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PRESIDENT A LIABILITY FOR SOME TIME, THE PROSPECT THAT CONTRERAS
 MAY BE INDICTED ARGUES FOR A CLEAN SWEEP OF THE CURRENT LEADER-
 SHIP. [REDACTED] 1.50

[REDACTED] FOR THE MAJORITY WHO STILL SUPPORT PINOCHET, HOWEVER,
 THE ONLY WAY TO PRESERVE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE MILITARY
 REGIME IS TO KEEP HIM IN POWER. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE LITTLE ELSE
 IN COMMON, BOTH GROUPS BELIEVE THAT CONTRERAS AND PINOCHET WILL
 BE CONDEMNED ANEW BY THE WORLD MEDIA AND THAT CHILE'S INTERNA-
 TIONAL REPUTATION WILL BE EVEN MORE TARNISHED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHATEVER HAPPENS DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, IT IS
 CLEAR THAT PINOCHET IS PREPARED TO FIGHT ANY MOVE TO OUST HIM.
 HIS INCLINATION IS TO TOUGH IT OUT, RELYING ON HIS MILITARY AND
 POPULAR SUPPORT AS WELL AS ON HIS BELIEF THAT HE HIMSELF CANNOT
 BE INDICTED IN THE LETELIER MURDER. WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO
 RIDE OUT THE STORM IS AN OPEN QUESTION. [REDACTED]

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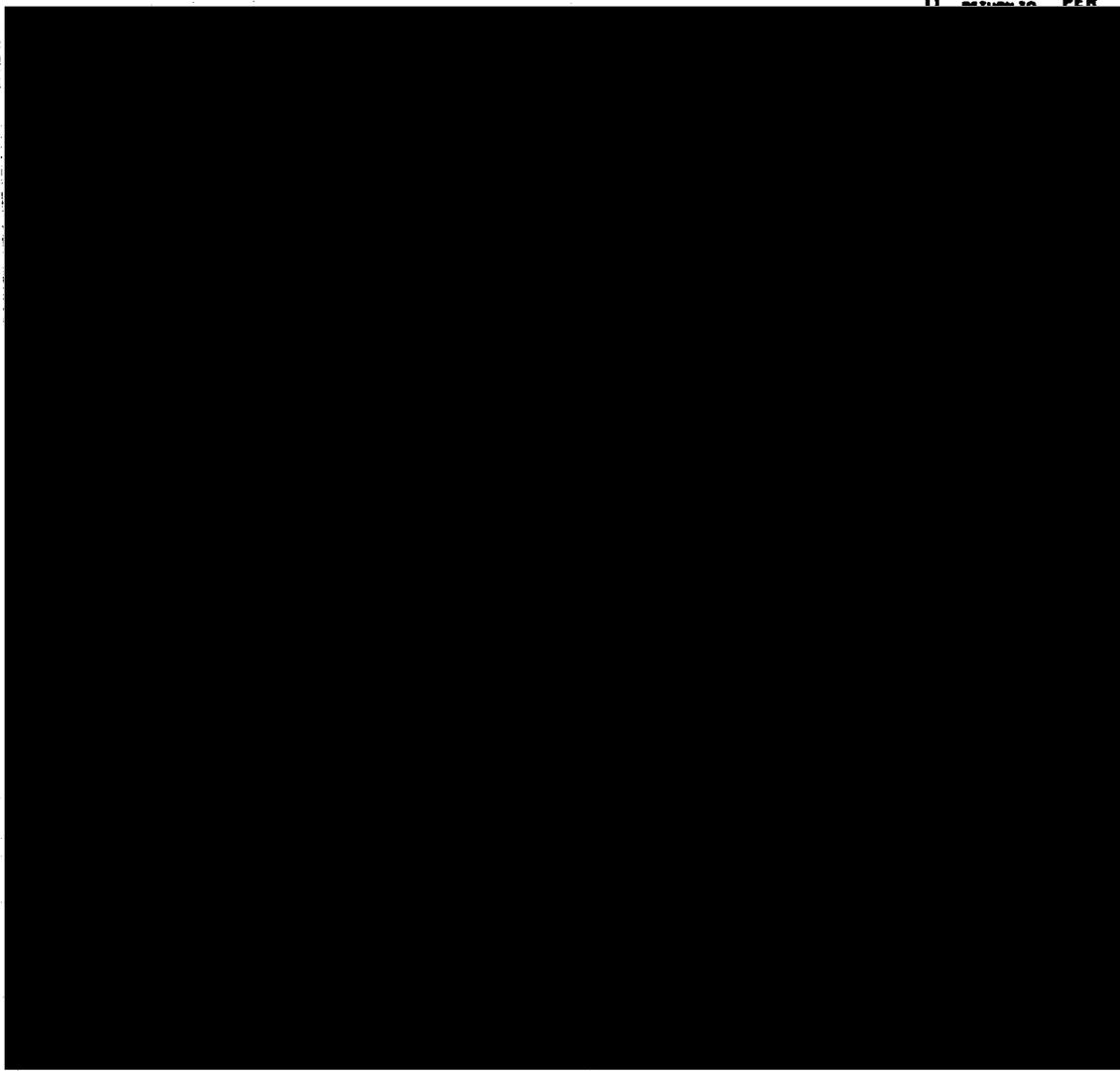
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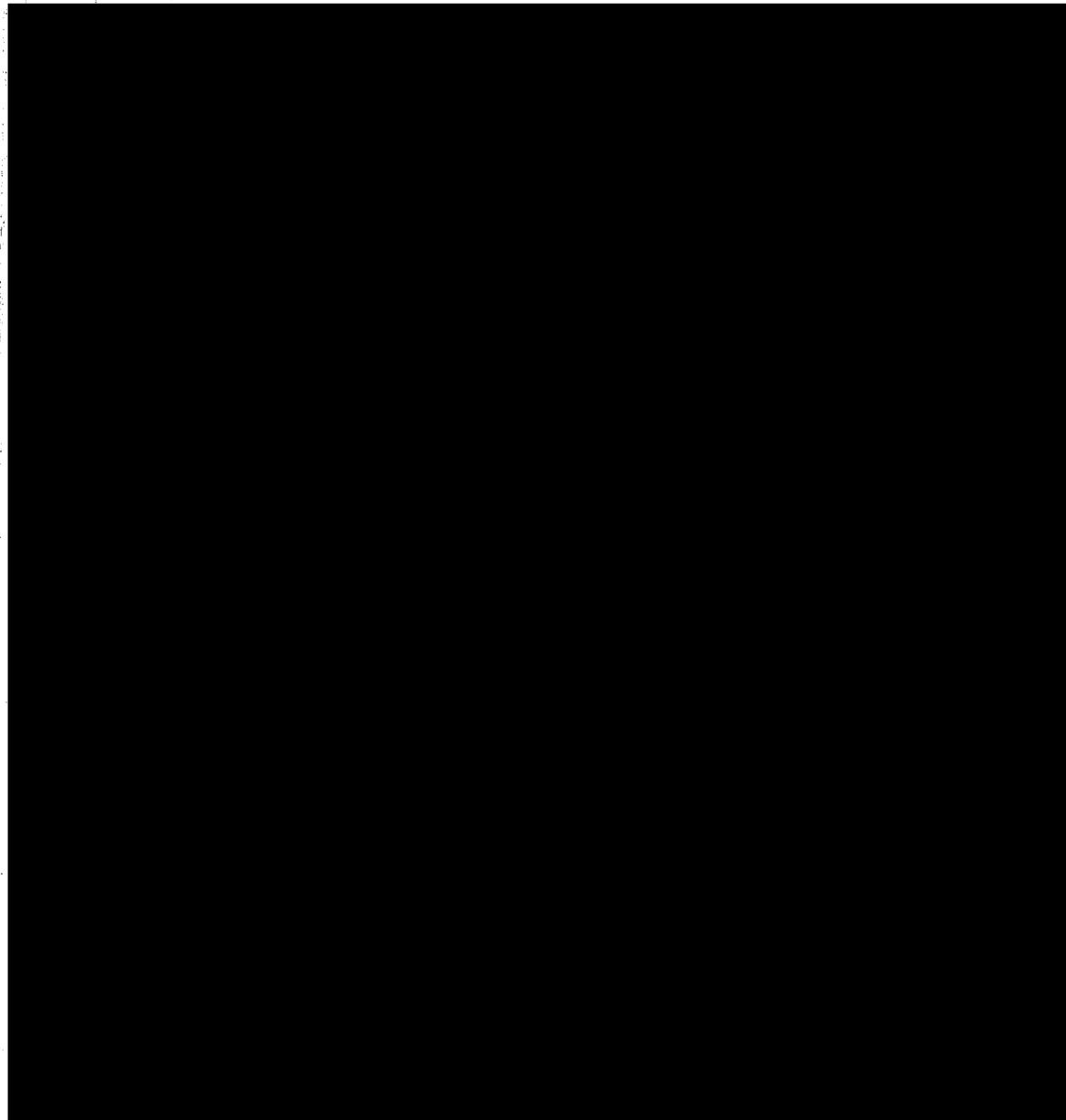
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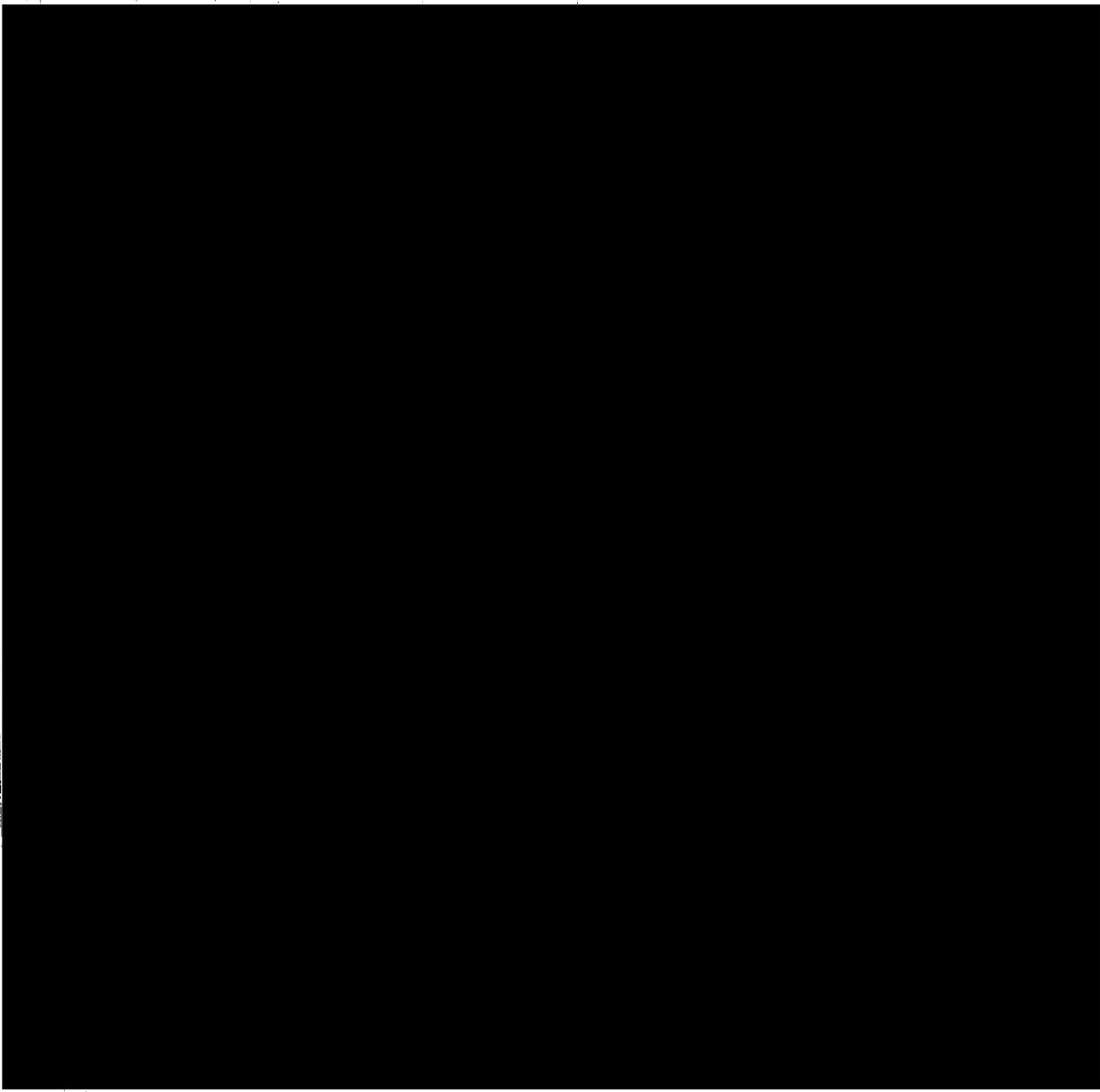
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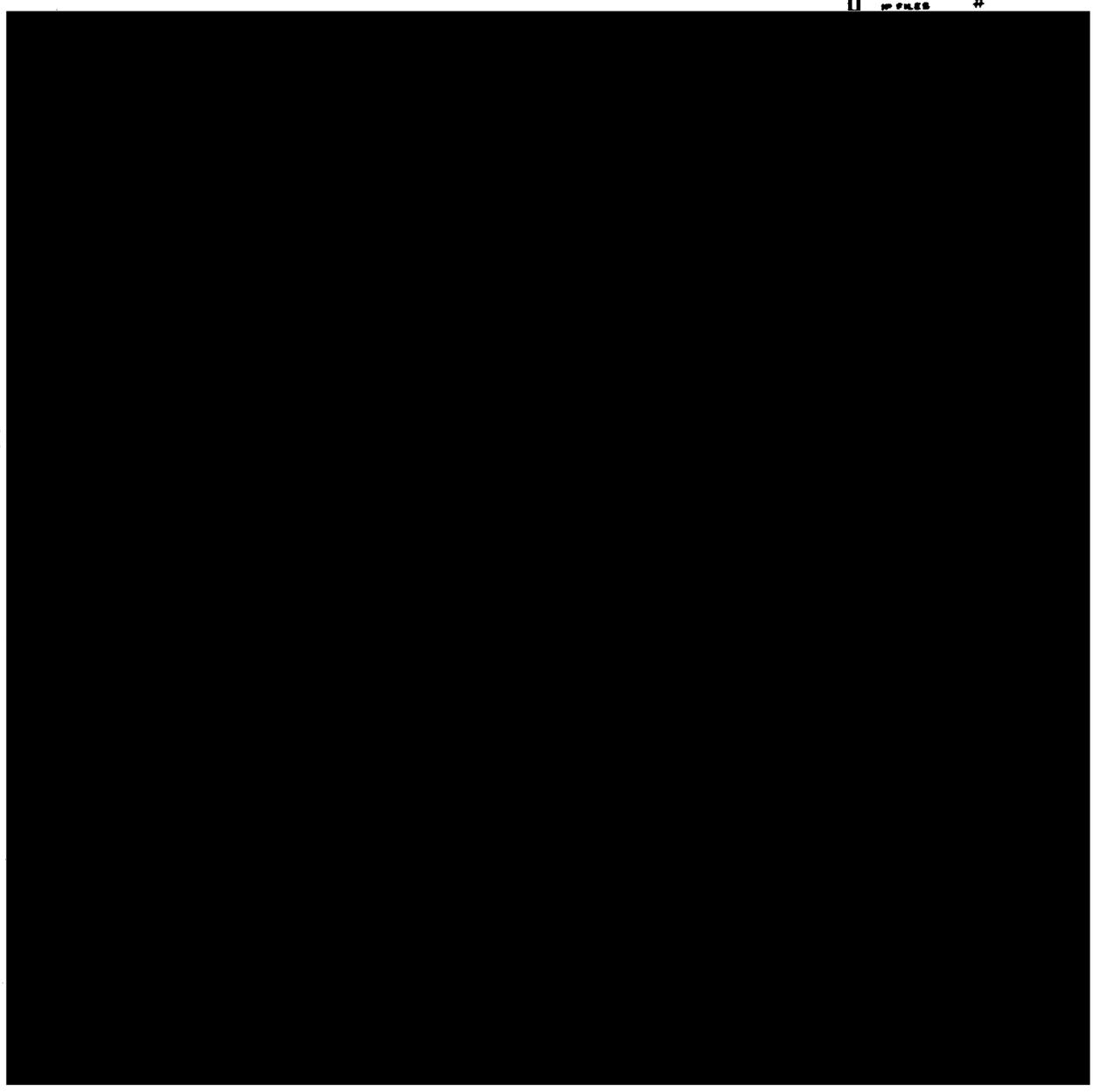
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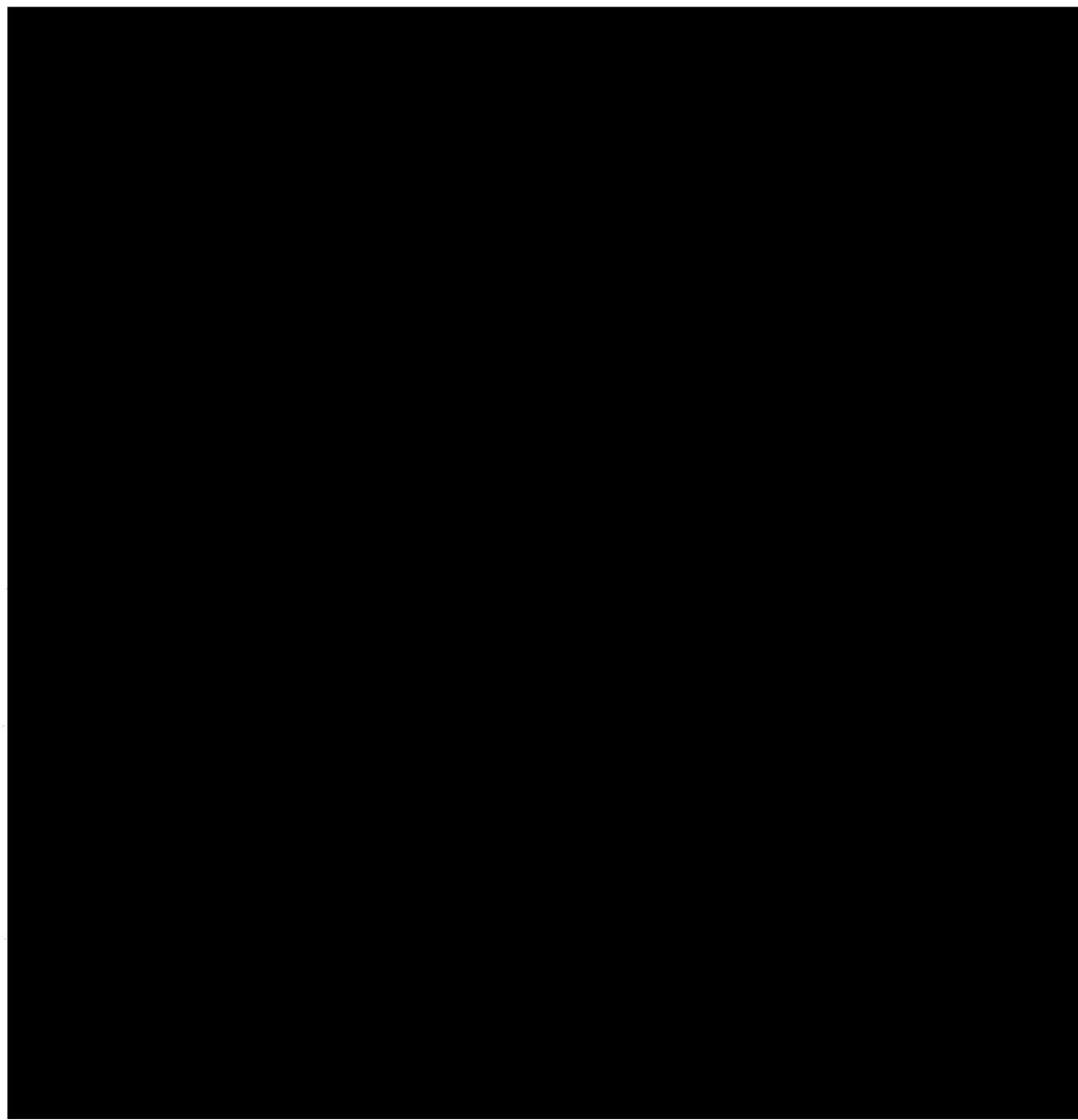
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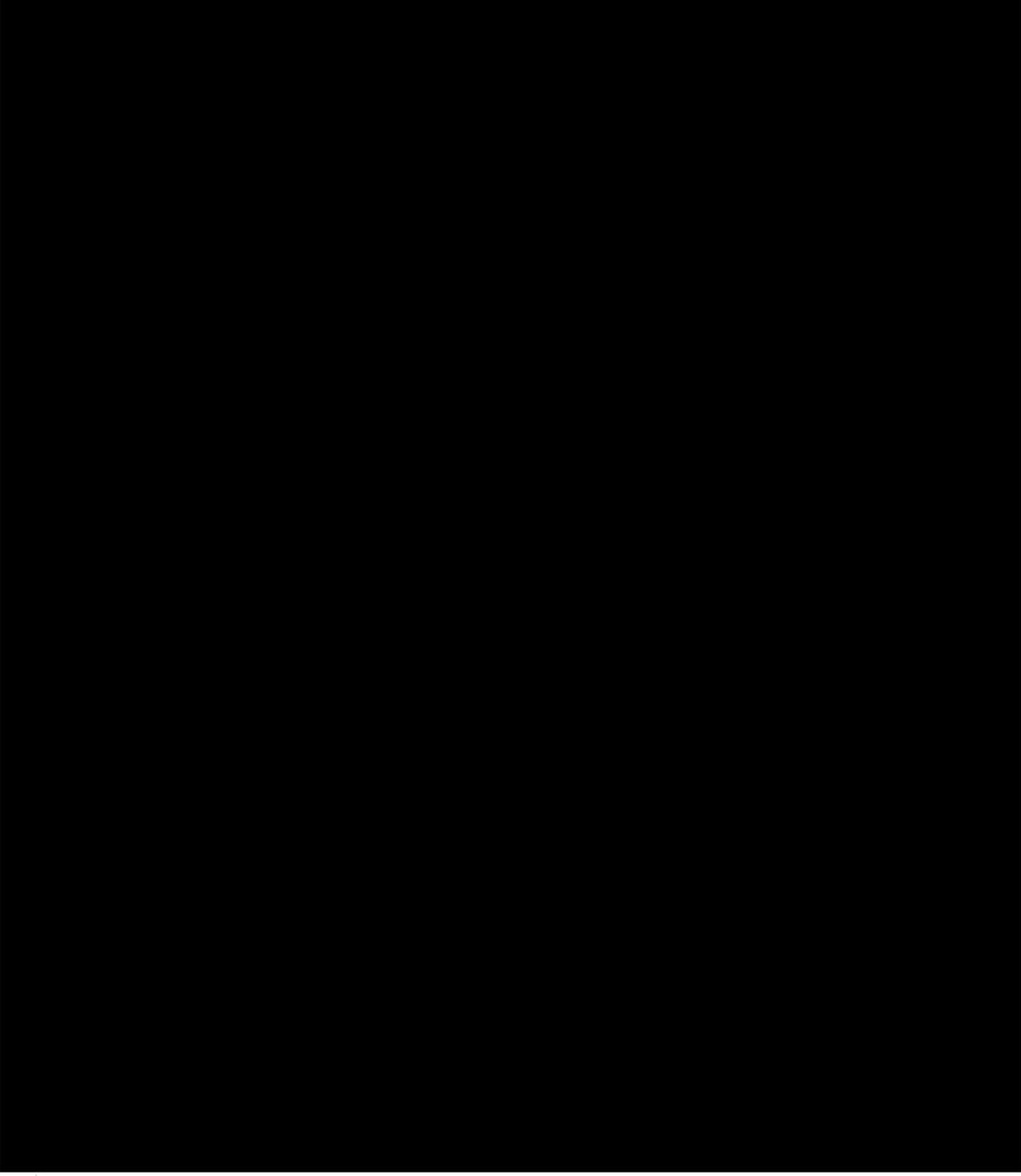
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