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1999 CHEROKEE NATION ELECTIONS

FINAL REPORT



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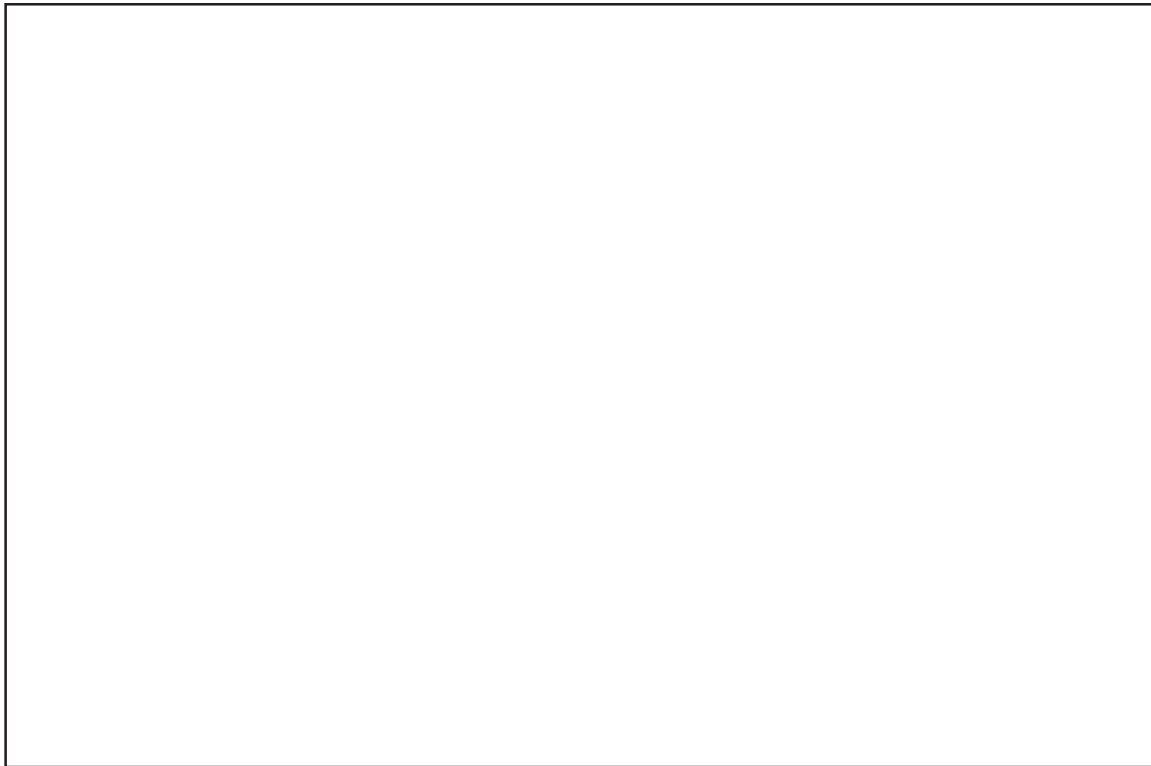
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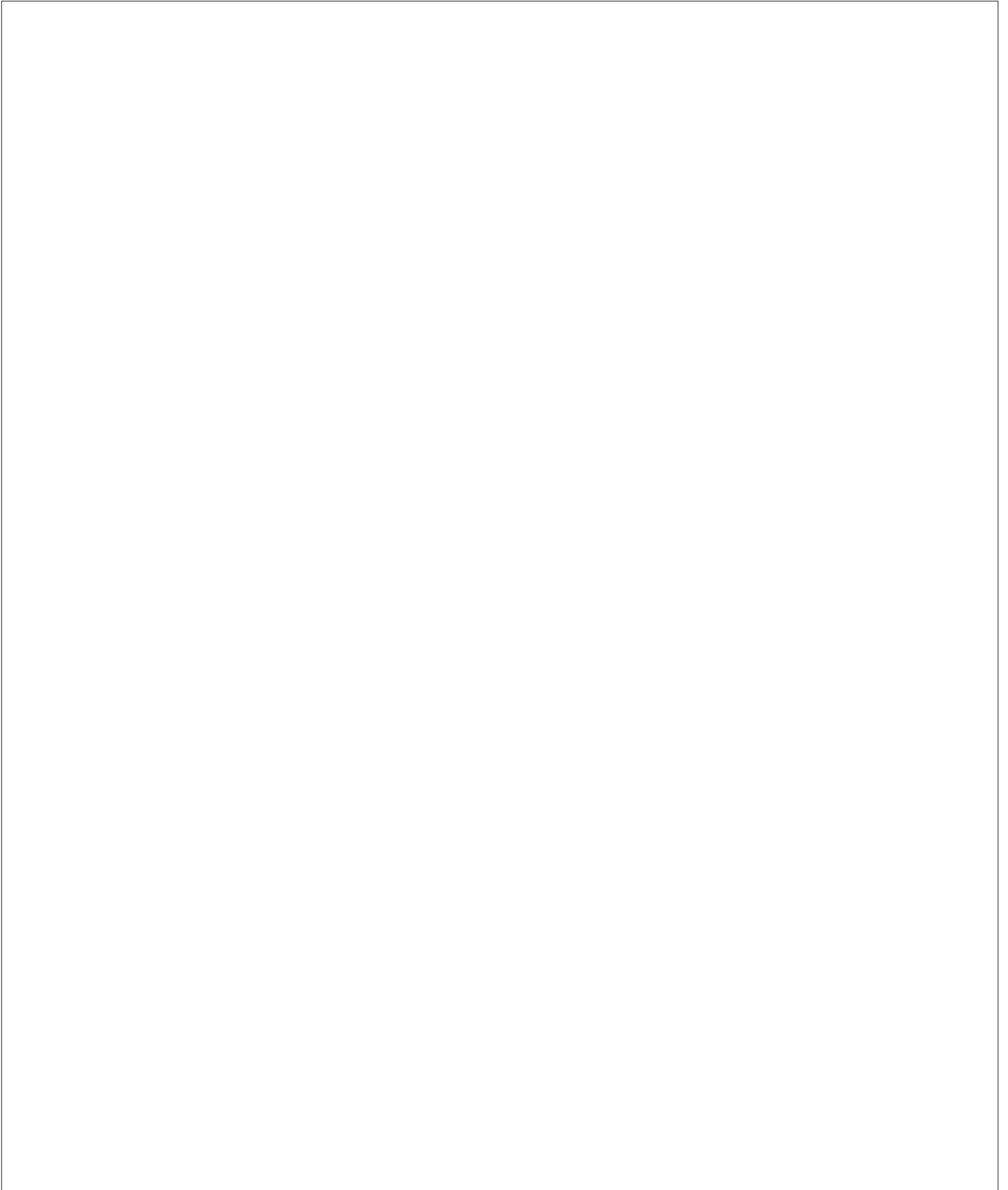
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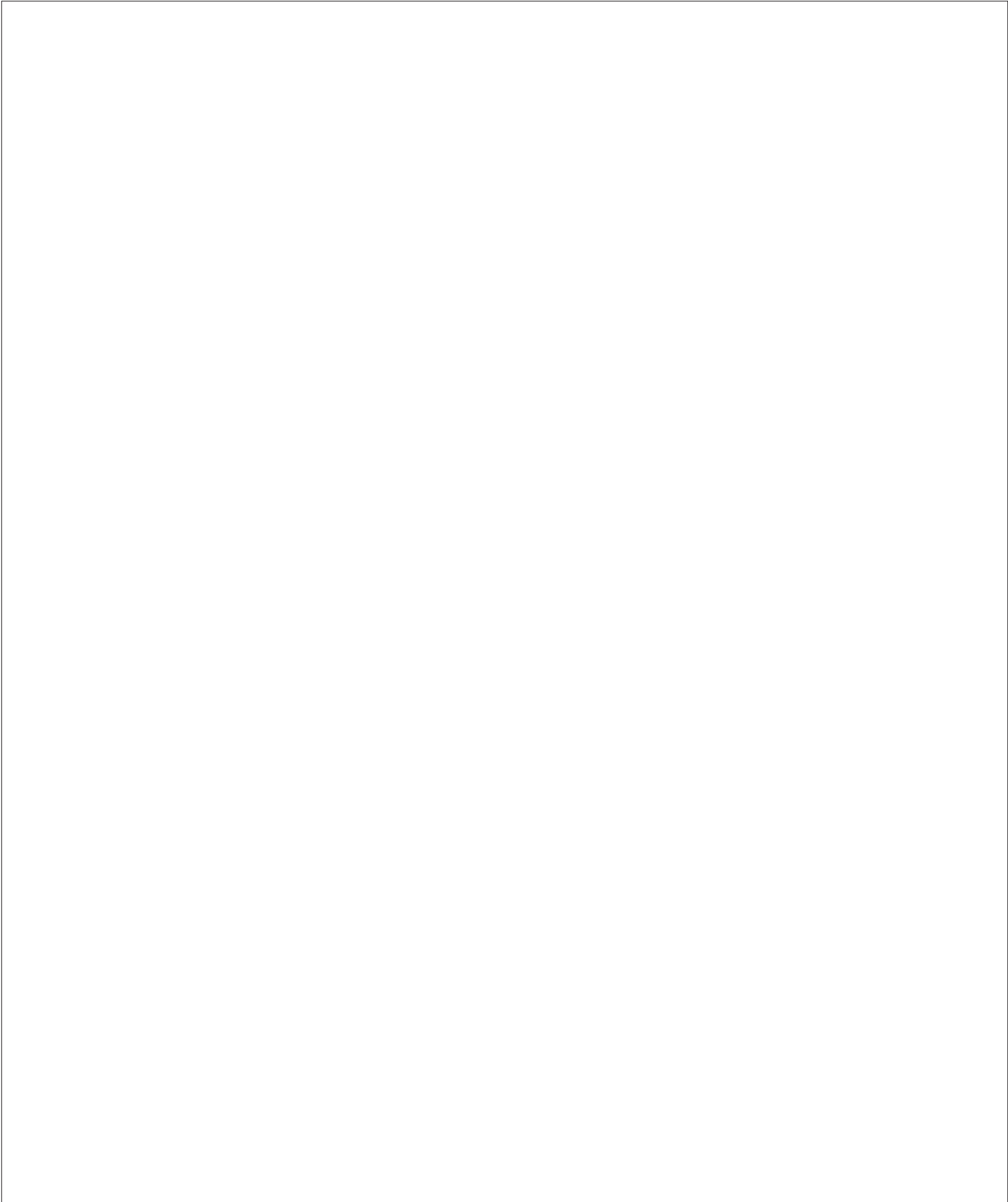
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ELECTION SUMMARY

The Cherokee Nation held its general election on November 2, 1999. The Cherokee Nation is a sovereign nation with its own government. The Cherokee Nation is located in North Carolina. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Gaming Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Education Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Health Care Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Business Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Labor Council. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Political Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Religious Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Sports Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Arts and Crafts Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Music Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Dance Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Theater Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Film Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Television Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Radio Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Press Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Publishing Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Book Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Music Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Dance Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Theater Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Film Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Television Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Radio Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Press Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Publishing Association. The Cherokee Nation is a member of the National Indian Book Association.

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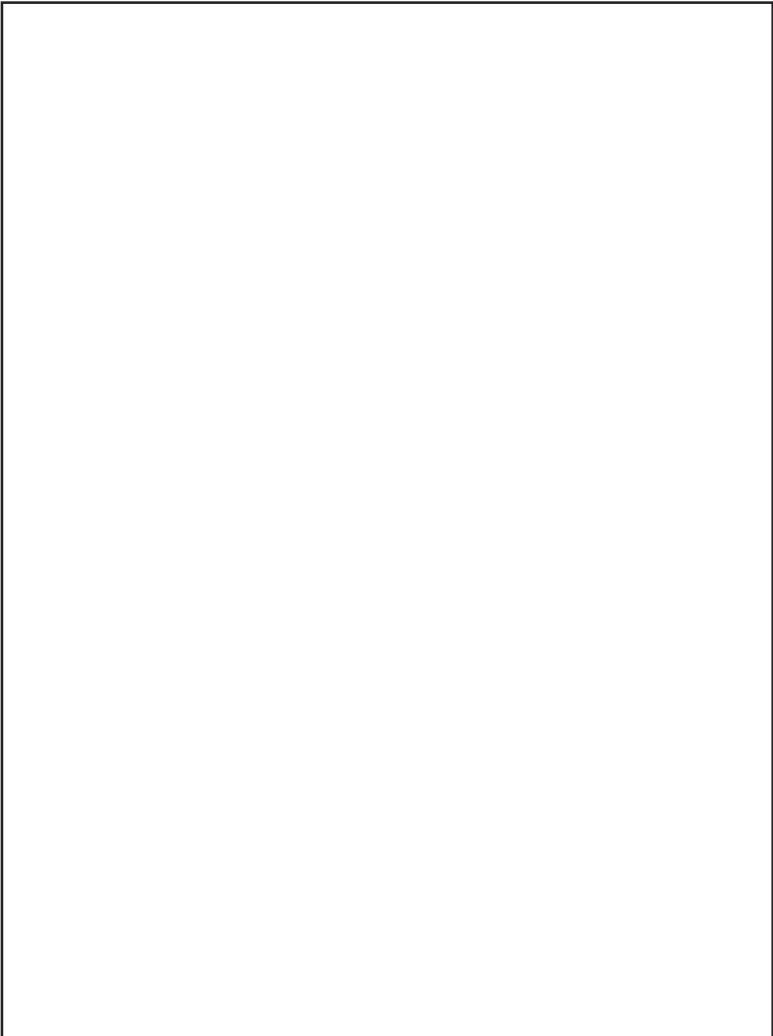
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cover as many polling sites as possible on election day, the Center's observers visited 32 precincts

that more than once without notice to ensure no one knew in advance of their arrival.

With regard to assessing the electoral process, Carter Center observers applied international standards of popular participation and free and genuine elections to Cherokee electoral laws and procedures.

The observers systematically surveyed each precinct, summarizing adherence to opening and closing procedures as well as the general vote (see Appendix A). The information provided a comprehensive overview of election day, including voting activities around the polling sites and closing and counting procedures. This method enabled the delegation to guarantee that isolated incidents did not inadvertently become generalizations that could falsely characterize the election, and conversely, that patterns could be readily recognized.

The delegation assessed the election process using criteria that related minimal conditions for a free and fair election. These conditions included whether:

3 There were no reasonable limitations on citizens' ability to participate in the political process, including the right to a secret vote and the right to be elected to office.

3 Respect for the rights of freedom of expression, association, and assembly for a period adequately allowed political organizing and campaigning to inform citizens about the candidates and issues.

3 There was integrity of the balloting process, including whether the candidate or party that receives the proportion of the vote prescribed by law is allowed to resume office and power.

3 All candidates could depend on open and fair elections conducted on a level playing field.

3 The elections were as inclusive as possible.

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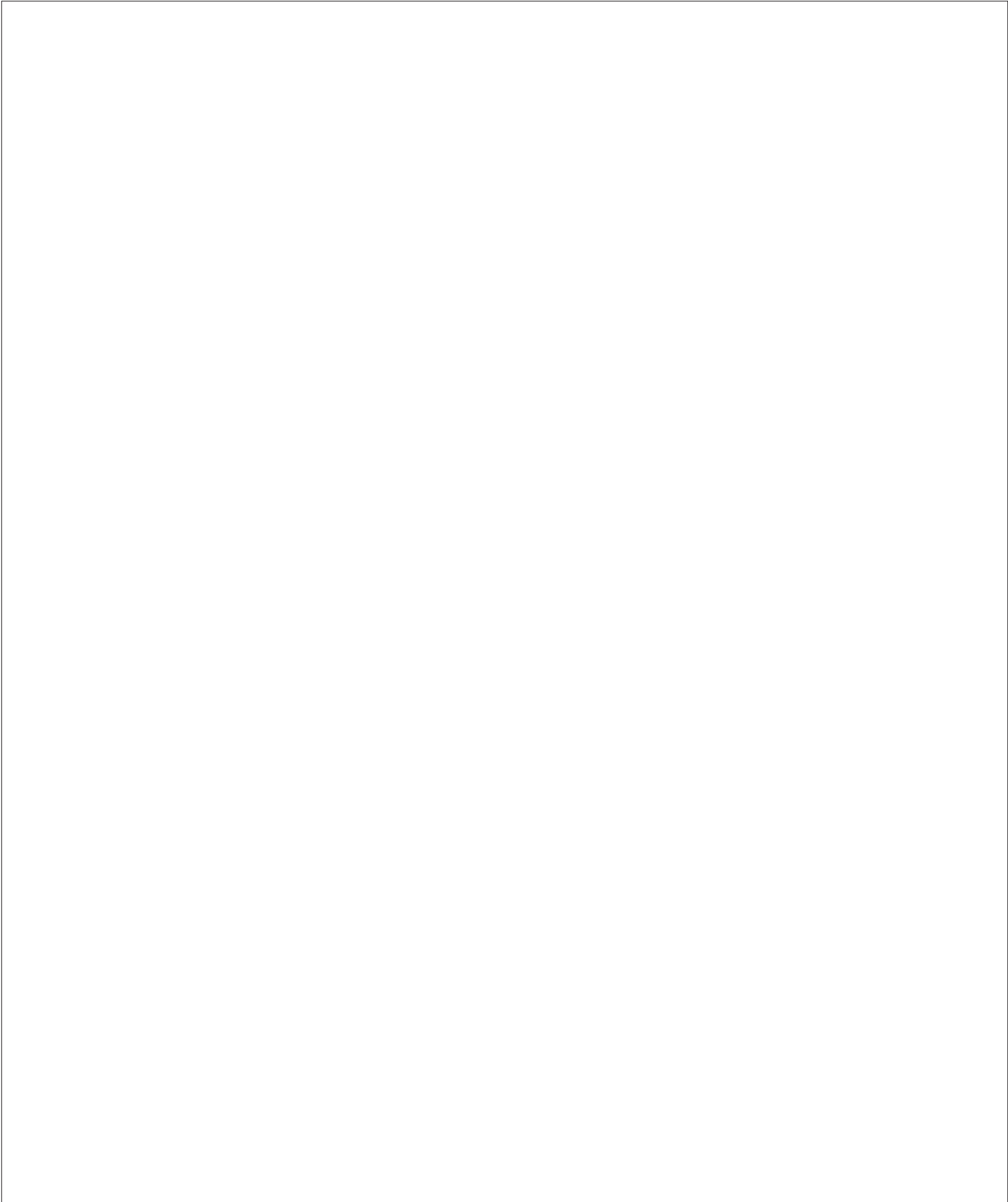
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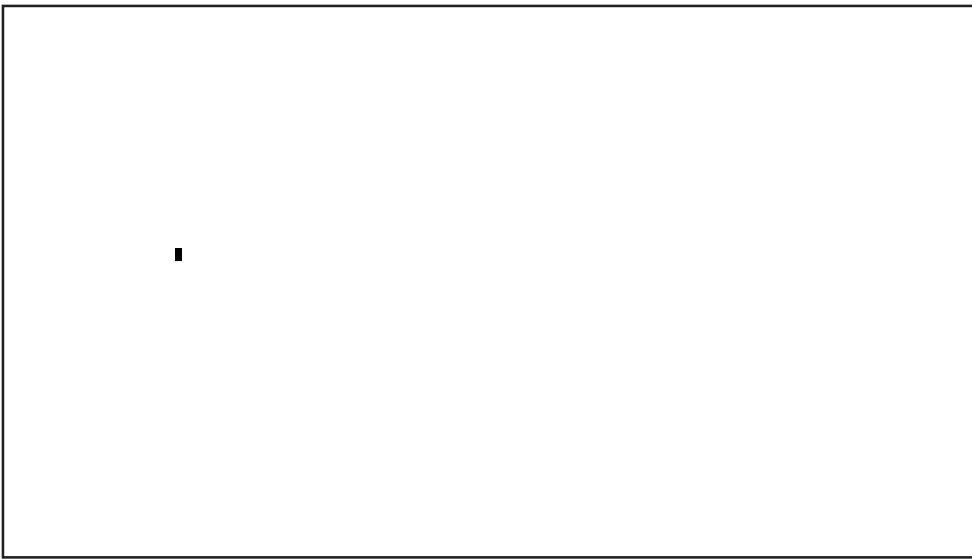
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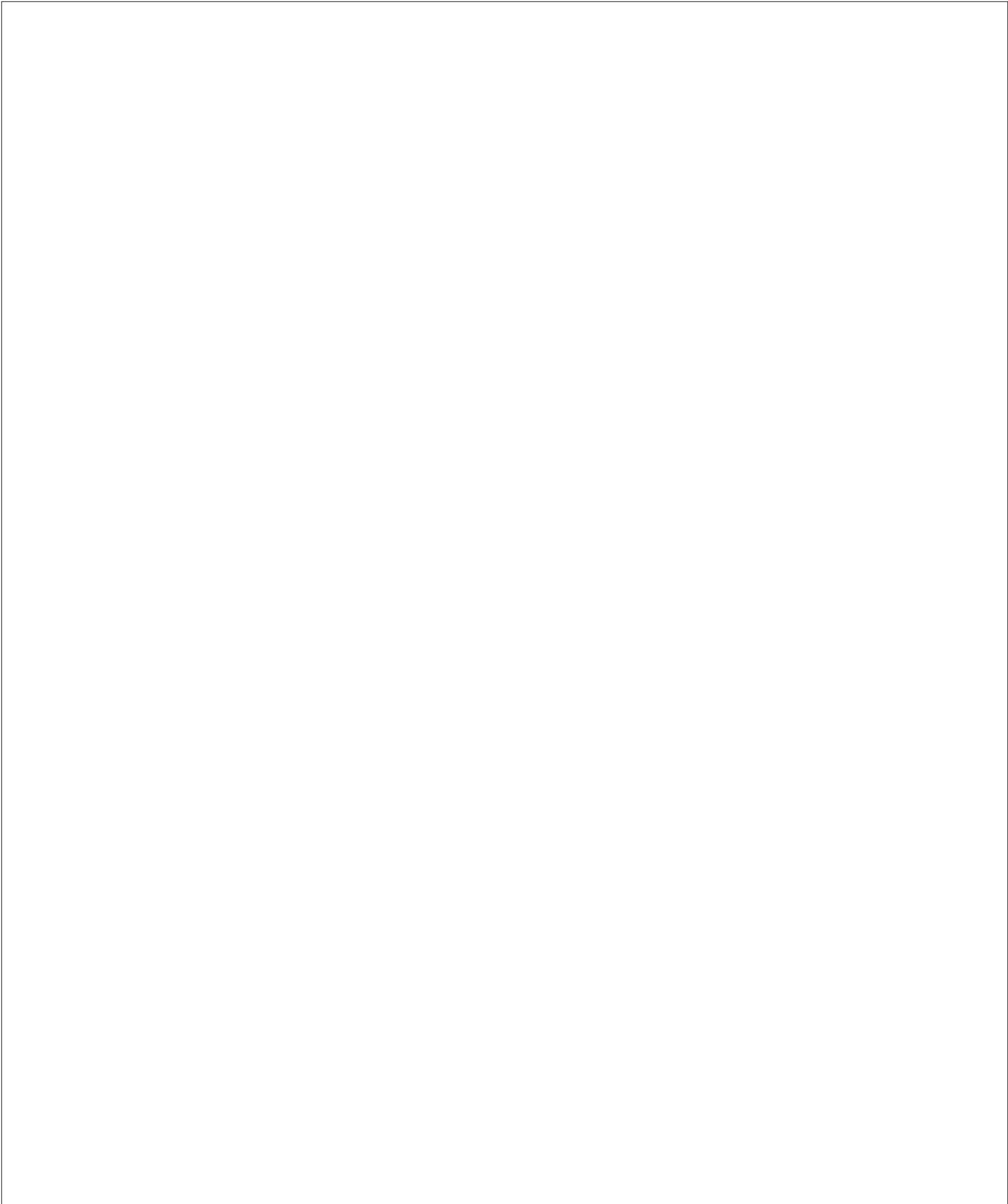
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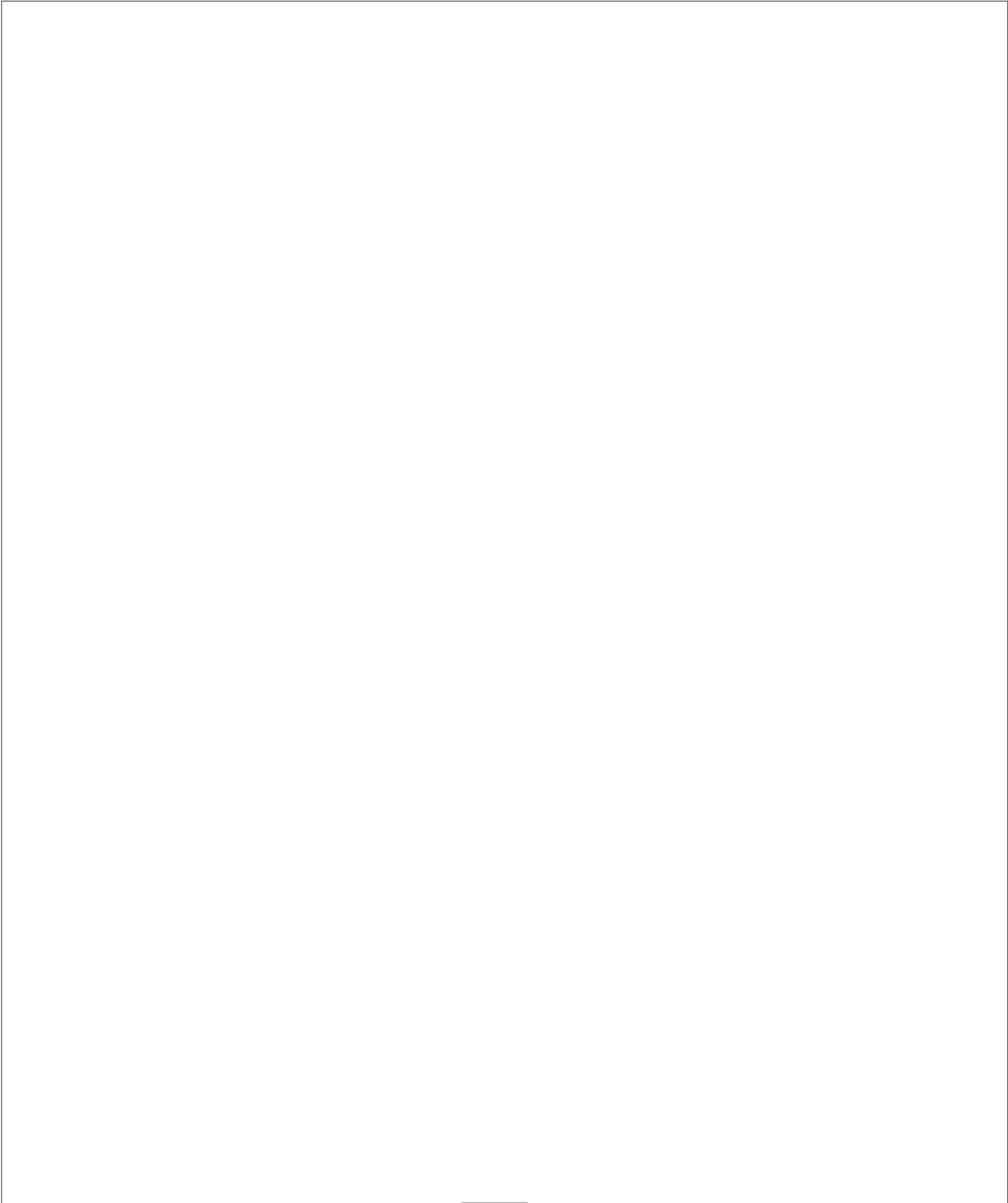
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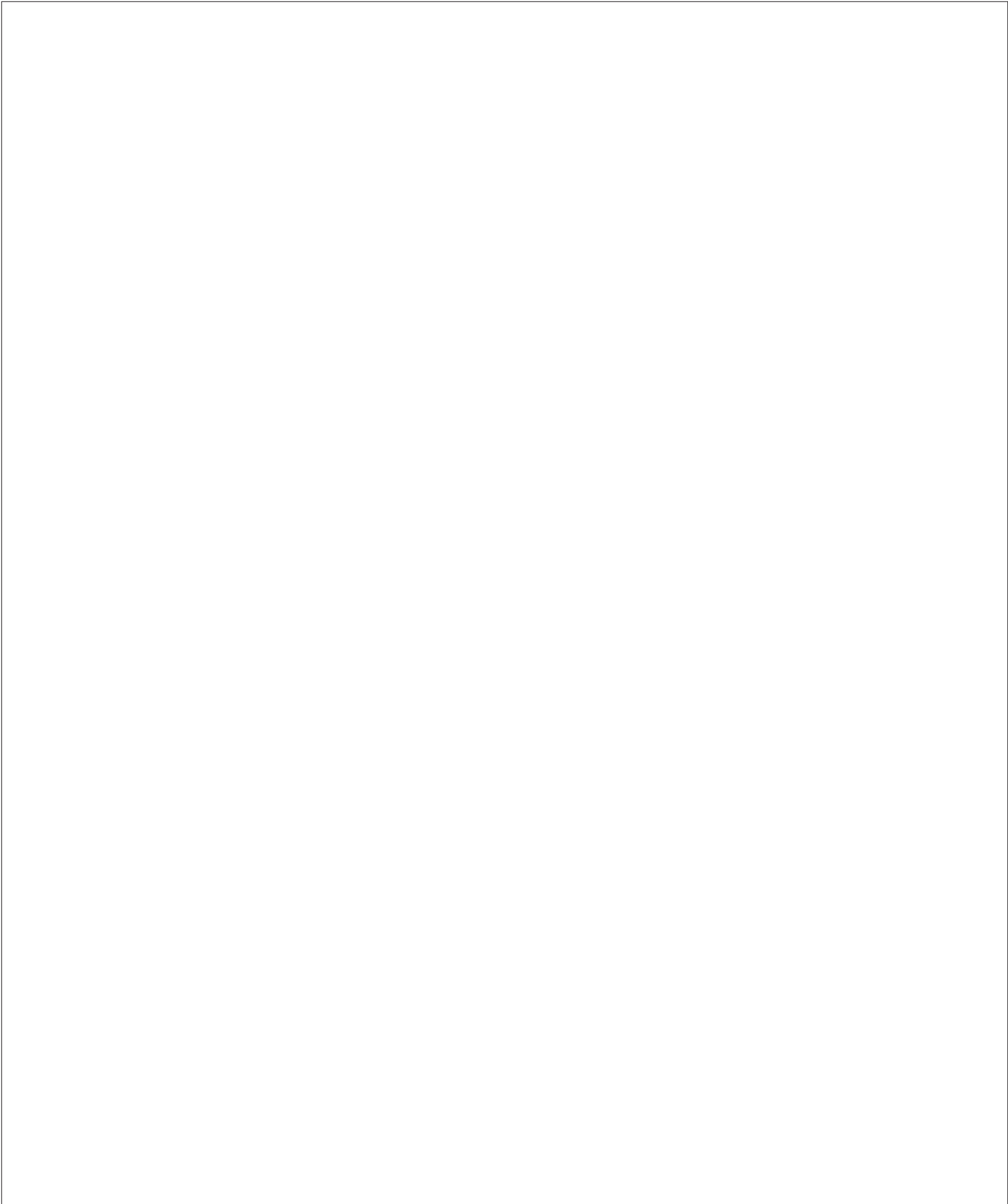
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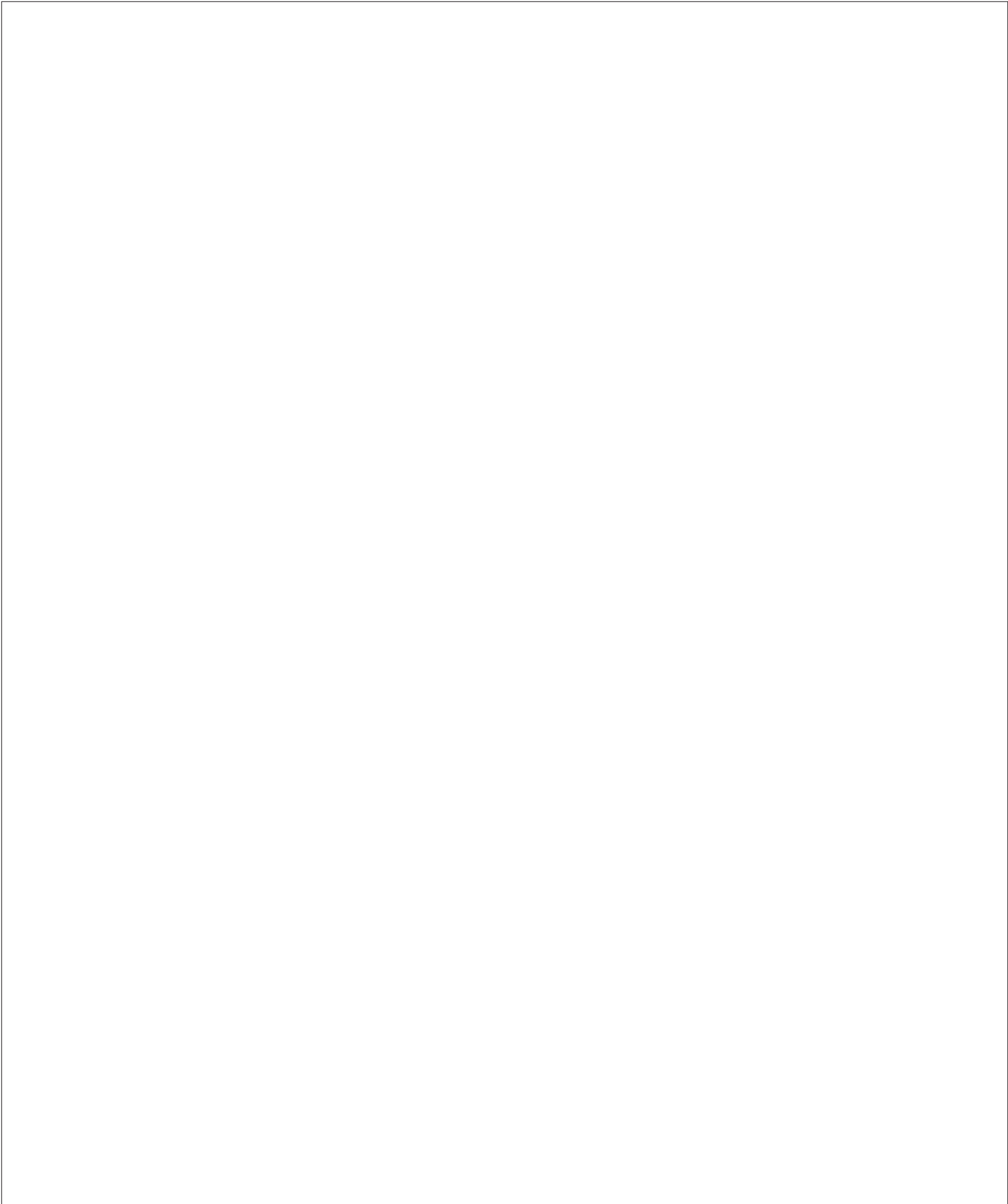


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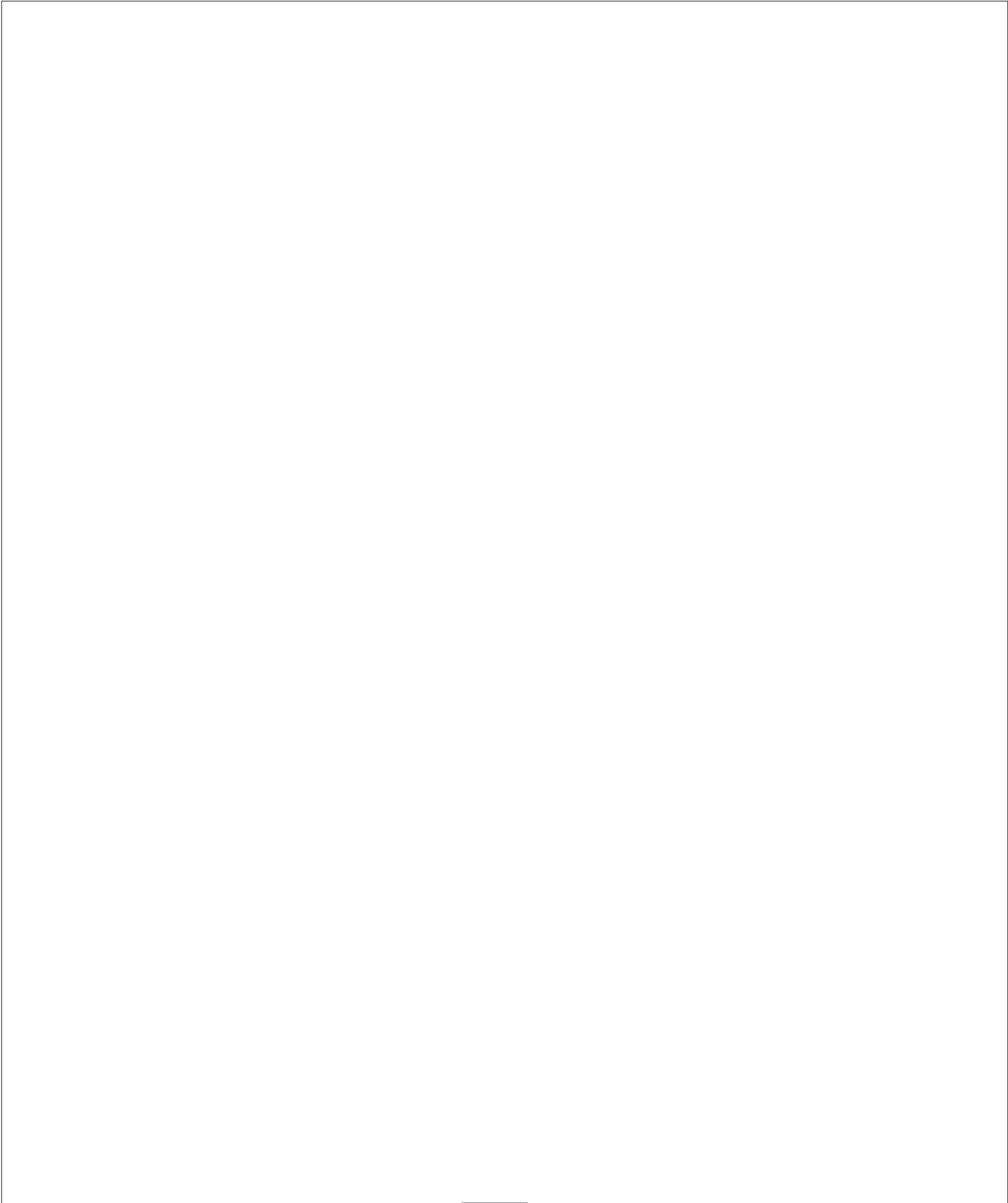
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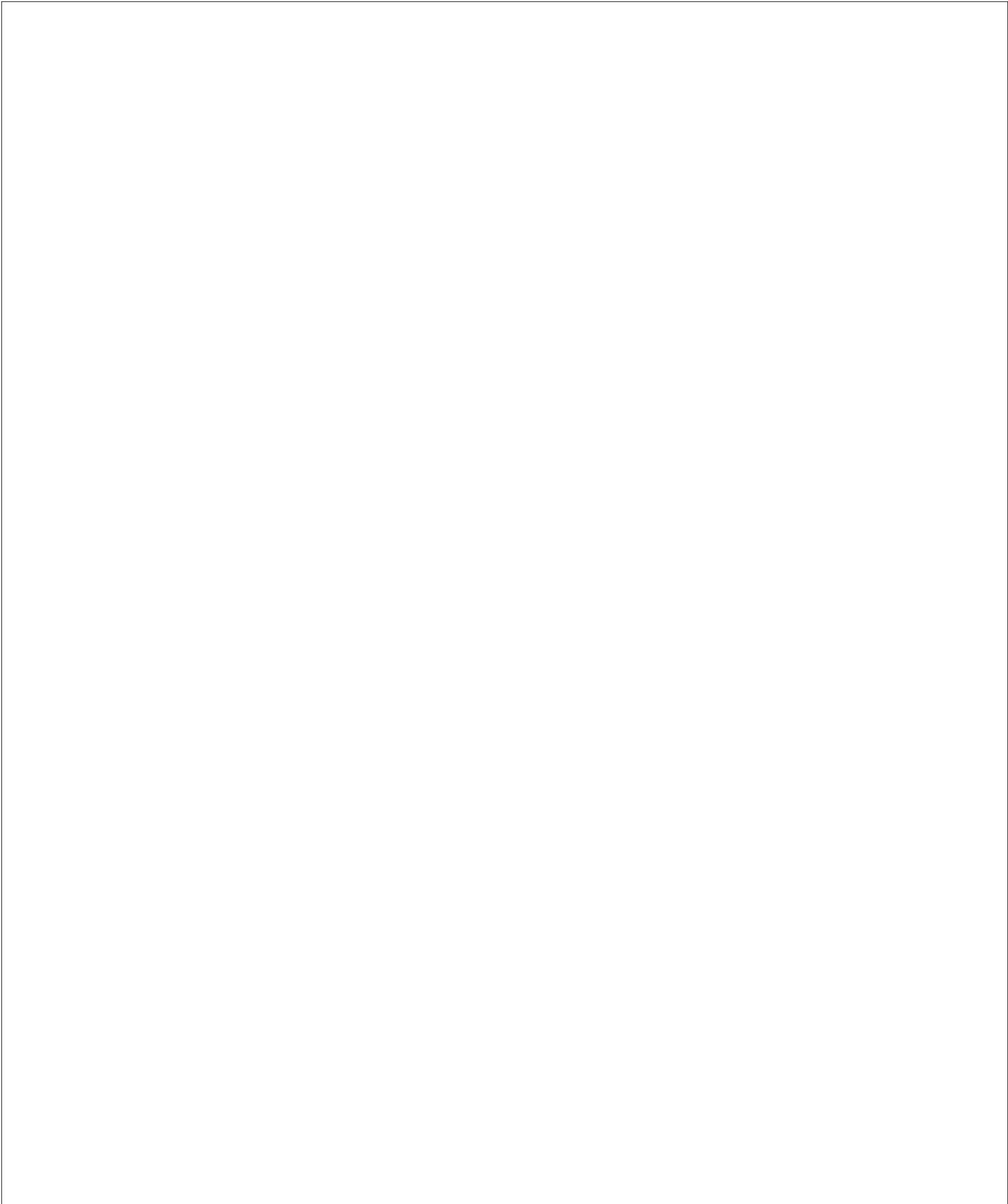
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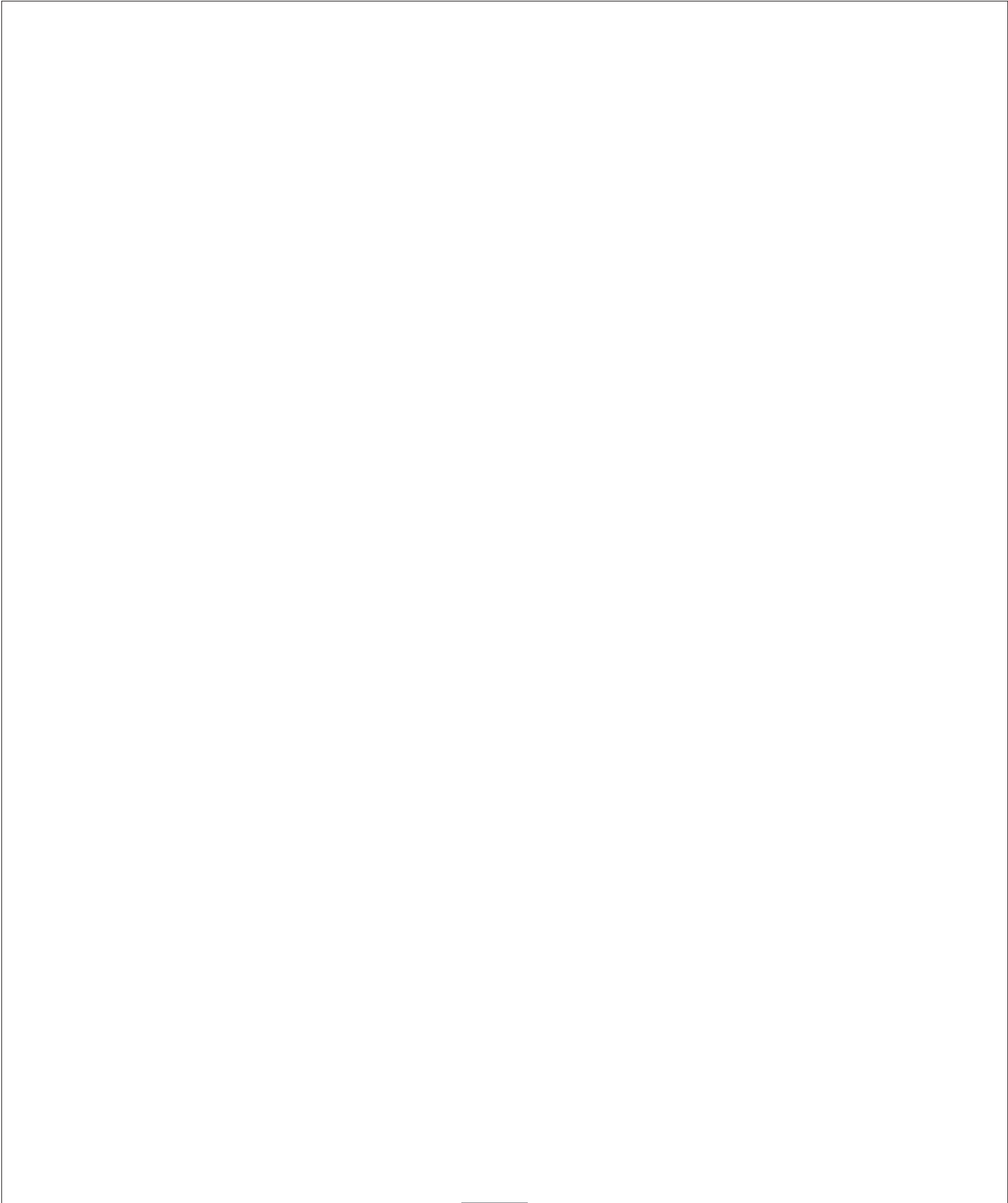
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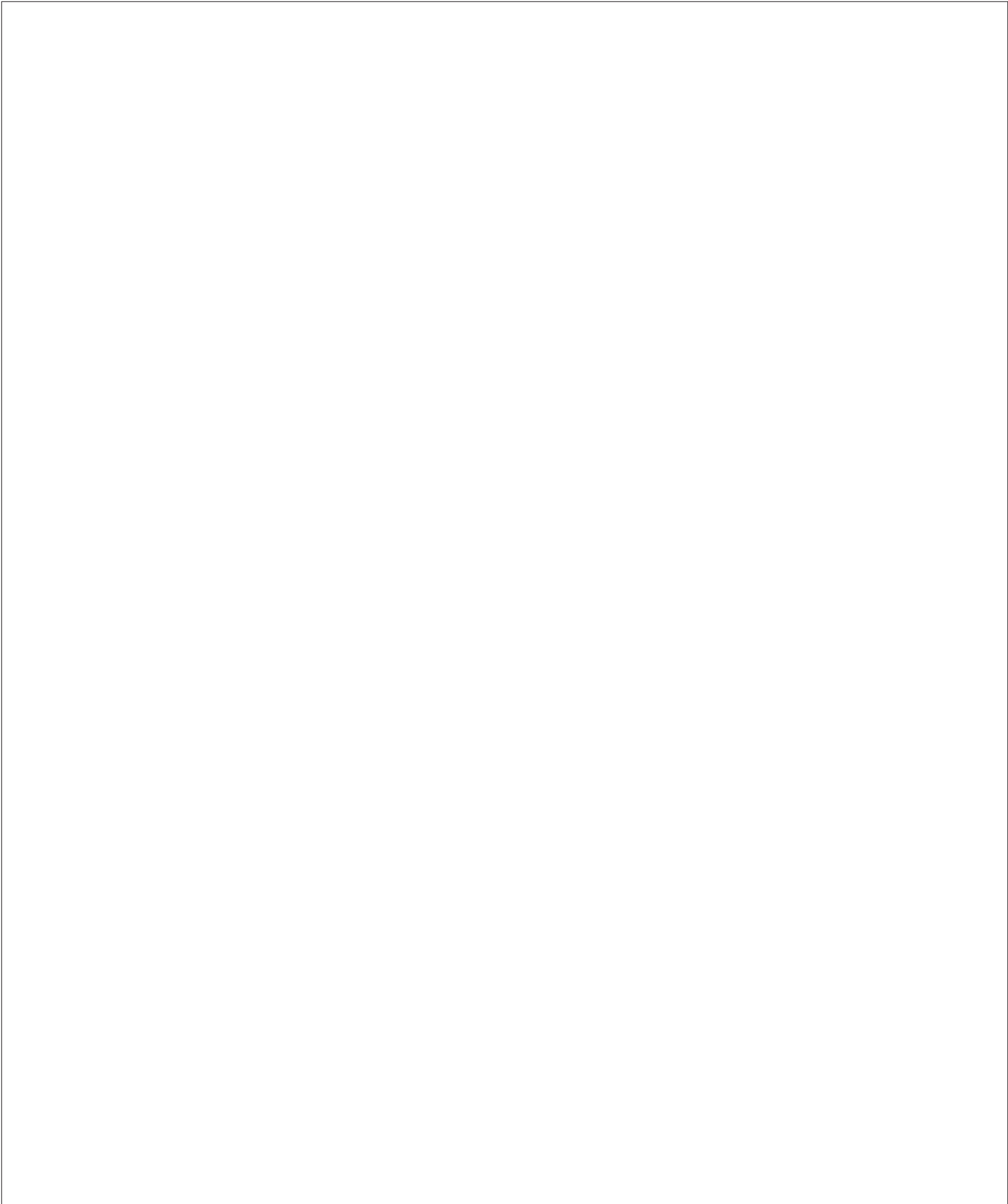
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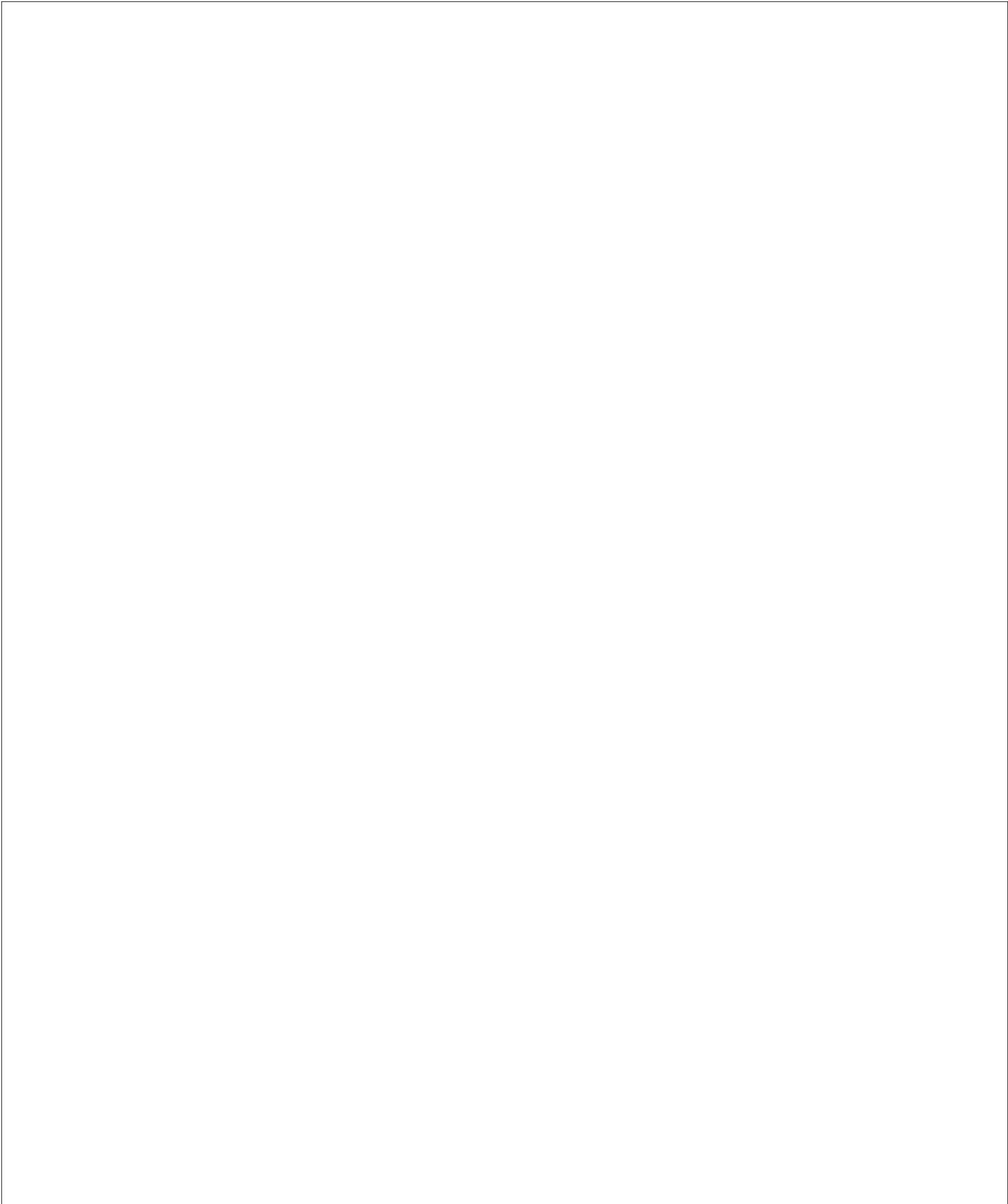


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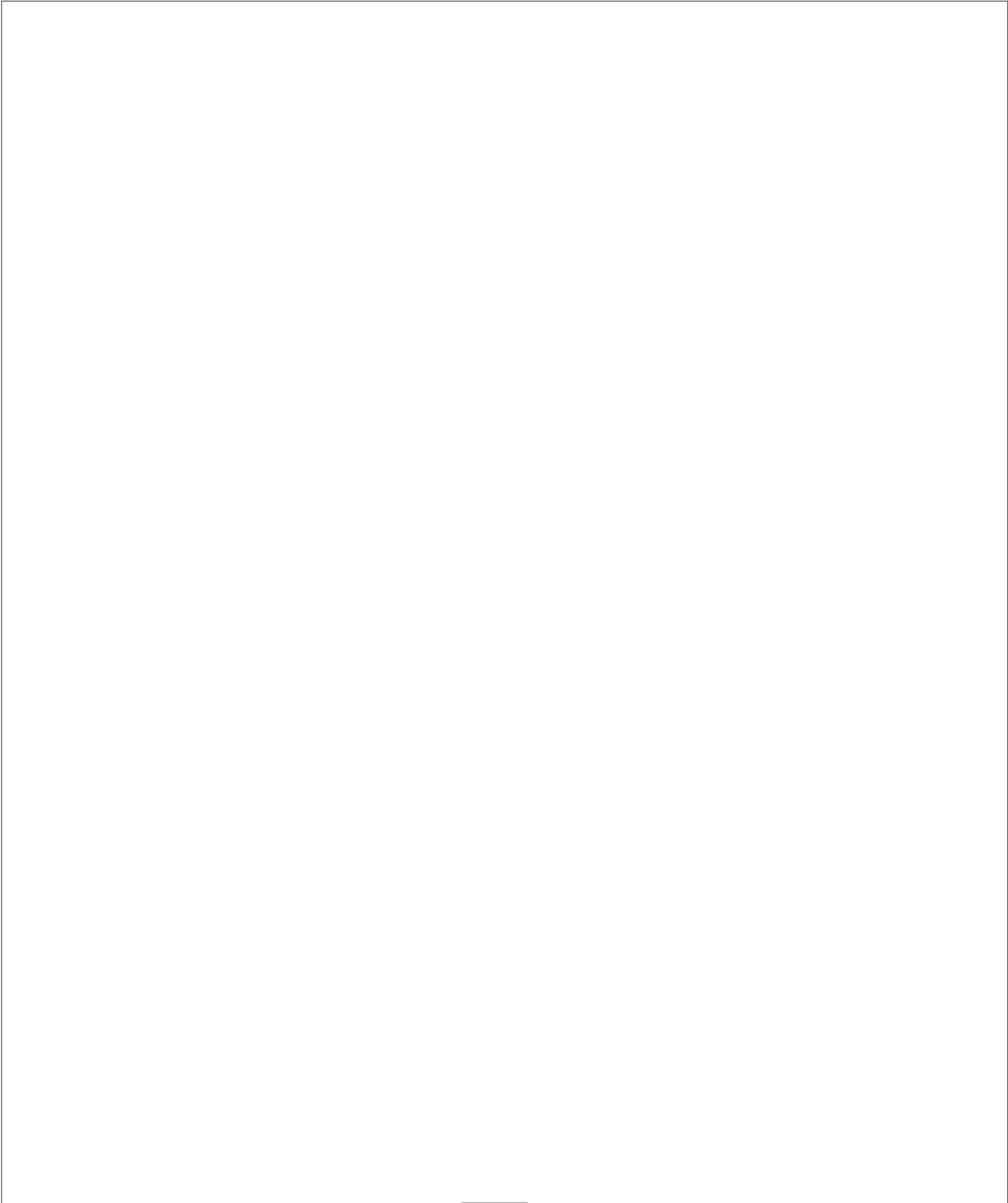
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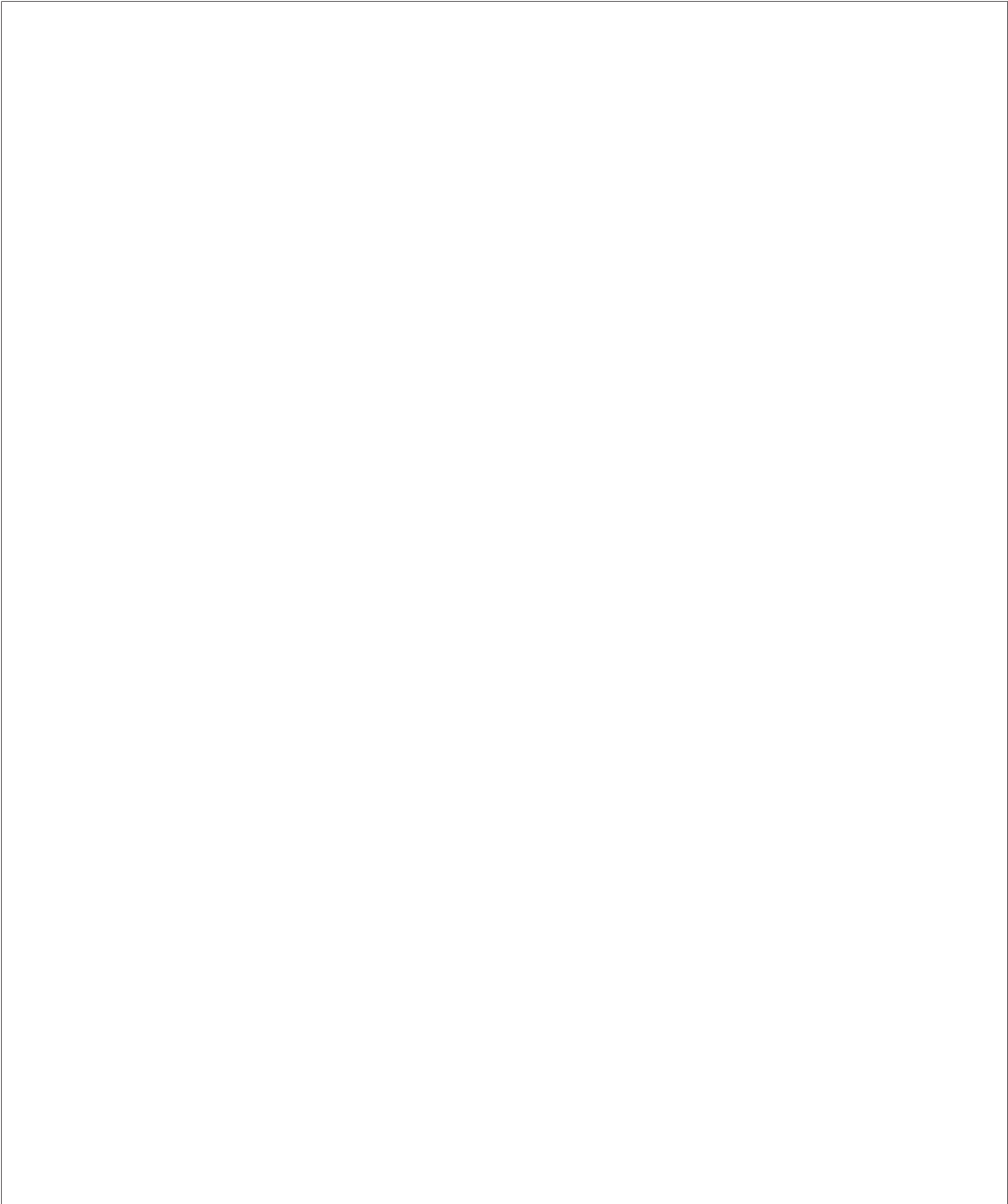


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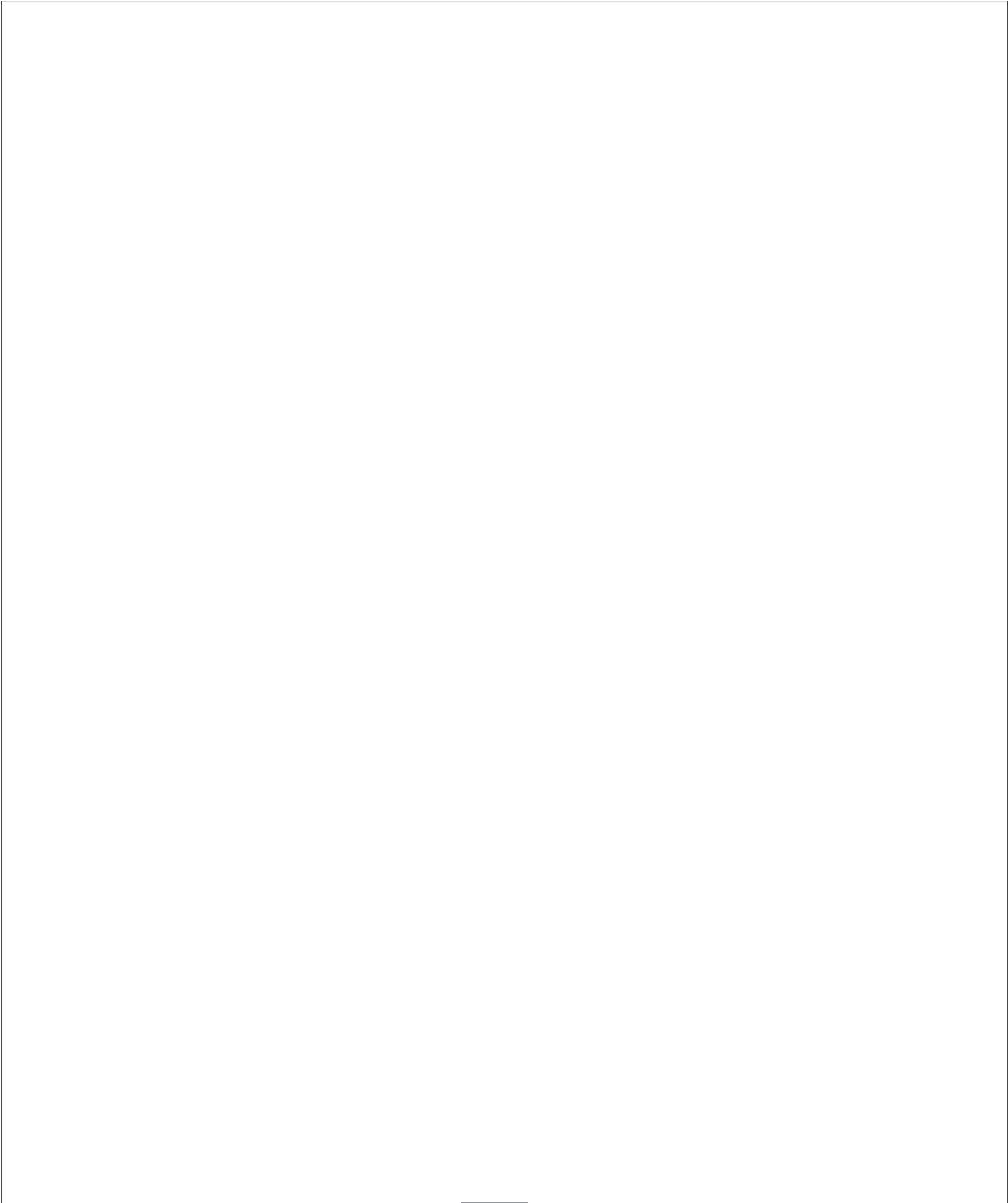




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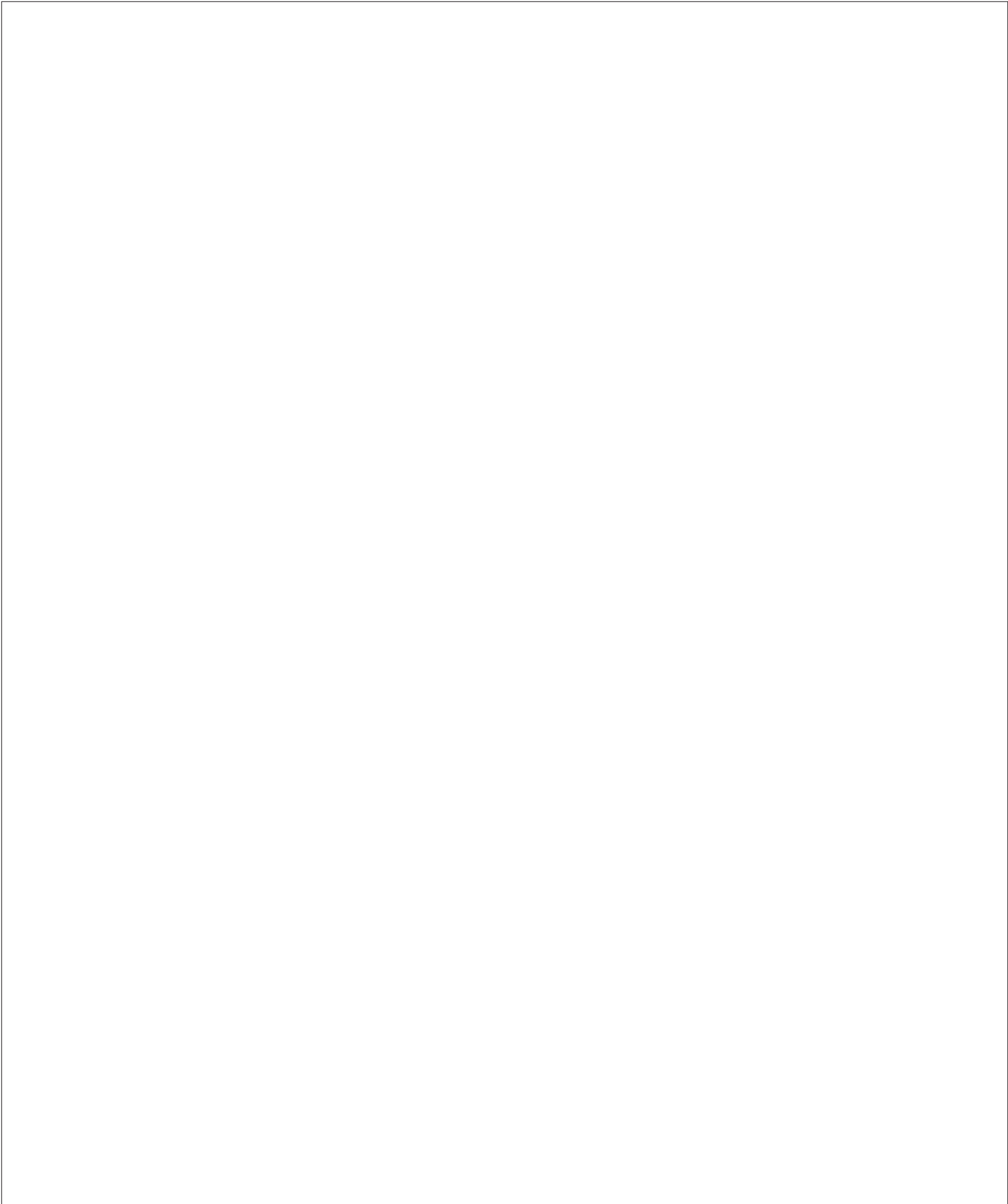


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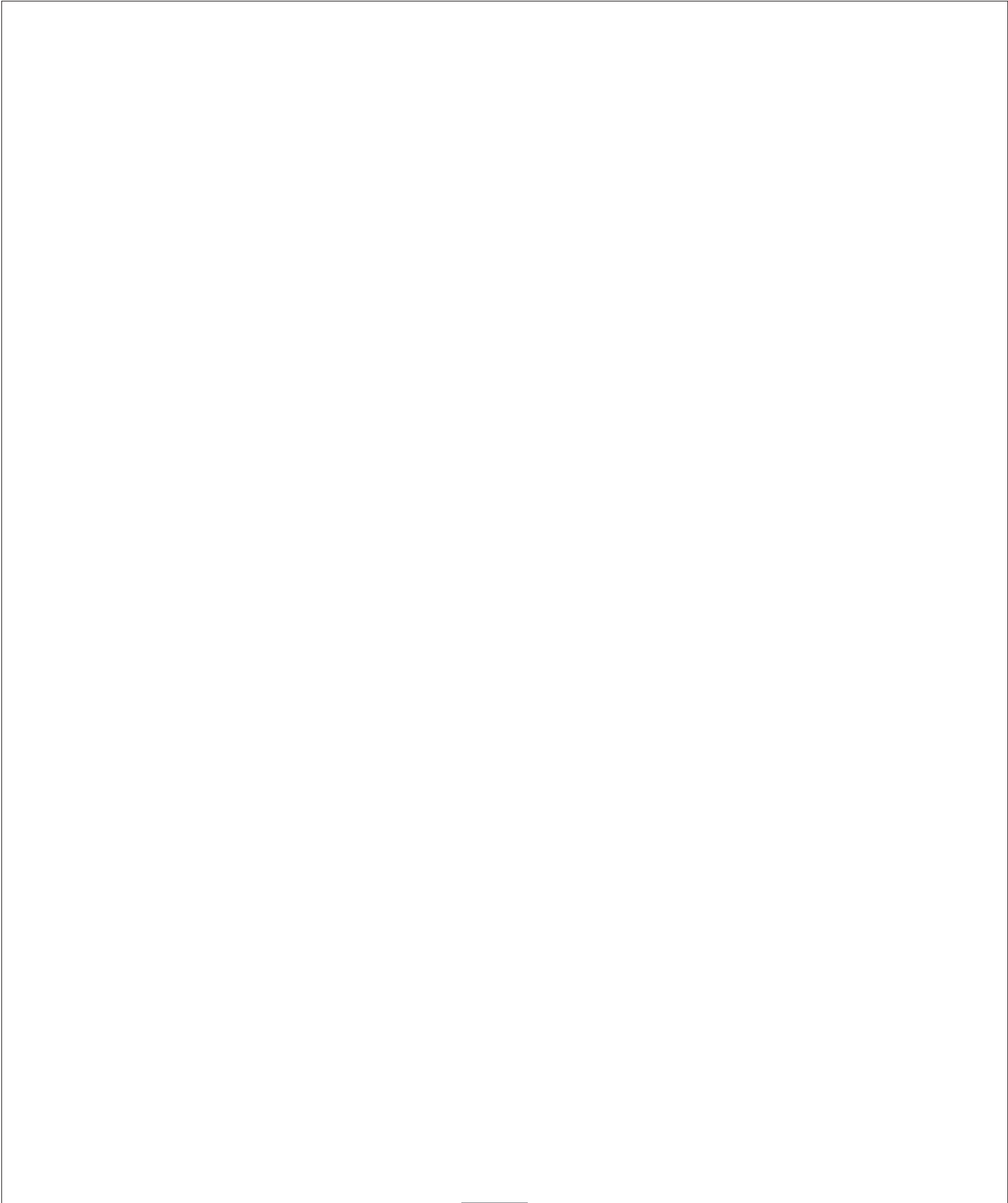




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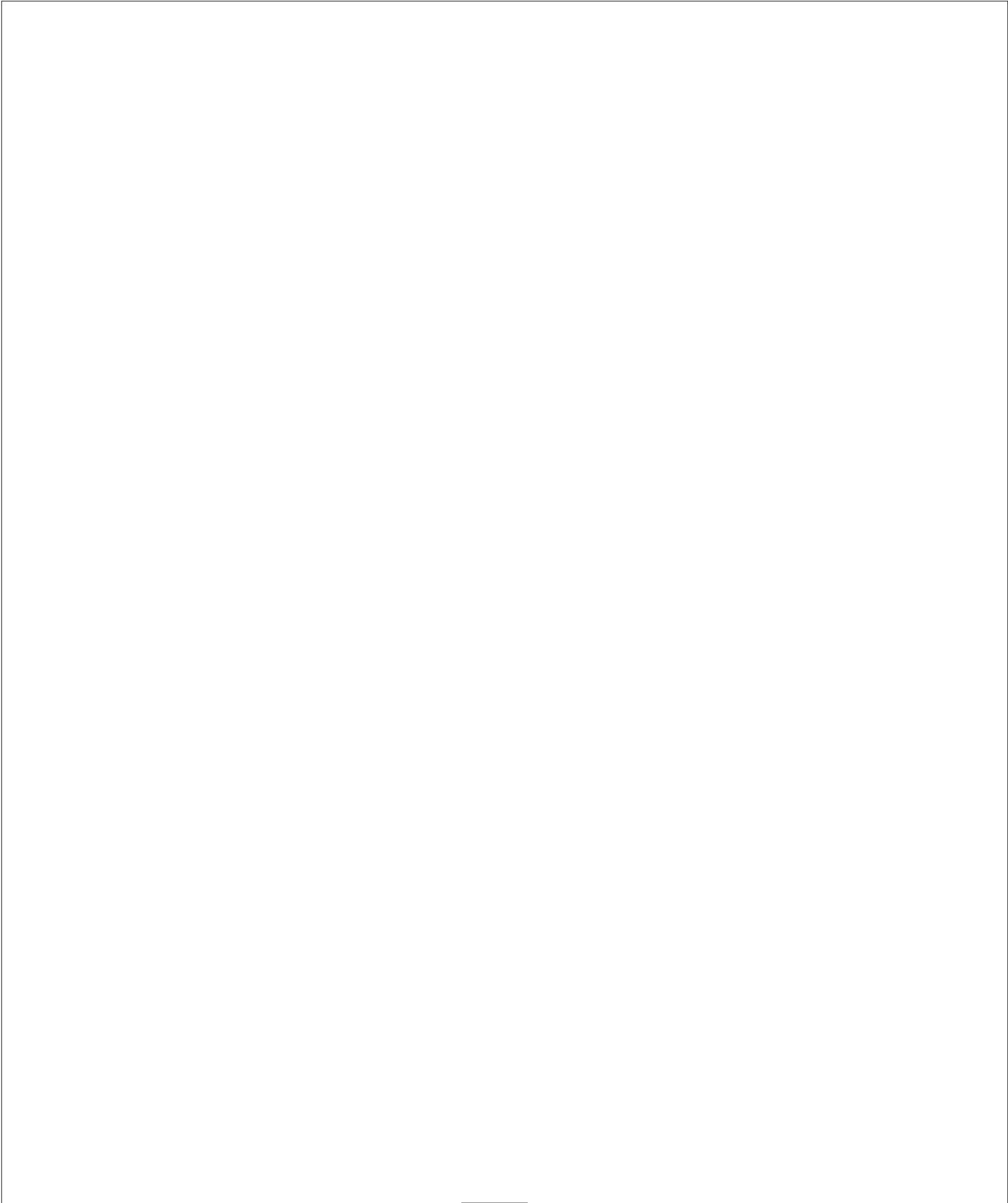
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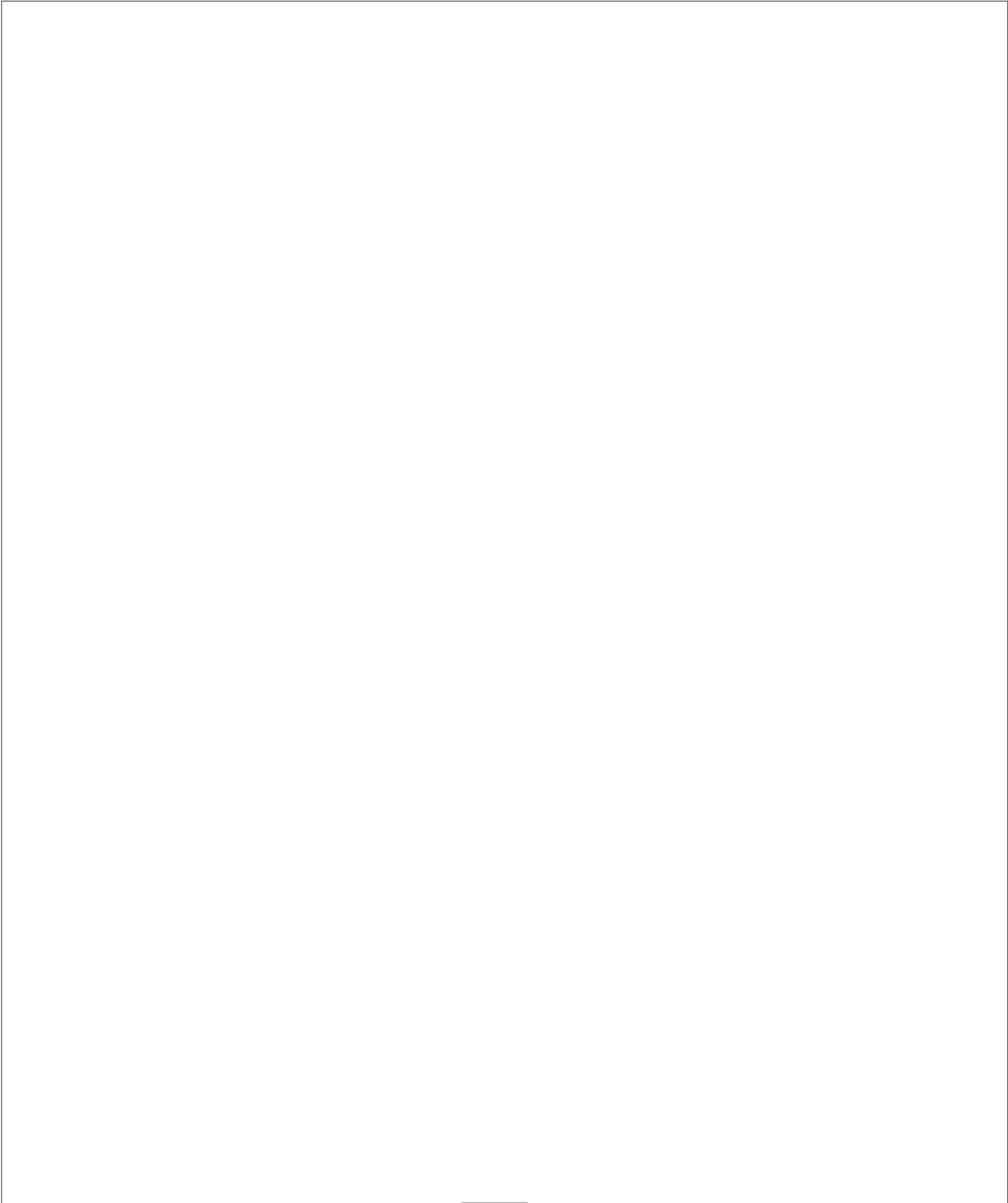
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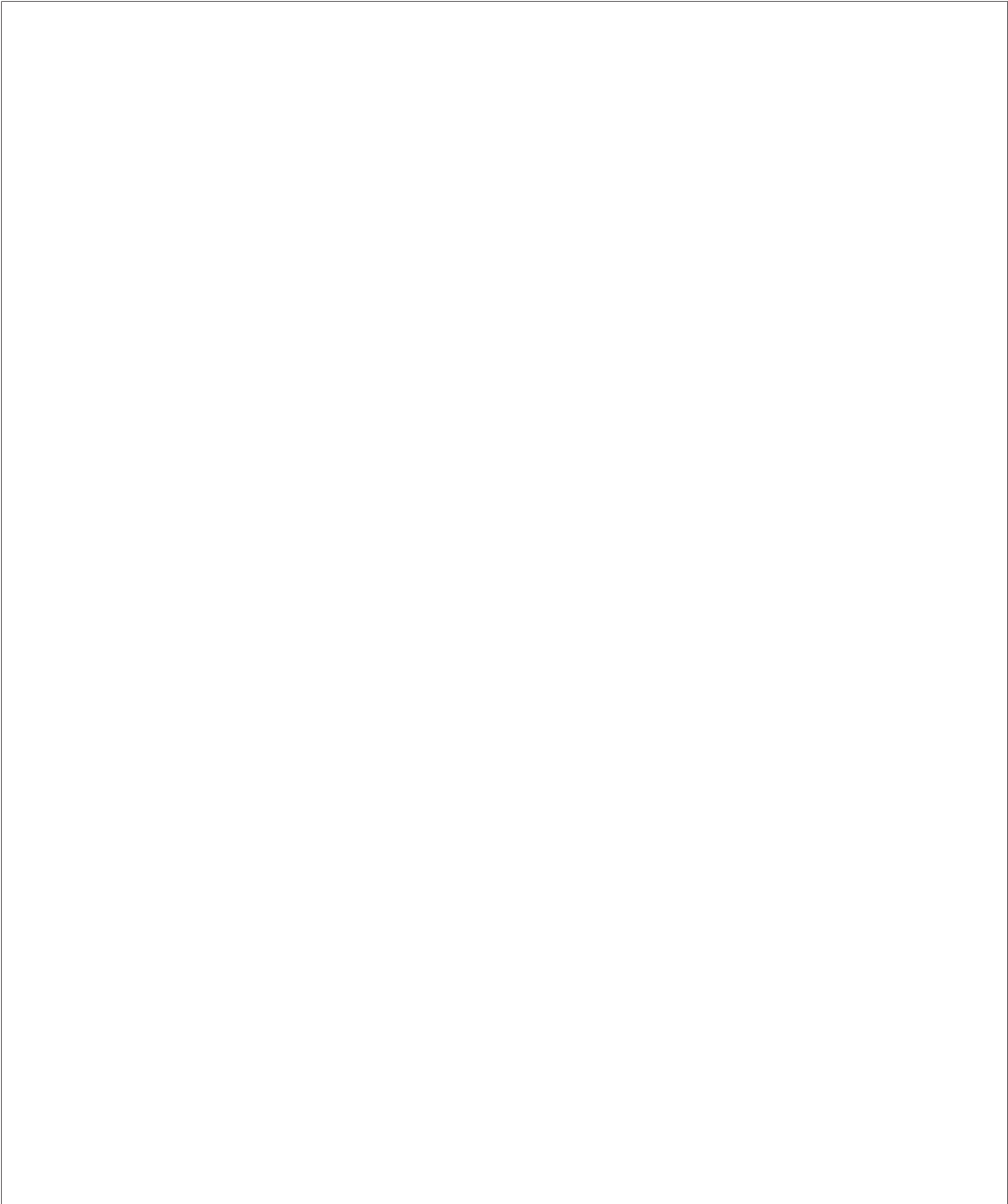


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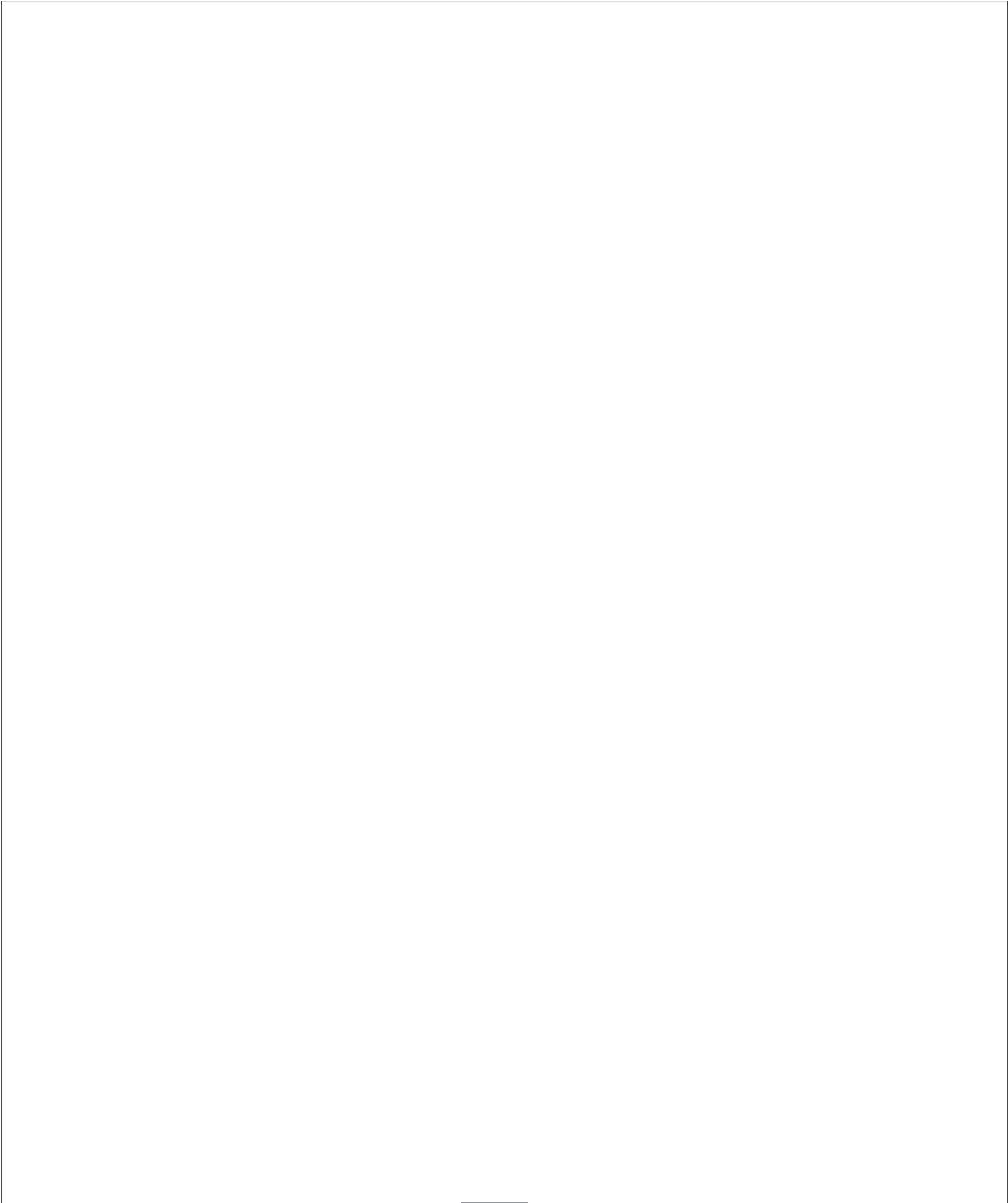




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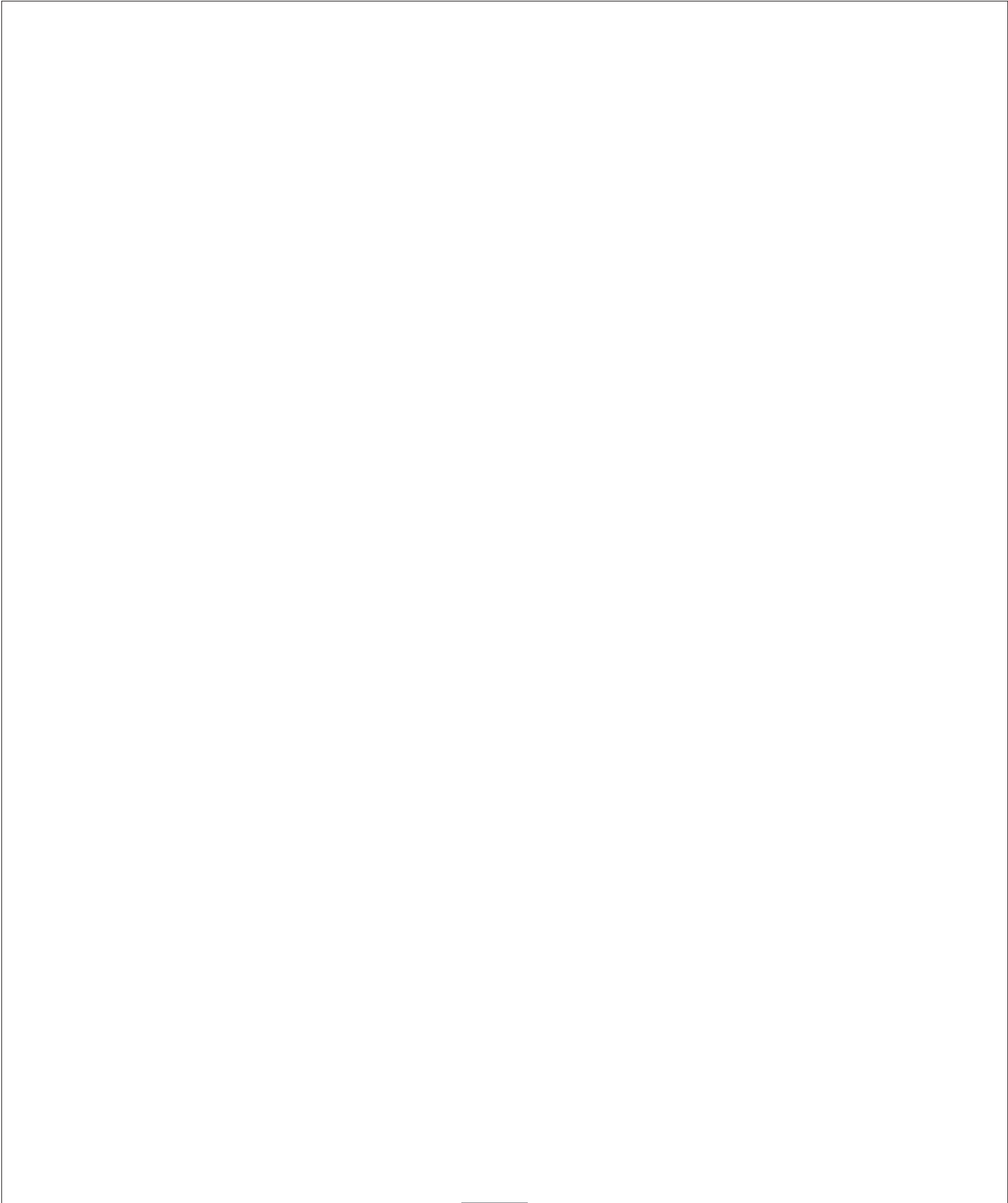
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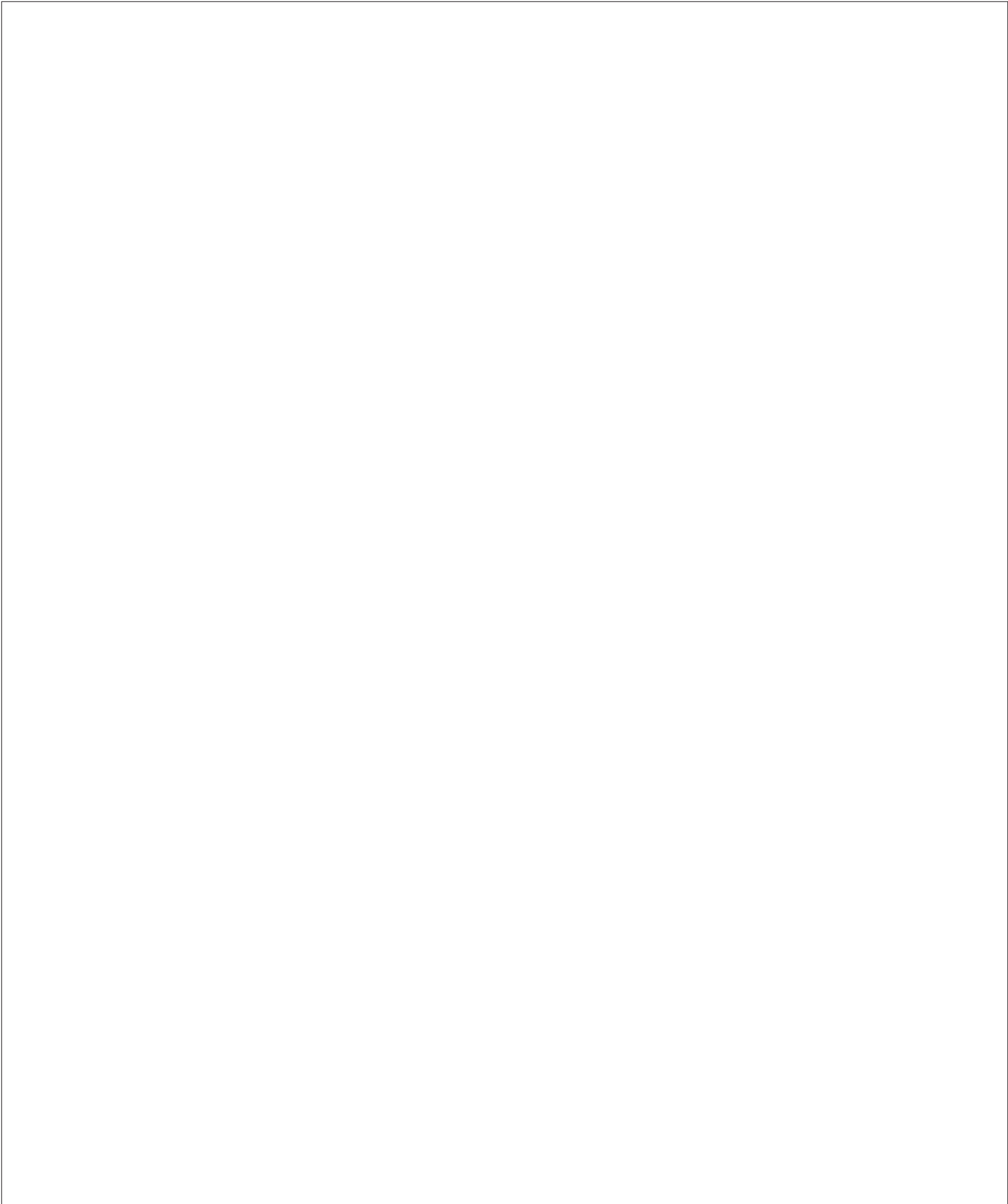
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- Respite care services
- Financial counseling
- Legal assistance
- Information and referrals

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- Support Group Facilitator
- Financial Counselor
- Legal Assistant

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