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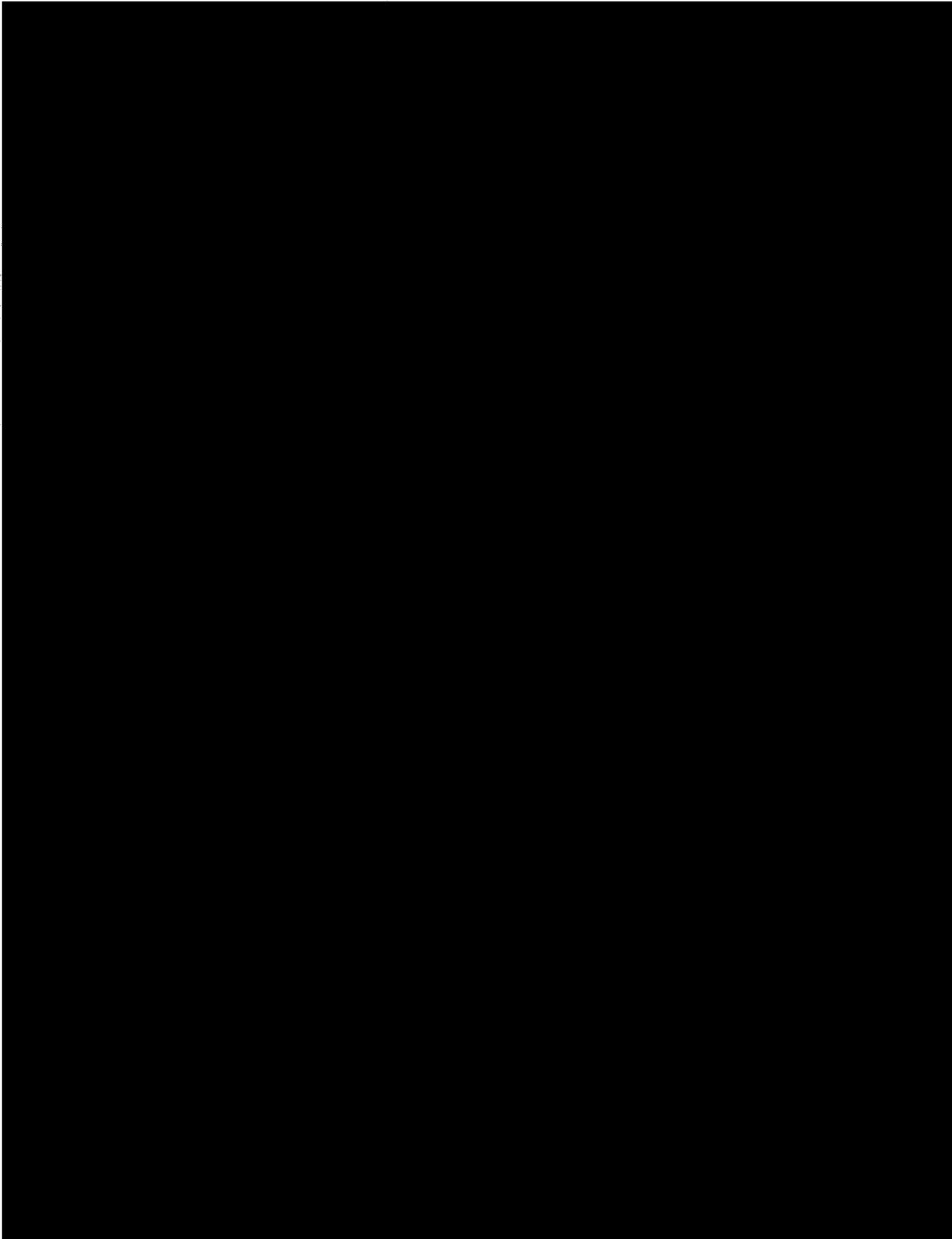
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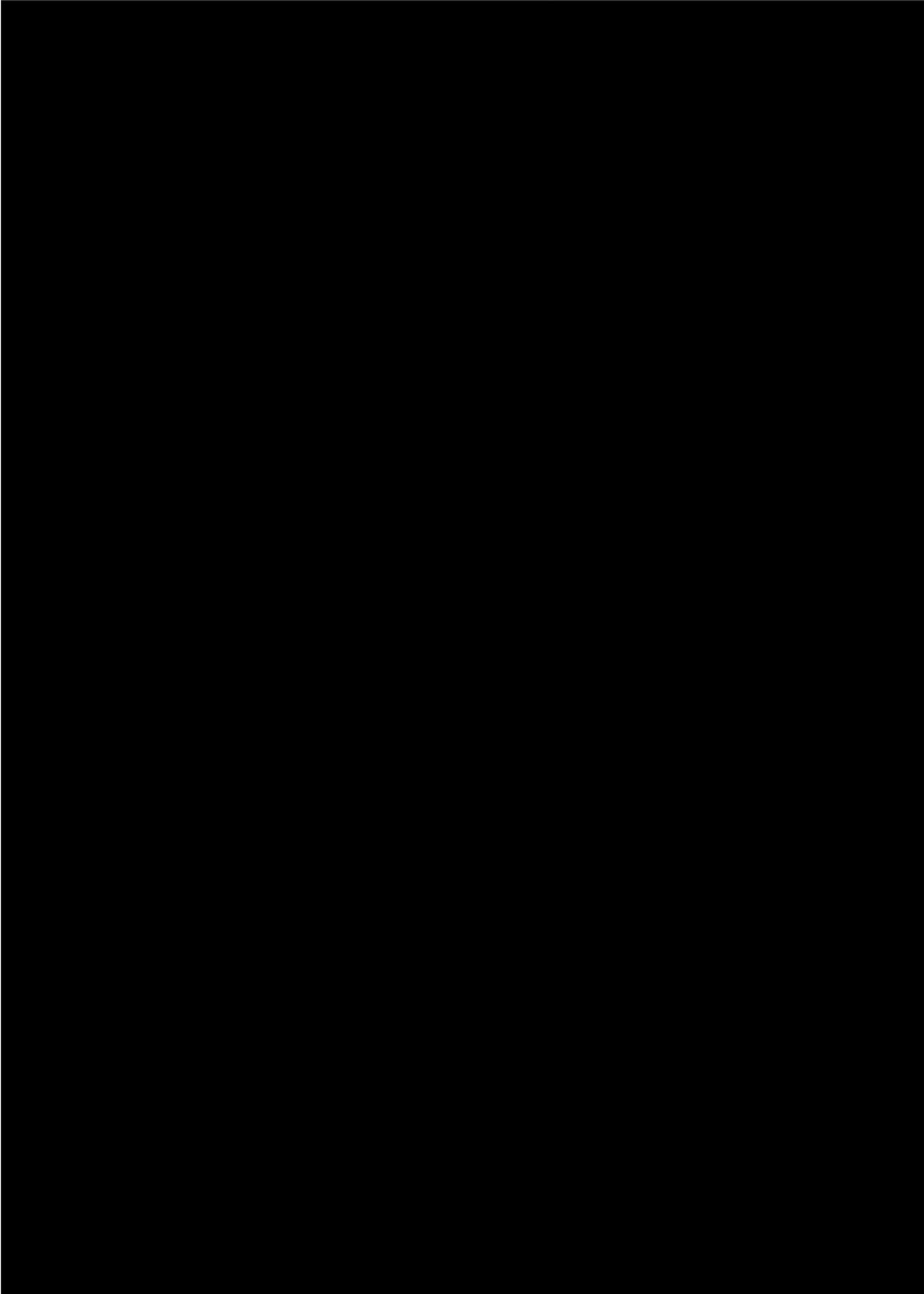
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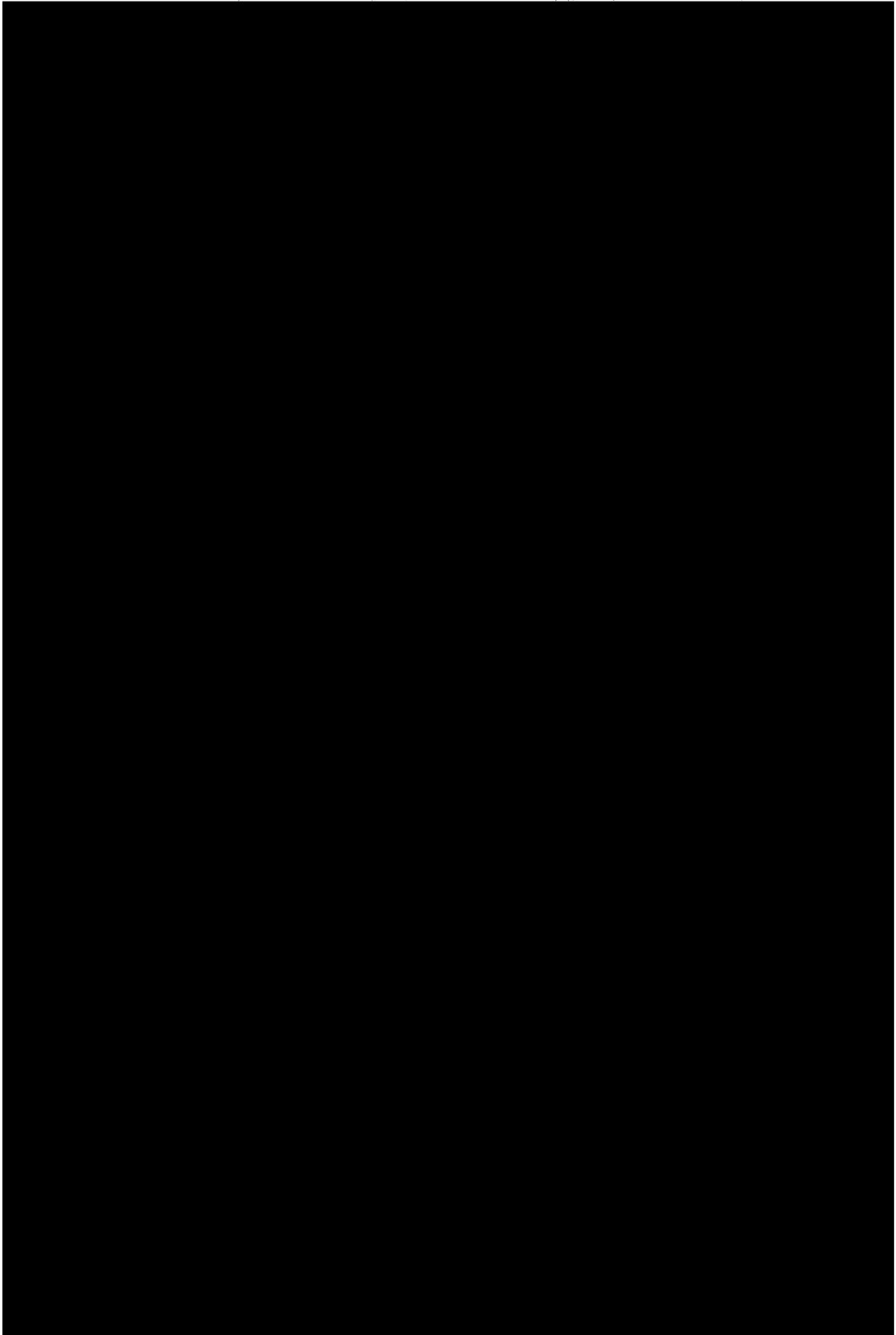
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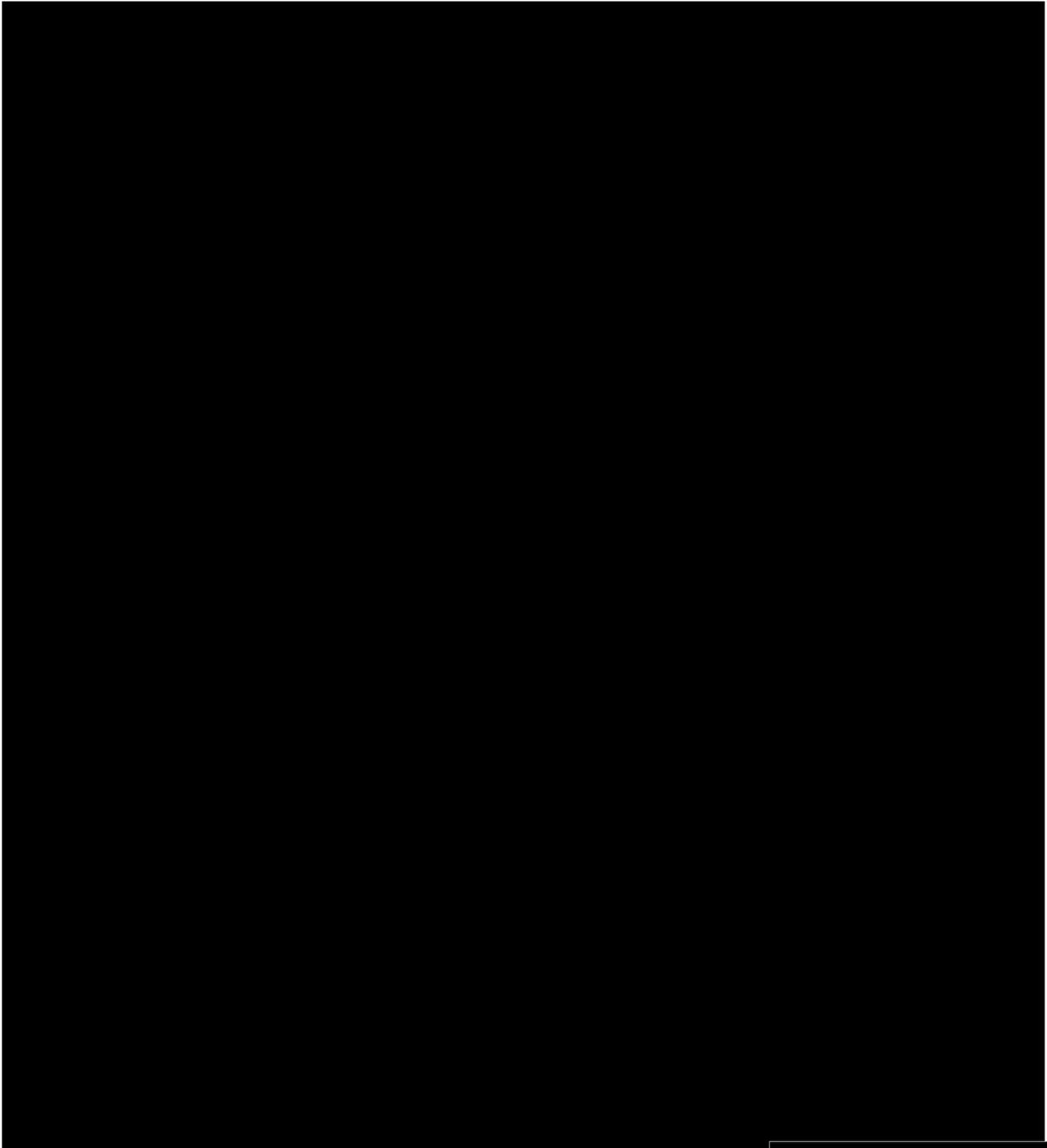
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Jakarta Attempts to Stop UN Visit to Timor

The Indonesians are trying to prevent the UN representative from visiting Fretilin-held areas of East Timor; Jakarta fears he would learn the true extent of Indonesian military intervention there.

Jakarta had managed, during the representative's visit to Indonesian-controlled areas in late January, to conceal all signs of Indonesian military forces.

The Timorese had assured the mission

that they did not want a referendum because they had already decided to integrate with Indonesia. The representative professed to be impressed that the Timorese had a functioning civil administration, which included some former members of Fretilin.

On February 1, however, the representative flew to Darwin, where, according to press reports, he accepted a Portuguese offer to carry him to Fretilin-held areas of Timor aboard a Portuguese frigate.

Moving quickly to occupy the frigate a place to land, the Indonesians have captured the main Fretilin port on the south coast, and the Jakarta-backed Timorese are threatening to turn back the ship by force.

The Indonesians are in a difficult position. They would be criticized if the representative did reach Fretilin territory or if he was turned back by a show of force against the frigate.

