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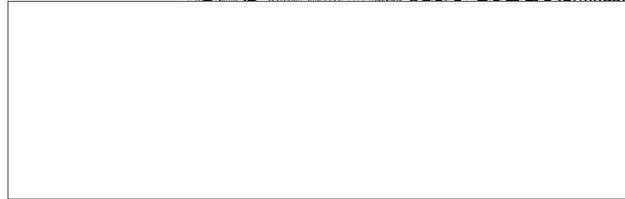
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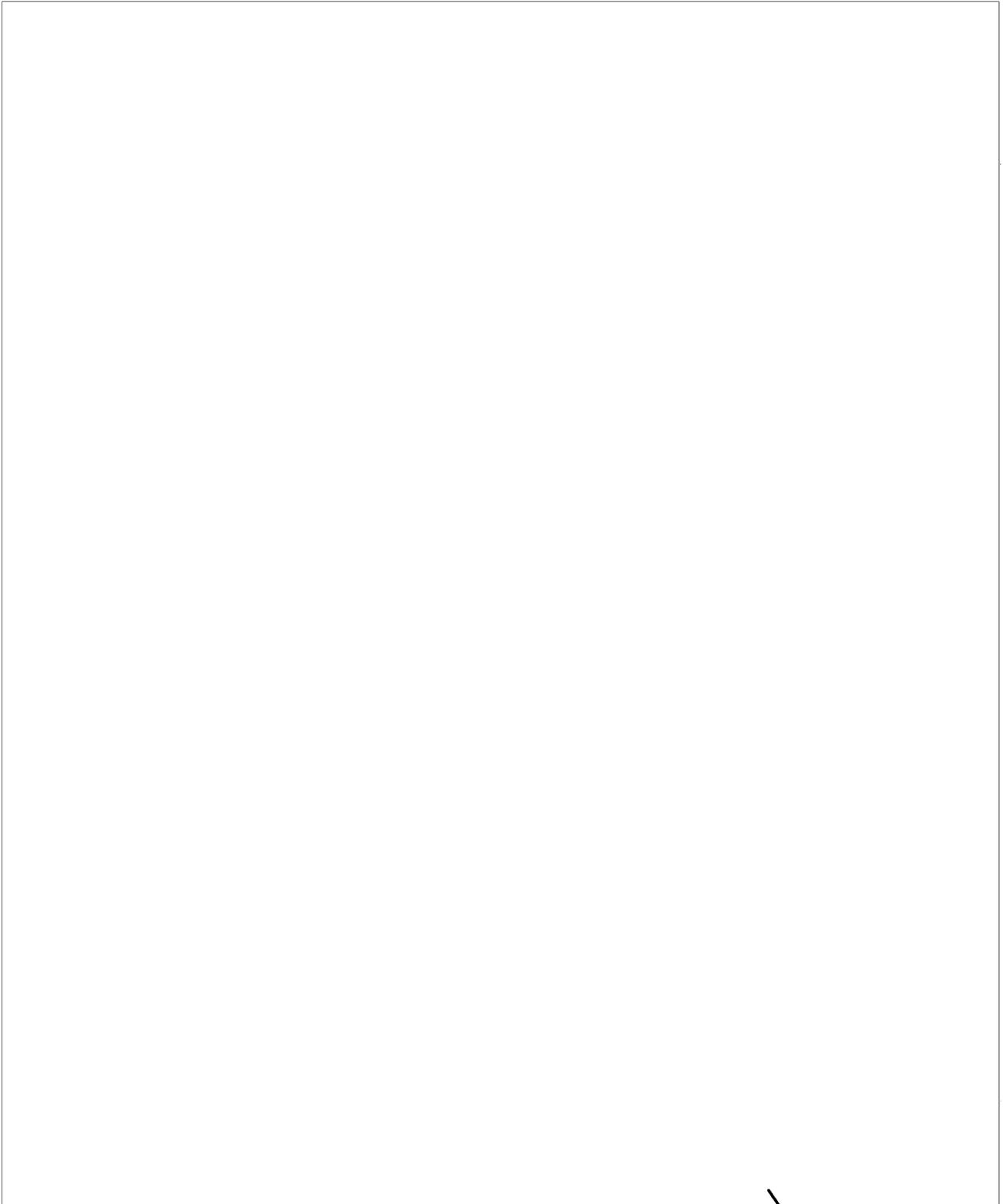
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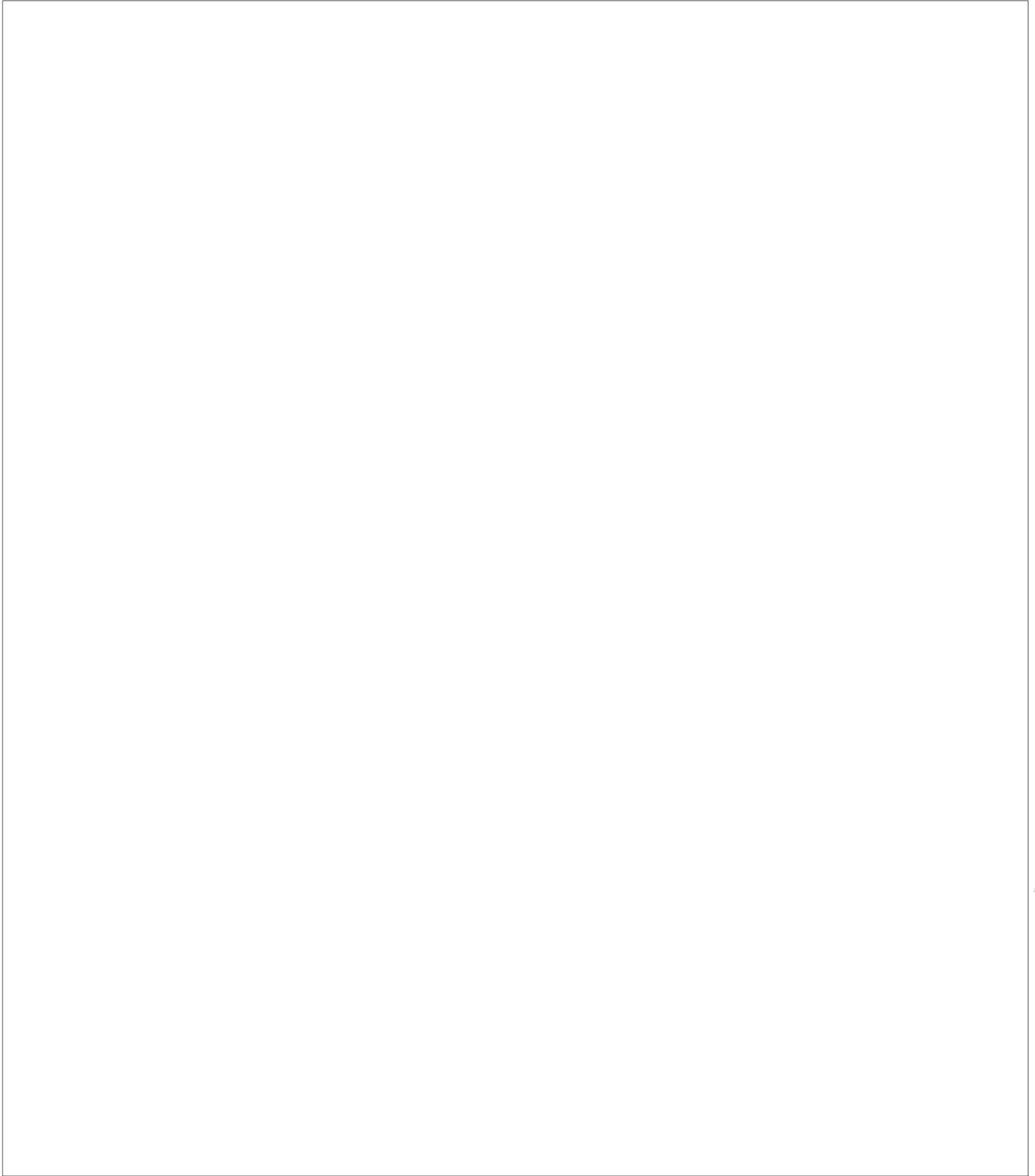
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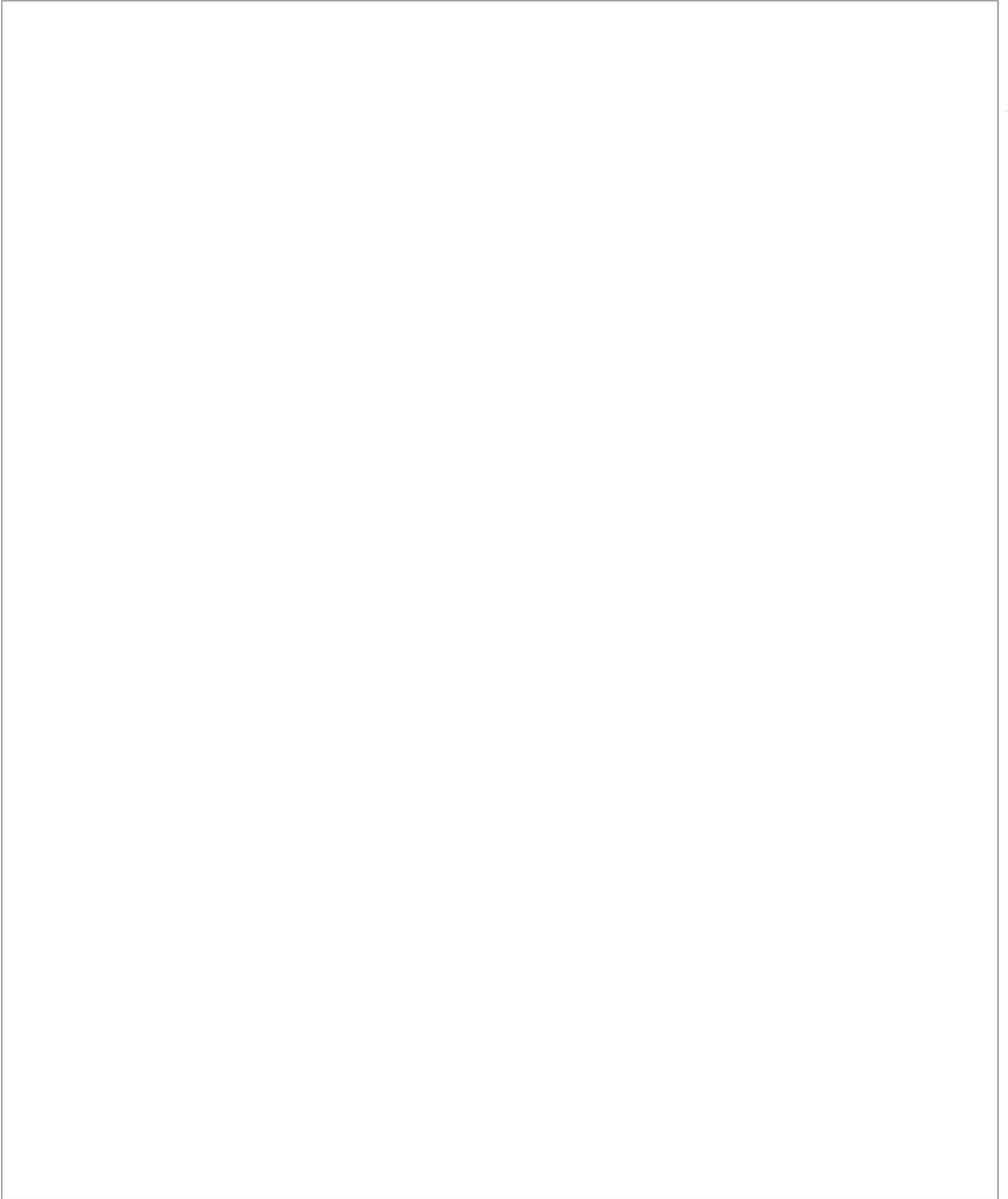


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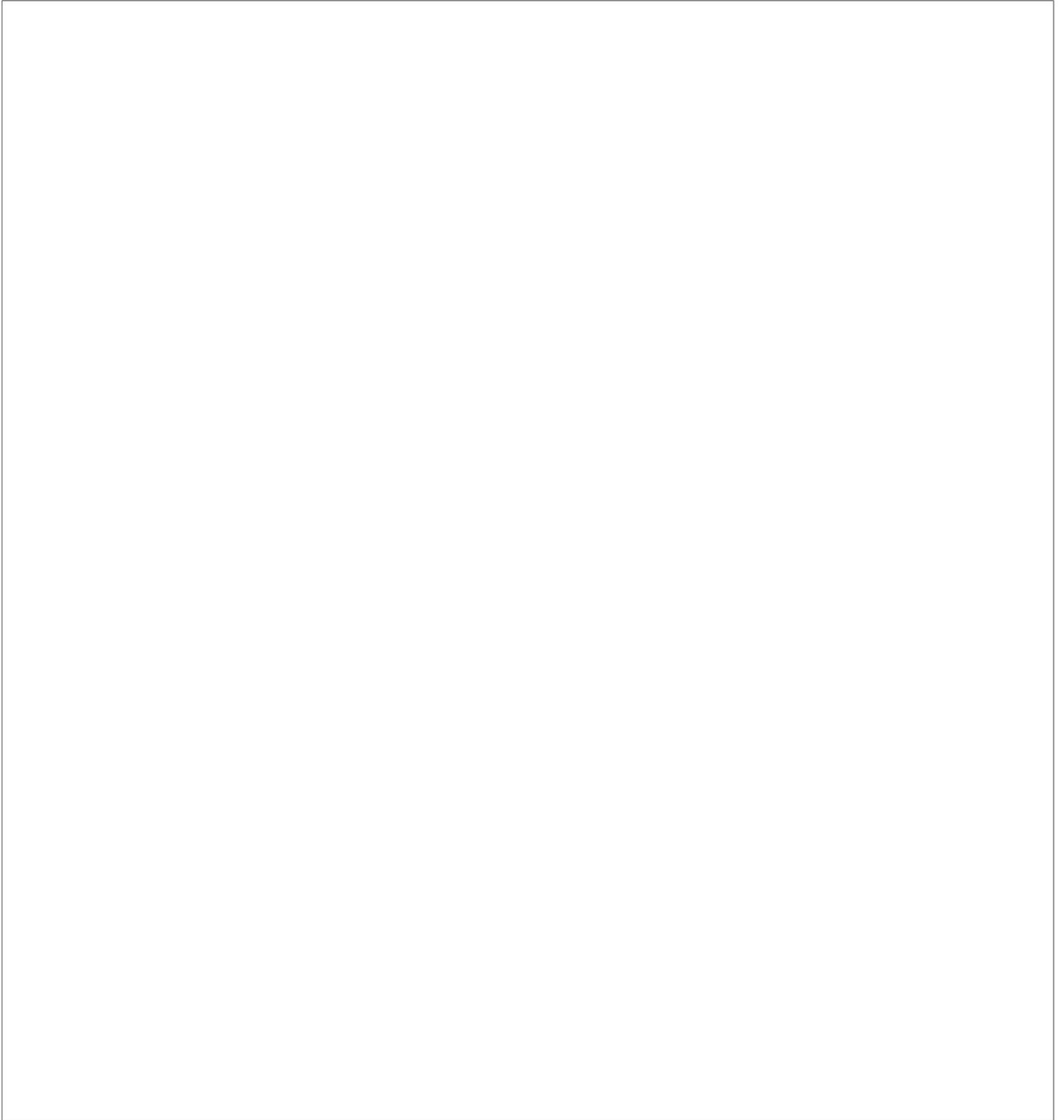


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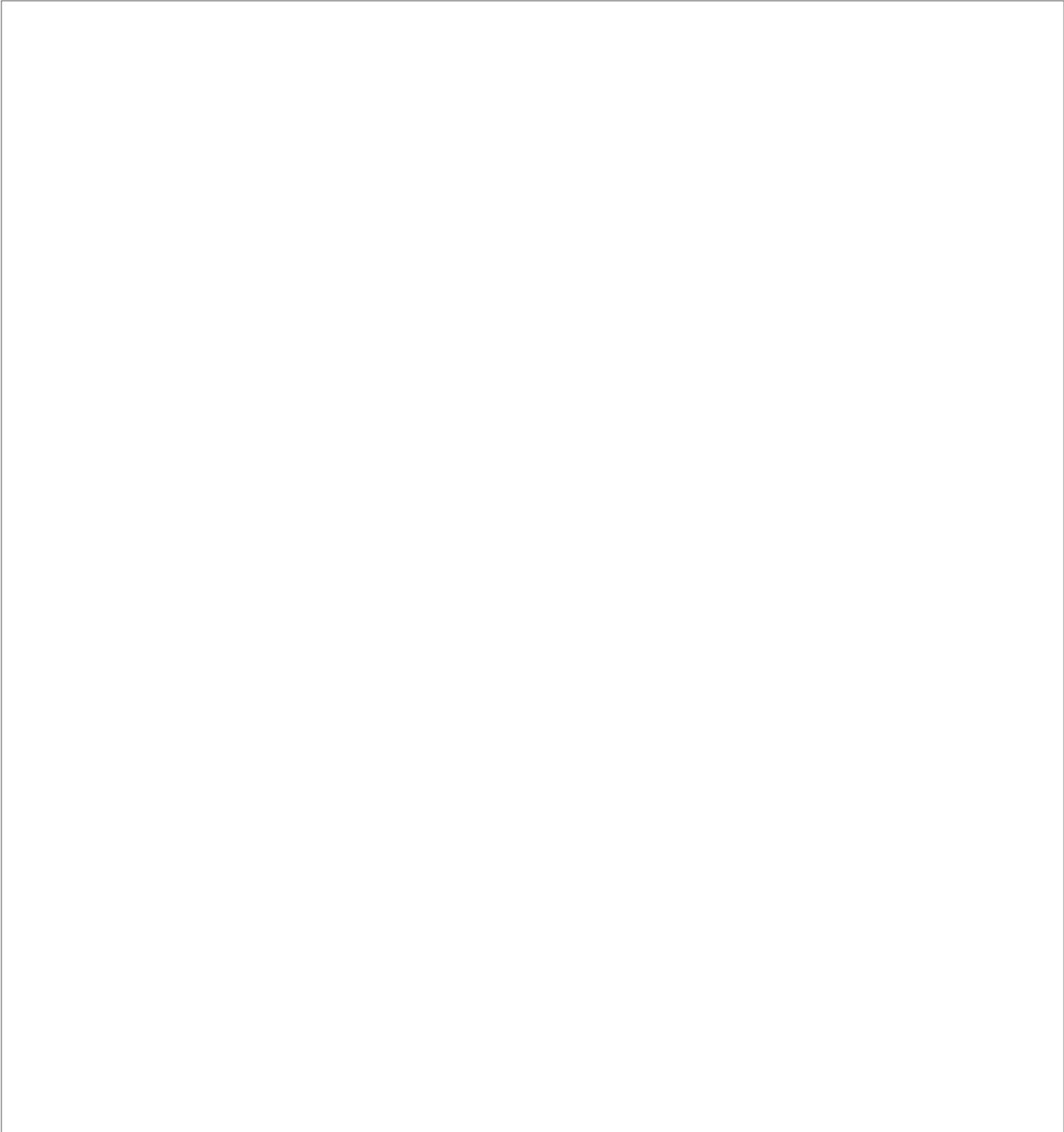
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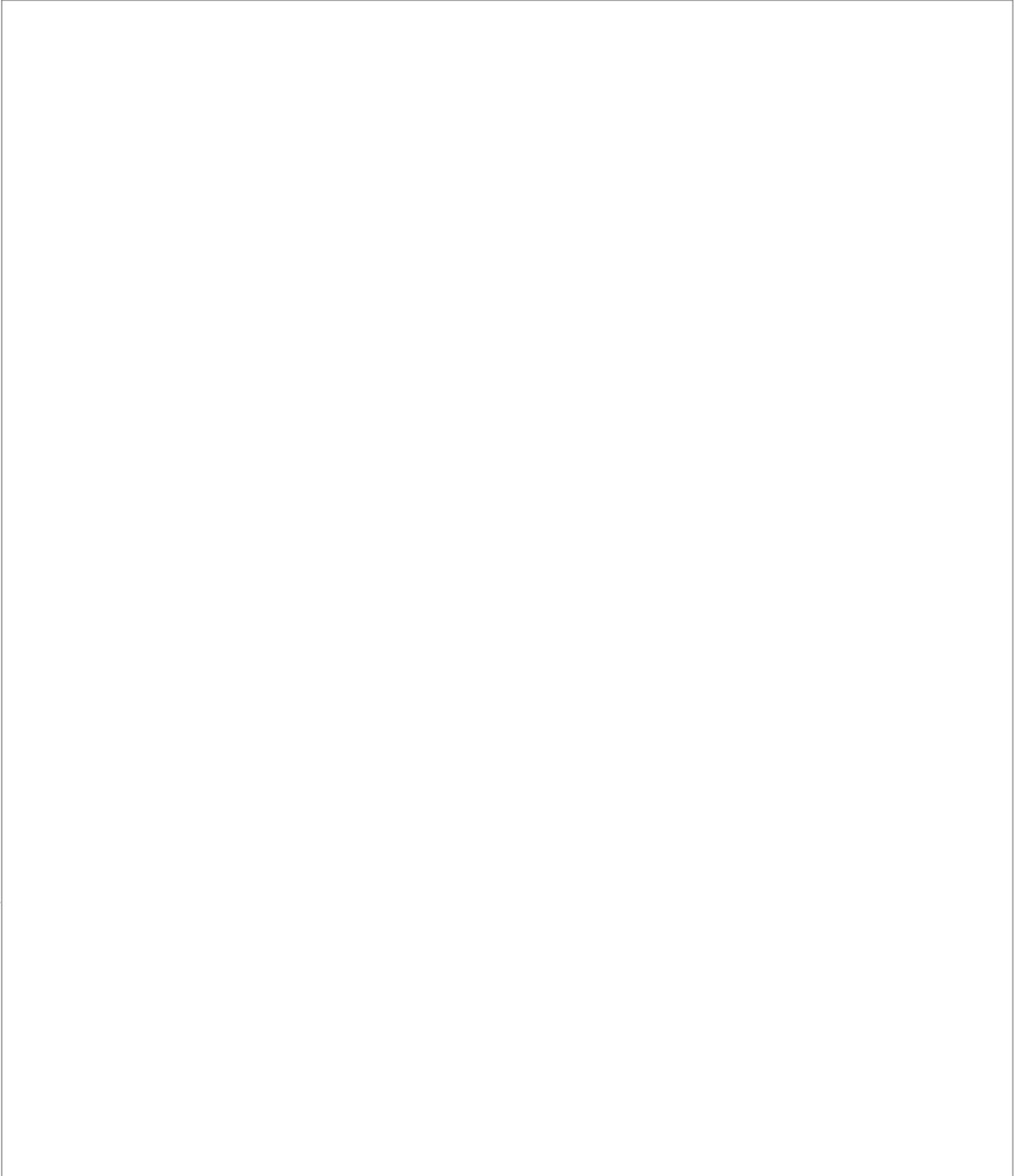


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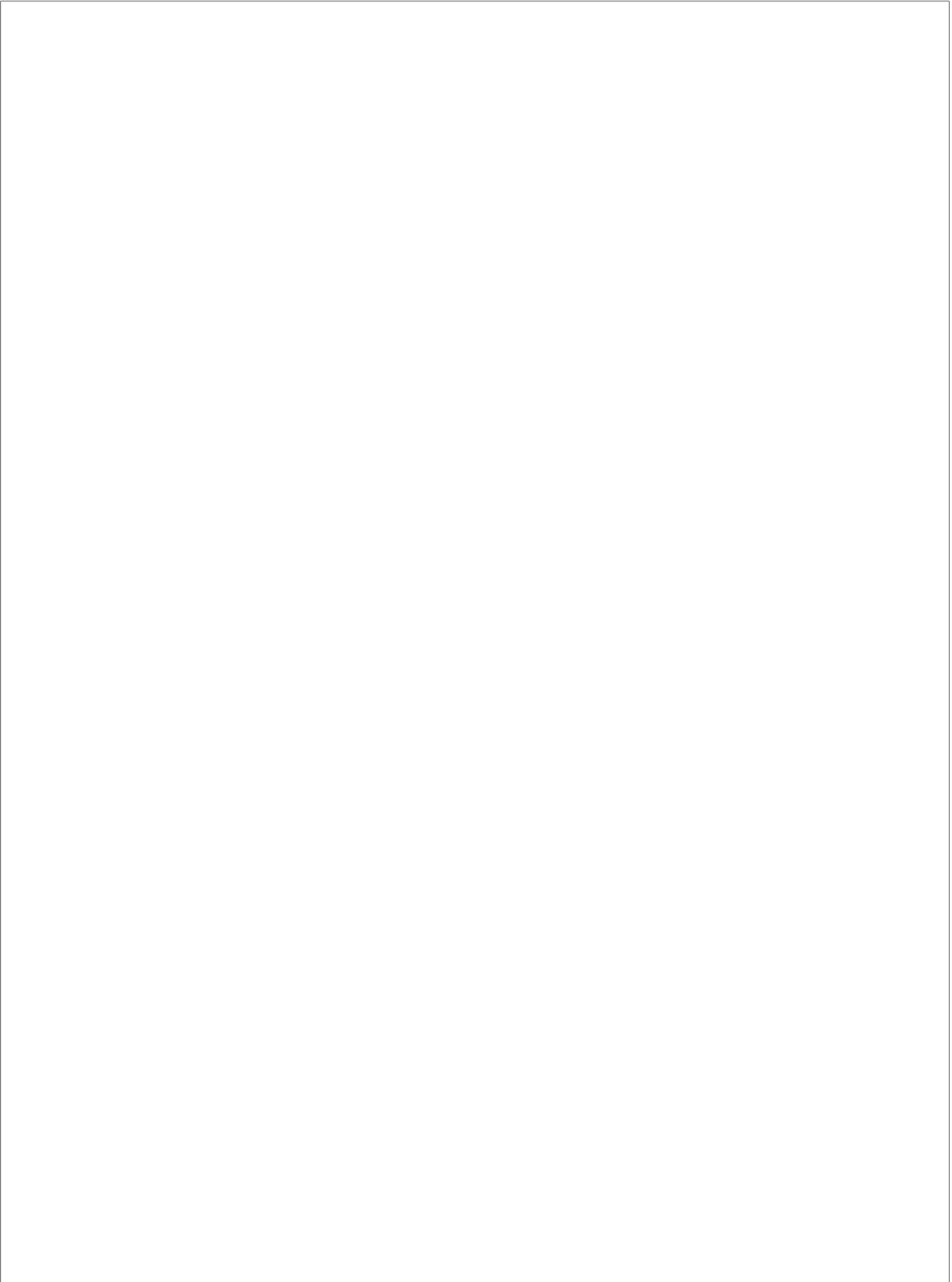
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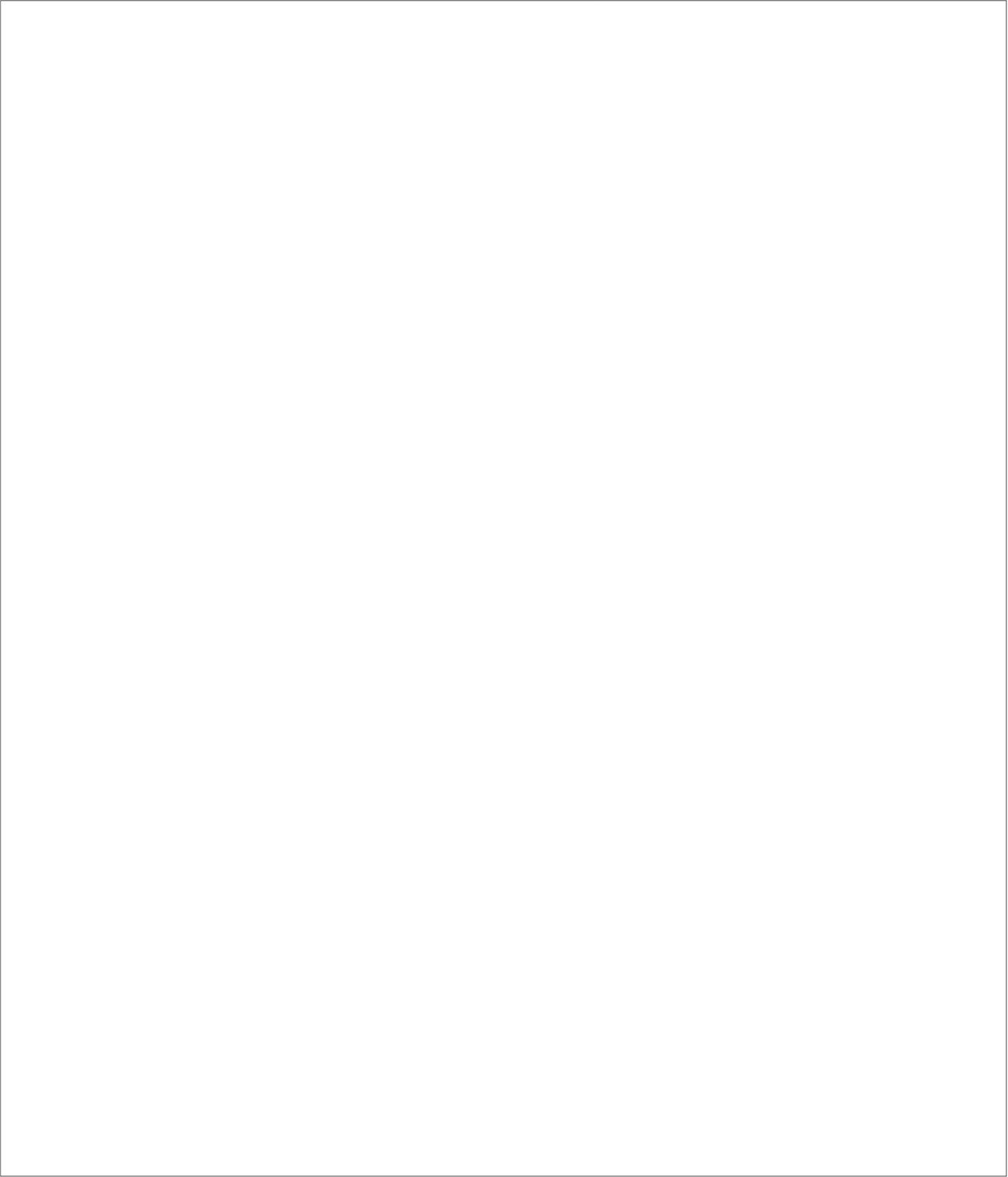


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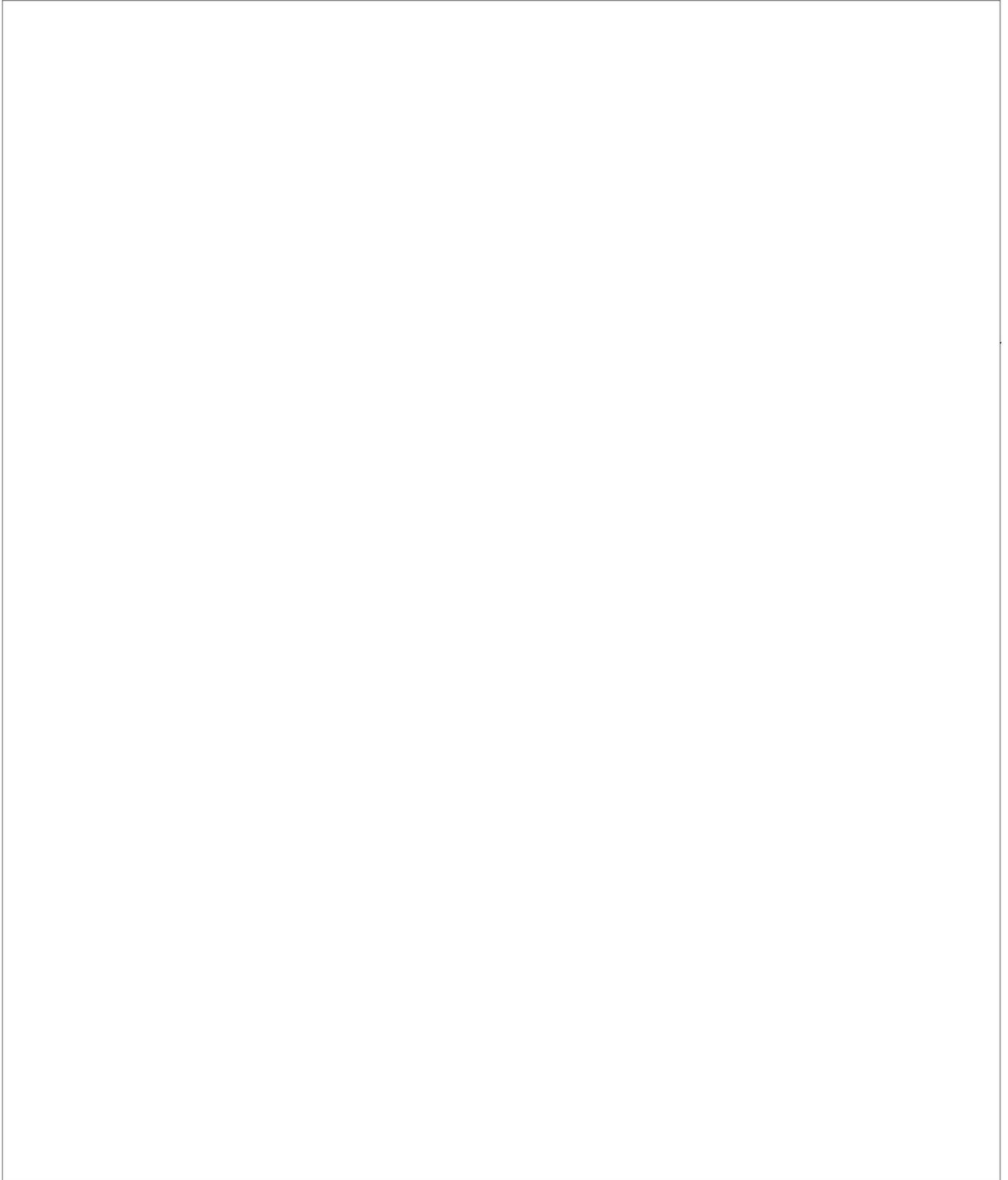
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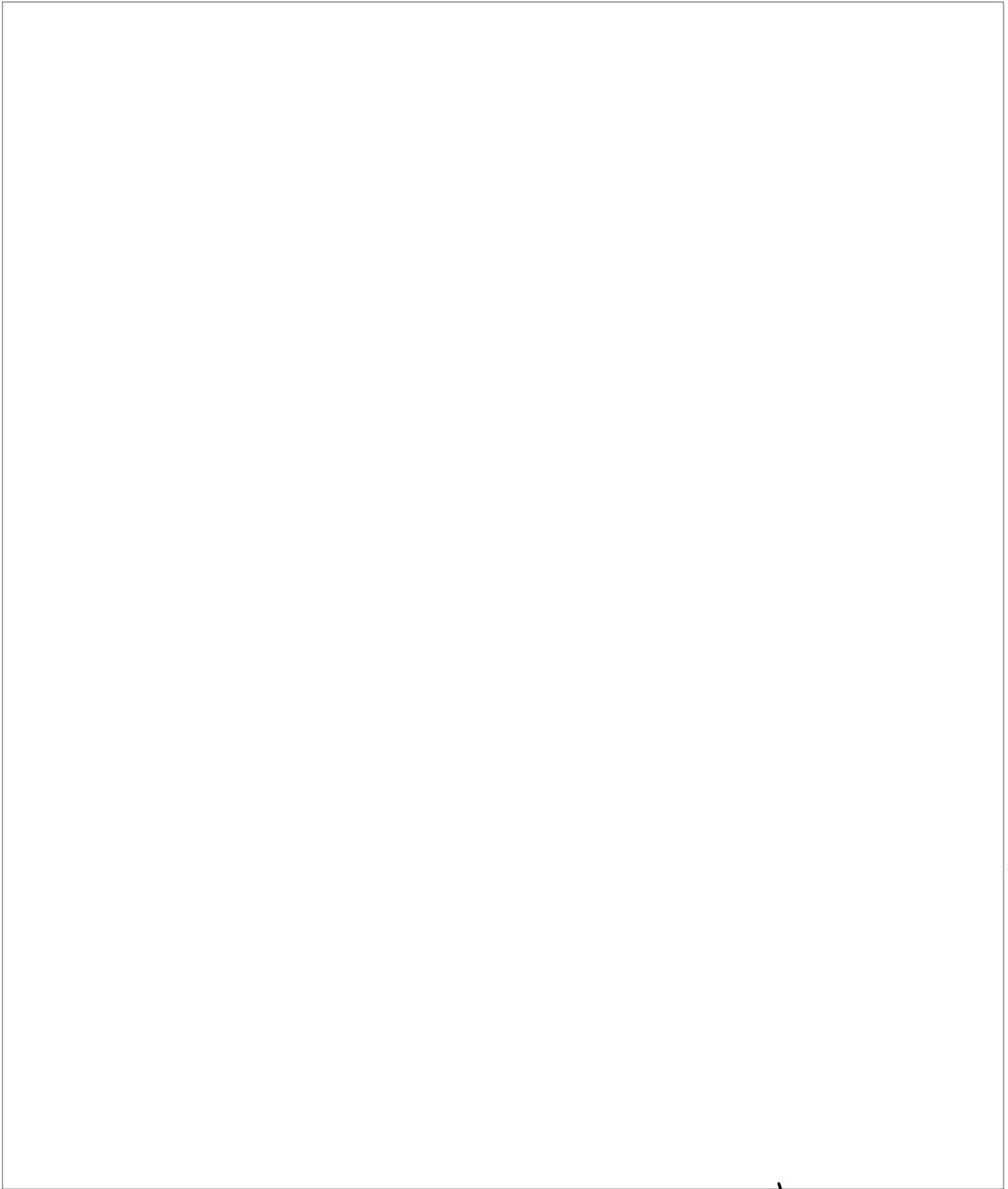
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The Terrorism Diary for January and February

Below is a compendium of January and February dates of known or conceivable significance to terrorists around the world. Our inclusion of a date or event should not by itself be construed to suggest that we expect or anticipate a commemorative terrorist event.

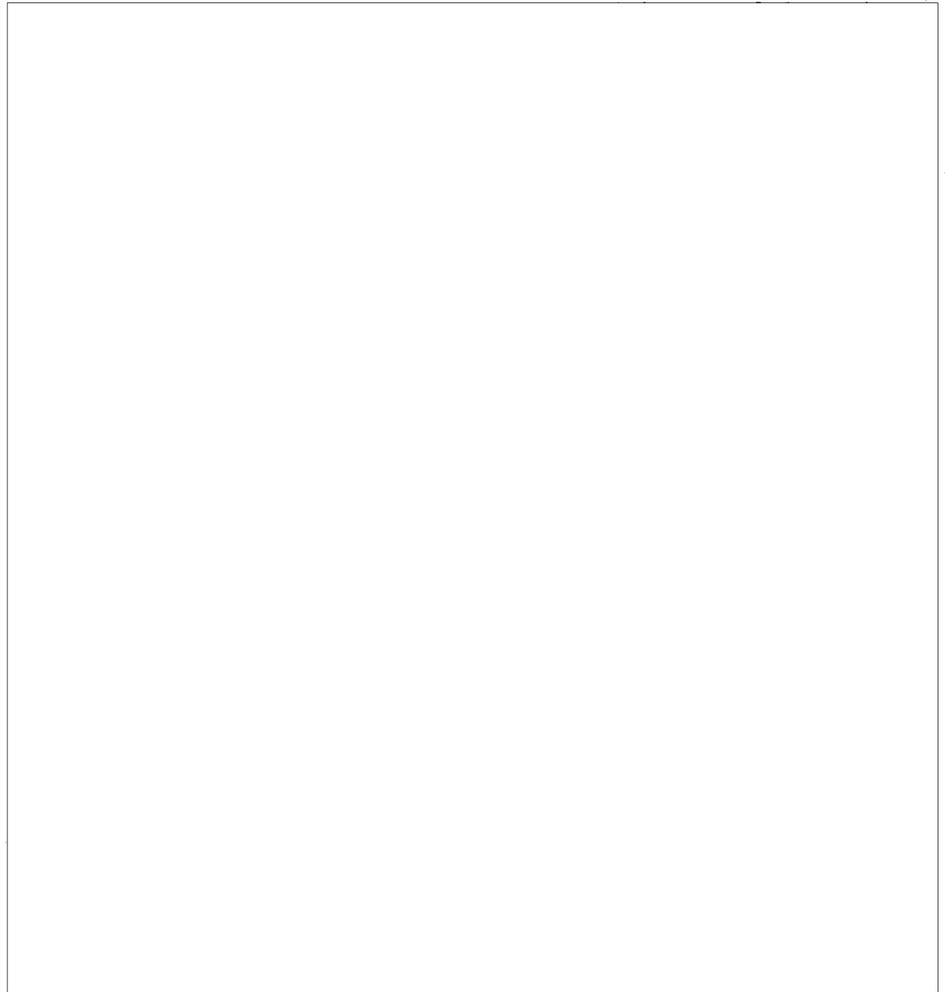
- 1 January 1956** *Sudan.* Independence Day. Proclamation of republic.
- 1 January 1965** *Palestinians.* Palestinian revolution; founding of Fatah.
- 5 January 1928** *Pakistan.* Birthday of executed former President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.
- 5 January 1996** *Palestinians.* Assassination of HAMAS bombmaker Yahyah Ayyash.
- 6 January 1963** *Colombia.* Founding of National Liberation Army (ELN).
- 10 January 1997** *Islamic World.* Beginning of the holy month of Ramadan.
- 15 January 1918** *Egypt.* Birthday of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir.
- 15 January 1922** *Ireland.* Founding of Irish Free State.
- 16 January 1979** *Iran.* Departure of Shah from Iran.
- 16 January 1991** *Iraq, Kuwait.* Operation Desert Storm begins.
- 17 January 1974** *Colombia.* Nineteenth of April Movement (M-19) steals sword of Simon Bolivar from Bogota museum. Founding dates from this act.
- 18 January 1974** *Egypt, Israel.* Disengagement agreement signed.
- 25 January 1993** *United States.* Mir Aimal Kansi shoots and kills Dr. Lansing Bennett and Frank Darling and wounds three others in front of CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia.
- 26 January 1950** *India.* Republic Day (national day).
- 30 January 1933** *Germany.* Accession to power by Nationalist Socialist (Nazi) Party.
- 30 January 1972** *Northern Ireland.* Bloody Monday; 13 killed and 16 wounded during demonstration in Londonderry.
- 1 February 1979** *Iran.* Return of Ayatollah Khomeini to Iran from exile in Paris.
- 1 February 1984** *India.* Kashmir separatist leader Maqbool Butt executed.
- 3 February 1963** *Iraq.* Anniversary of Ba'th Revolution.

4 February 1948	Sri Lanka. Independence Day.
4 February 1979	Iran. Revolution Day.
7 February 1997	Quds Day or Jerusalem Day. Muslims protest Israeli occupation of Jerusalem. (Quds Day is commemorated on the last Friday of Ramadan, which ends on 8 February 1997.)
8 February 1963	Iraq. Revolution Day.
14 February 1979	Iran. Attack on US Embassy in Tehran; the Embassy was briefly occupied and the Ambassador briefly held.
19 February 1980	Egypt, Israel. Exchange of ambassadors.
22 February 1969	Palestinians. Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine founded.
25 February 1991	Iraq. Beginning of the ground war in Desert Storm.
26 February 1993	United States. World Trade Center bombing in New York City.



Chronology of International Terrorism

The following incidents were considered by the Intelligence Community's Incident Review Panel since publication of the previous issue of the Terrorism Review and were determined by the Panel to constitute international terrorism. Such incidents provide the basis for the State Department's Patterns of Global Terrorism, which is published annually as the US Government's official record of international terrorism.



Africa

5 October

Ethiopia: Unidentified assailants shot and killed a German botanist near a shopping area called the Taiwan market in Dire Dawa. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

16 October

Ethiopia: In two separate incidents near the same shopping center in Dire Dawa, unknown assailants shot and killed a French national and wounded a Yemeni national.

24 October

Uganda: Several gunmen attacked a Sudanese refugee camp in Palorinya, West Moyo, killing 16 Sudanese refugees and wounding five others. The gunmen also set fire to the refugees' huts. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

Asia



20 September

France: A bomb placed outside a customs office building in Bayonne detonated, causing minor material damage but no injuries. The Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA) organization is suspected.



26 October

France: Suspected Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) gunmen shot and killed the organization's international treasurer and a companion in Paris. Authorities believe the LTTE killed the activist for misappropriating funds for personal use.

Latin America

24 September

Peru: Assailants opened fire on a US-owned helicopter during a coca eradication mission in Huanuco Department. Three bullets pierced the craft, causing superficial damage but no injuries. The shooting stopped when the helicopter returned fire. *Sendero Luminoso* (SL) is suspected.

8 October

Venezuela: In Naranjal, presumed National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrillas burned a lumber factory and two of its vehicles and detonated an explosive device in the office. Guerrillas left a red and black flag bearing the Colombian ELN inscription at the scene

10 October

Venezuela: Suspected ELN guerrillas kidnapped a Venezuelan cattleman at the border with Colombia. A few hours later the cattleman was found dead in Libertador.

26 October

Colombia: Leftist rebels attacked a convoy in Meta Department, killing the driver of one vehicle and abducting a French geologist and a Colombian engineer from another. The attackers also stole money from an armored truck in the convoy, which was traveling to a highway construction site near Villavicencio, before fleeing with the two hostages. No one claimed responsibility, but authorities suspect the ELN or the *Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia* (FARC).

Middle East

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Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—November 1996

This description of incidents and situations is not meant to be a detailed accounting of all domestic terrorist incidents, but rather to provide an overview of indigenous terrorism worldwide.

Asia

Cambodia

On 19 November in Phnom Penh two unidentified gunmen shot and killed the Deputy Director of the Interior Ministry's Criminal Police. The victim was the brother-in-law of Cambodia's Second Prime Minister. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

India

Peoples War Group militants attacked a police station in Andhra Pradesh on 15 November, killing 13 policemen and a civilian and wounding five others.

Pakistan

A bomb exploded on a passenger train enroute to Rawalpindi from Karachi on 3 November, killing five persons and injuring eight others. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

Europe

Spain

A car bomb exploded outside the Bunuel civil guard barracks on 1 November, injuring a policeman and three bystanders and causing extensive material damage. The *Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)* organization is suspected.

An explosive device detonated in a Gijon courthouse on 2 November, causing minor damage but no injuries. The *ETA* is suspected.

Suspected *ETA* militants threw Molotov cocktails into a San Sebastian bus on 7 November, causing major damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported.

On 11 November unidentified assailants abducted a Basque businessman from his car in Bilbao. Authorities believe *ETA* carried out the kidnapping to extort funds from the victim's family business.

Suspected *ETA* members detonated a bomb in front of a bank in Vitoria on 16 November, causing minor damage to the facade and nearby vehicles but no injuries.

Turkey

On 8 November in Hakkari's Cukurca district, gunmen fired rockets and long-barreled weapons at a minibus, killing 12 village guards and five civilians and injuring nine guards and two civilians. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. The *Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)* is suspected.

Assailants threw a firebomb at an Istanbul bank on 10 November, damaging the bank and three floors of businesses above it. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

Assailants kidnapped the son of the mayor of Hasankeyf as he drove a fuel tanker truck between Batman and Hasankeyf on 12 November. It is unknown whether any ransom demands were issued. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

On 26 November assailants bombed a building housing the Idealist Hearth Association in Istanbul. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. [redacted]

United Kingdom

Authorities defused an explosive device hidden inside a vehicle in front of police headquarters in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, on 21 November. The *Irish Republican Army Continuity Council* claimed responsibility for placing the bomb. [redacted]

Latin America

Colombia

National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrillas kidnapped a coffee rancher on 2 November in Ciudad Bolivar. [redacted]

On 9 November in Uraba, armed men alleged to be *ELN* members hijacked an electrical company's helicopter for an unknown destination. The helicopter is still in the hands of the hijackers and the fate of the pilot is unknown. [redacted]

Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) members attacked a cattle ranch in Sucre Department on 13 November, killing a farmer and three government agents who were investigating cases of cattle rustling in the area. [redacted]



Middle East

Algeria

Unidentified assailants attacked a village near Blida on 5 November, killing 31 persons. Islamic extremists are suspected. [redacted]

A bomb exploded at a construction site in Beni Ouarsous, near Tlemcen, on 7 November, killing the mayor, his deputy, and three employees who were visiting the site. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. The *Armed Islamic Group (GIA)* may be responsible. [redacted]

On 10 November a car bomb exploded near a bus in front of a school outside Algiers, killing 10 persons and injuring 20 others. The *GIA* may be responsible. [redacted]

Israel

A pipe bomb detonated at the Israeli Interior Ministry building in Jerusalem on 7 November, causing minor damage. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. [redacted]