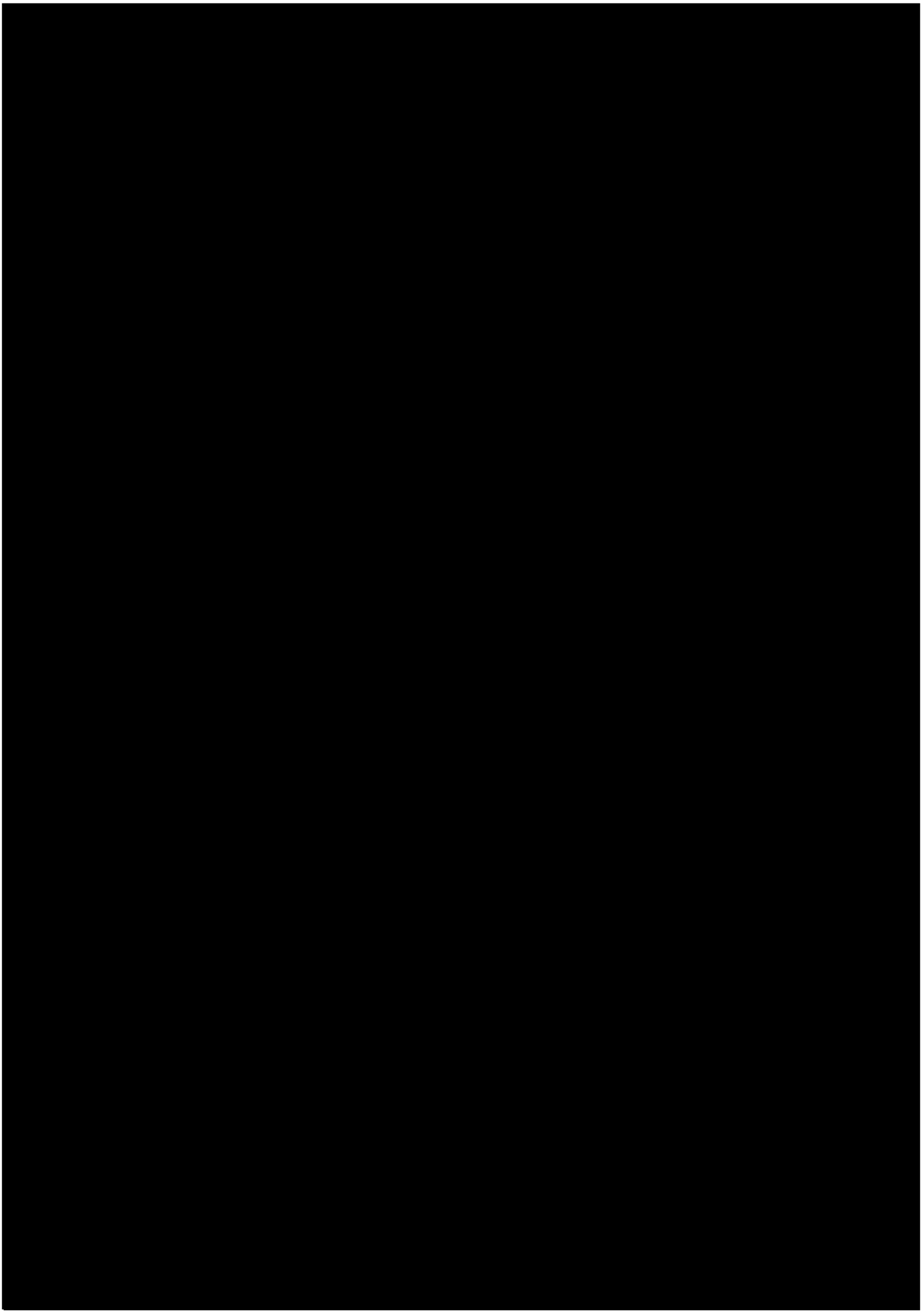
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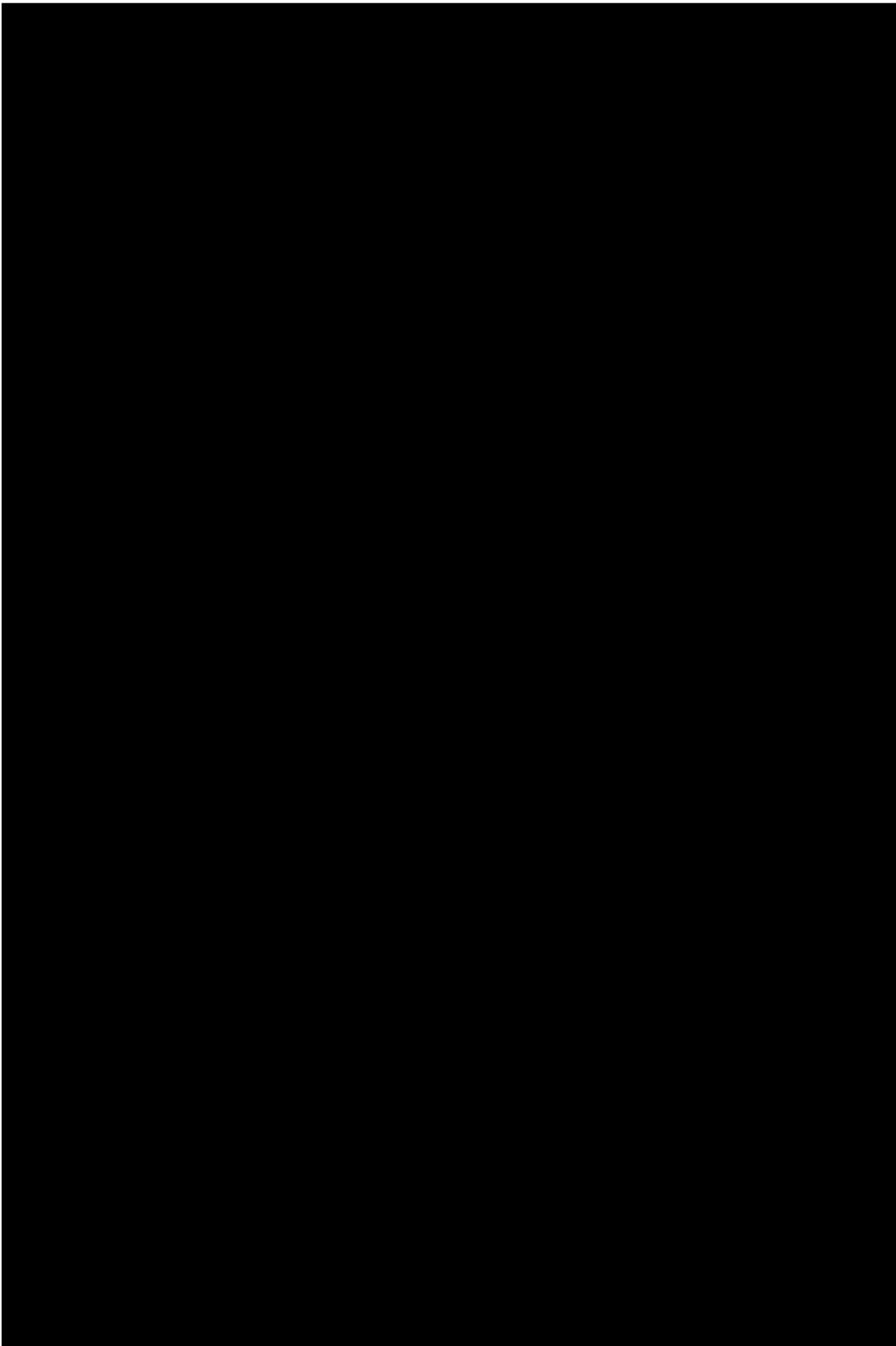
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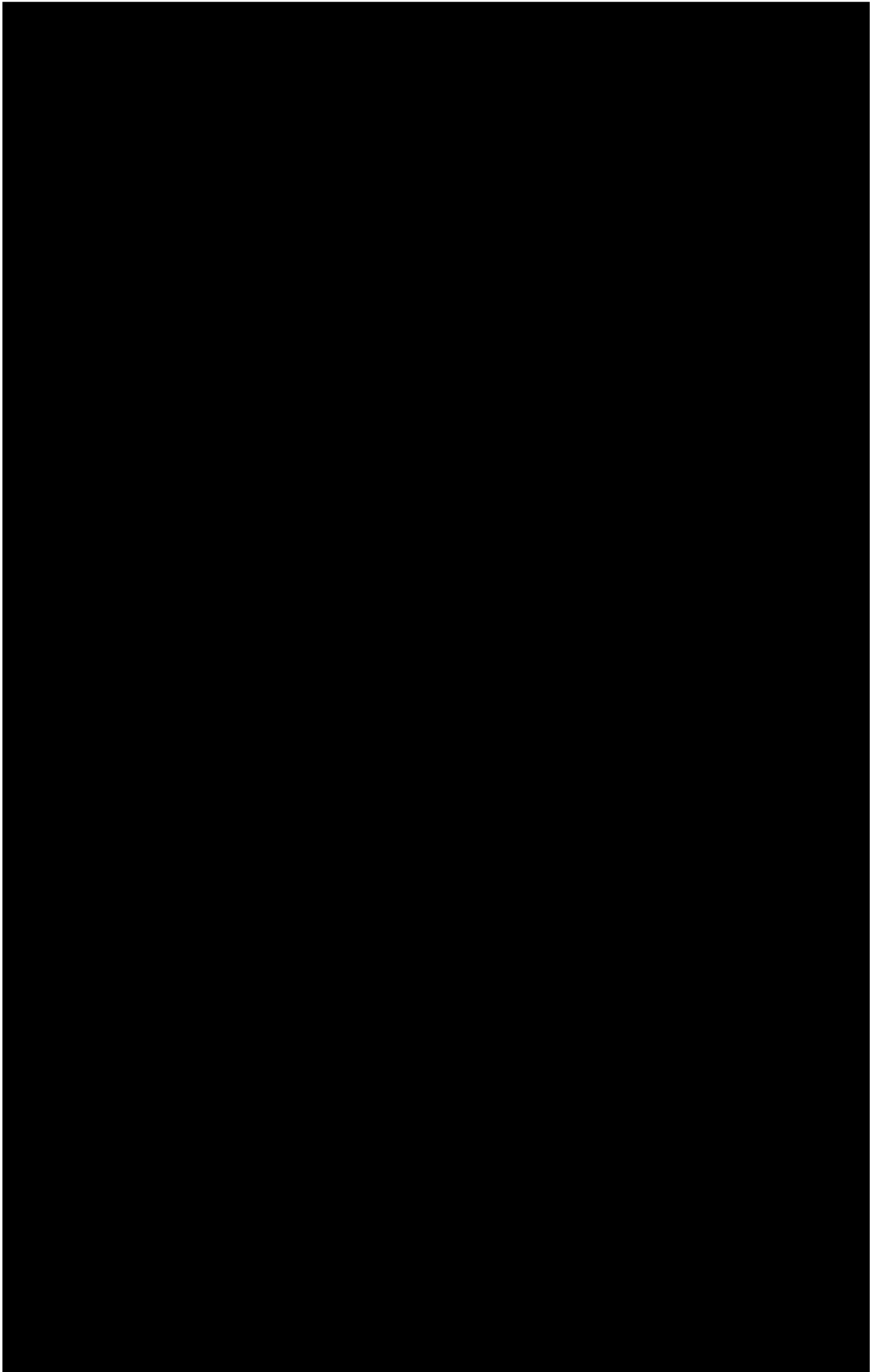
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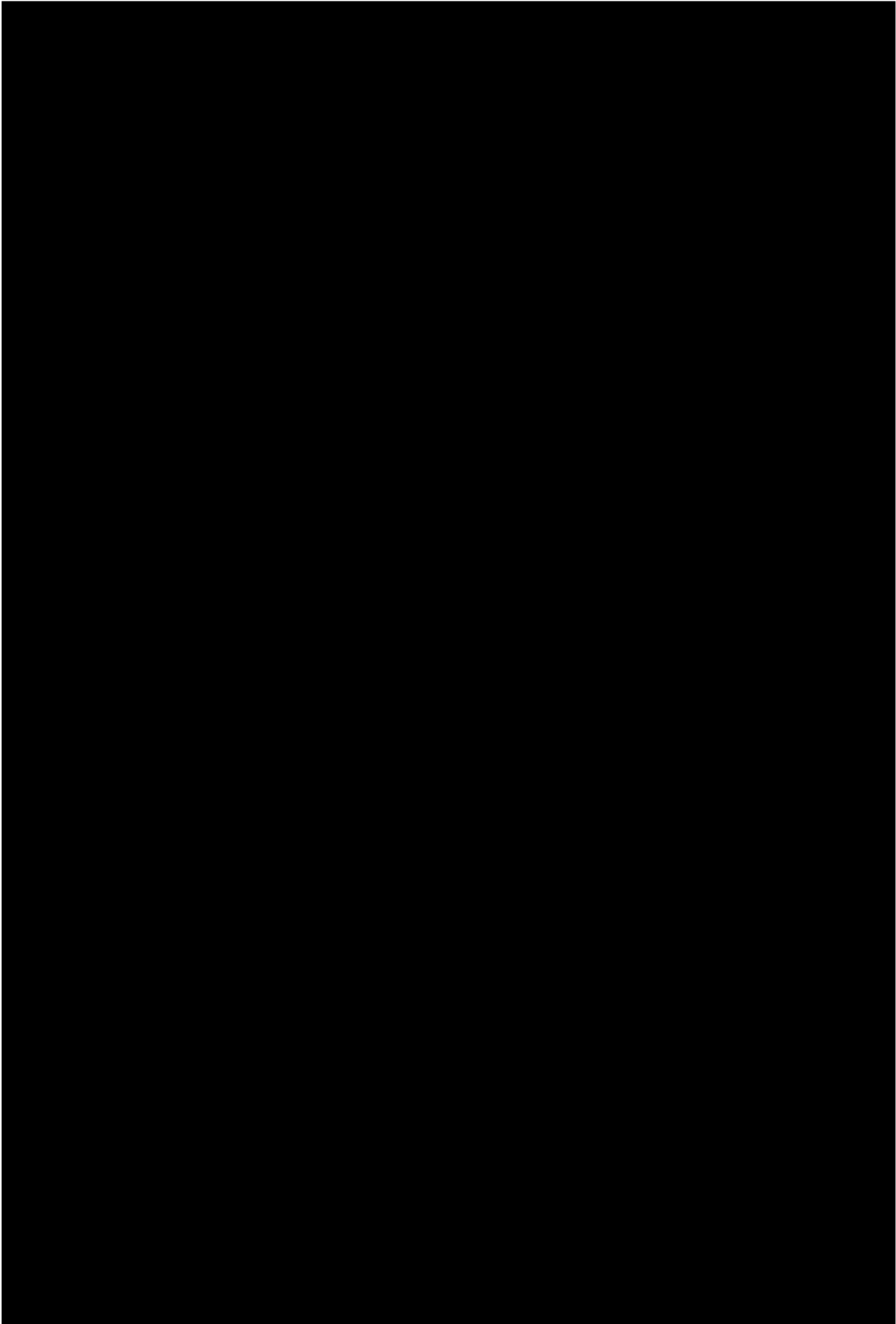
The remainder of the records have been redacted because they contain medical information pertaining to an individual and are not relevant to this submission or to the Administrator of the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program's evaluation of the petition to add 'Cardiomyopathy and Chronic Kidney Disease' to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions under 42 C.F.R. Part 88. These redactions are limited to information withheld to protect personal privacy and to avoid disclosure of information beyond that necessary for evaluation of the petition.

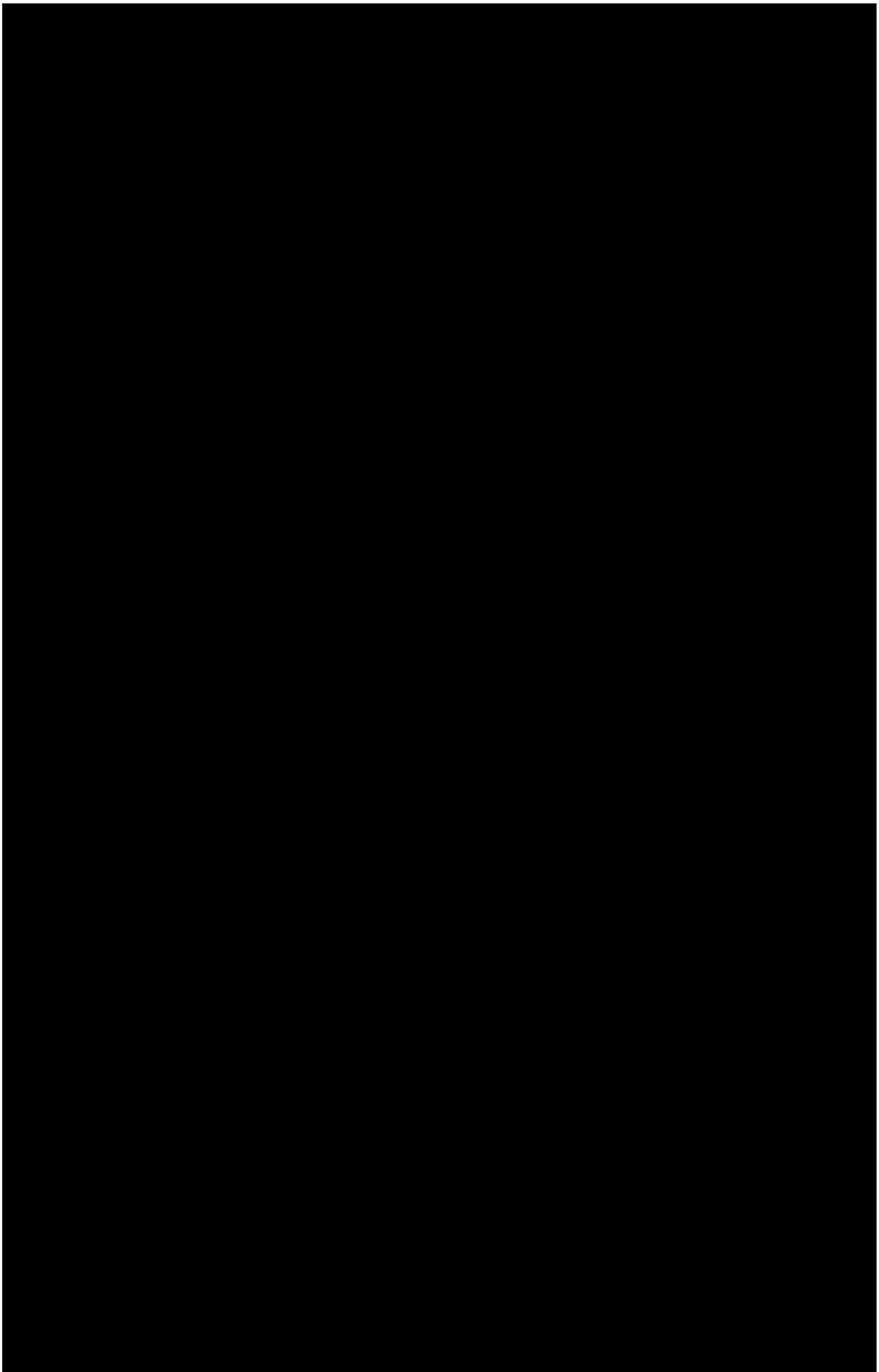


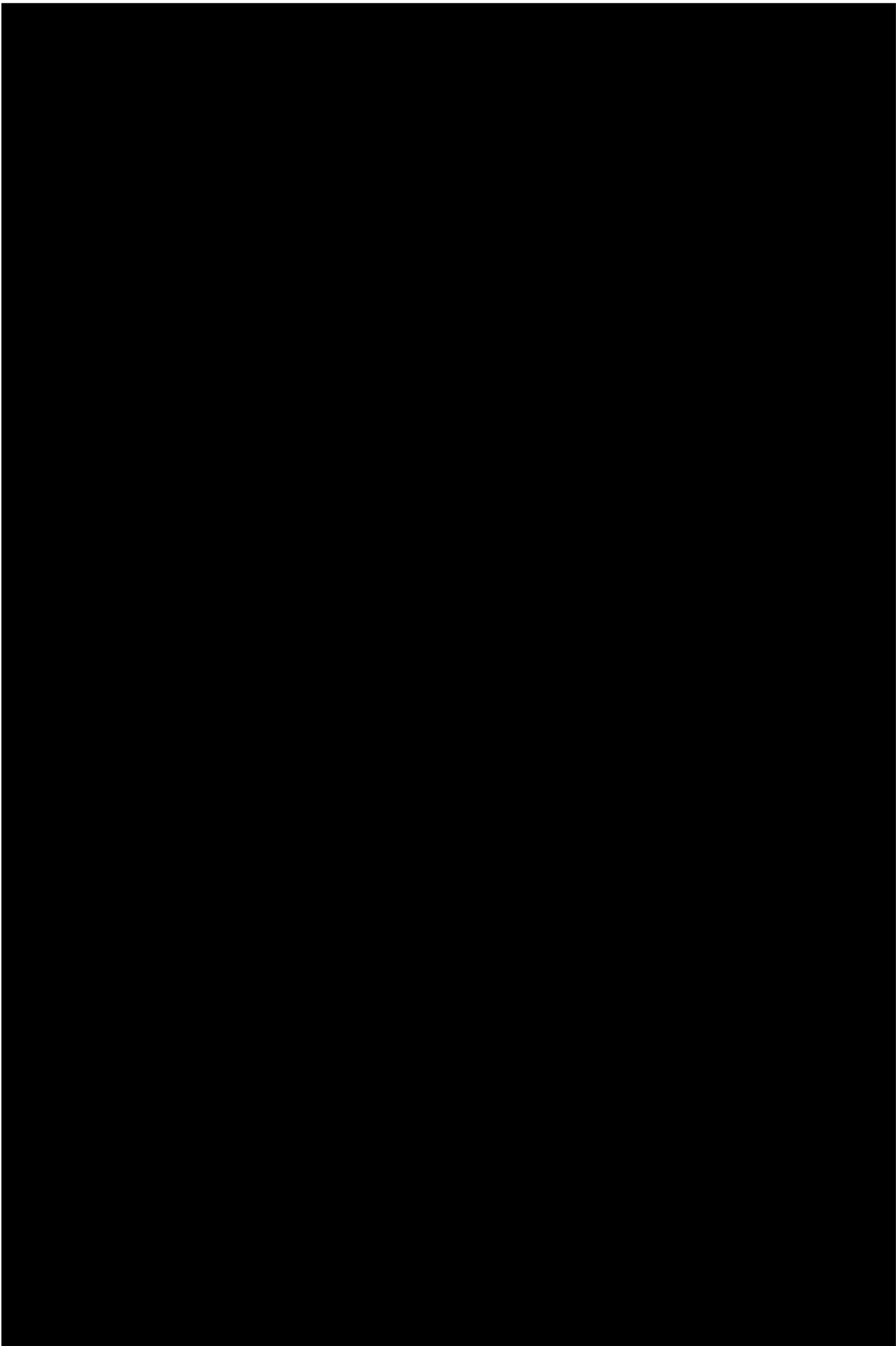


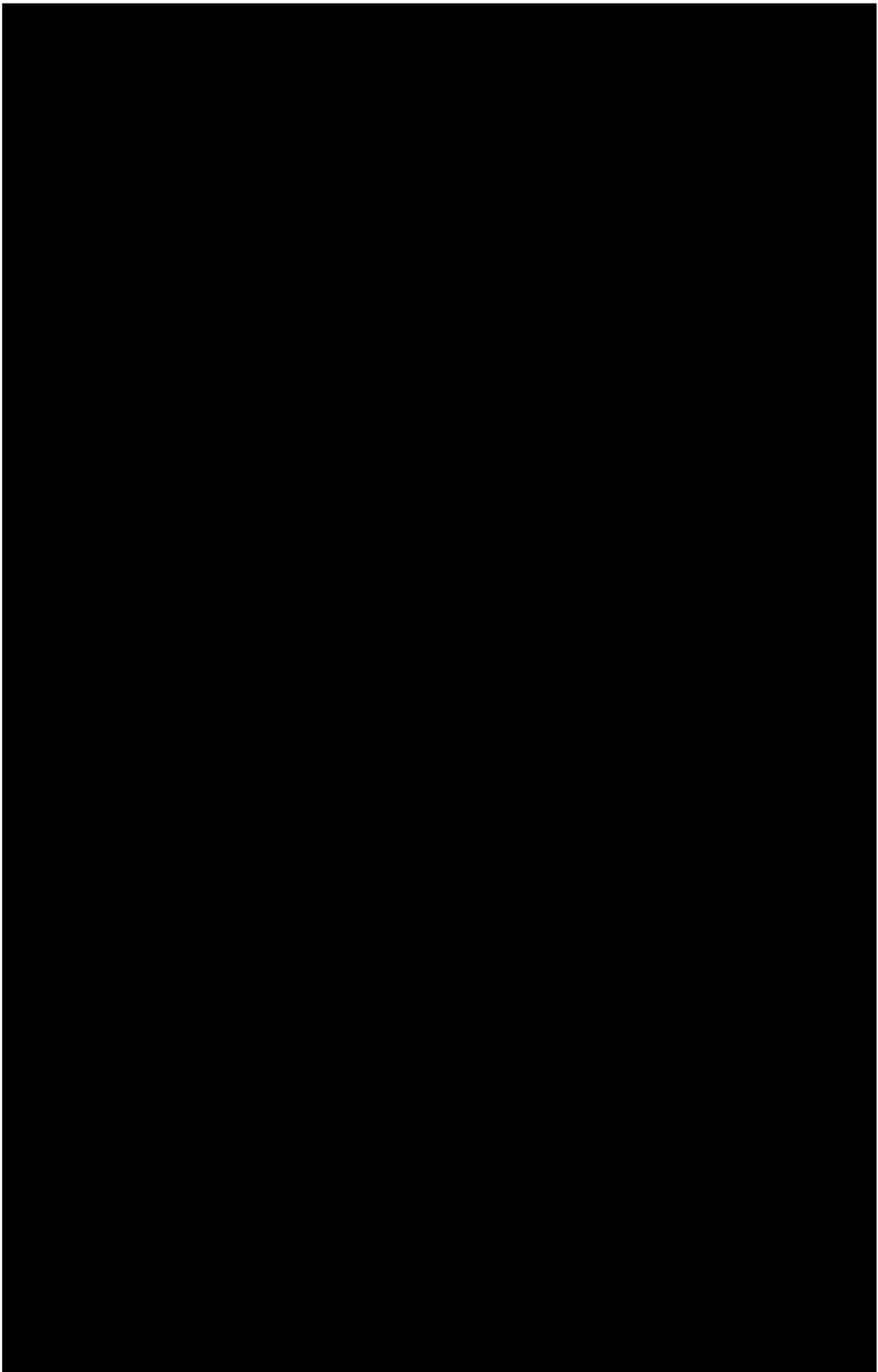


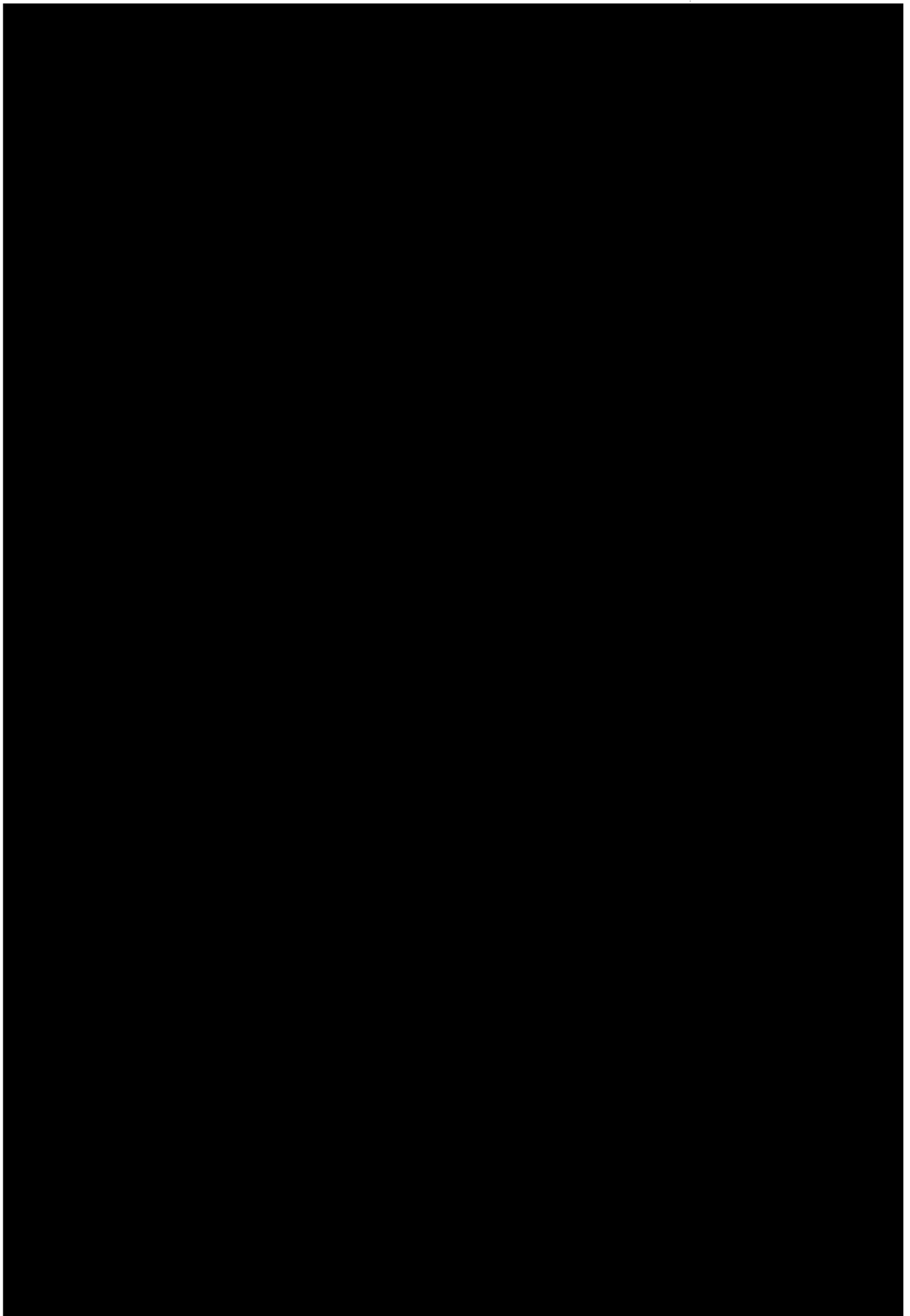








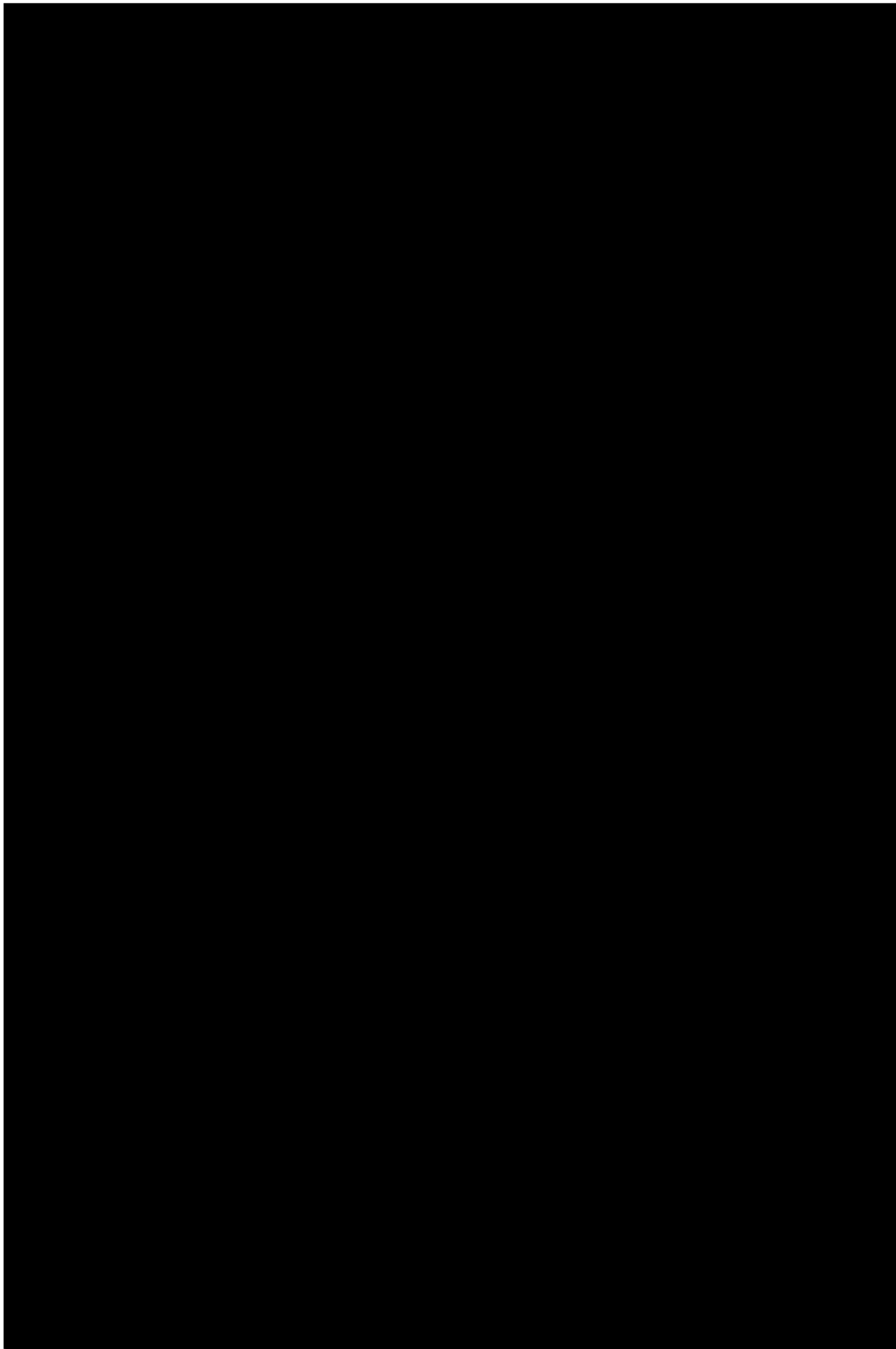


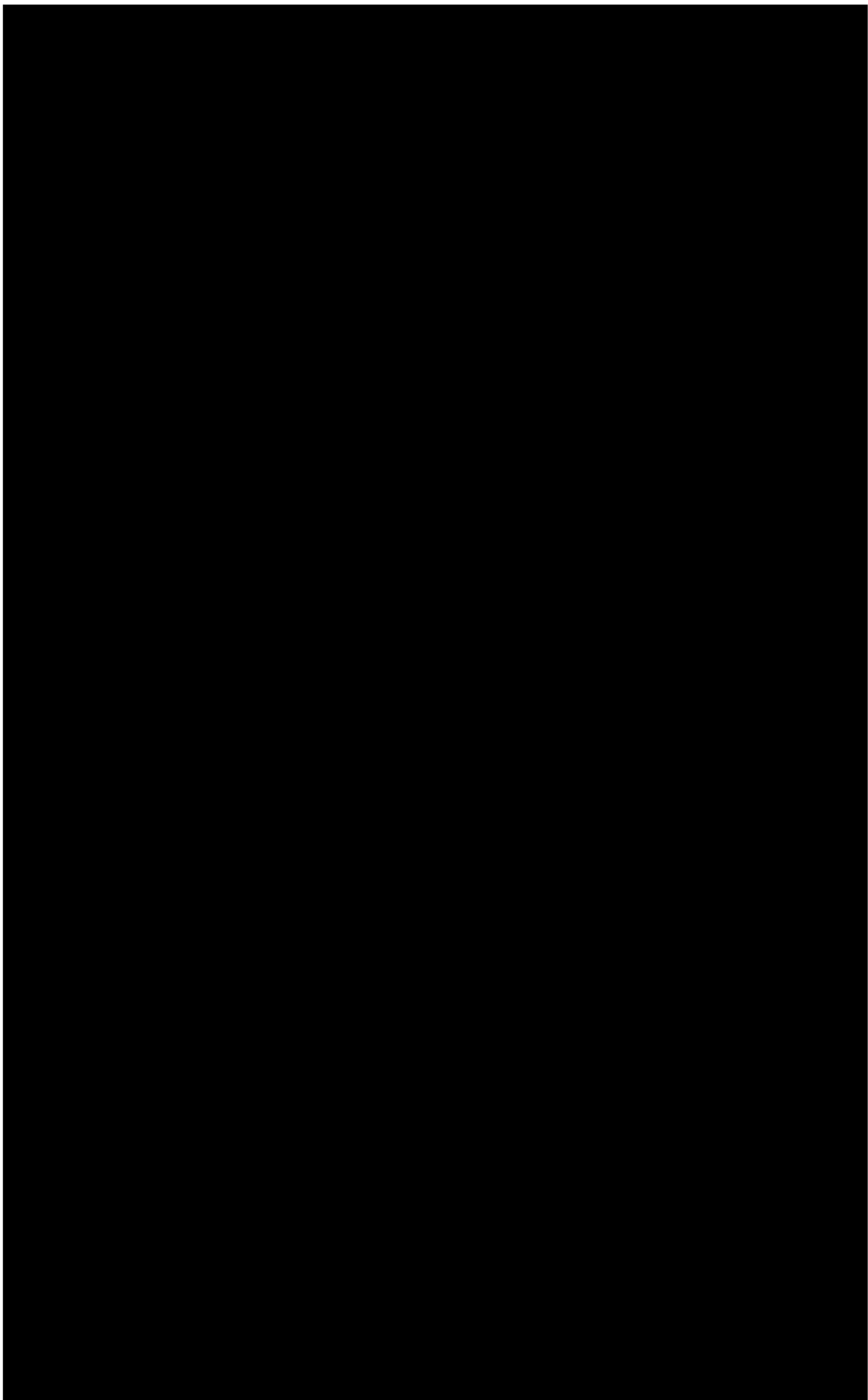


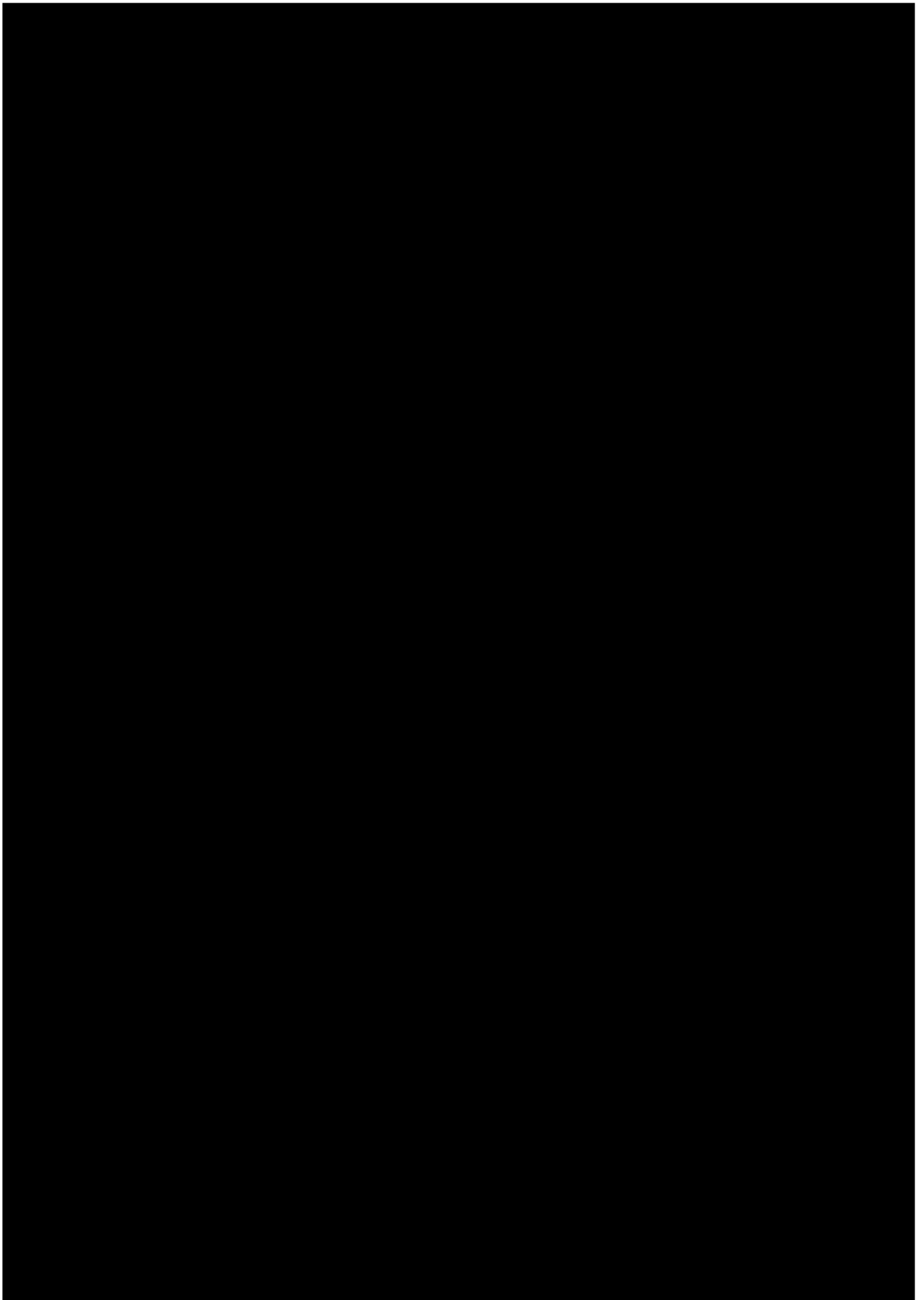
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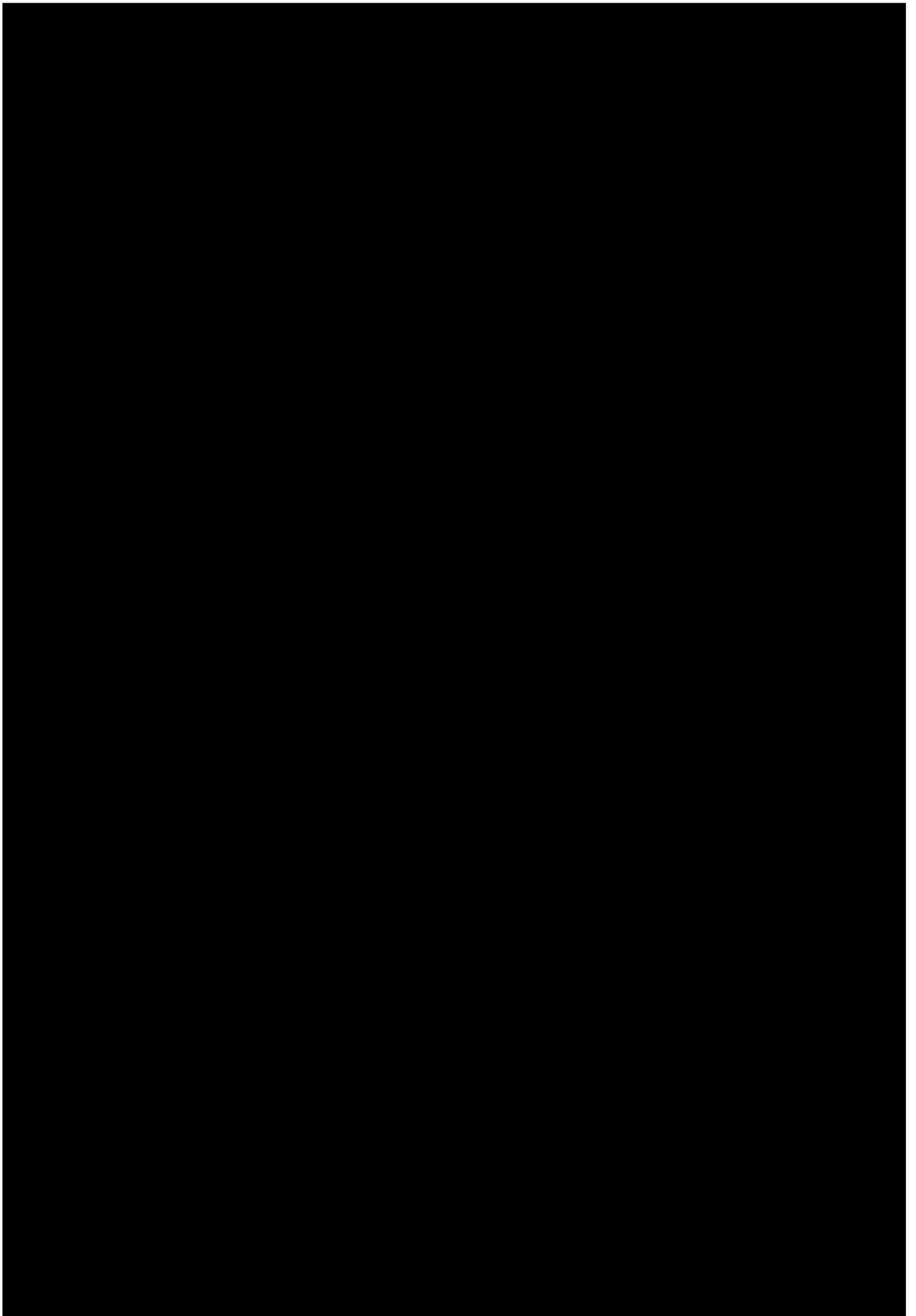
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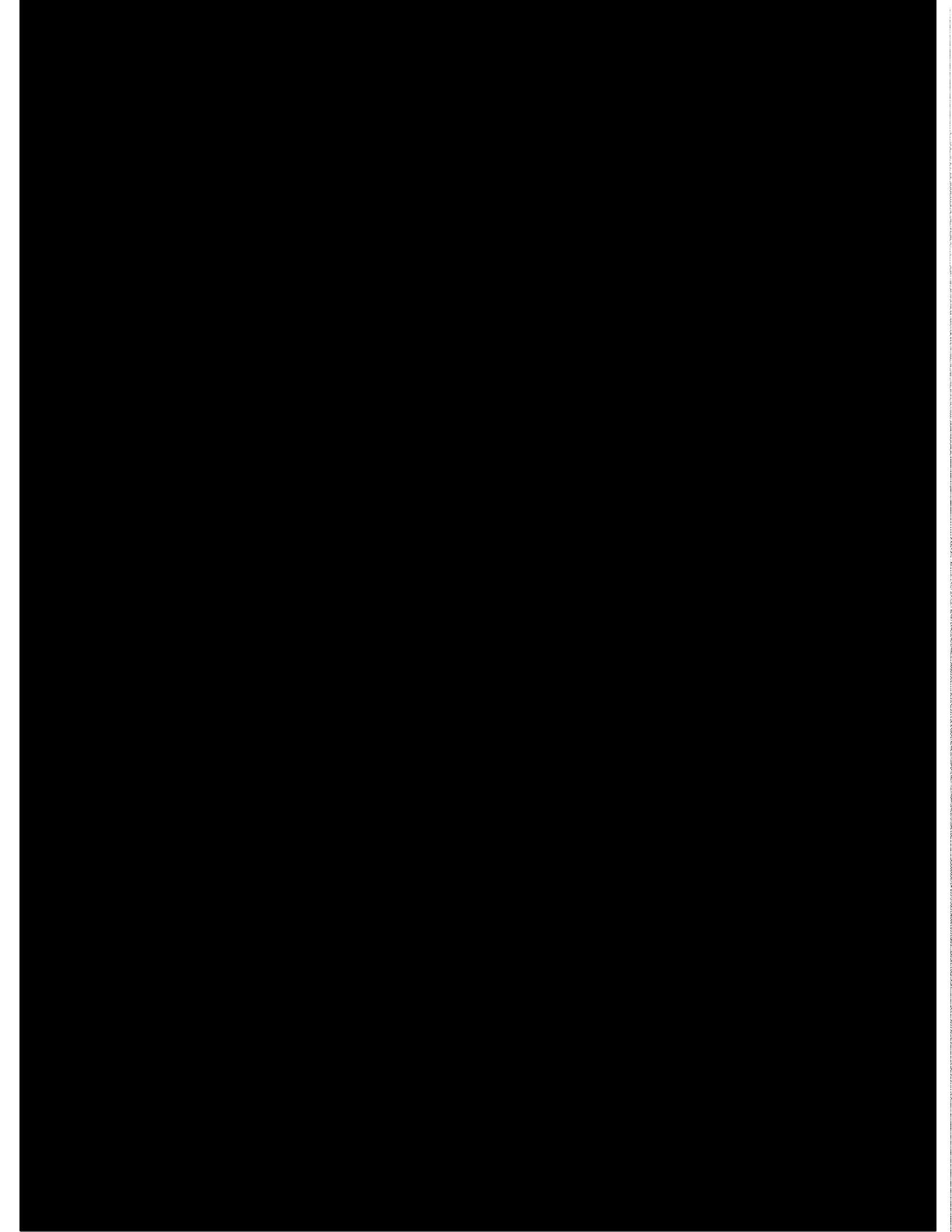


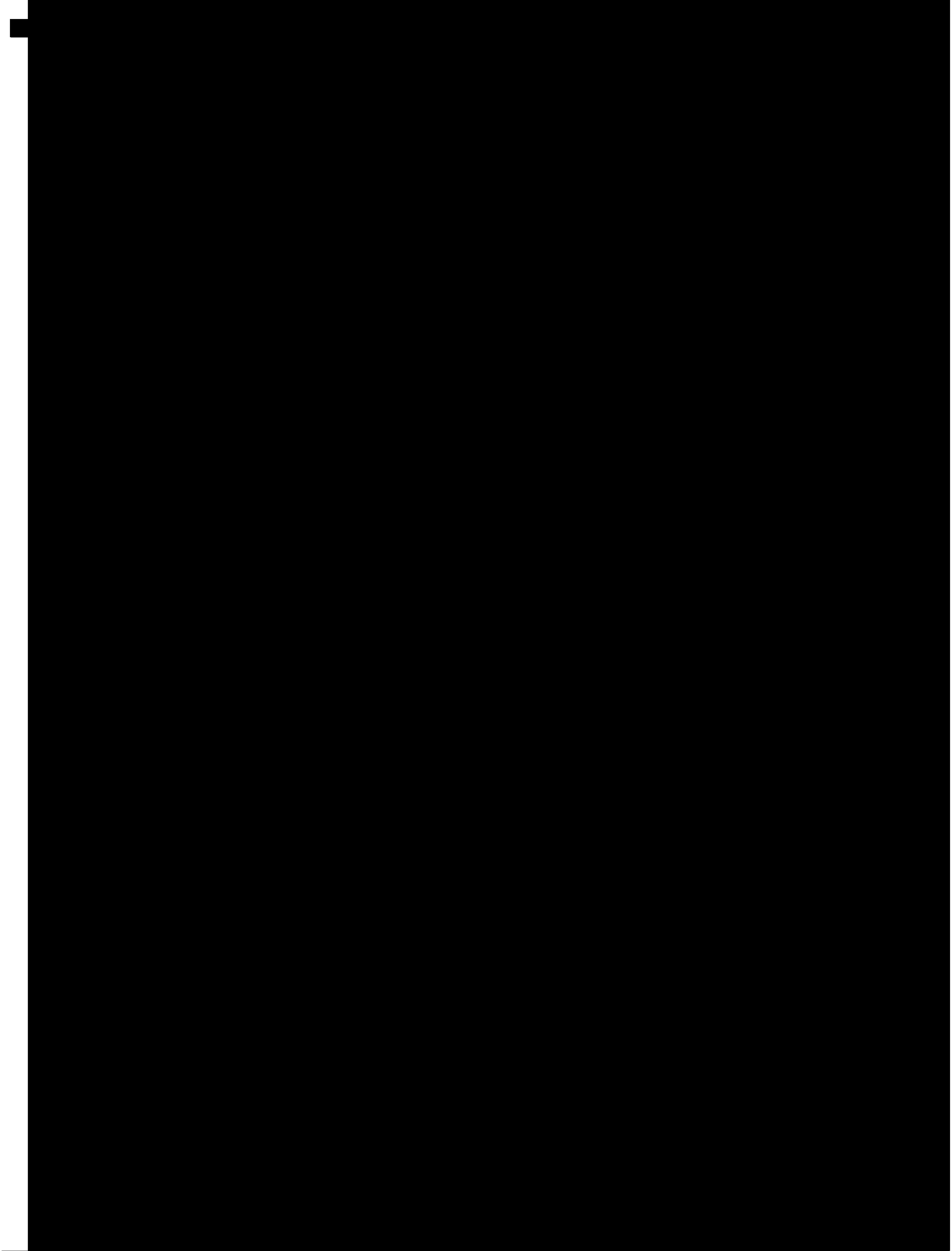


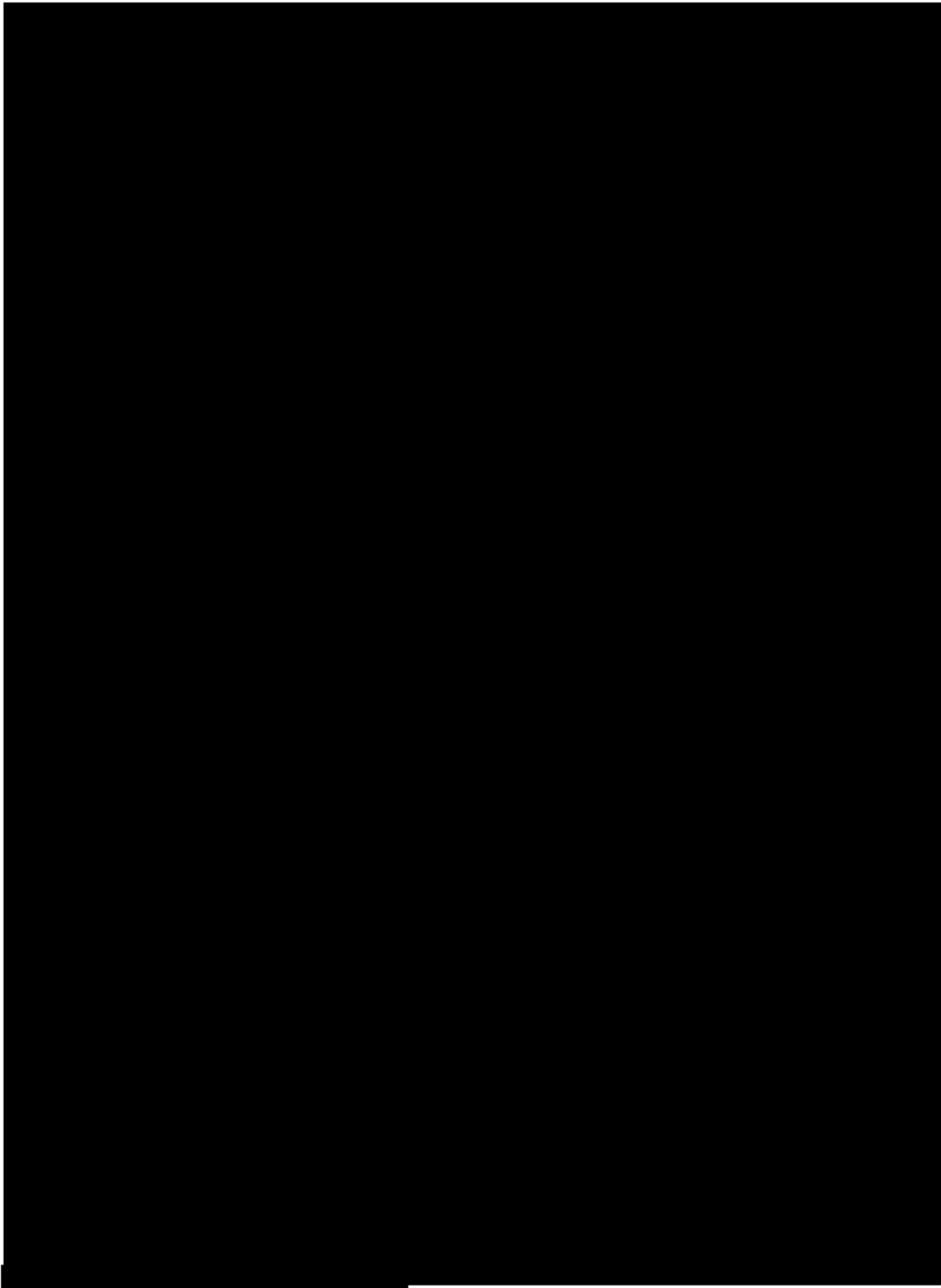


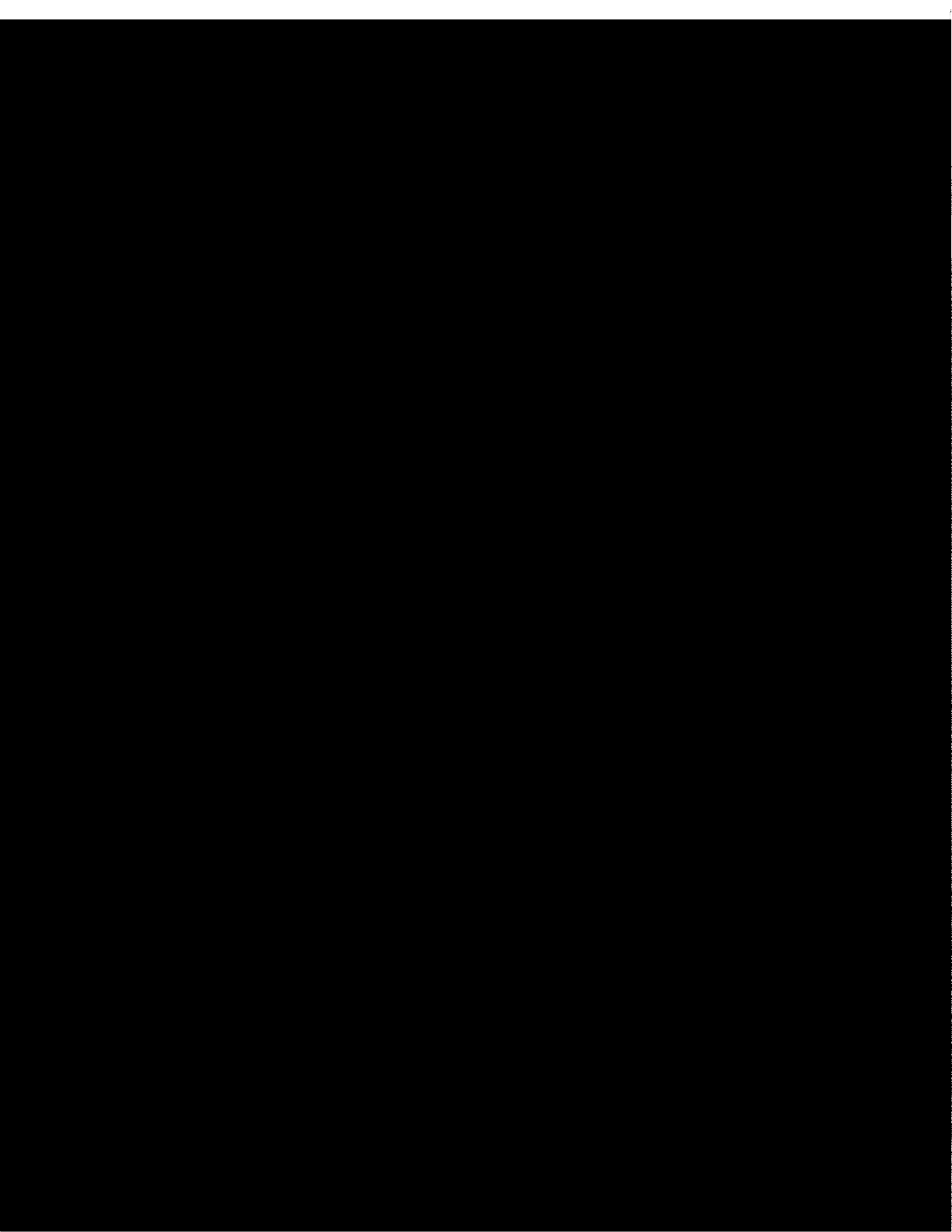


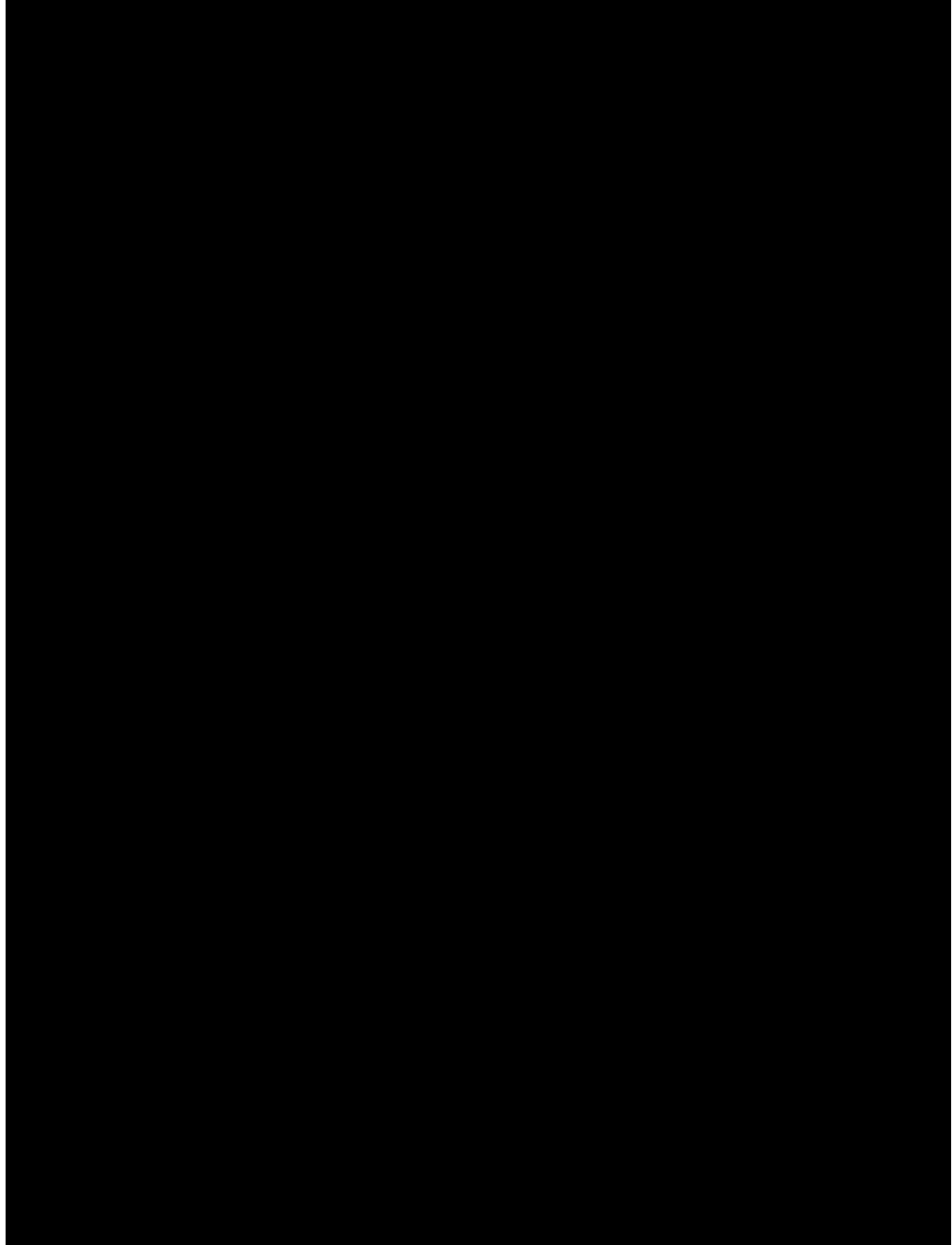


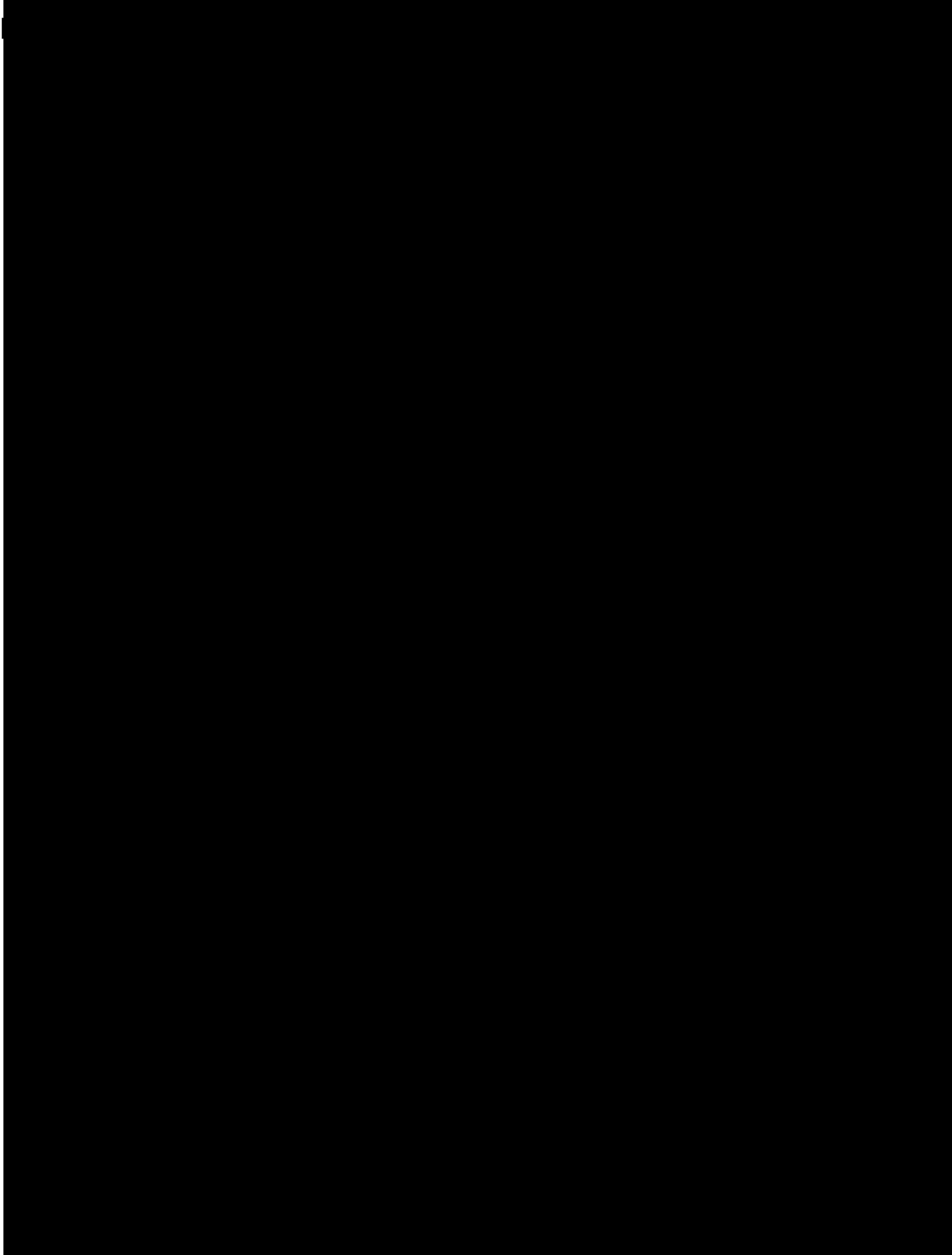




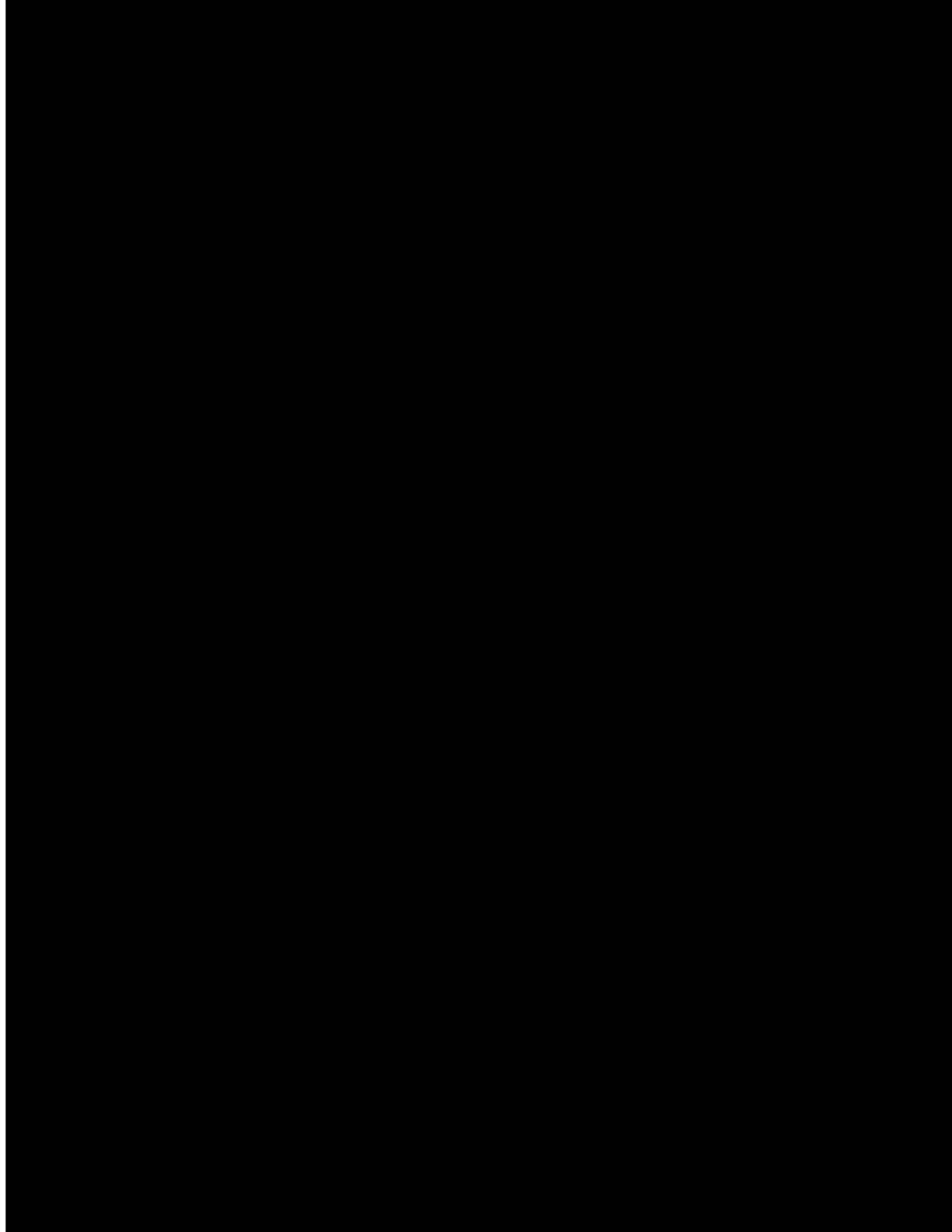


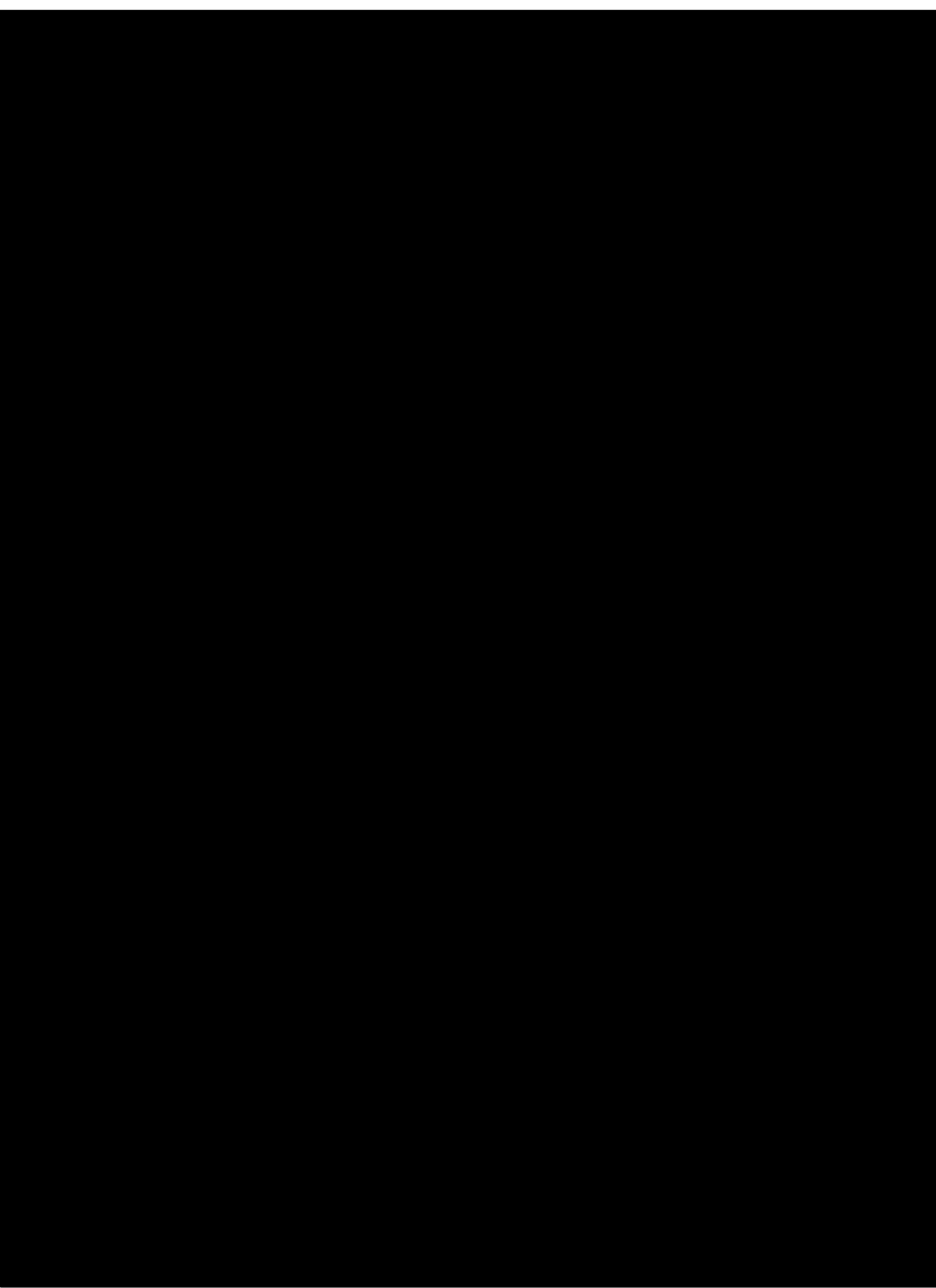




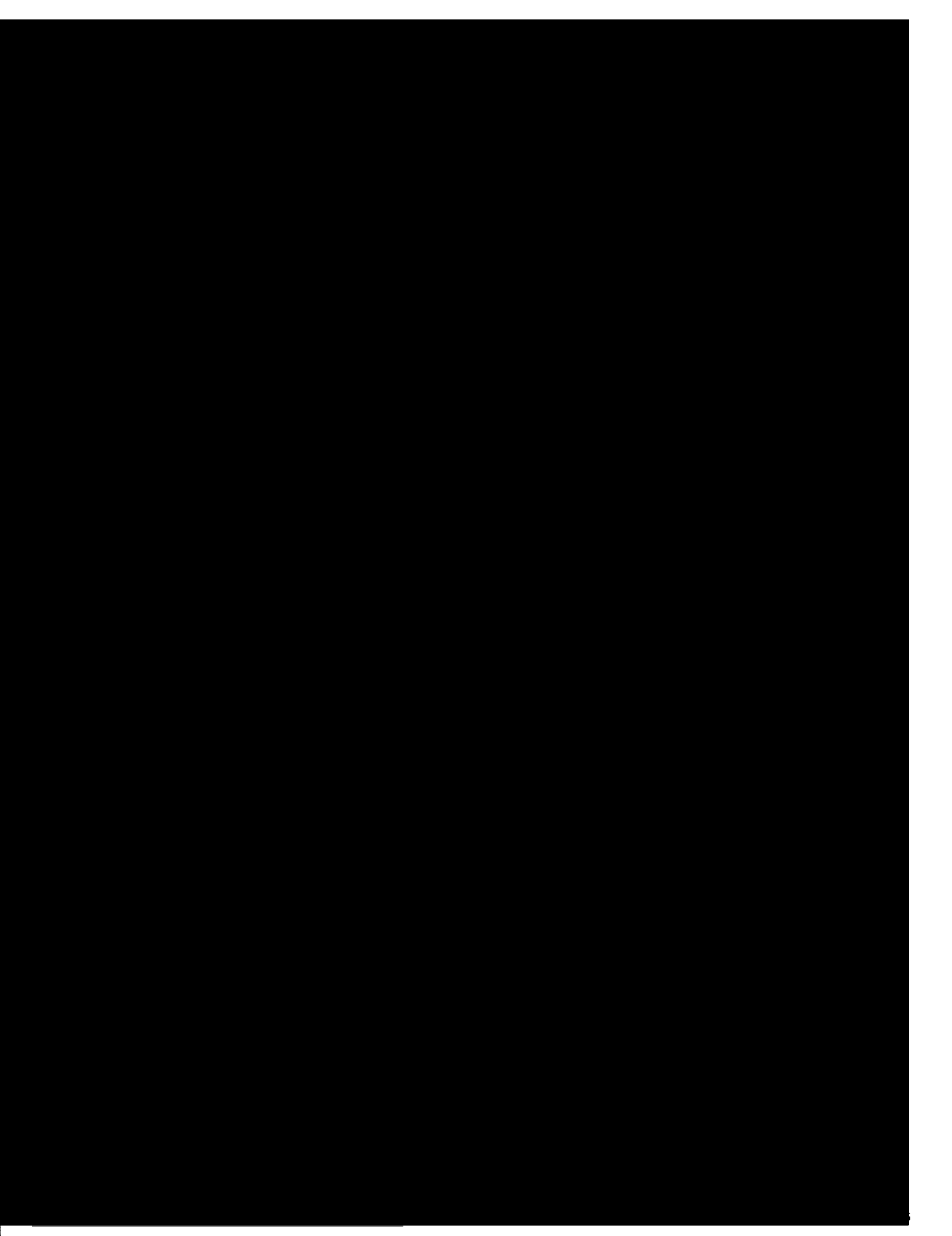




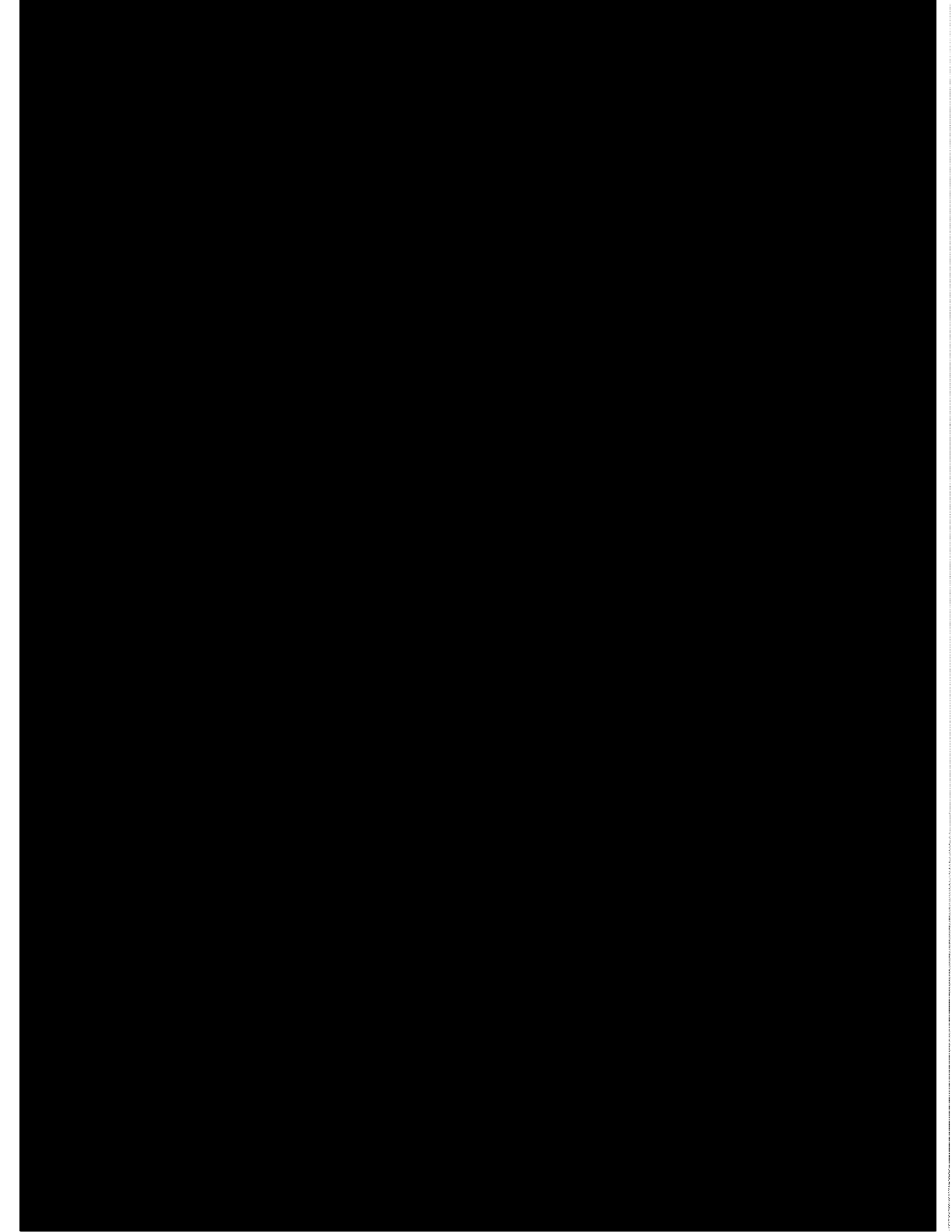


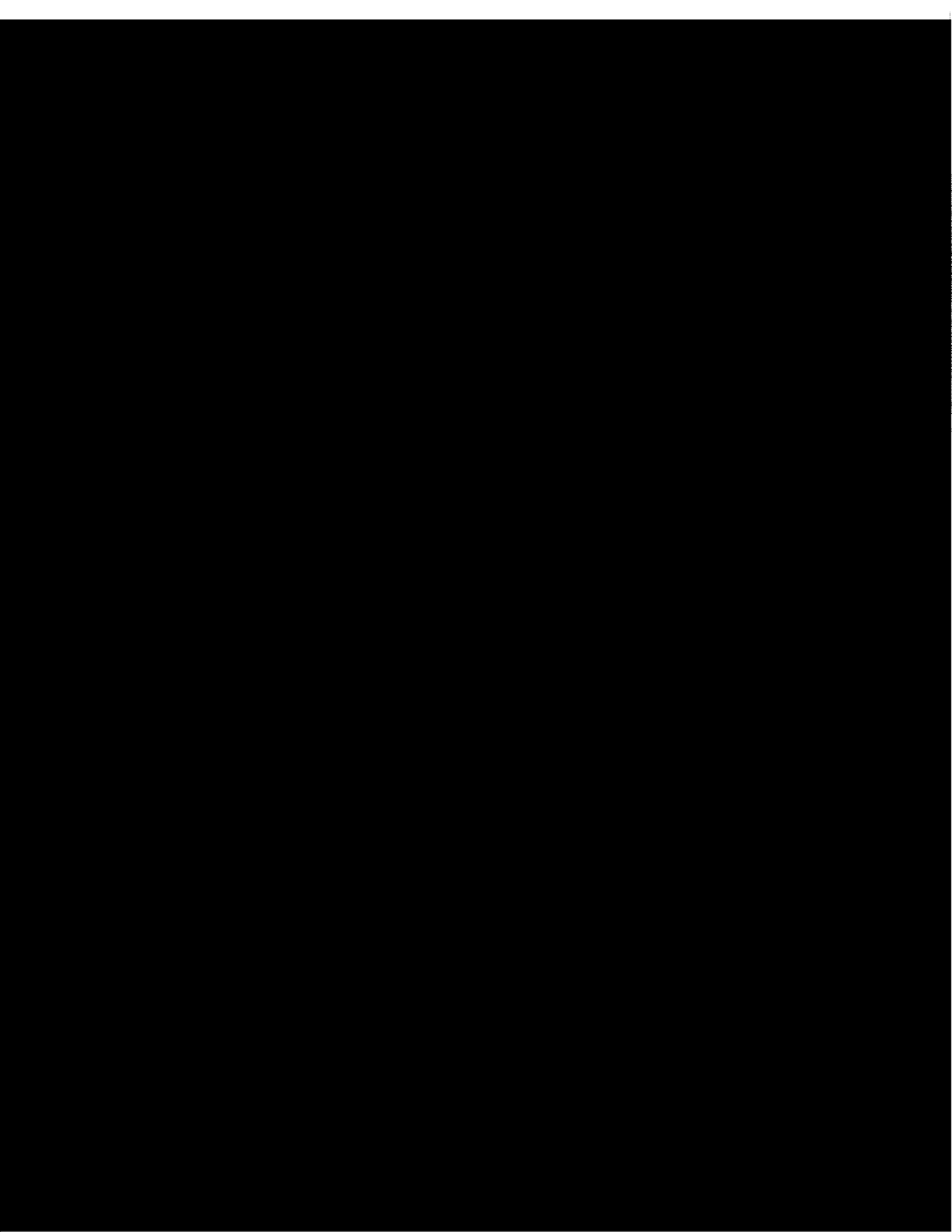


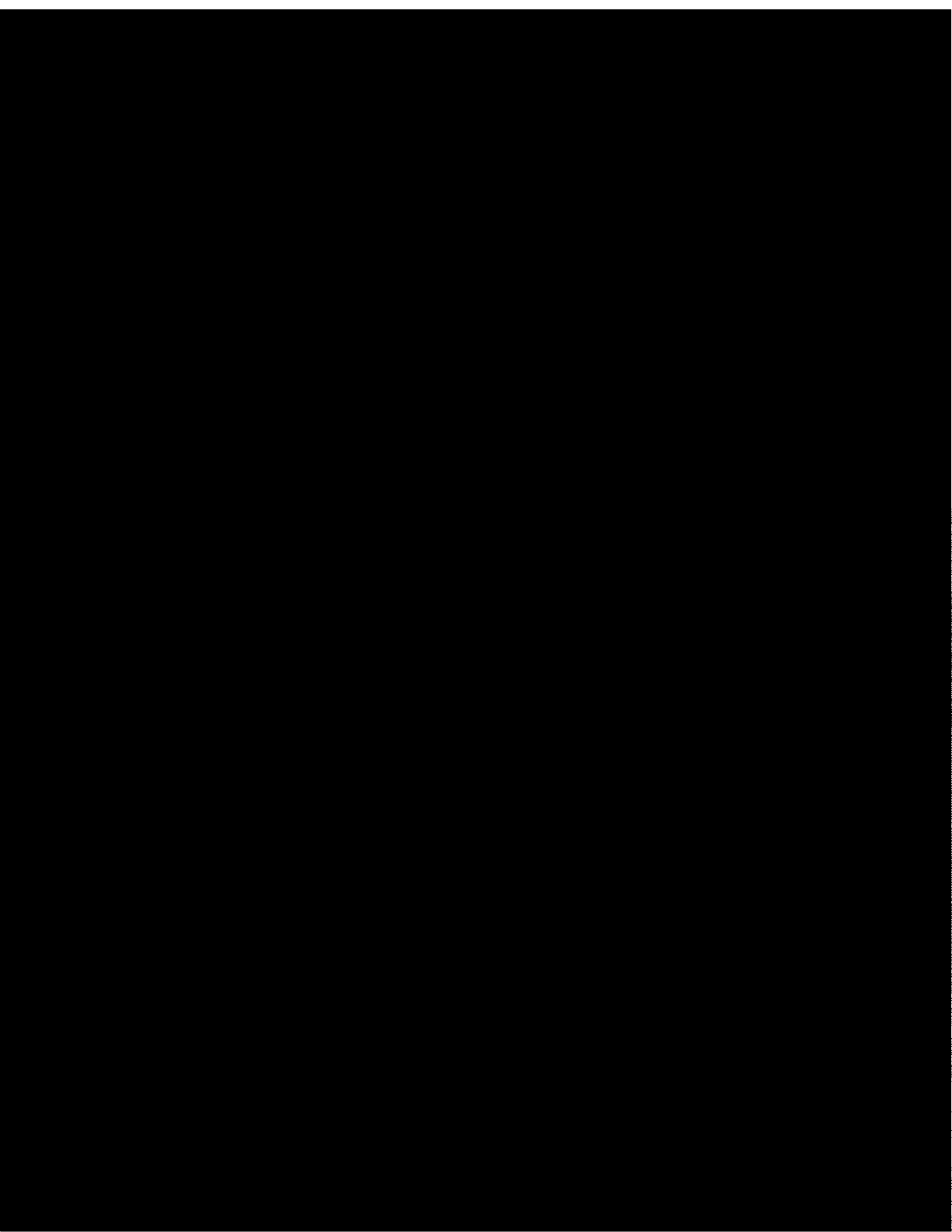










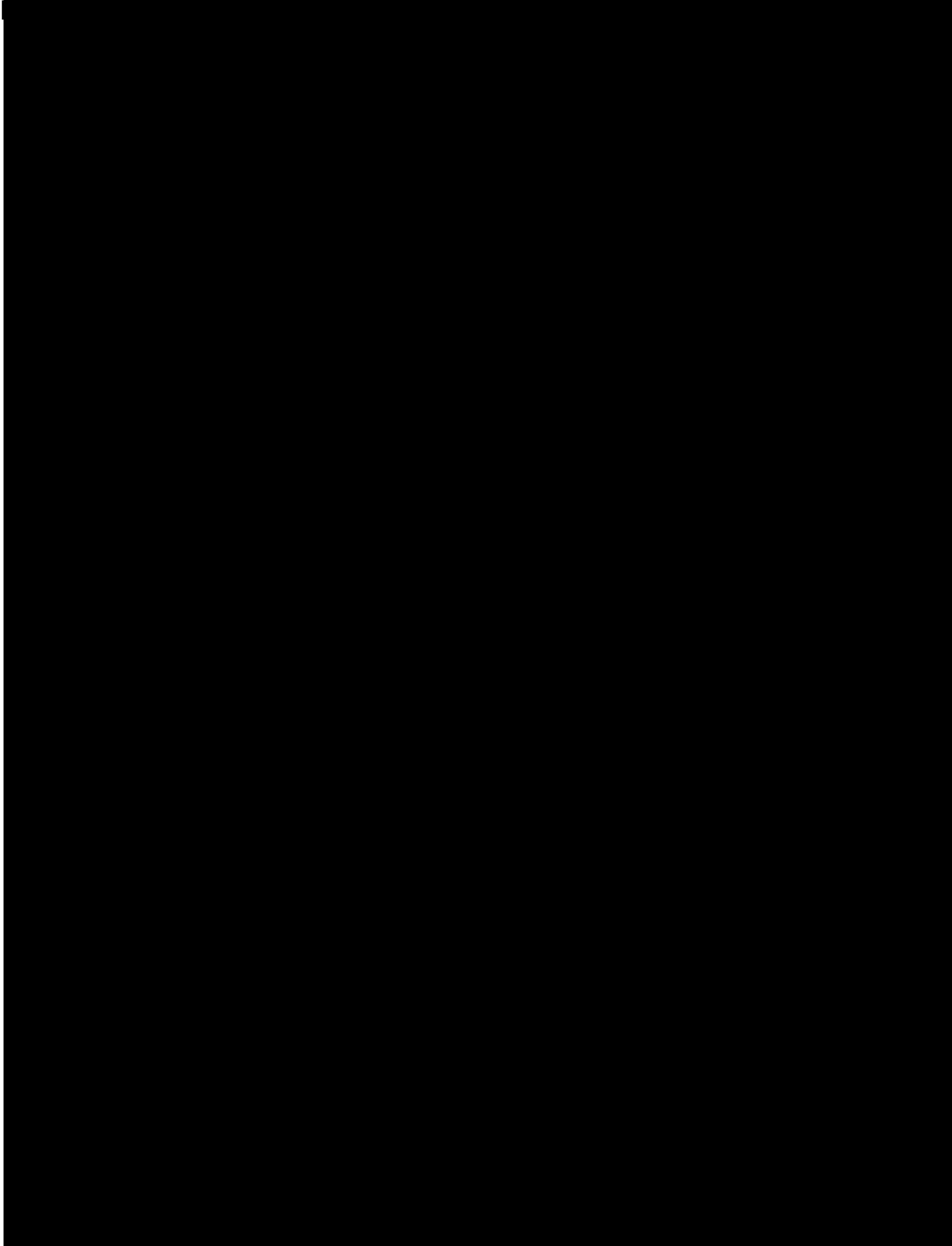


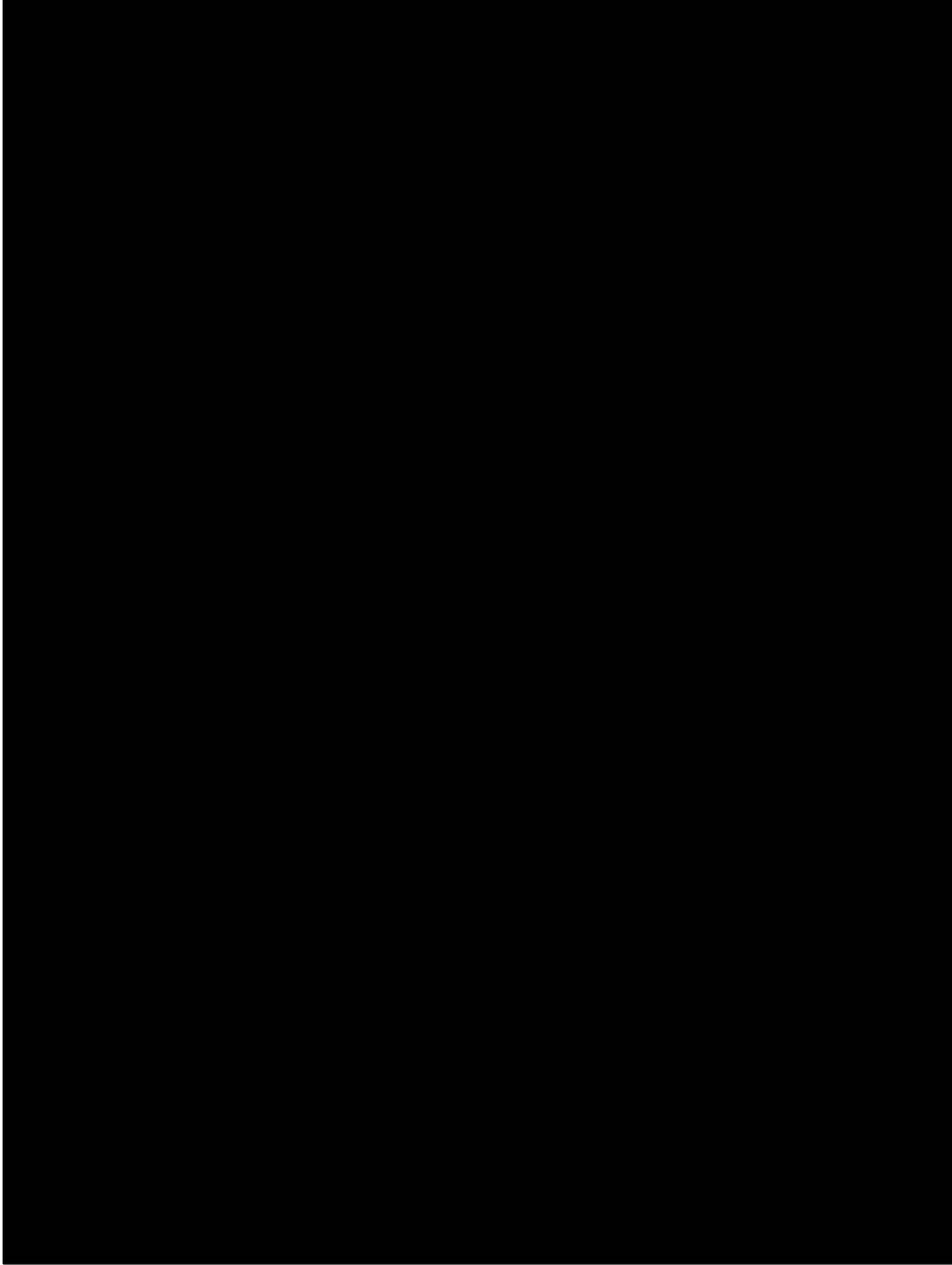
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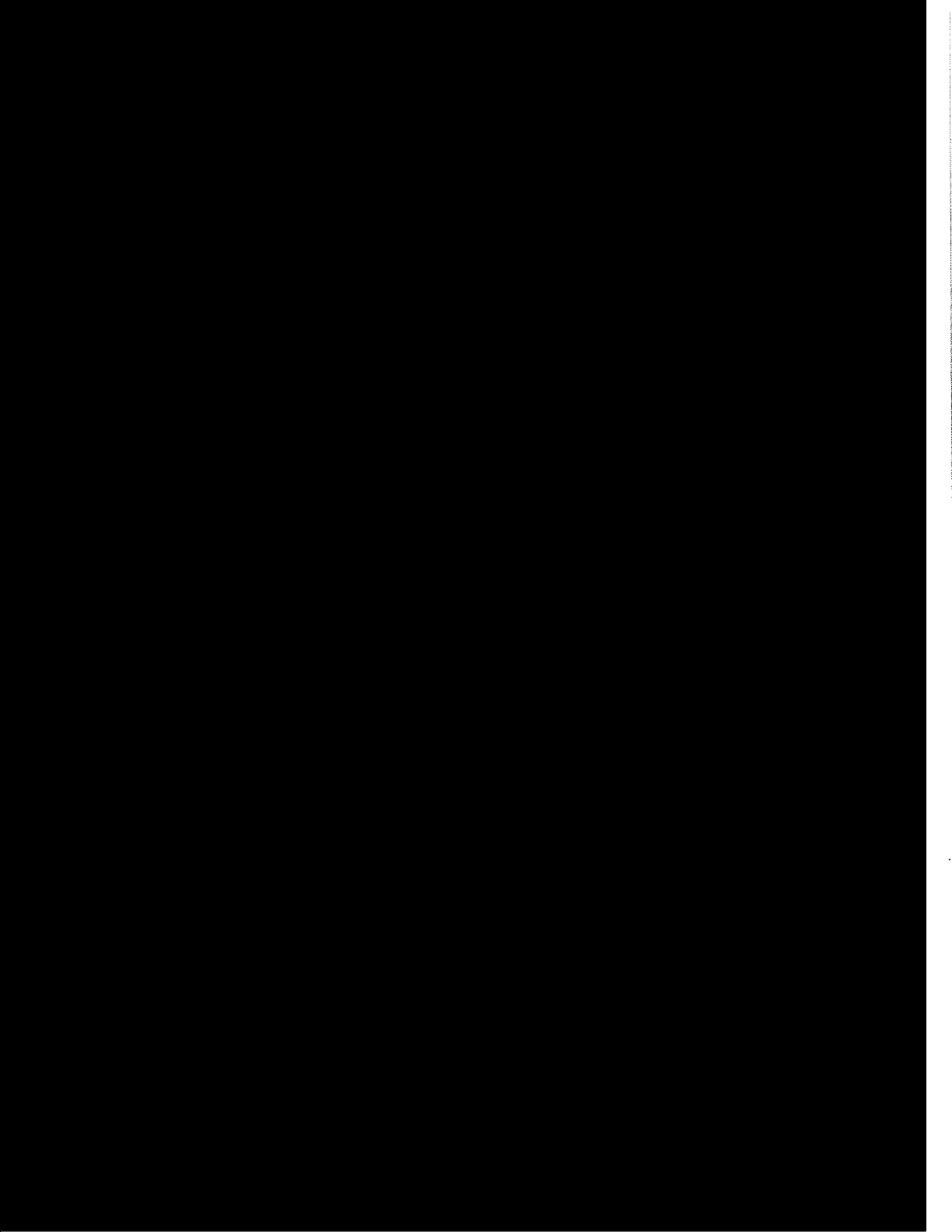
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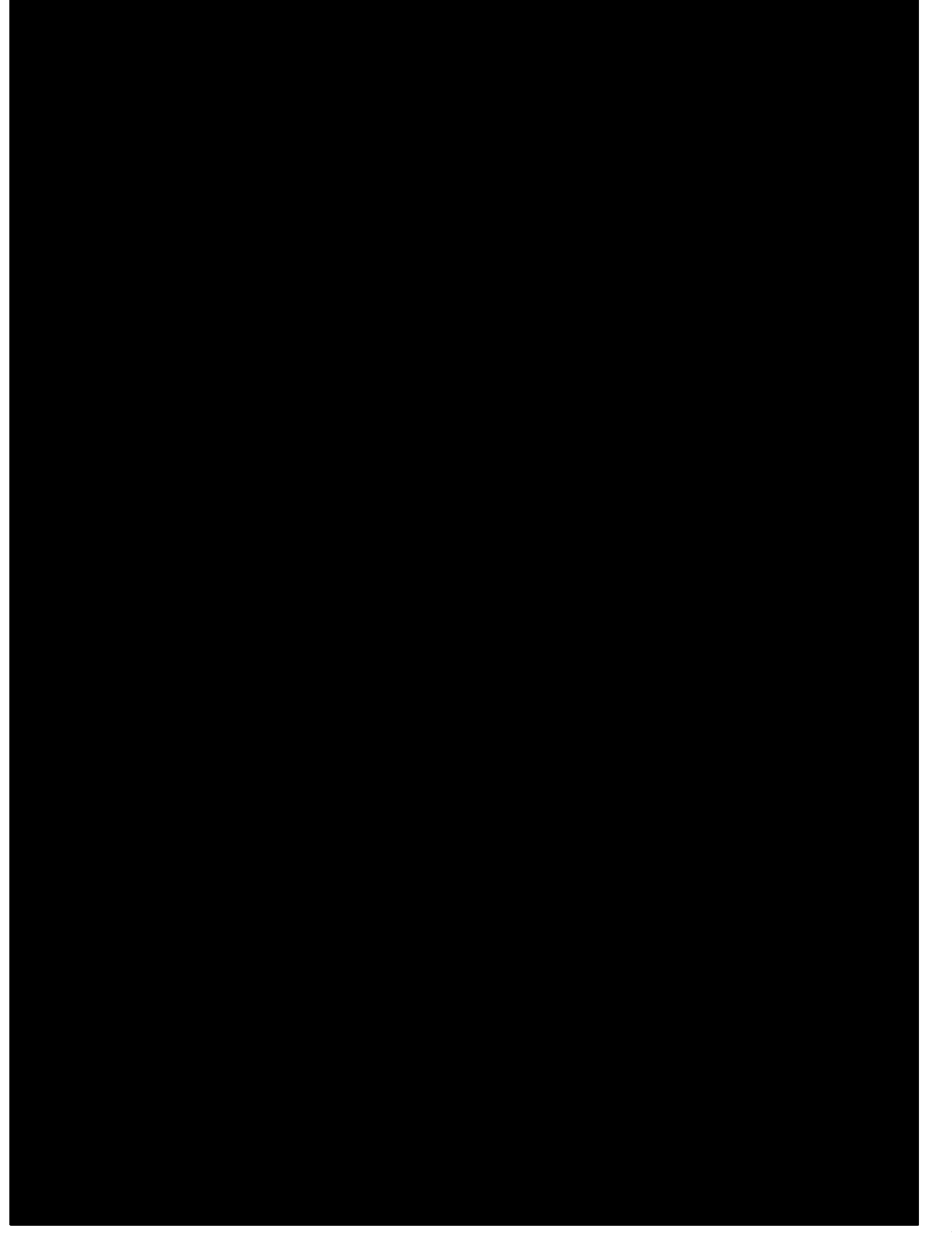
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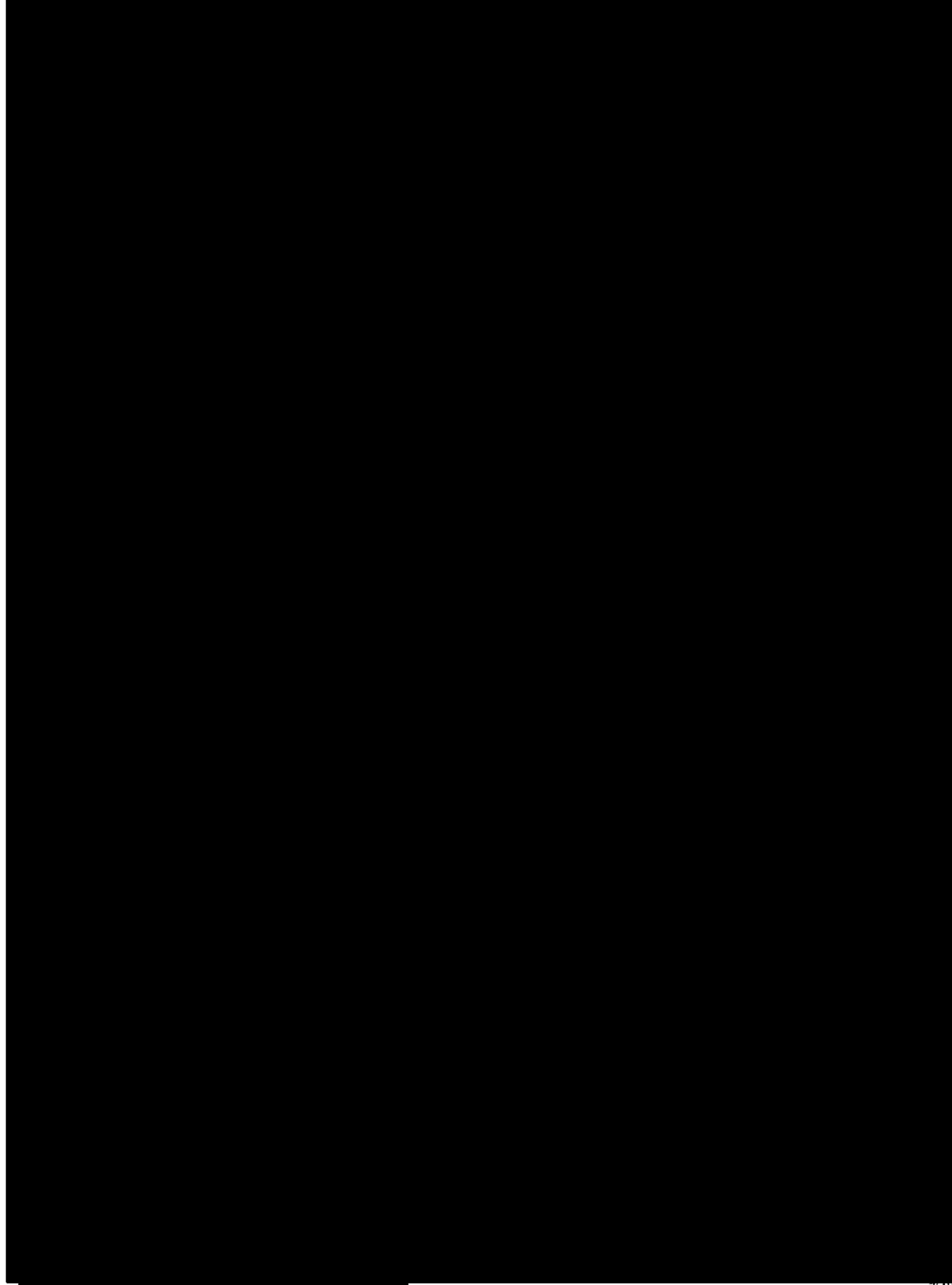
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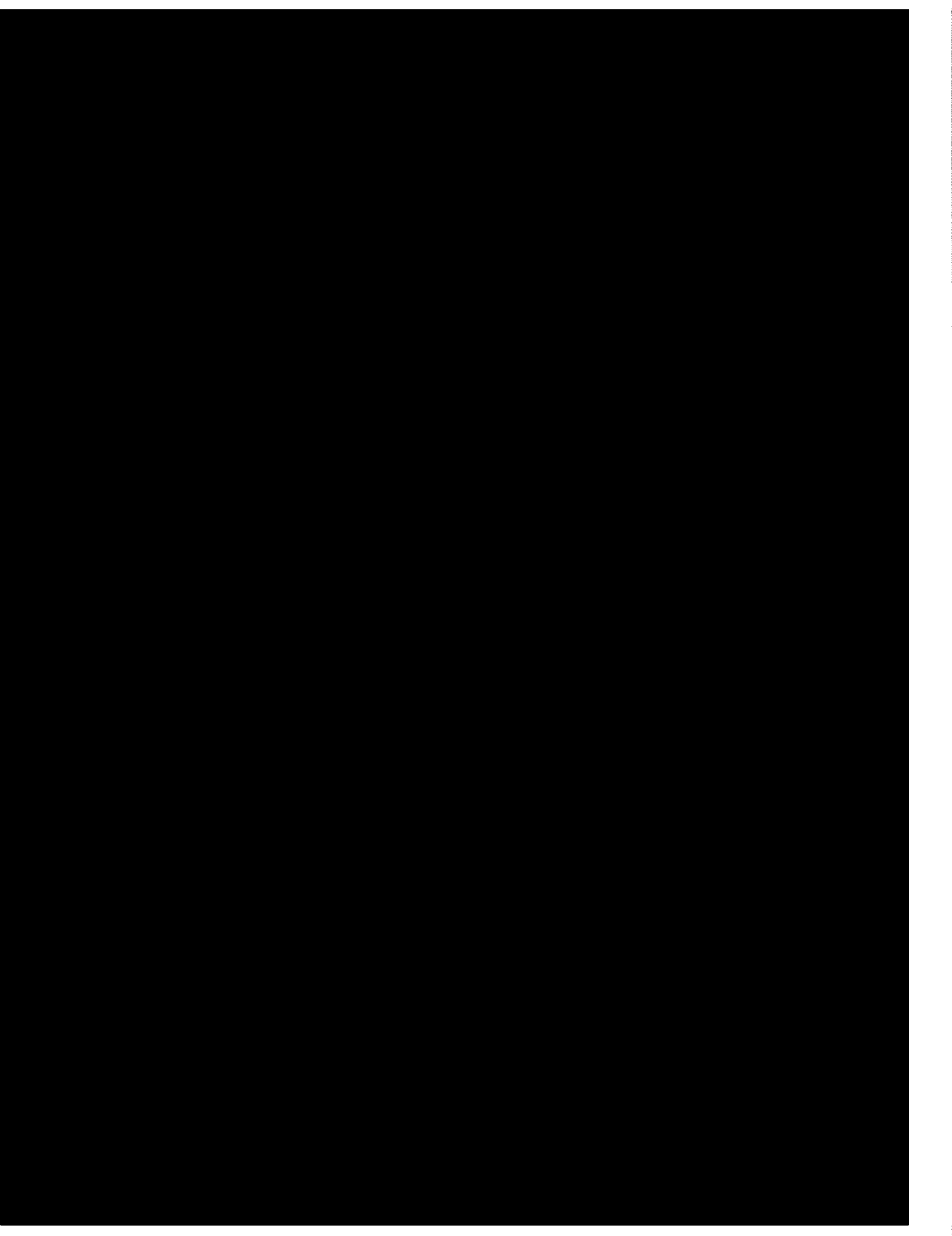
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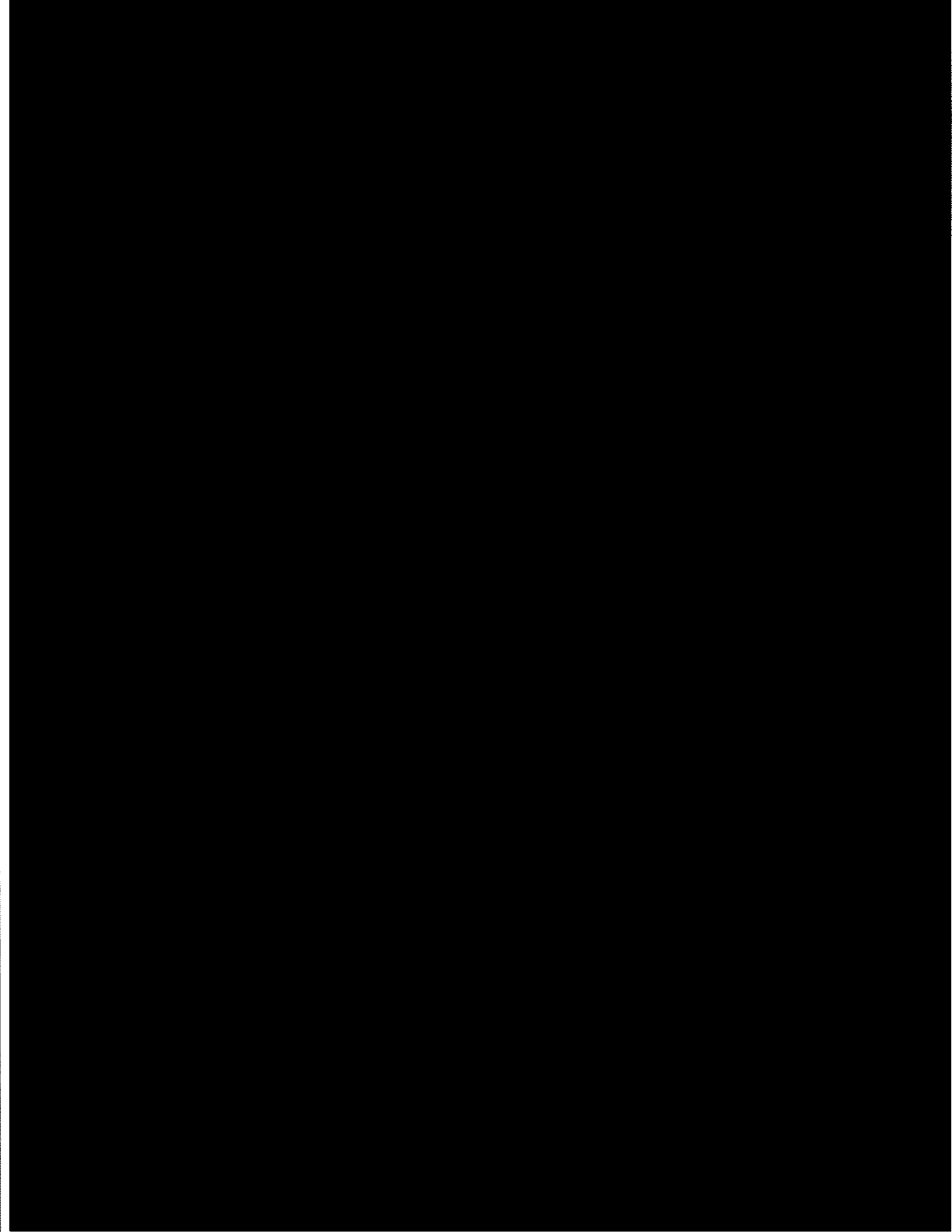
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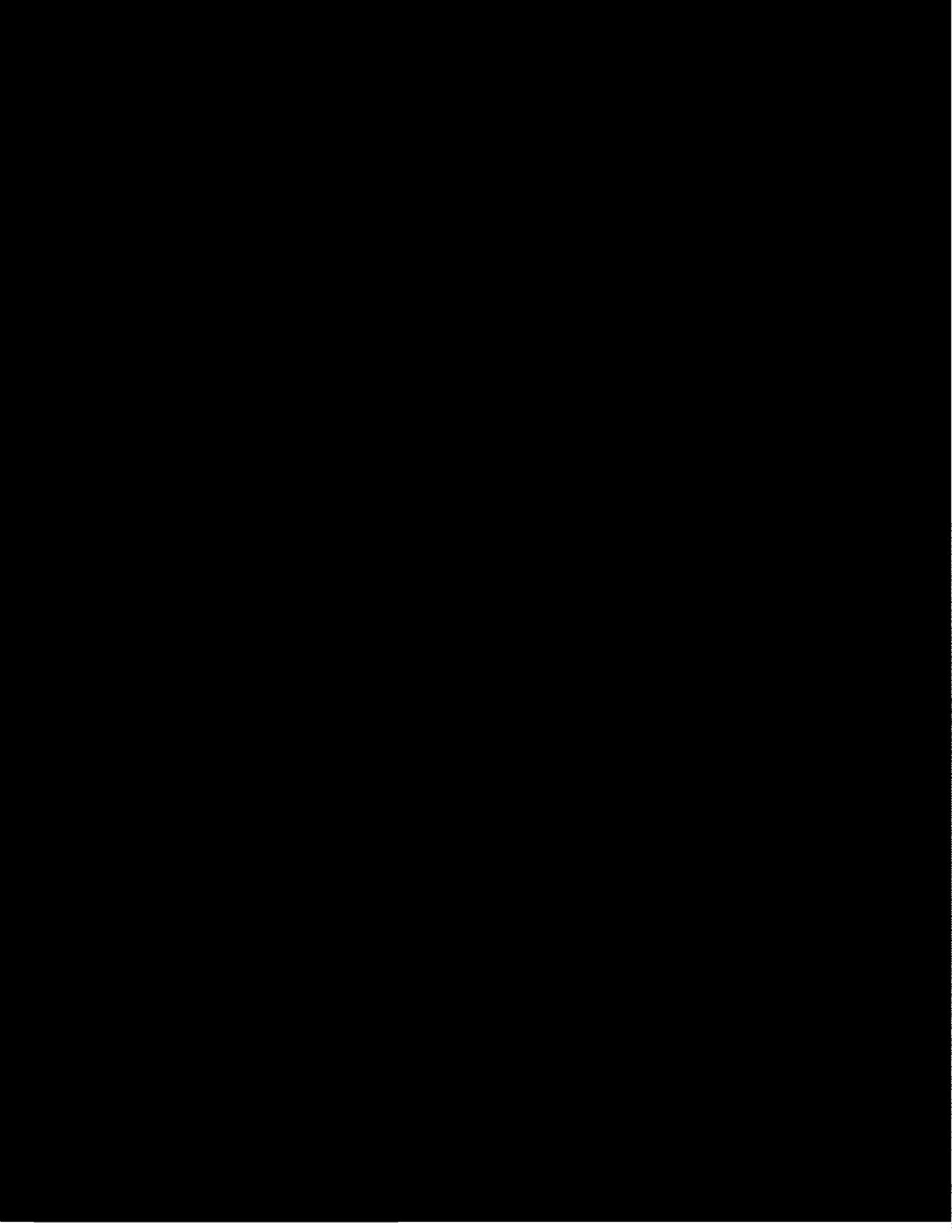
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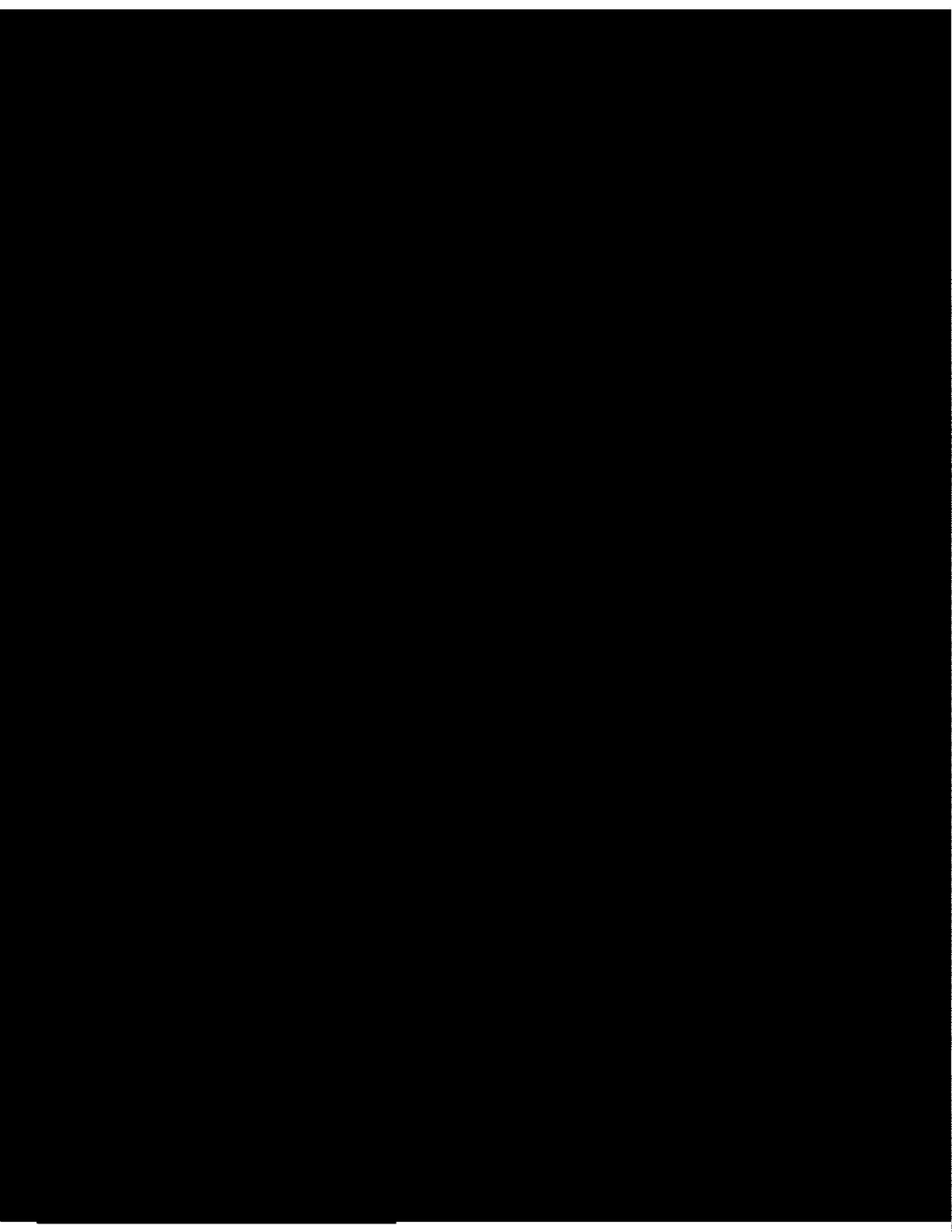
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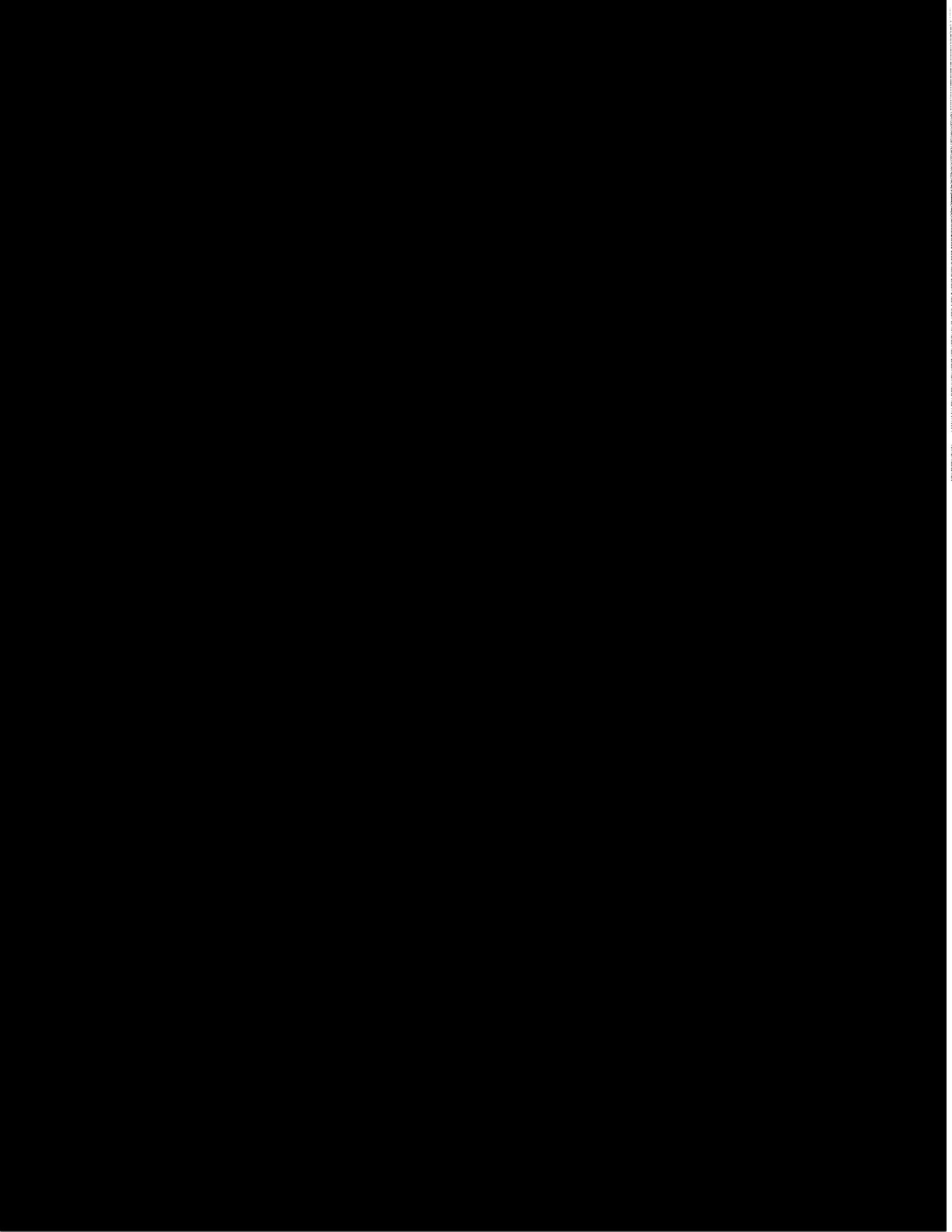


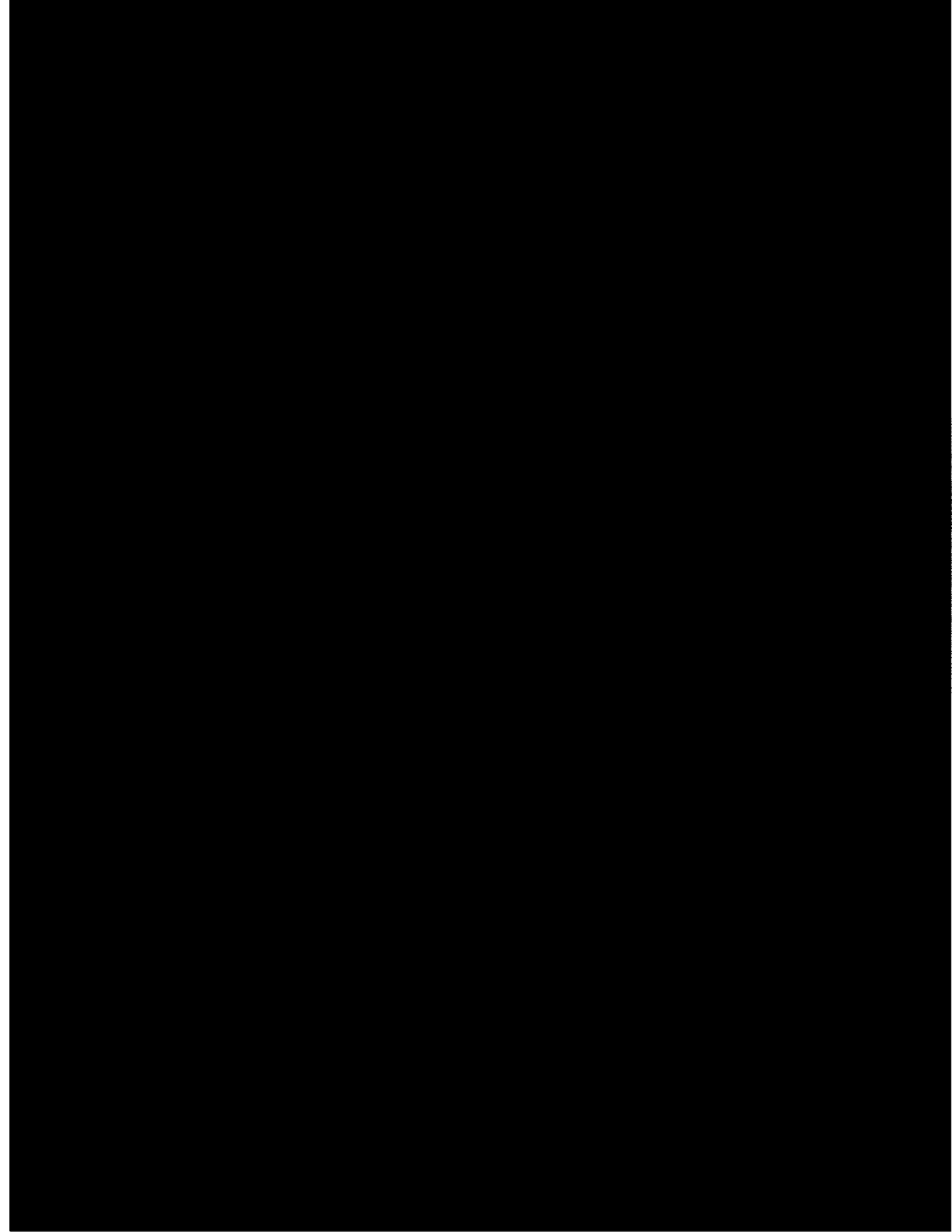


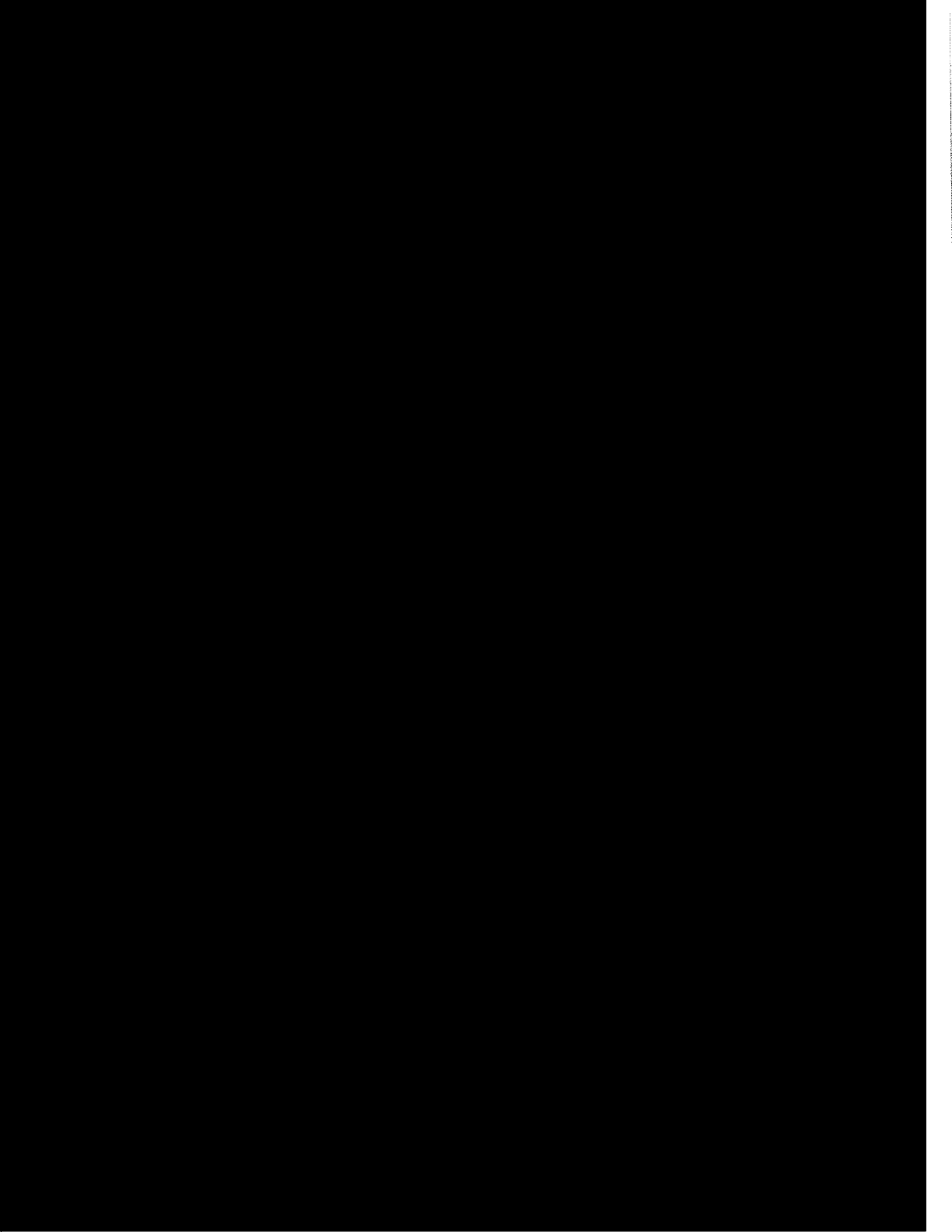
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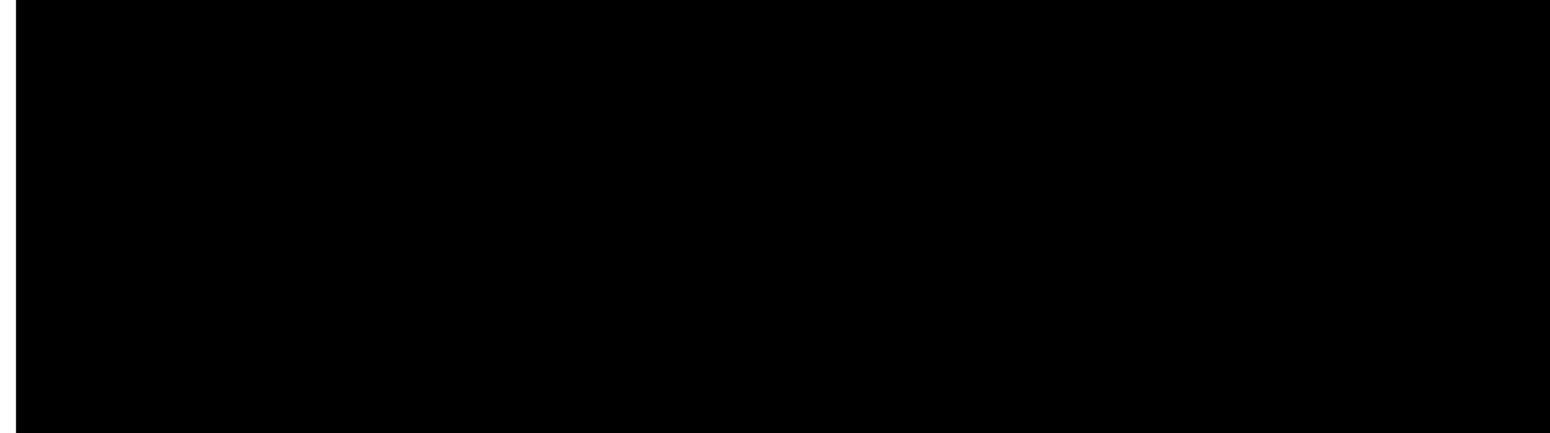


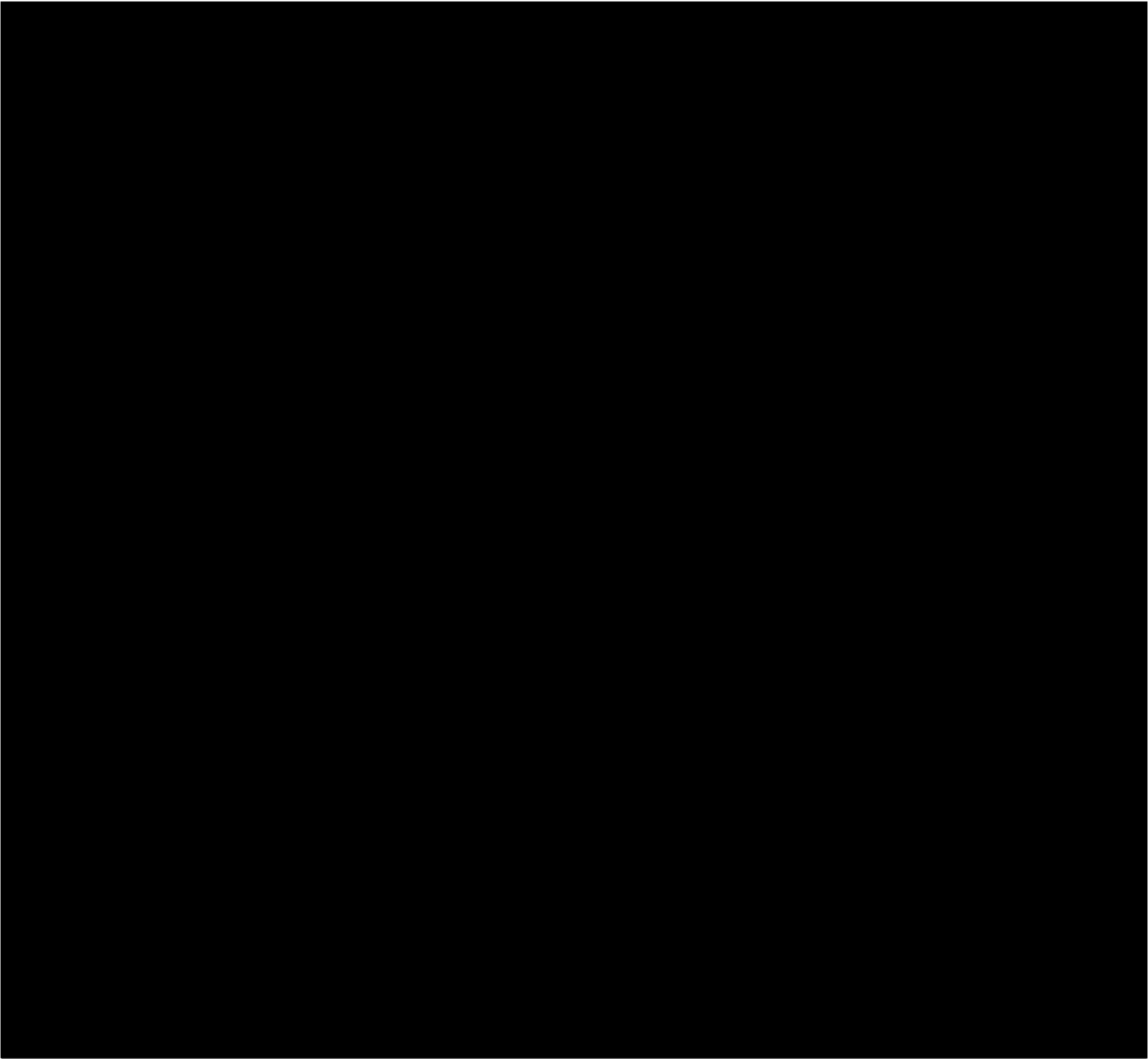


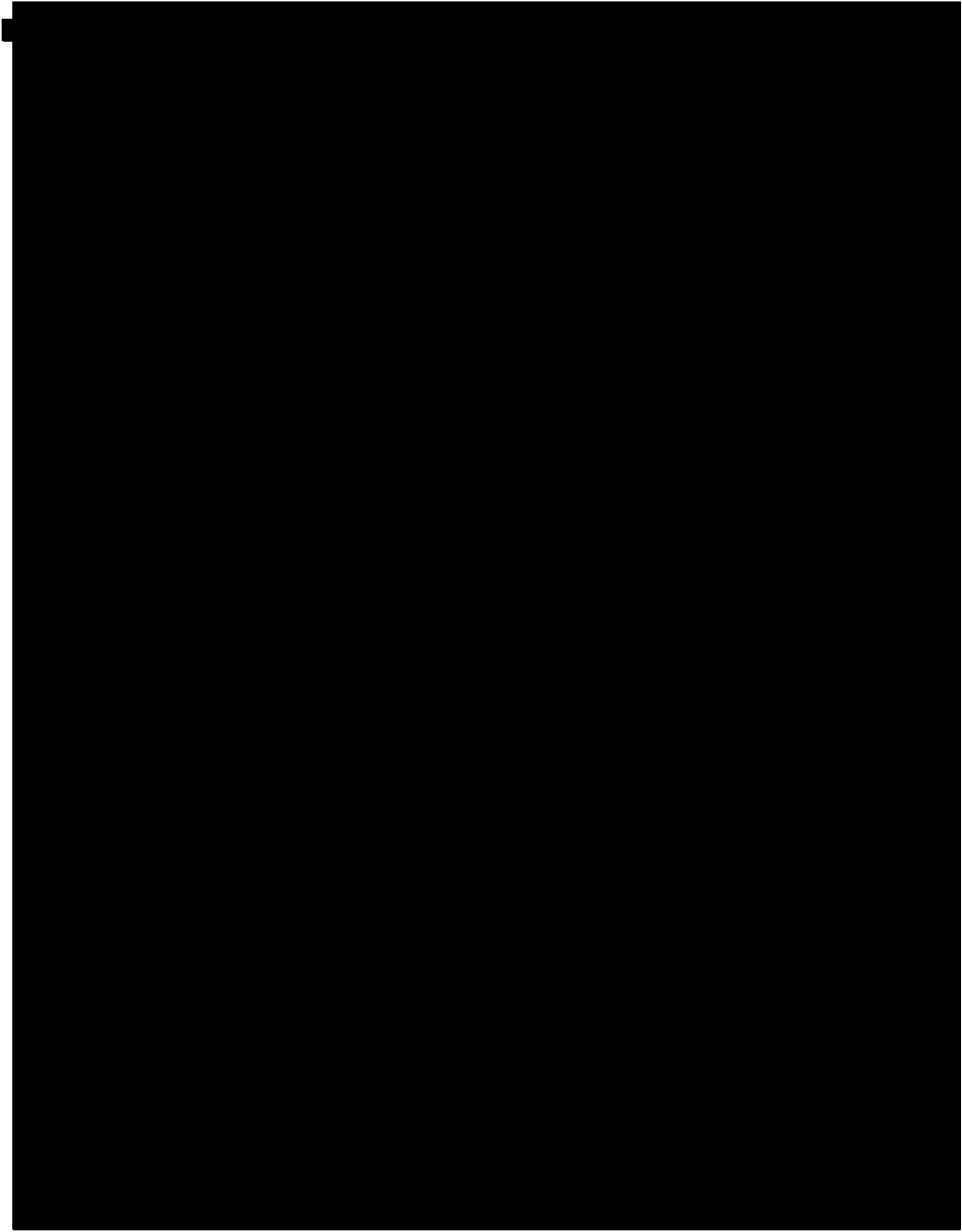


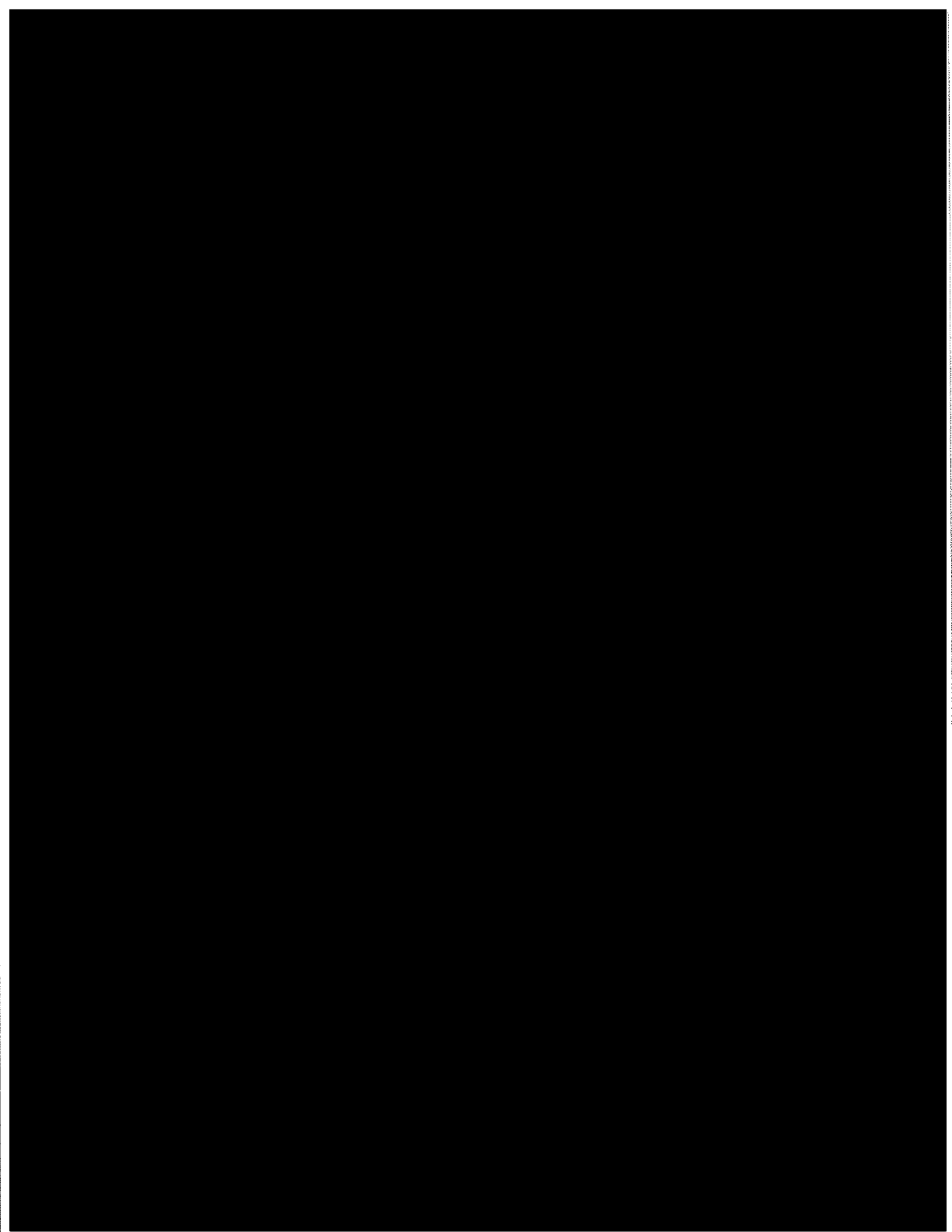


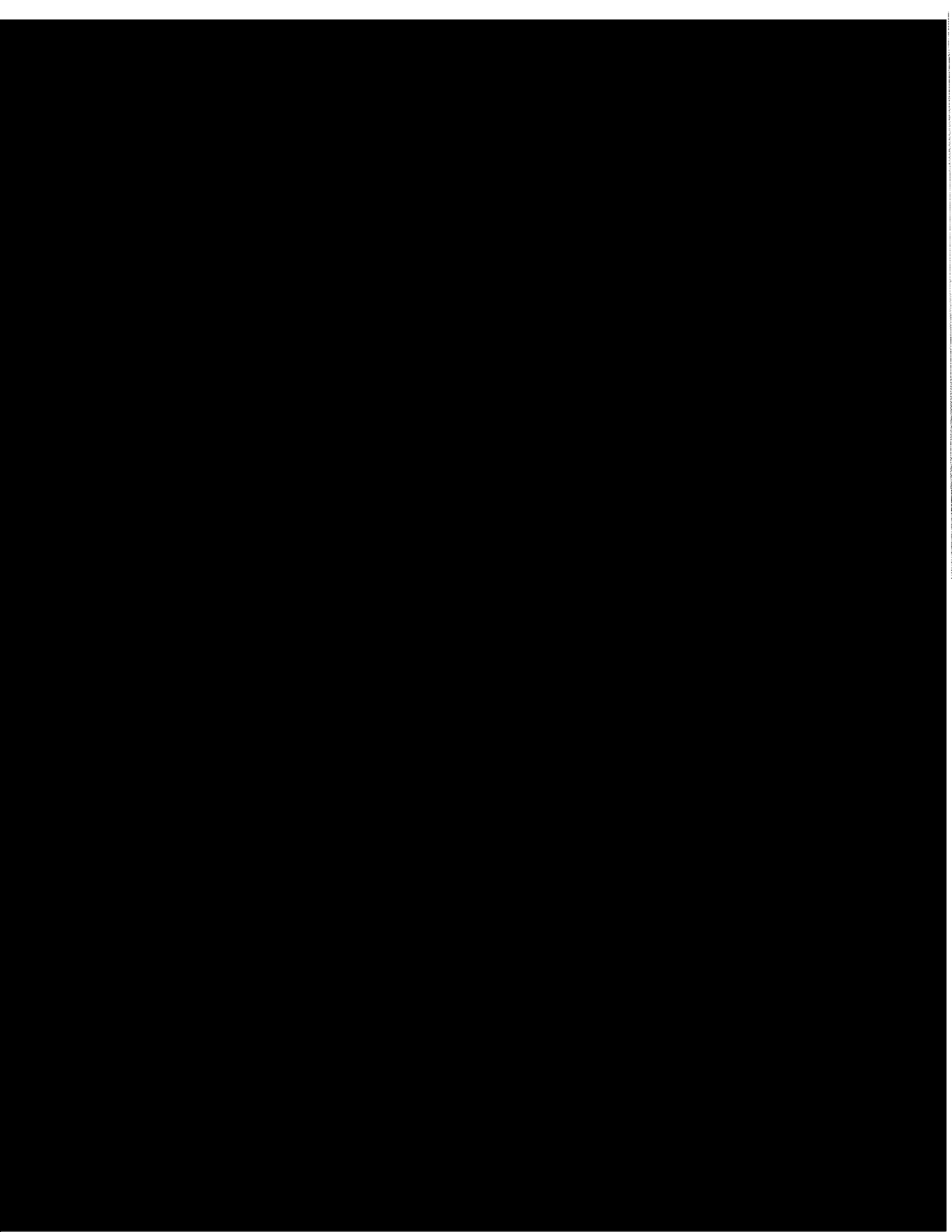


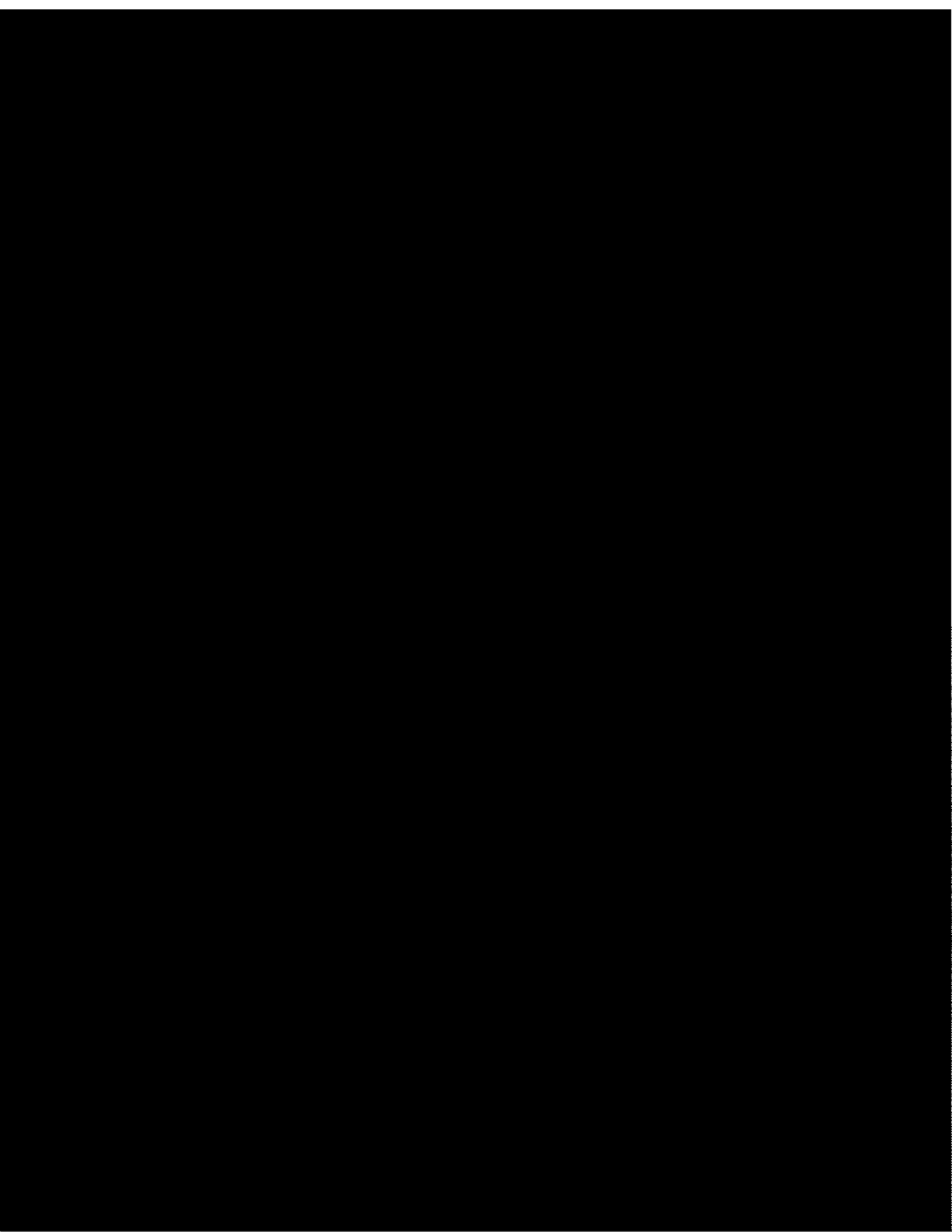


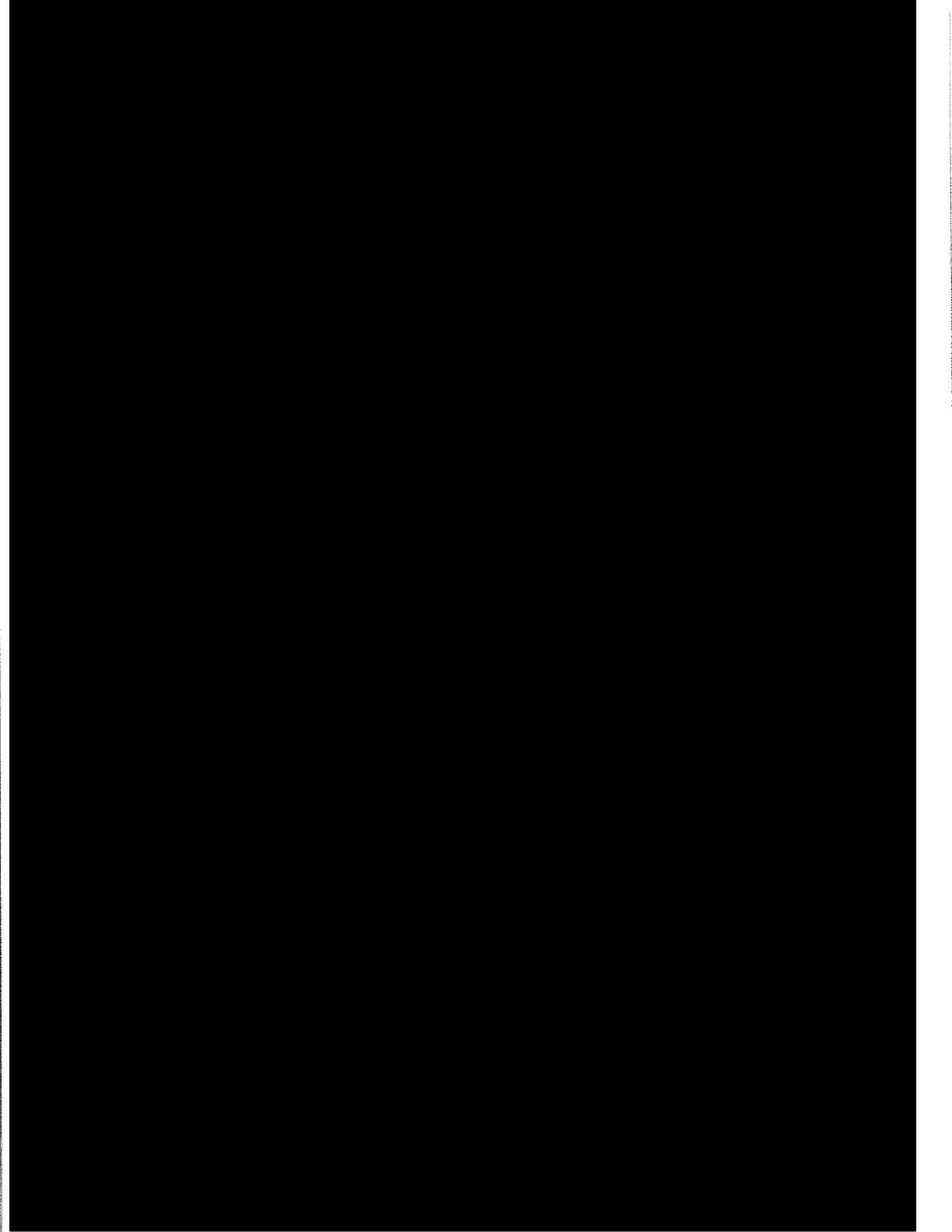


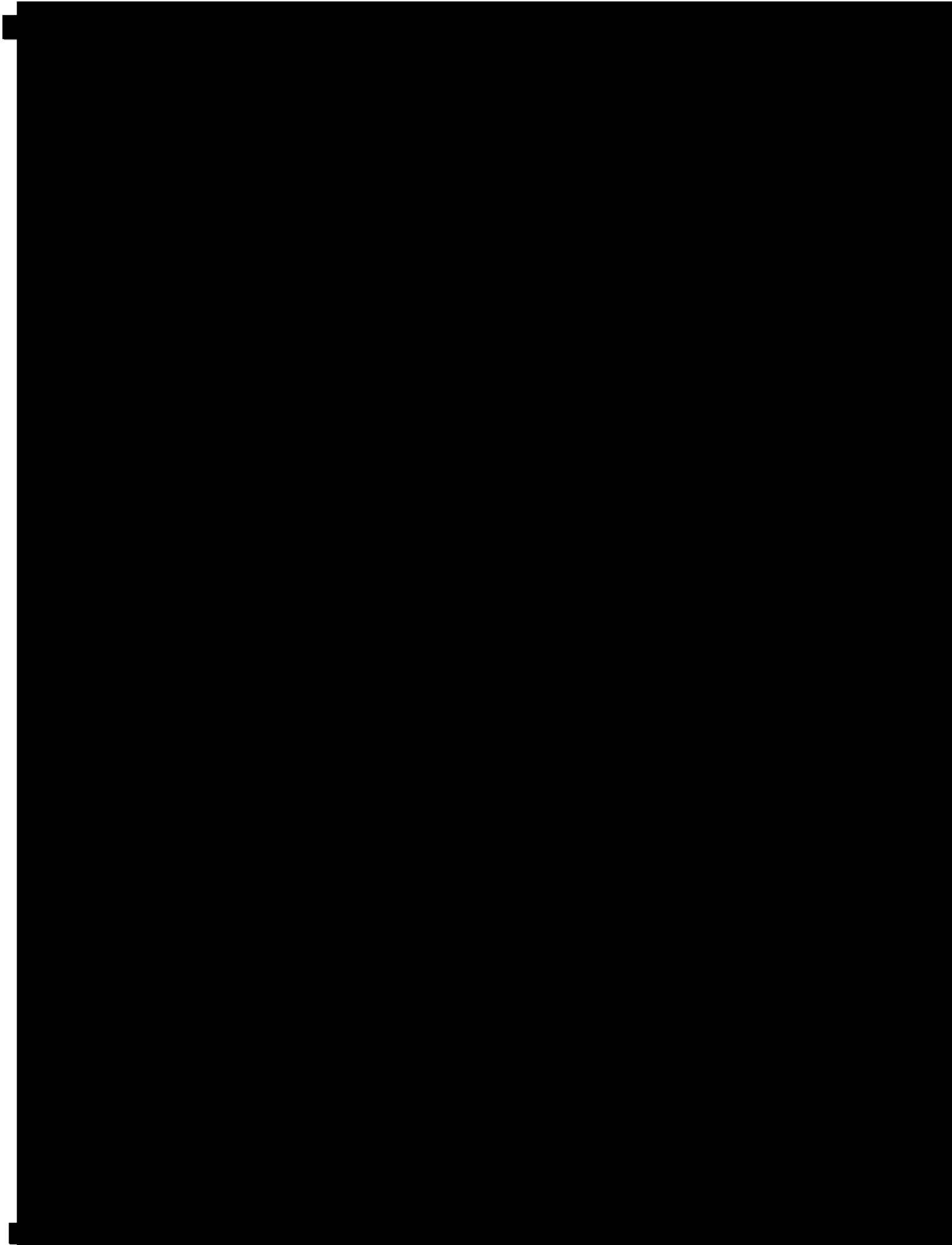












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