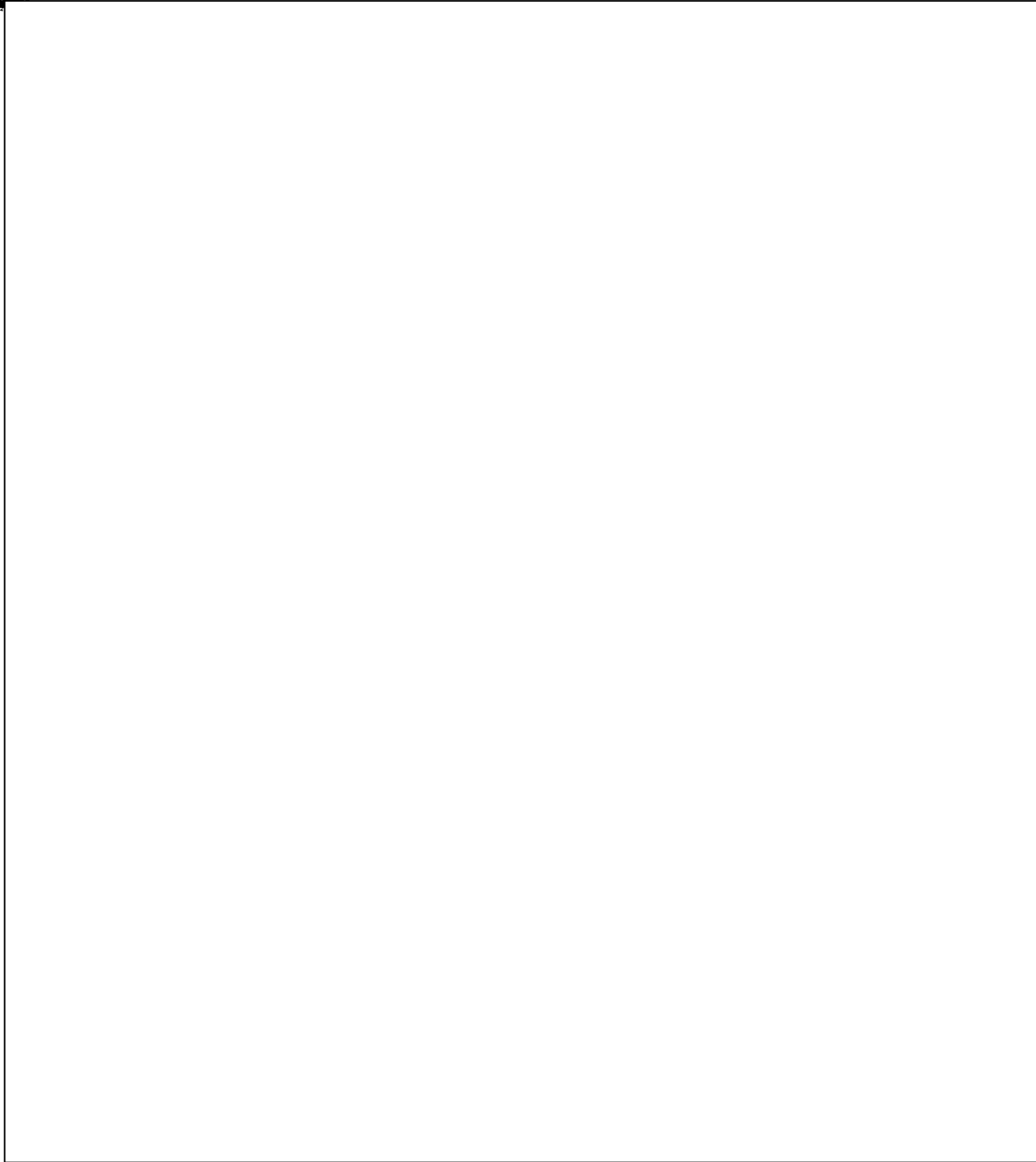


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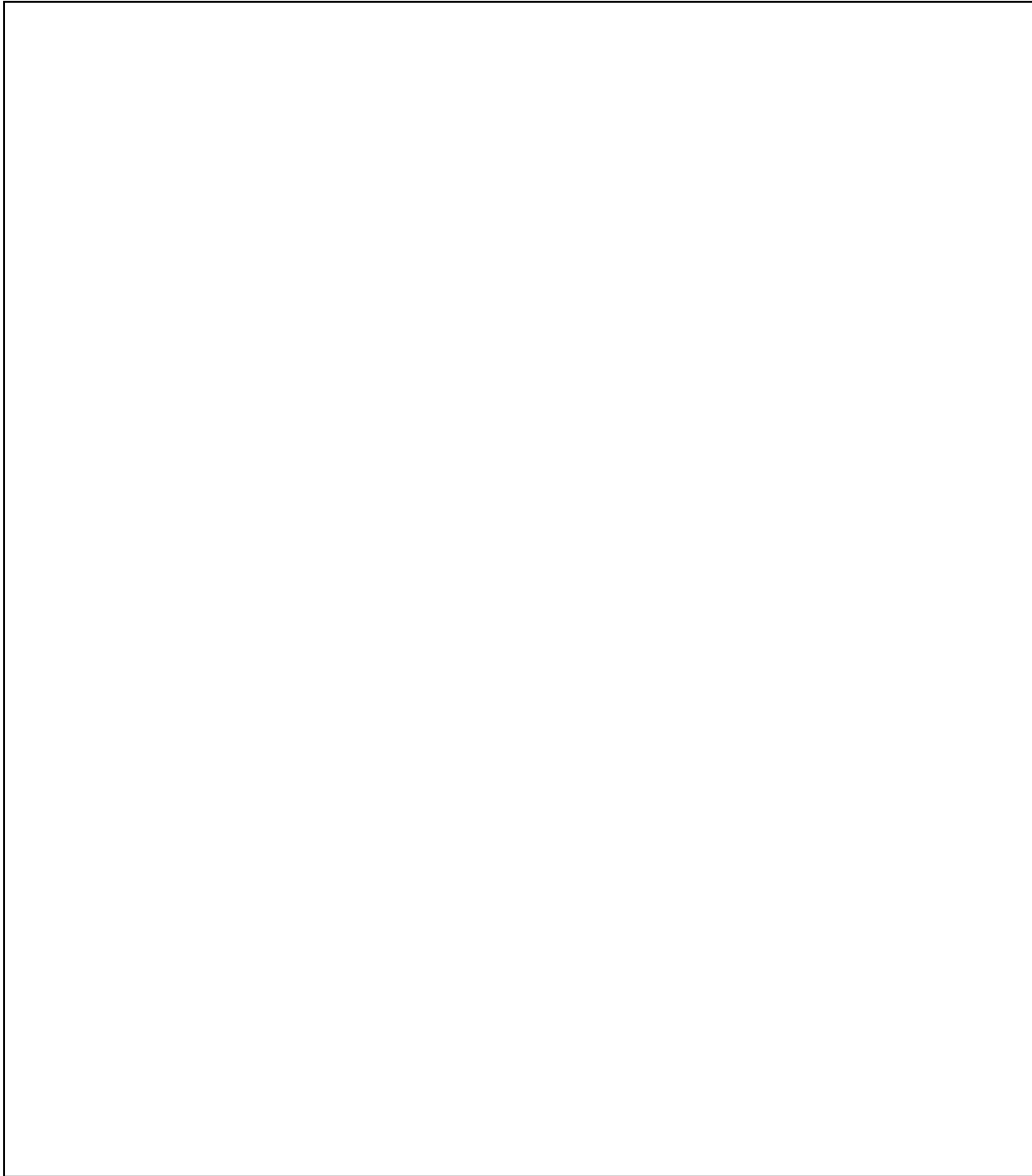
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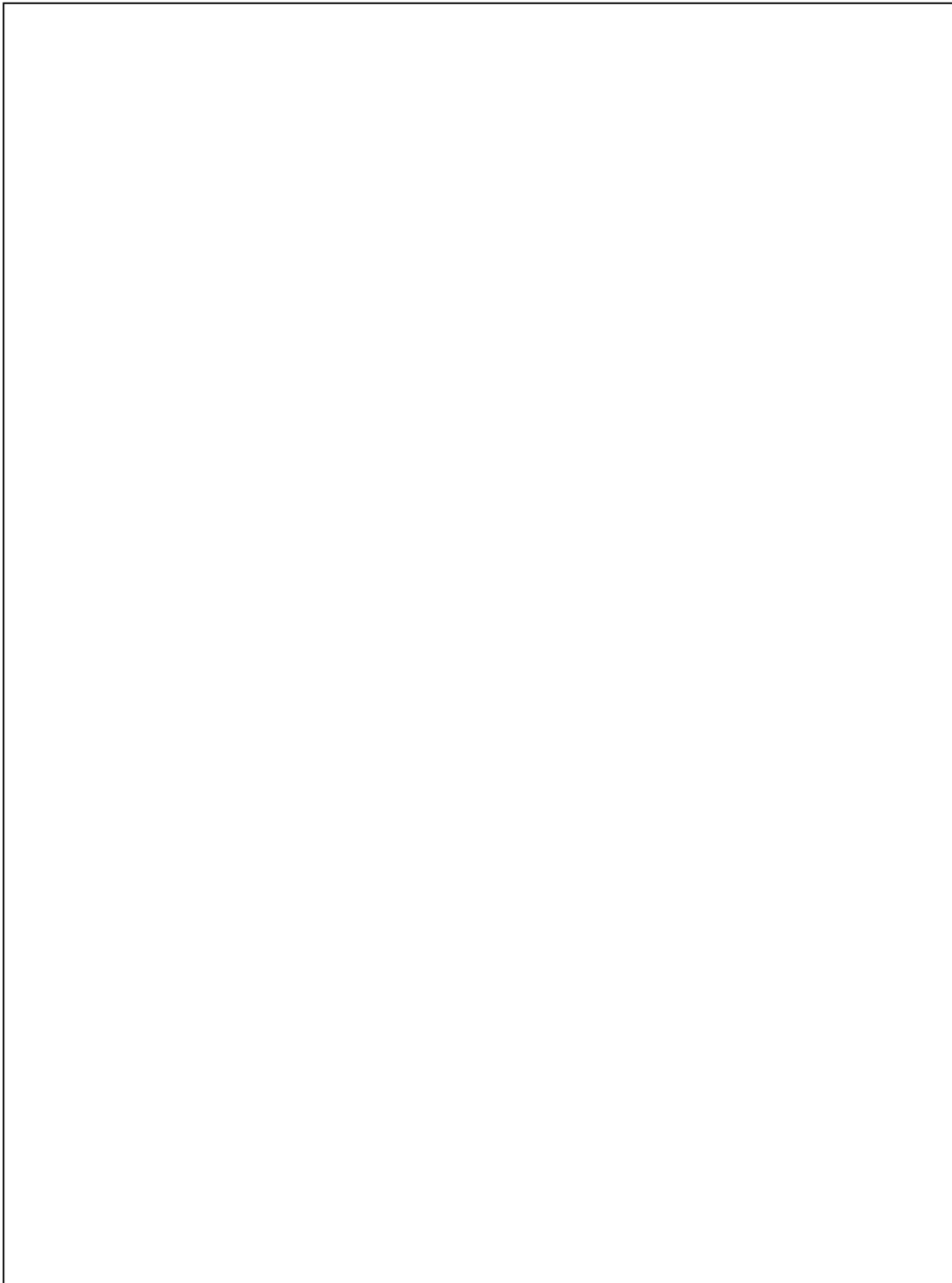
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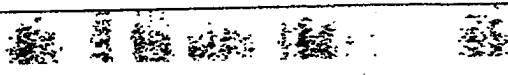


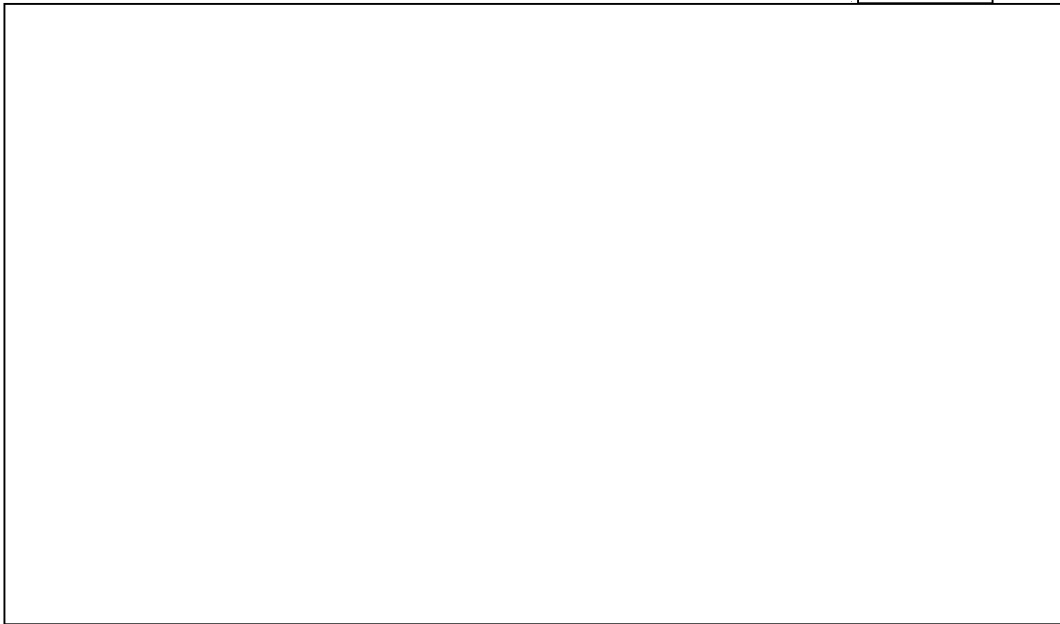
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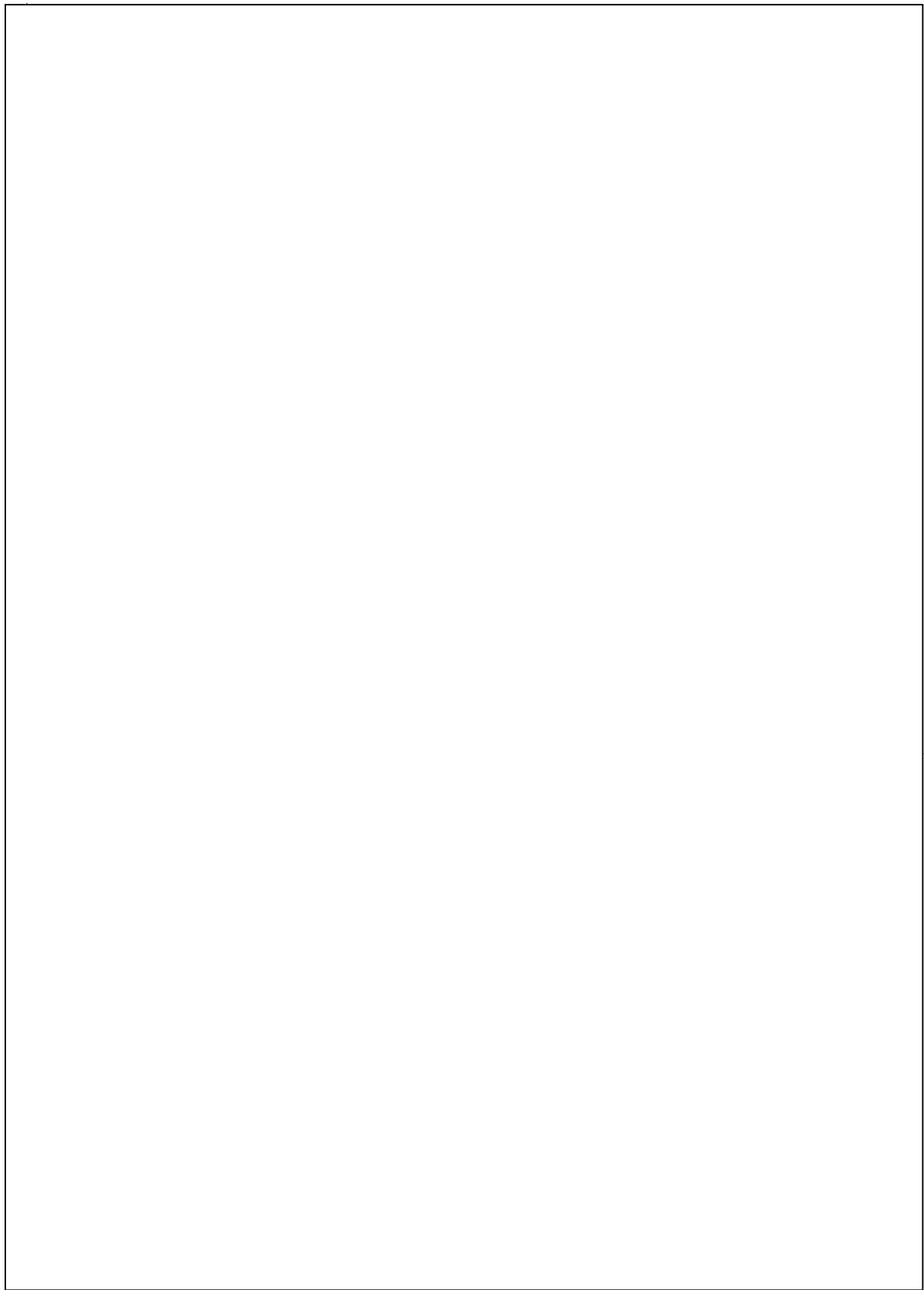
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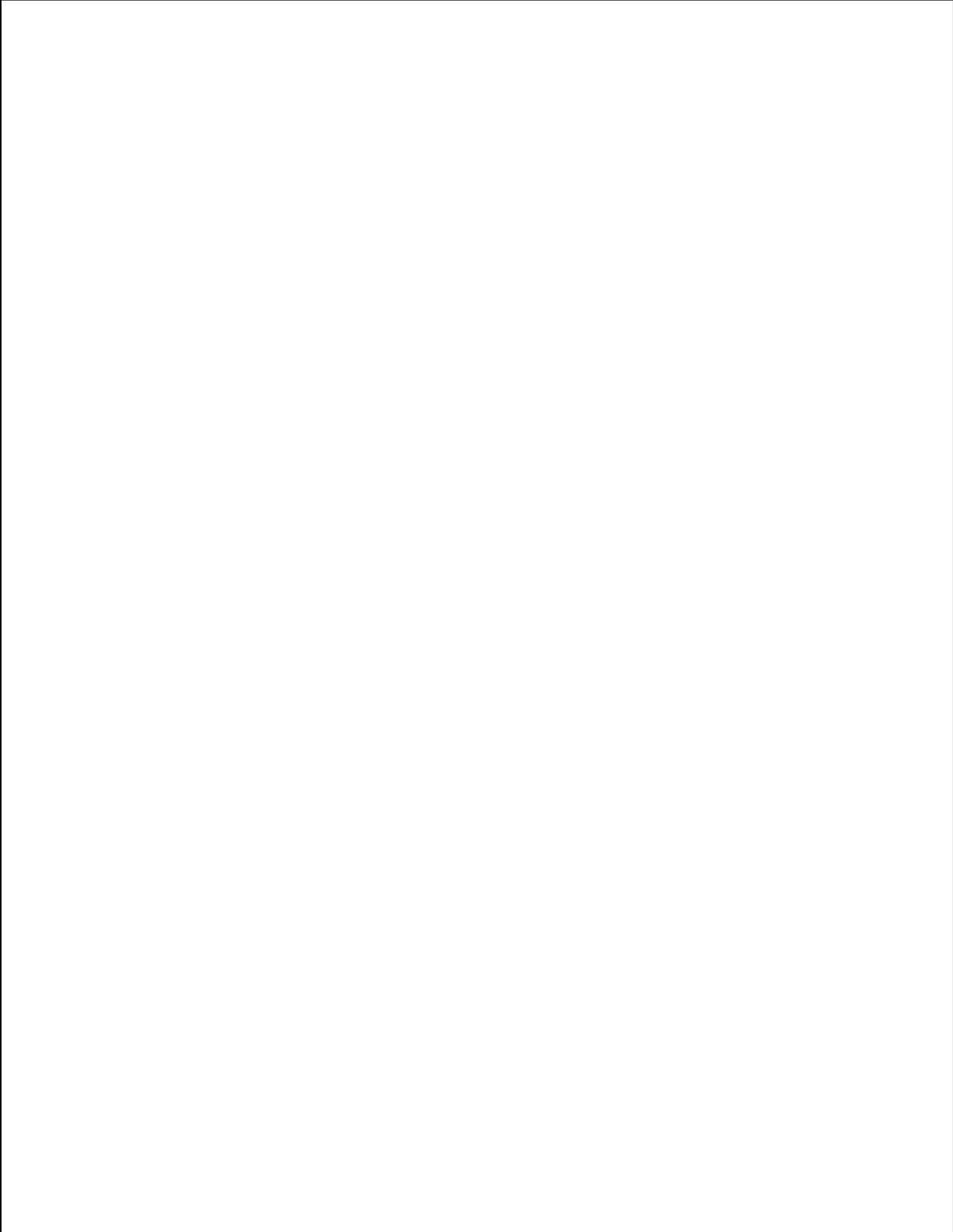
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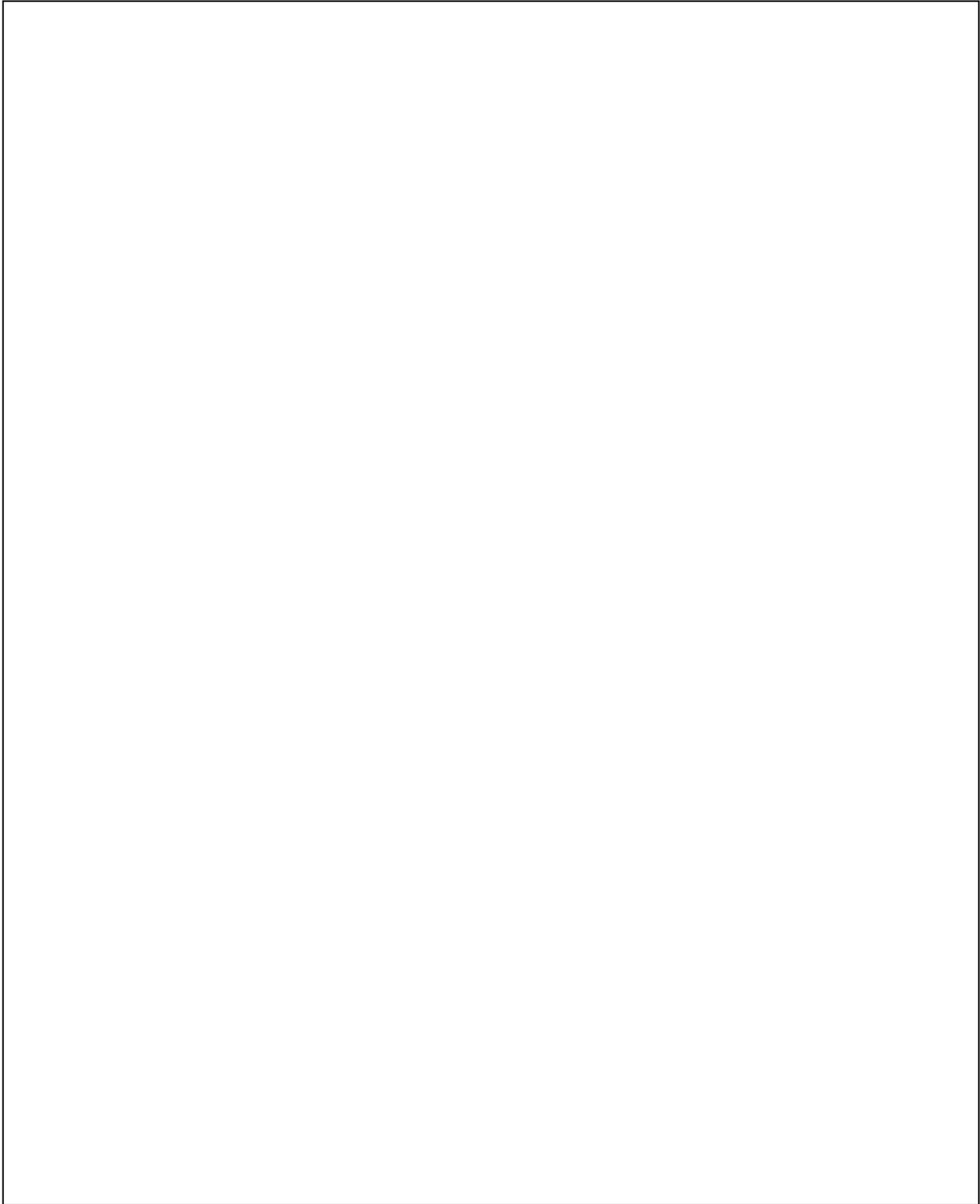


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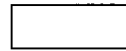
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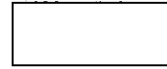
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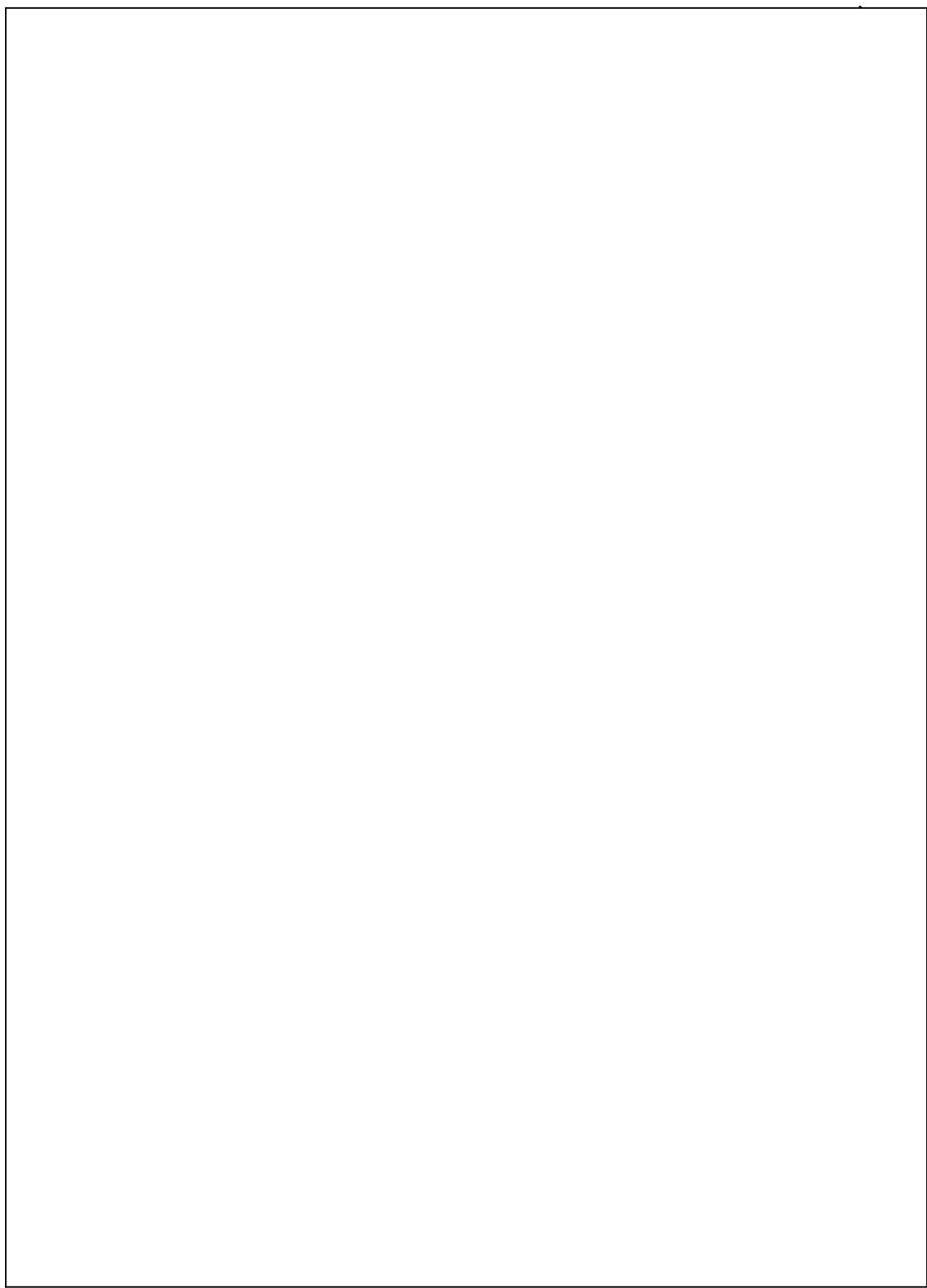
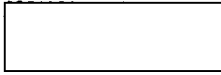


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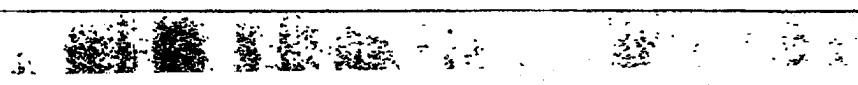


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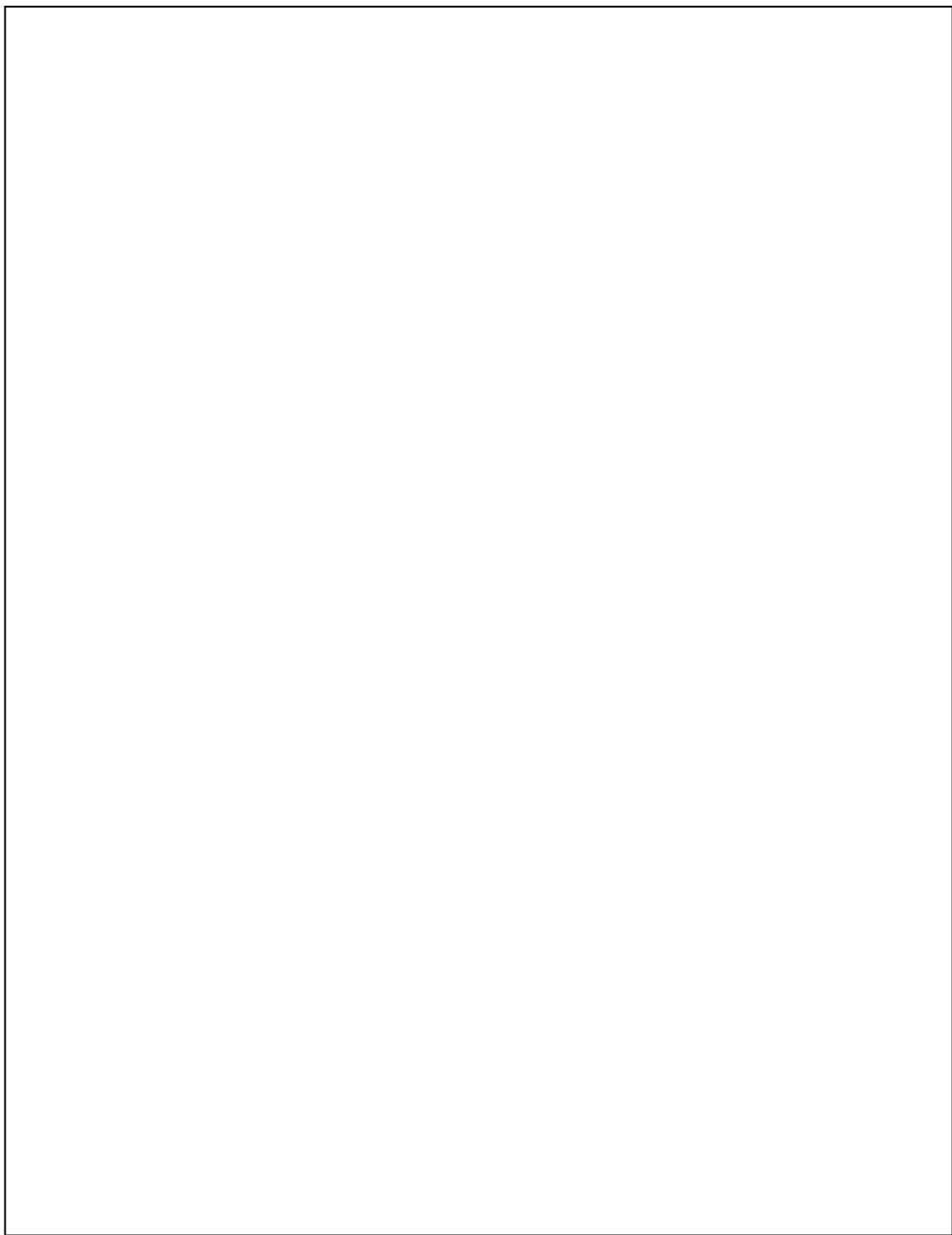
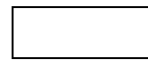


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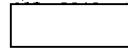
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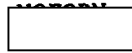
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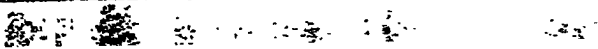


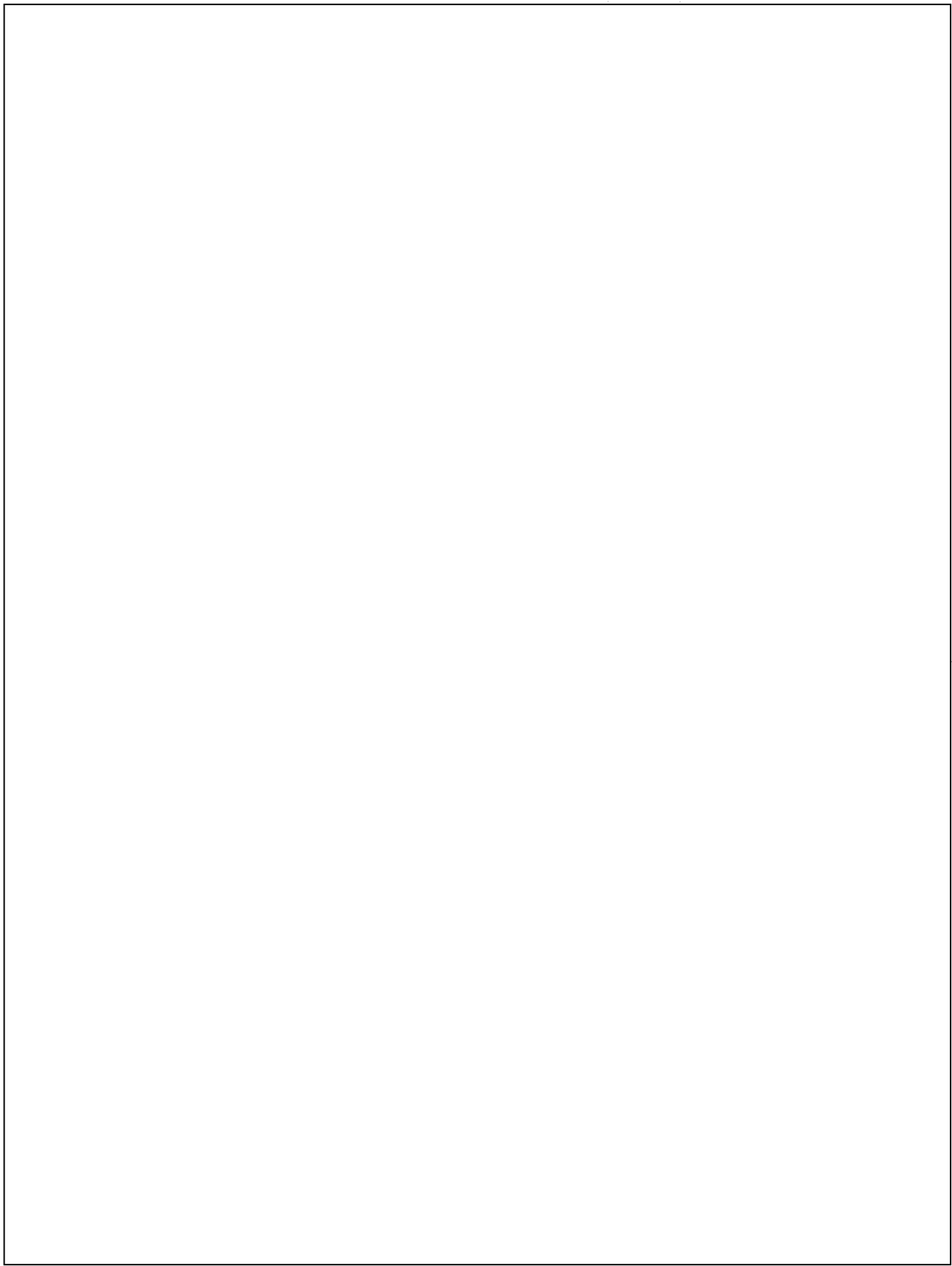
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Japan Seeking G-8 Support for Korean Dialogue
Central Intelligence Agency

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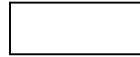
Reflecting in part the wishes of Seoul, Japan will seek a G-8 statement of support for the North-South summit. Western European G-8 partners and Canada, who broadly support engagement with P'yongyang but view the issue as peripheral to their interests, are likely to go along with such a statement. Moscow probably will as well, in keeping with its efforts to foster a more benign perception of North Korea and thereby undercut the US rationale for national missile defense.

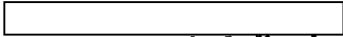
Tokyo supports the North-South dialogue as a means to ease tensions on the Peninsula but is concerned that major economic assistance to the North at this time would undercut Tokyo's—as well as Washington's—leverage over P'yongyang.

Over the longer term, Japanese leaders are anxious to improve relations with both halves of the Peninsula out of fear that a reunified Korea will view Japan as a threat and tilt toward [redacted]. In return for backing Seoul's engagement efforts with P'yongyang—including a request for a G-8 summit statement of support for North-South dialogue—Japanese leaders would expect Seoul to press the North on issues of concern to Japan. [redacted]

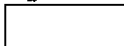
Western European G-8 members and Canada support North-South dialogue as well as broader international engagement with P'yongyang. Unlike Japan, however, they regard the North Korean threat as largely a peripheral proliferation concern, and they are generally content to allow Washington to take the lead on the North's missile and WMD programs.

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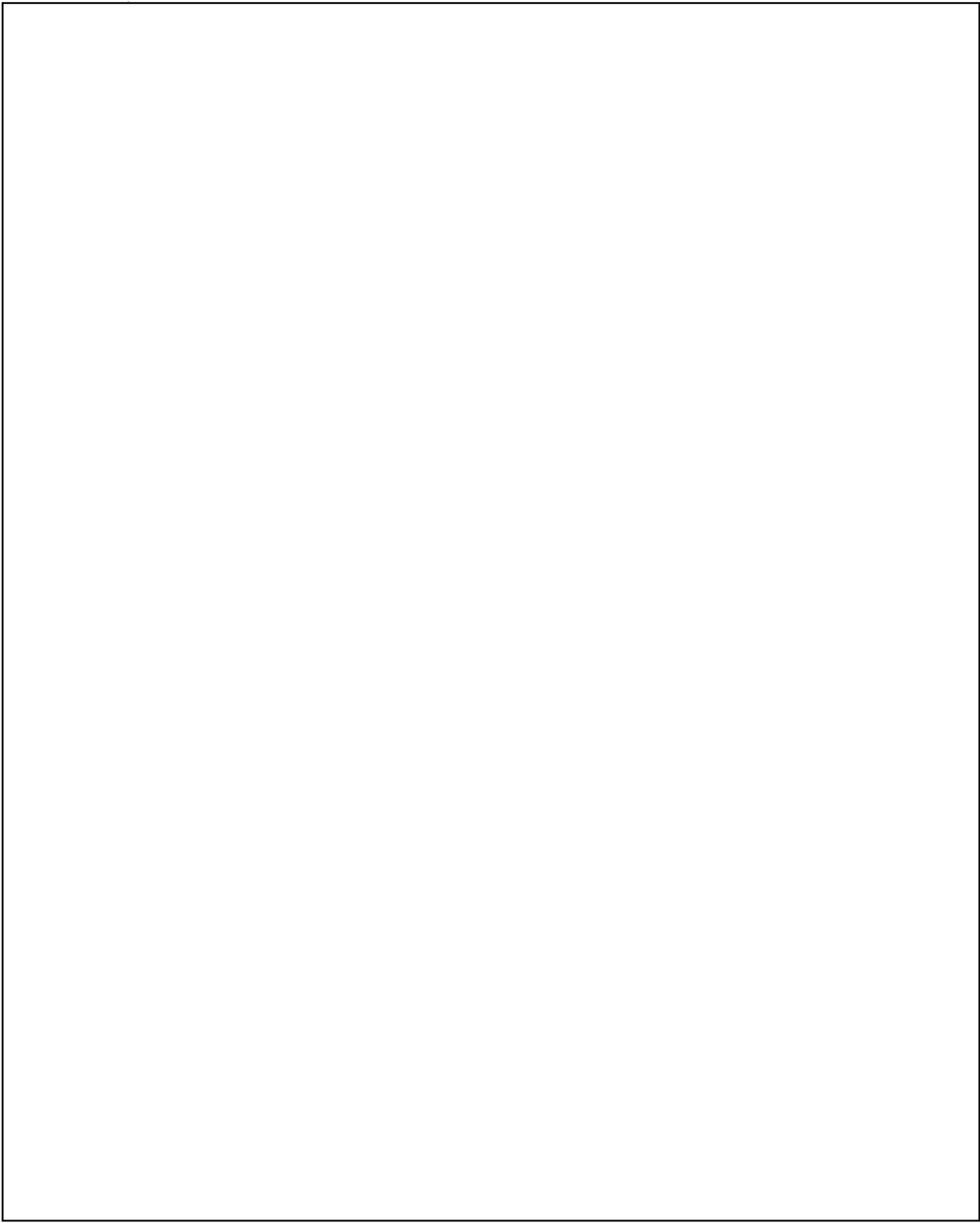


- Even as the EU has moved forward to institutionalize regular political consultations with P'yongyang, it continues to press North Korea to engage constructively in talks with the United States on military issues,  While EU officials view future assistance to the North—including increased KEDO contributions—as advantageous for European firms, they would be reluctant to get out ahead of Washington for fear of undercutting US leverage on its defense priorities.
- At the same time, such issues have not stood in the way of some recent diplomatic openings between these G-8 countries and North Korea. Italy this spring established full diplomatic relations with North Korea and is now lobbying for a doubling of the EU's KEDO contribution,



President Putin's planned stopover in P'yongyang en route to the G-8 summit—the first by any Russian leader—reflects Moscow's increased interest in promoting North Korea's engagement with the region. Russian leaders regard perceptions of a more benign North Korea as critical to undercutting the US rationale for missile defense, especially a national missile defense system. In addition, Moscow is seeking to re-establish a closer relationship with P'yongyang in the hopes of shaping future Northeast Asian regional security dynamics on its terms. 

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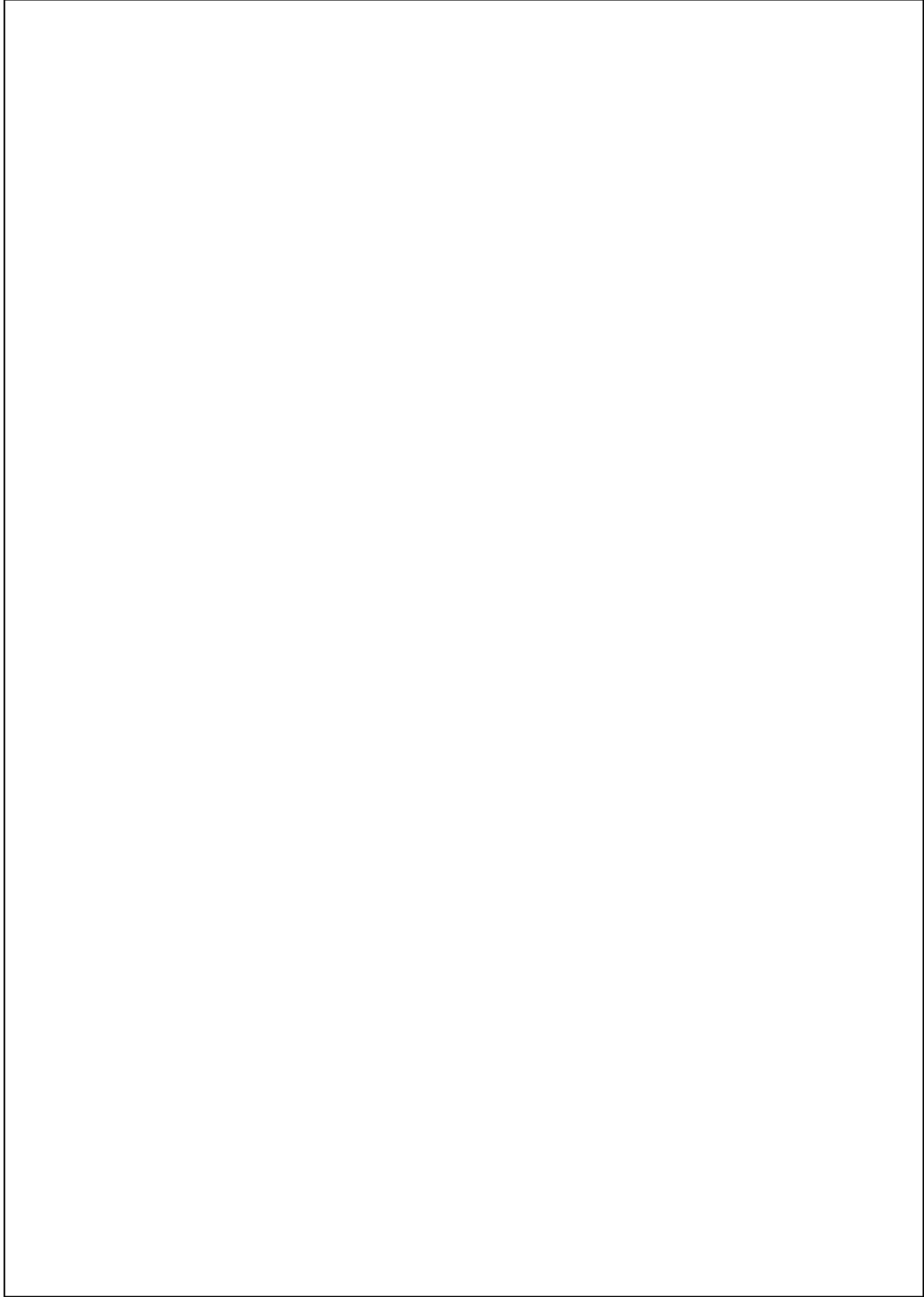
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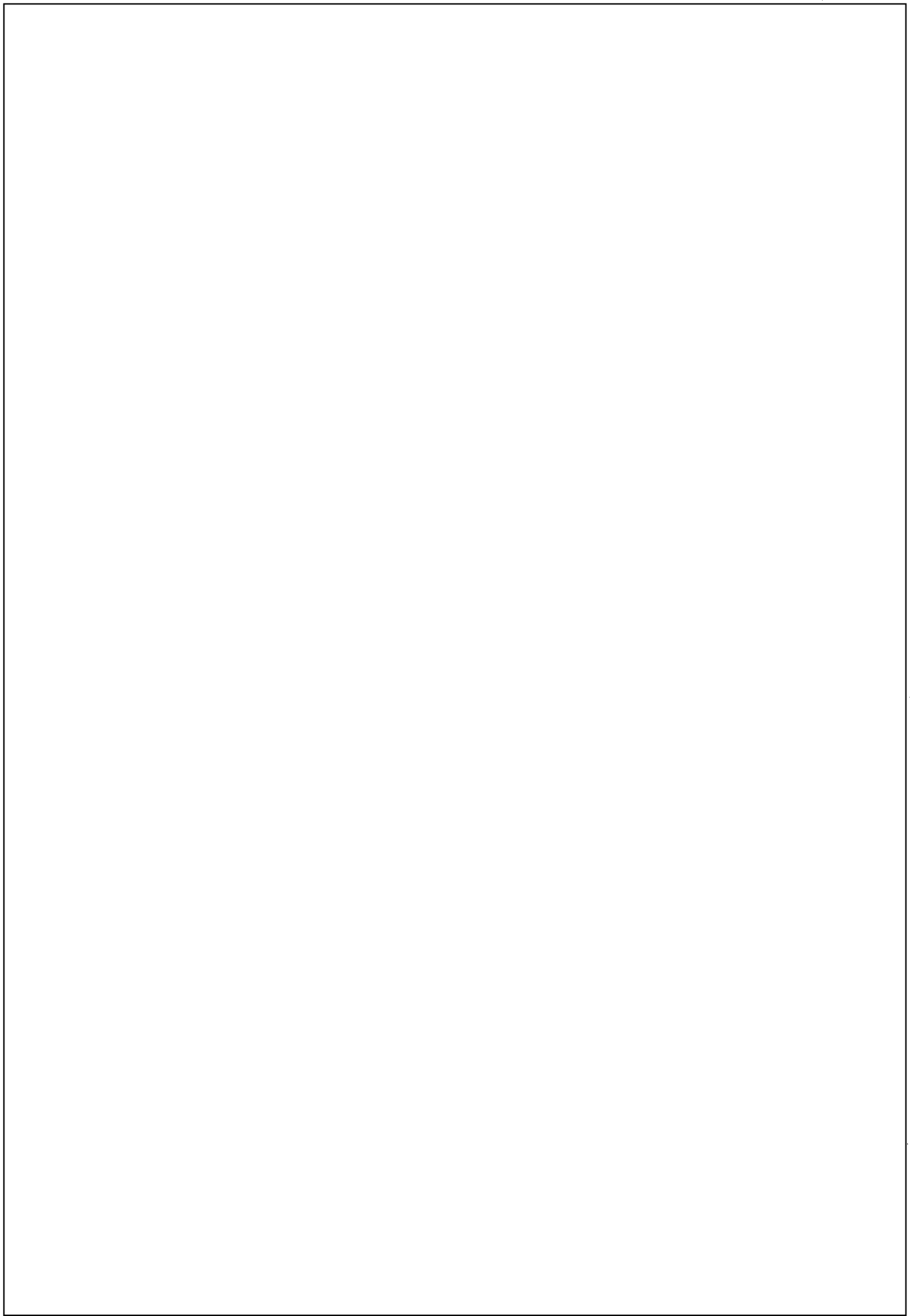


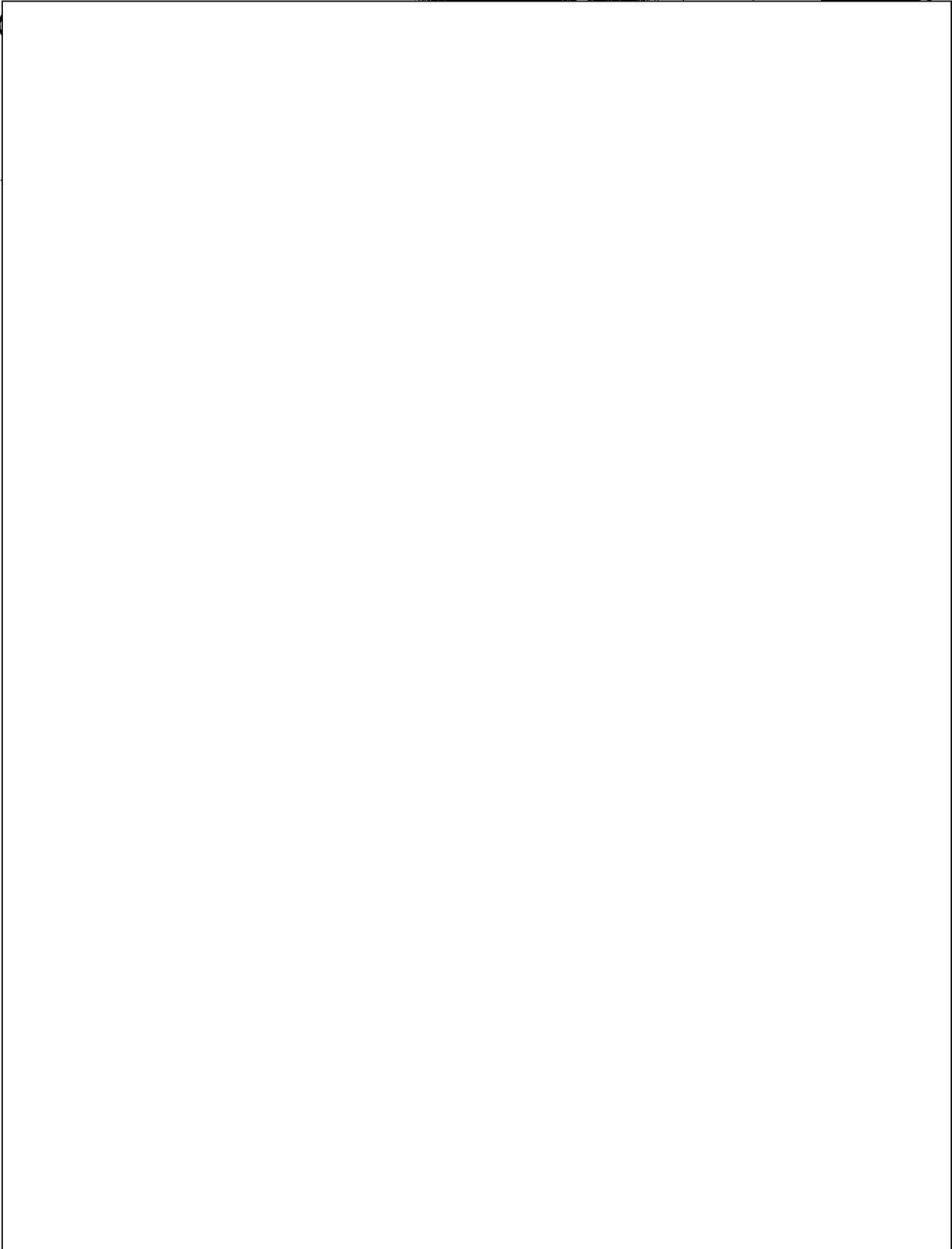
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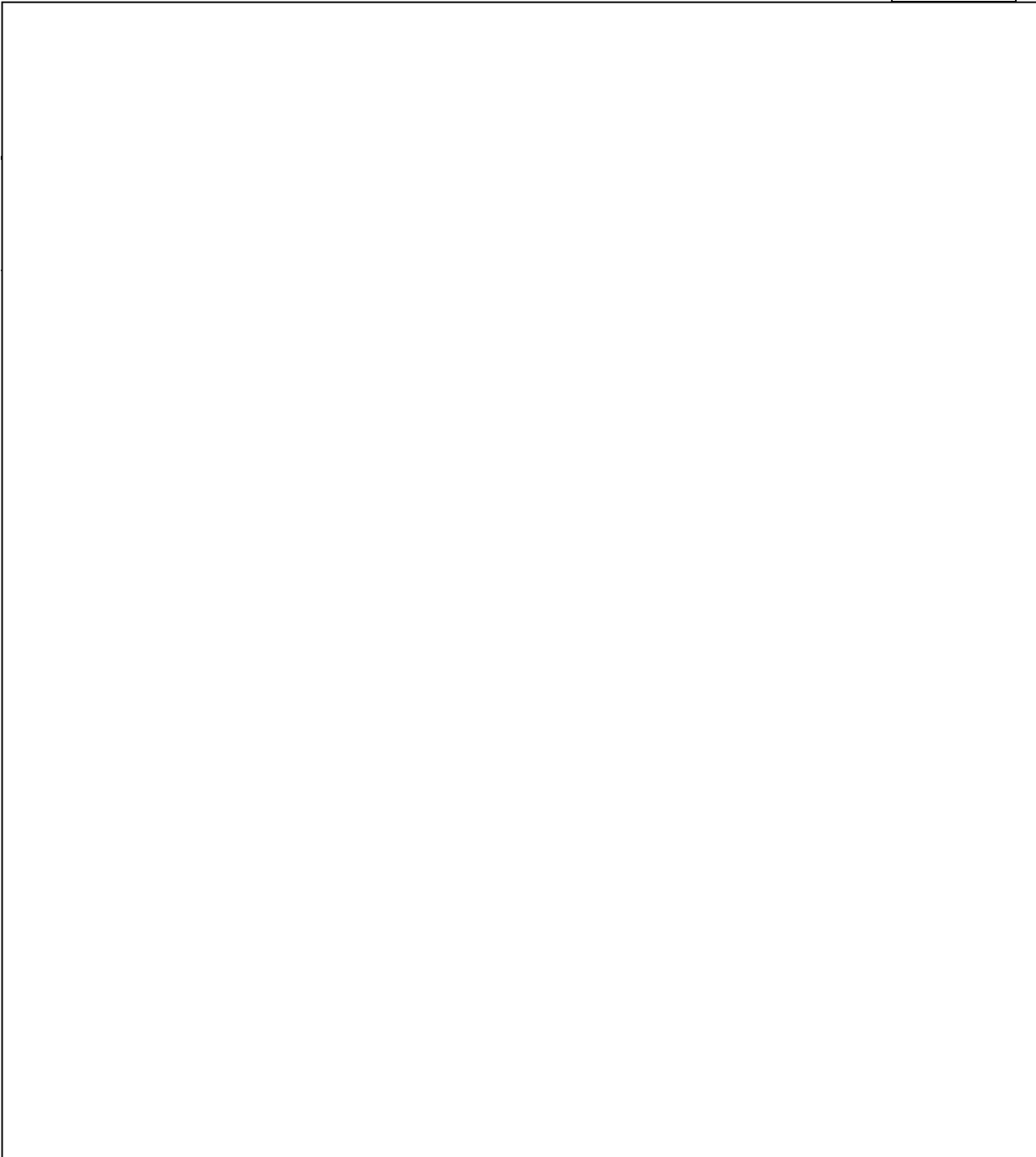
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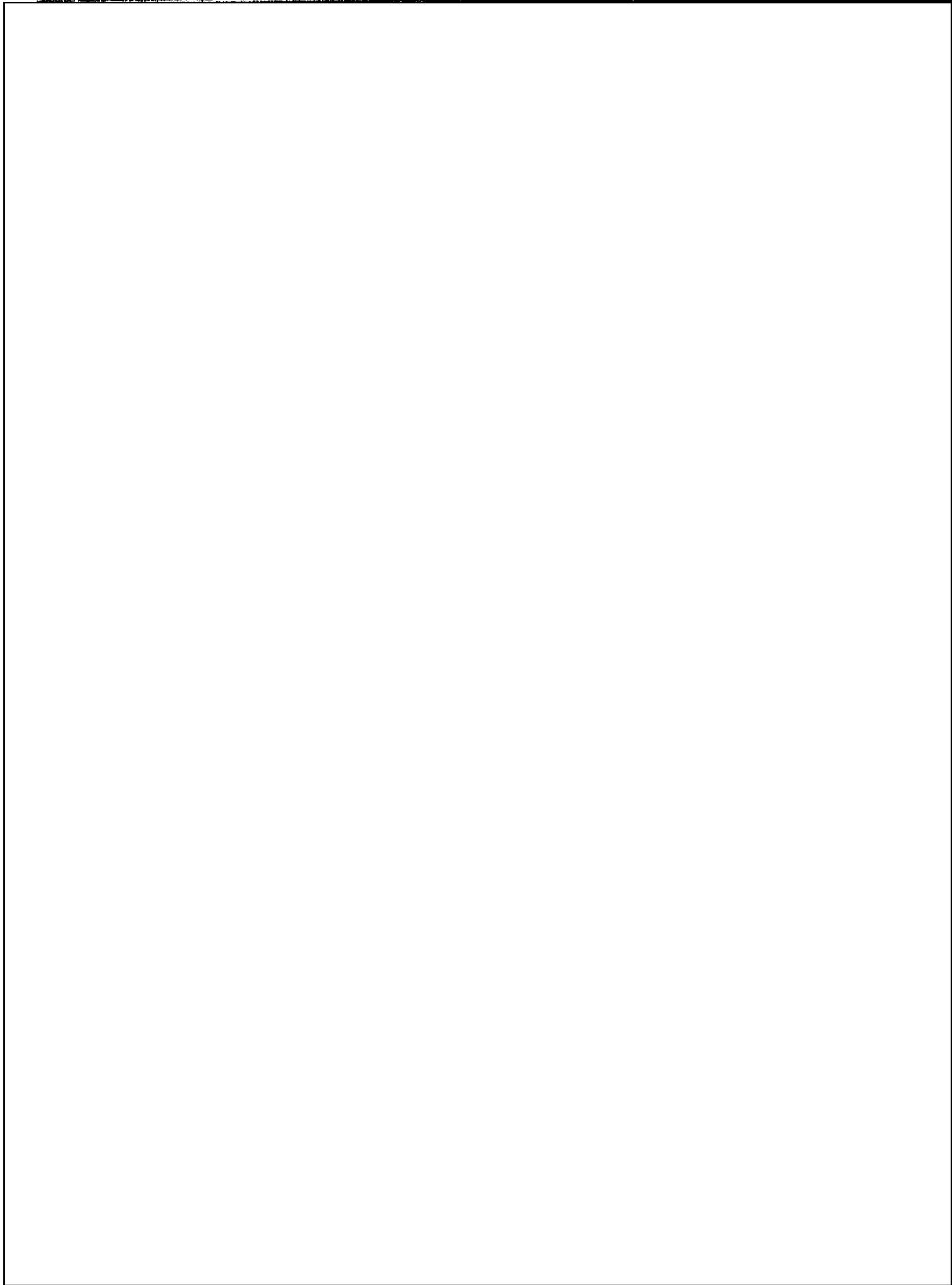
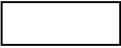
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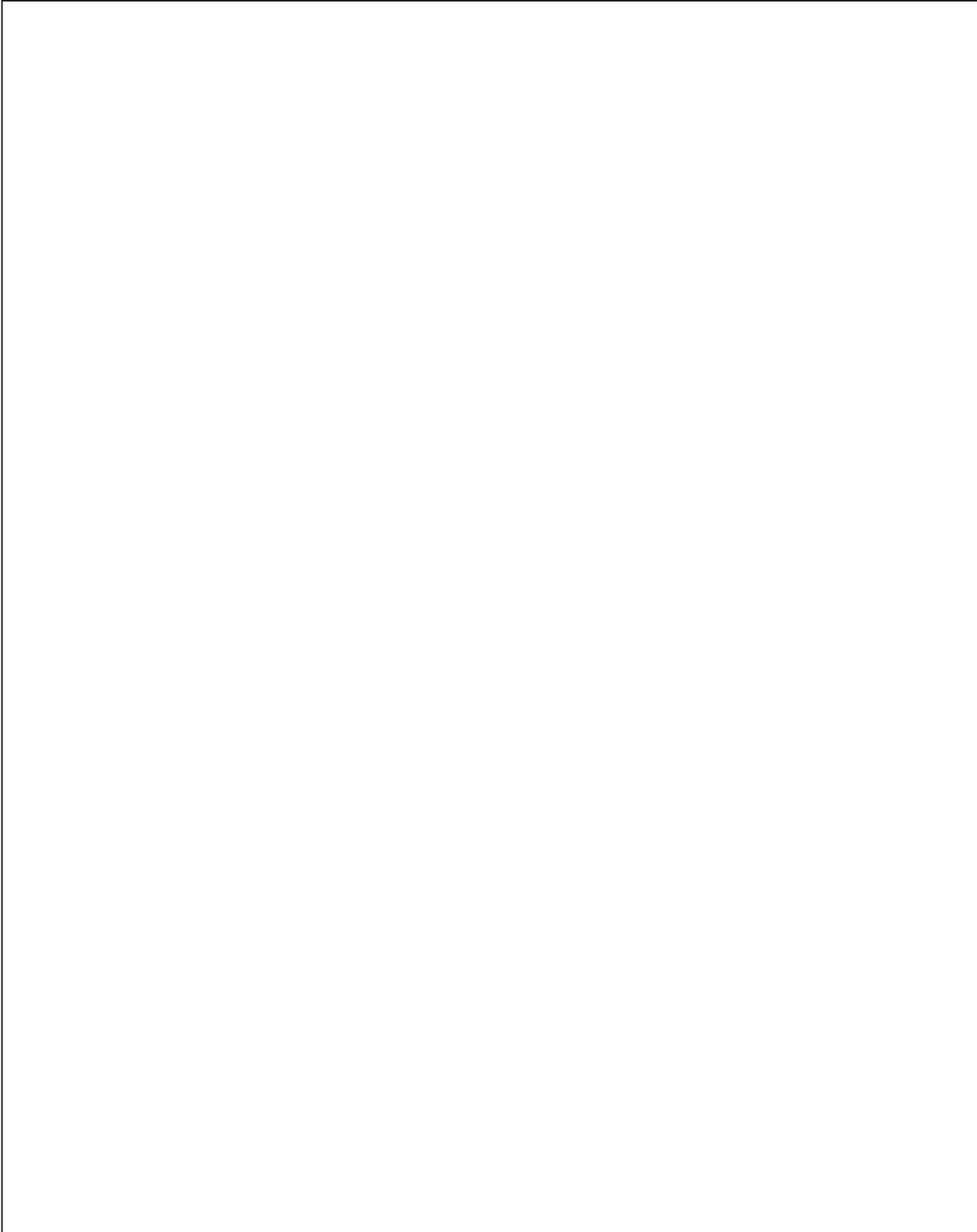




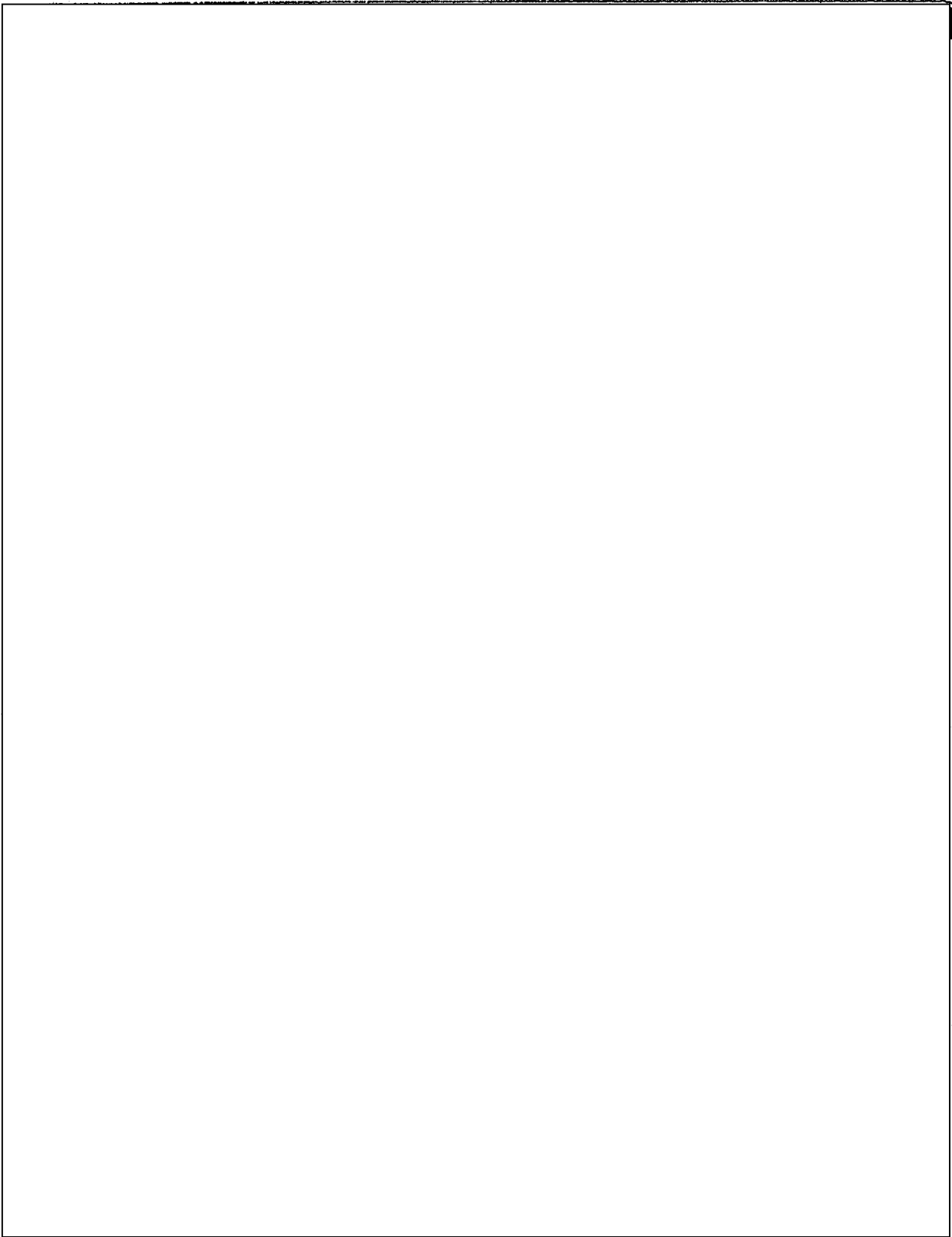
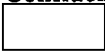
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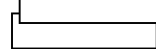
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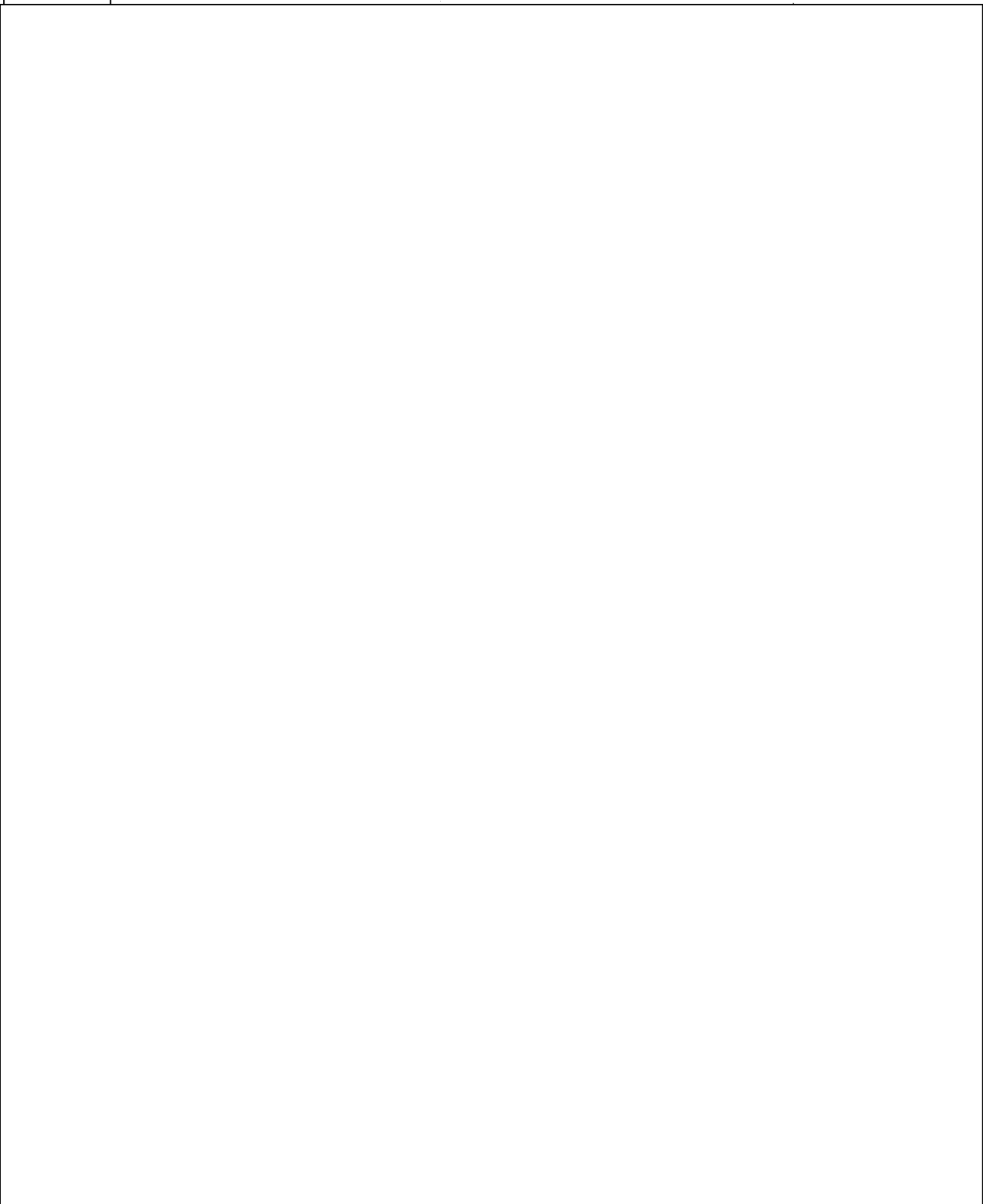
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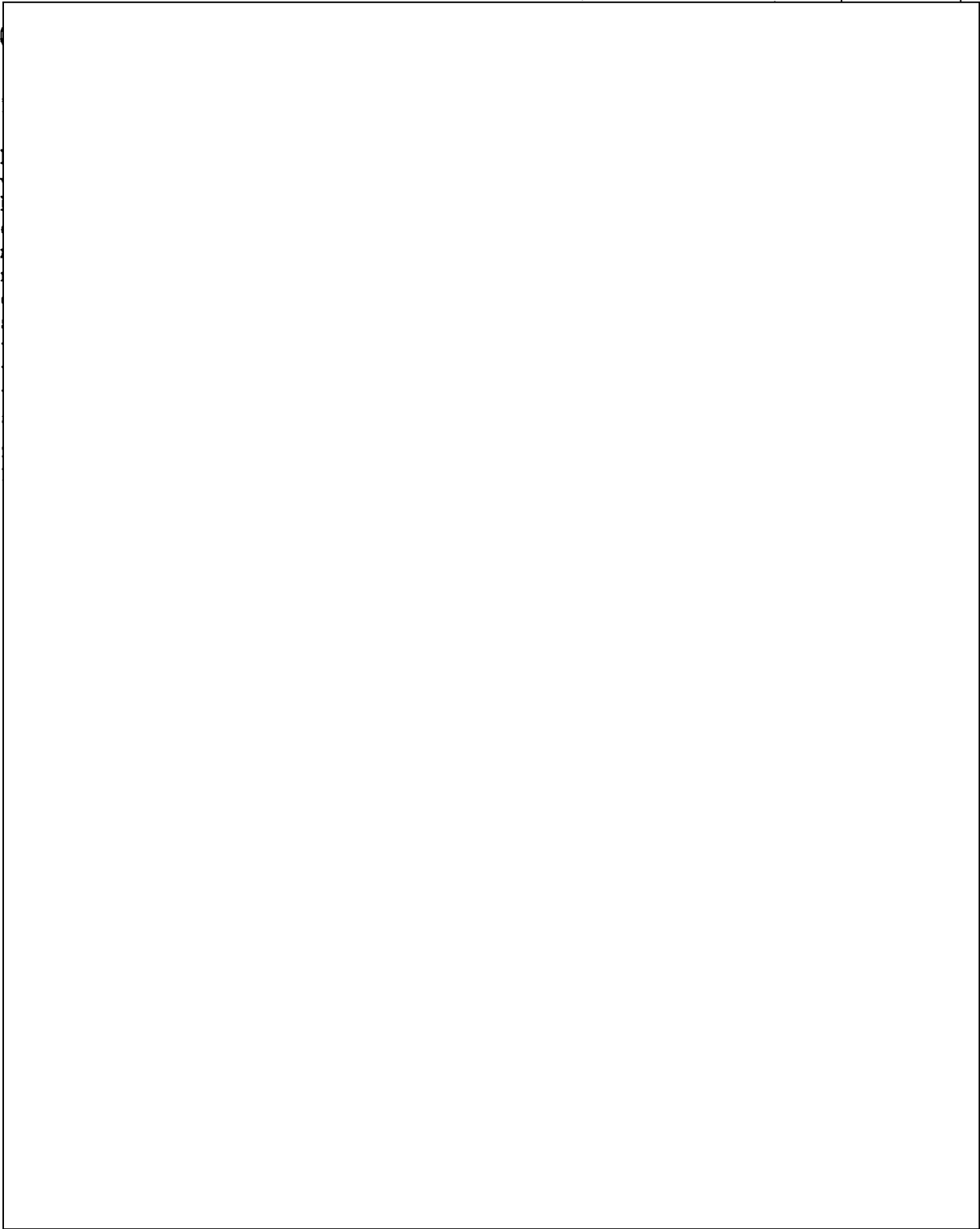
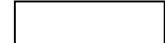
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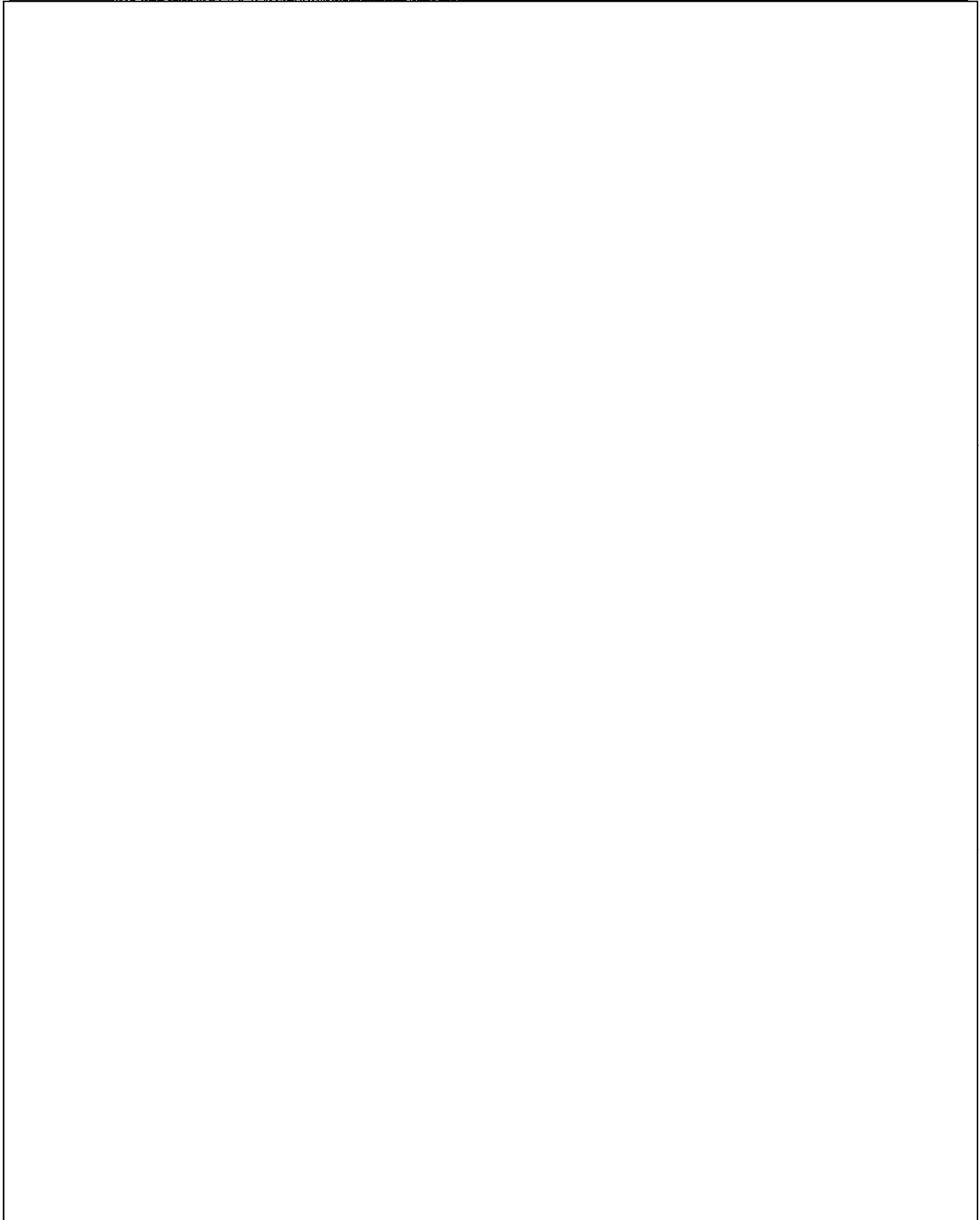
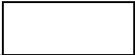
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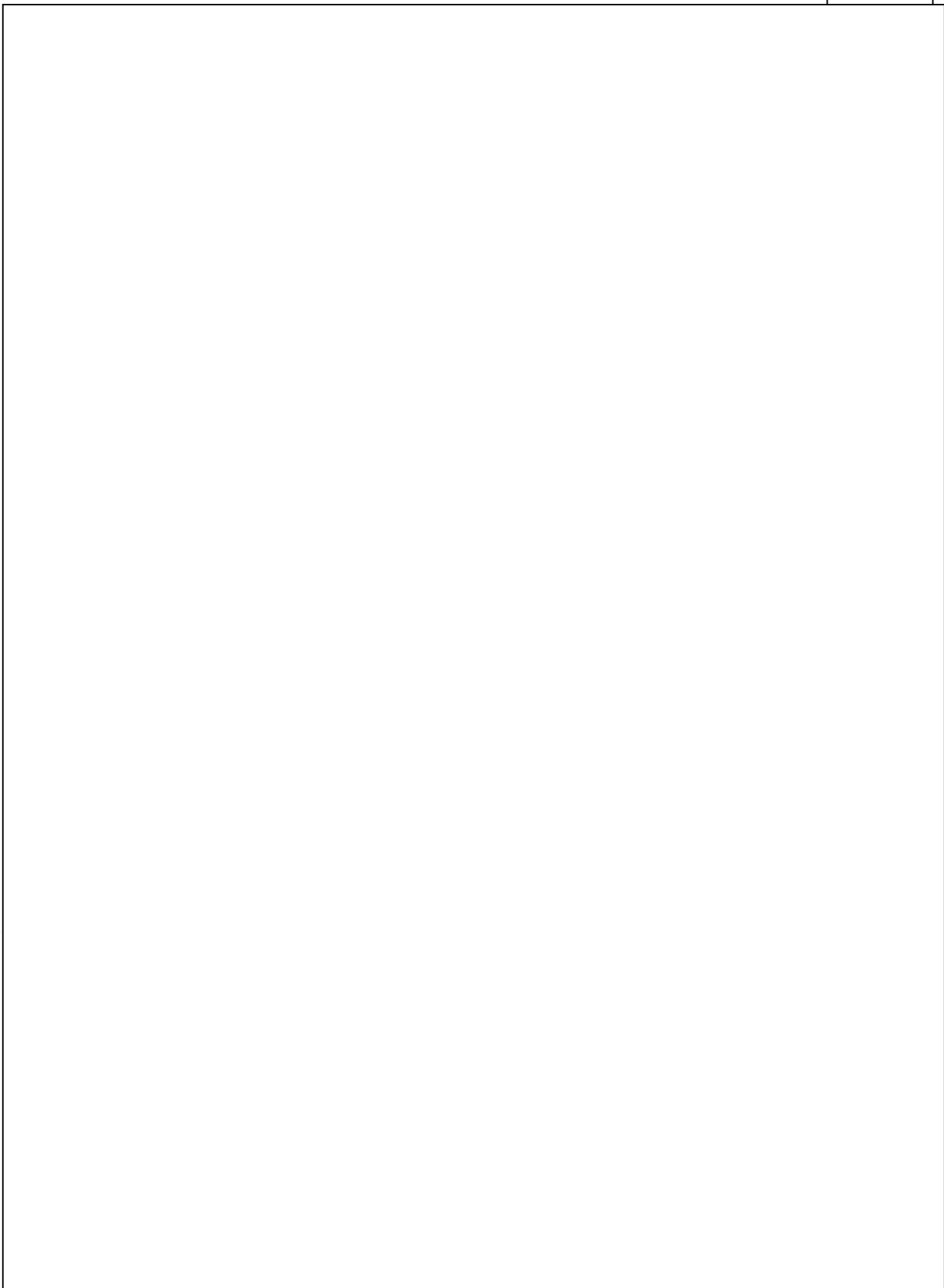
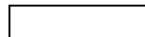
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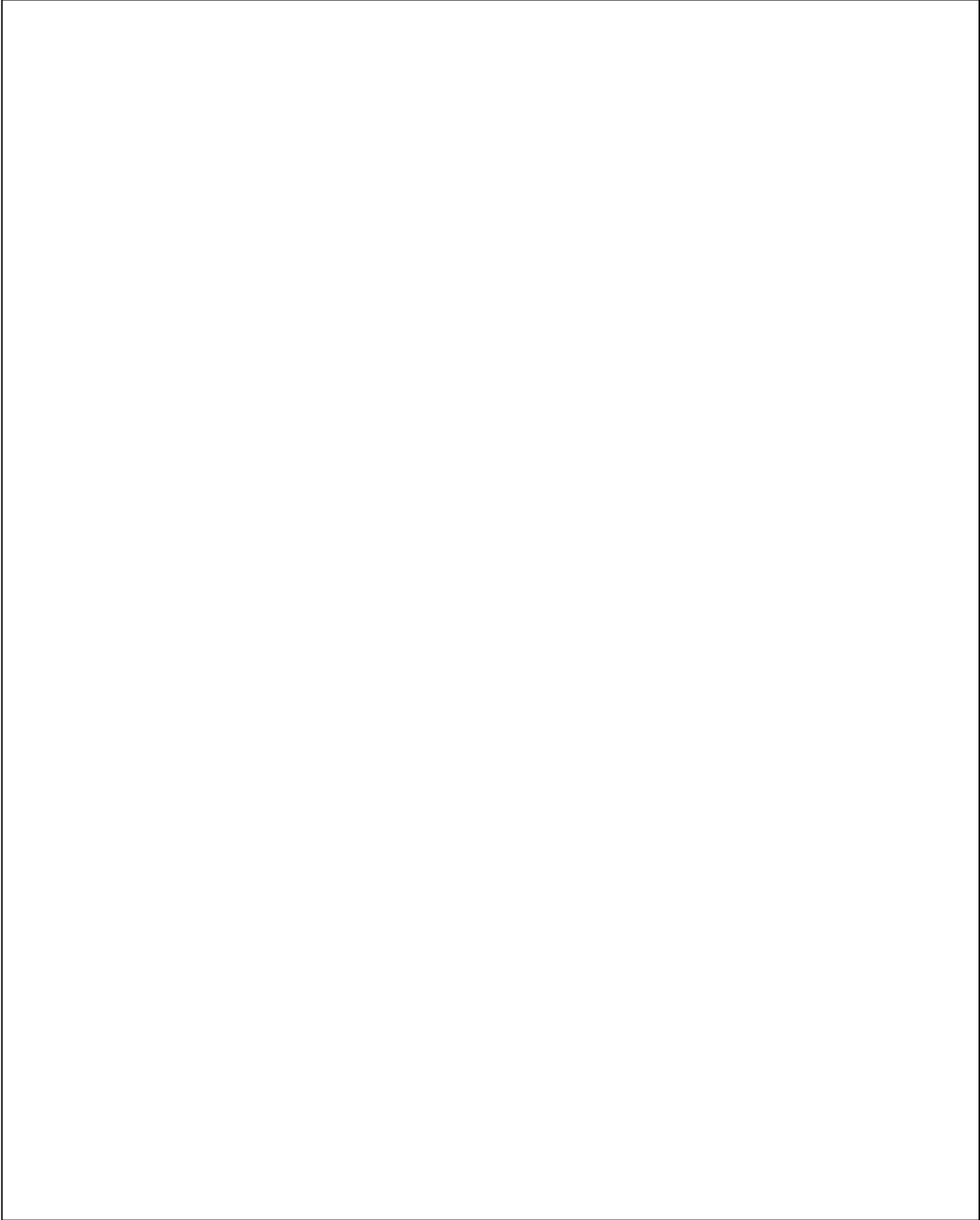


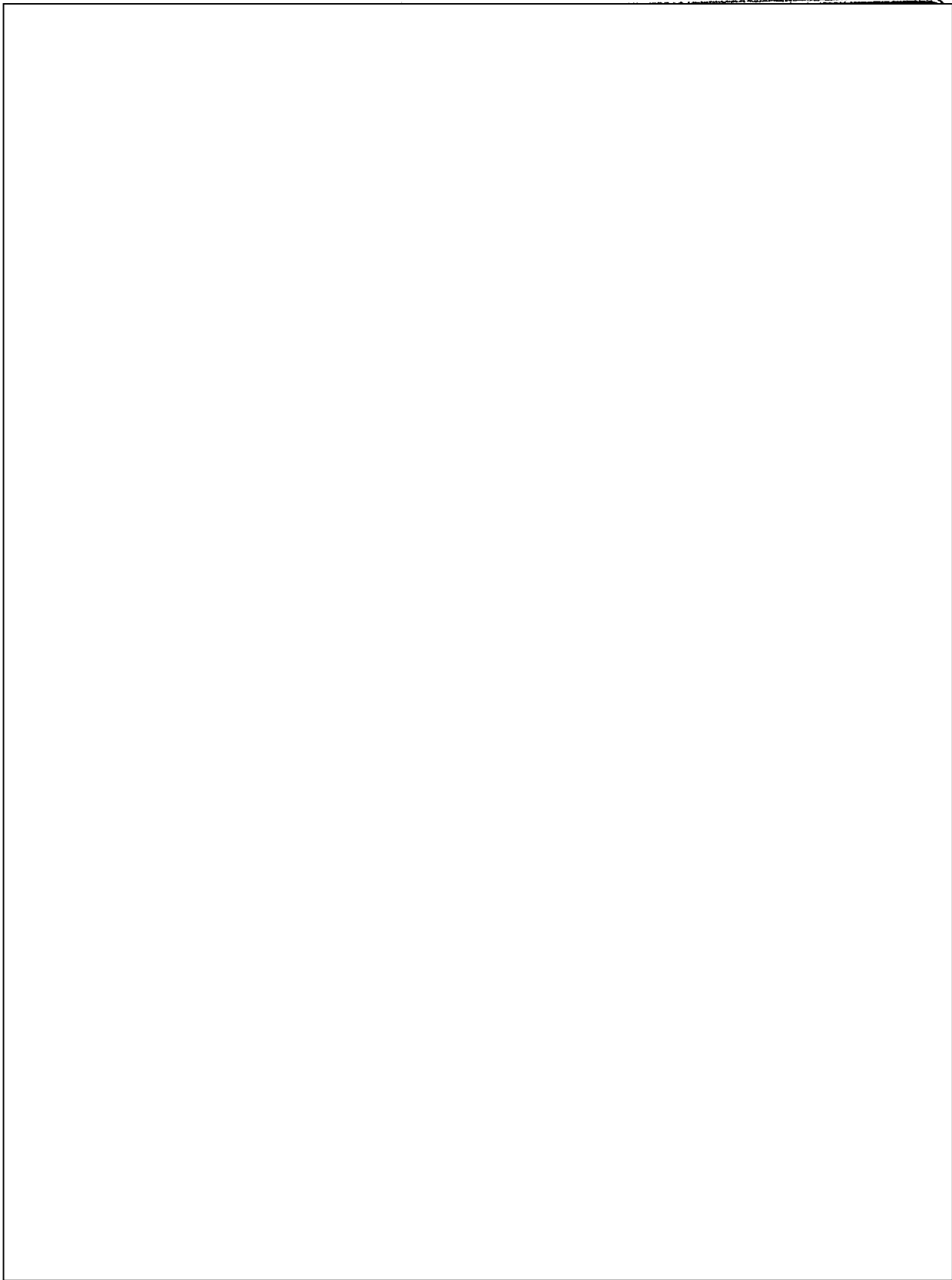
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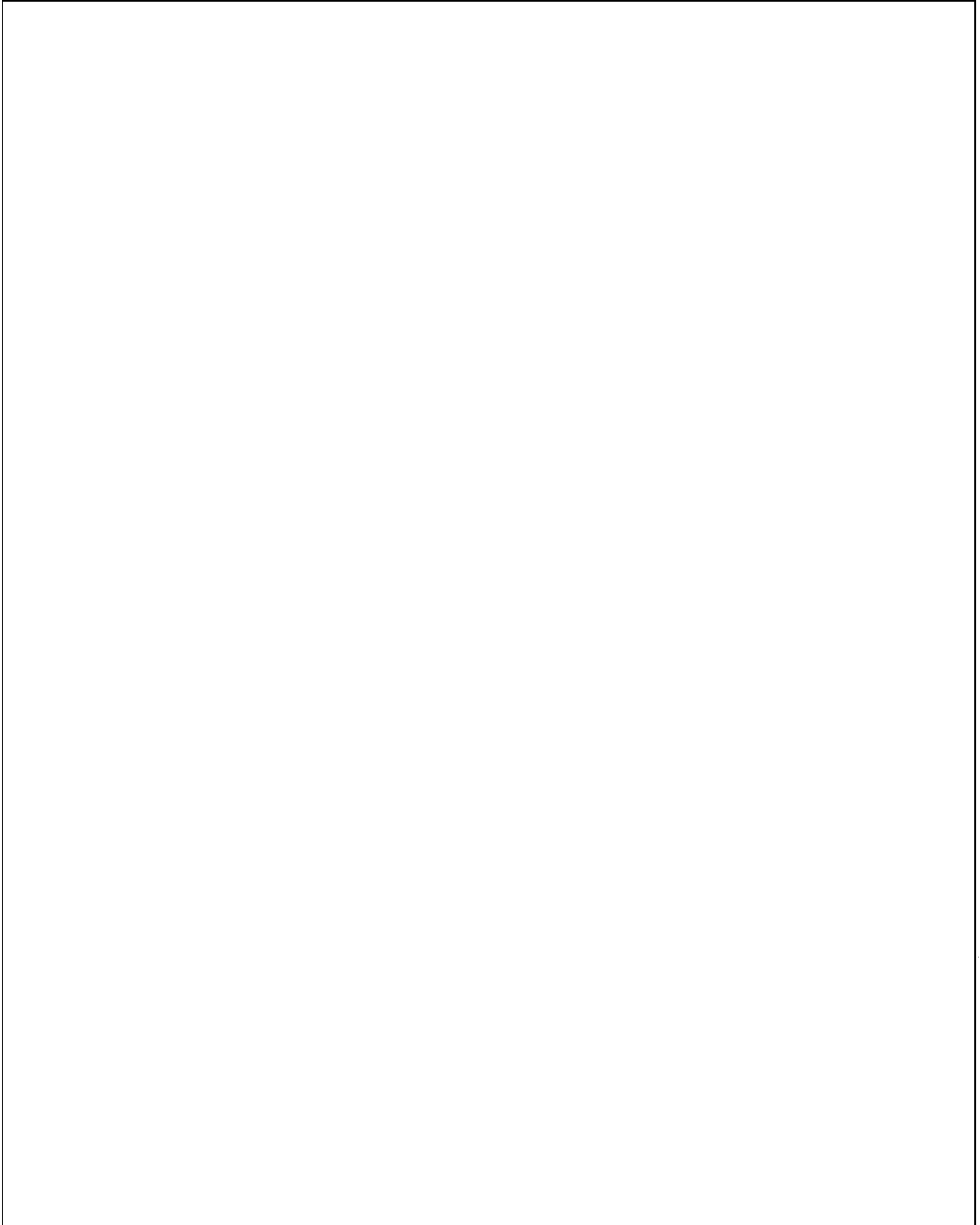


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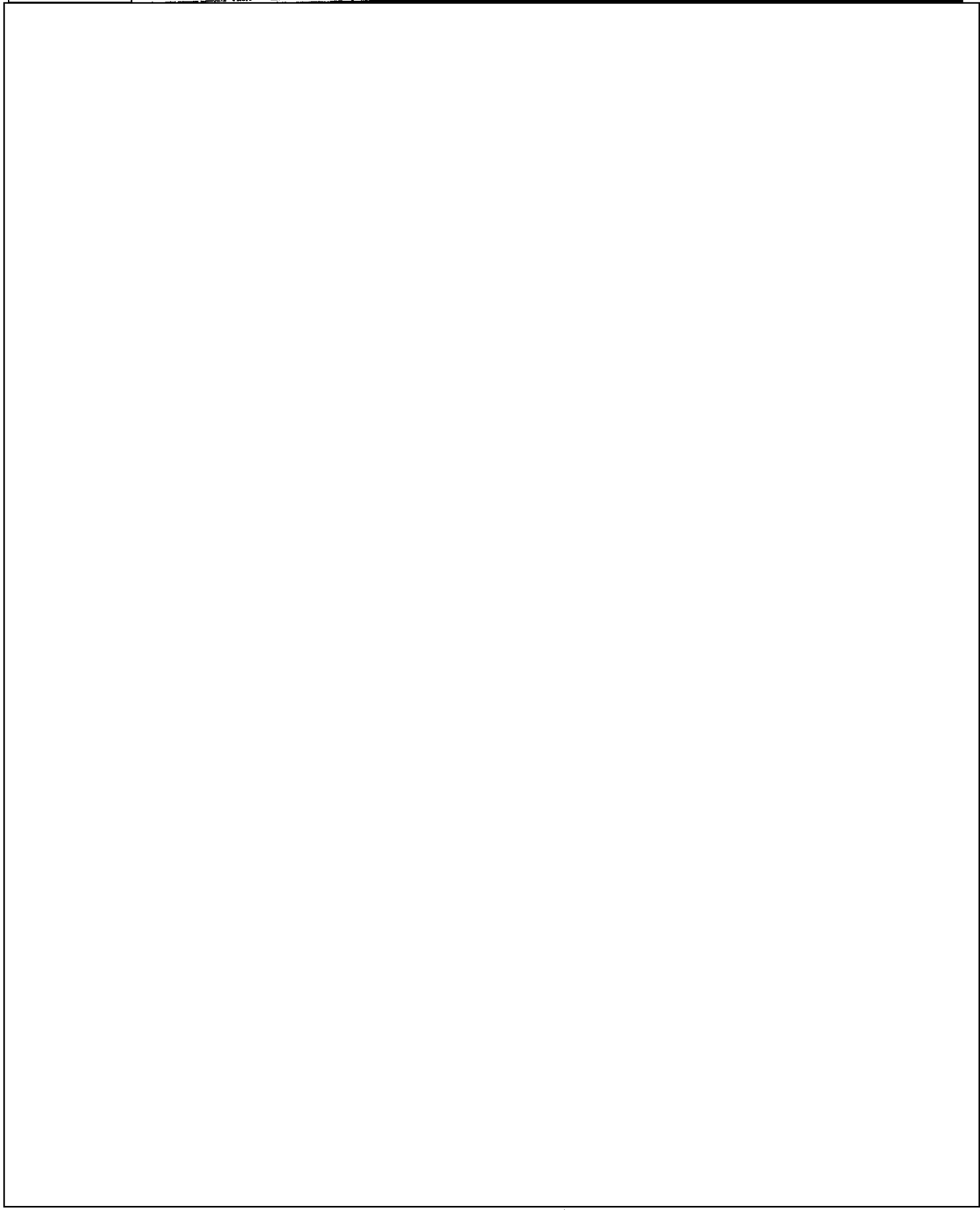
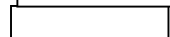








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