

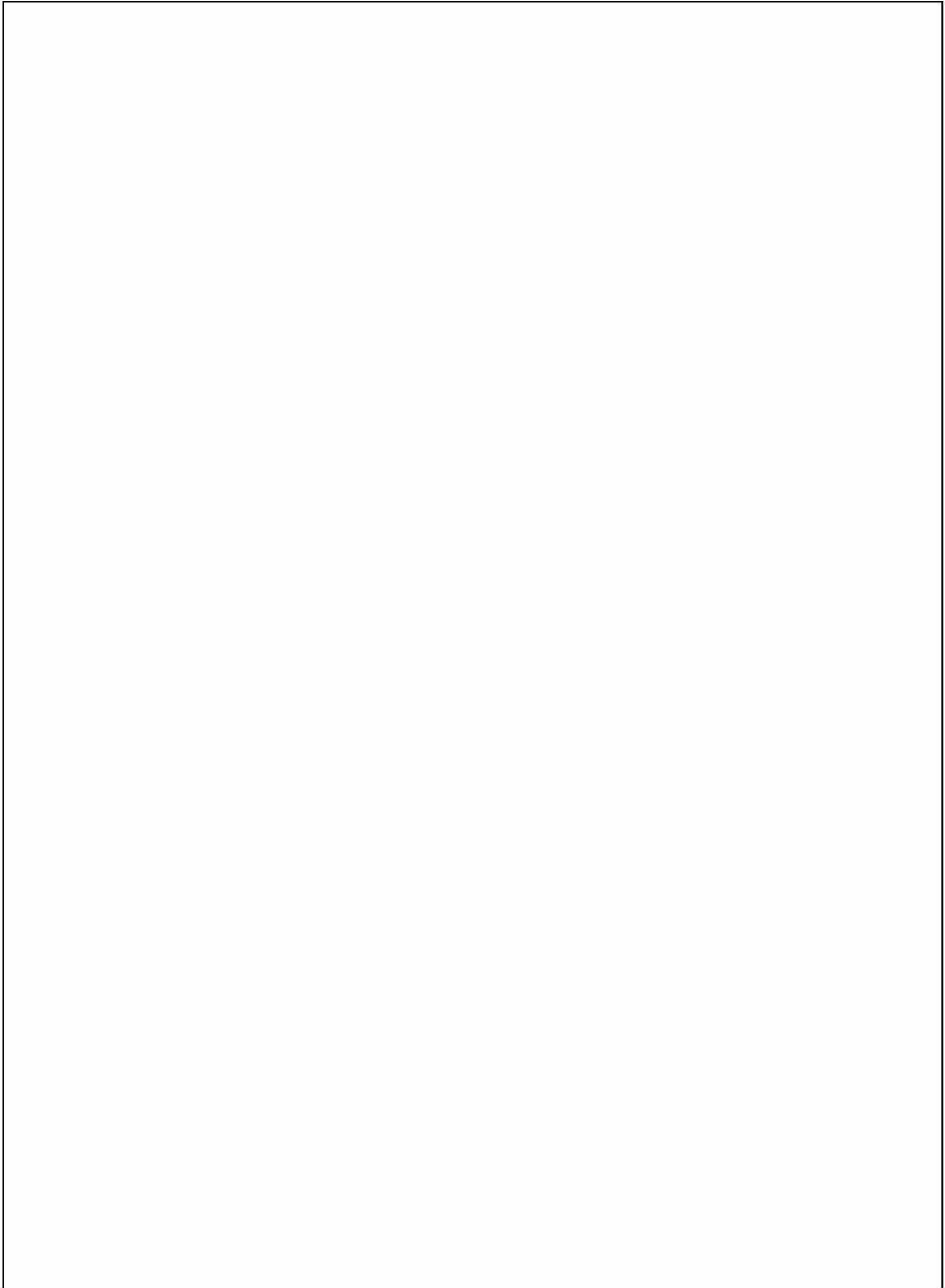
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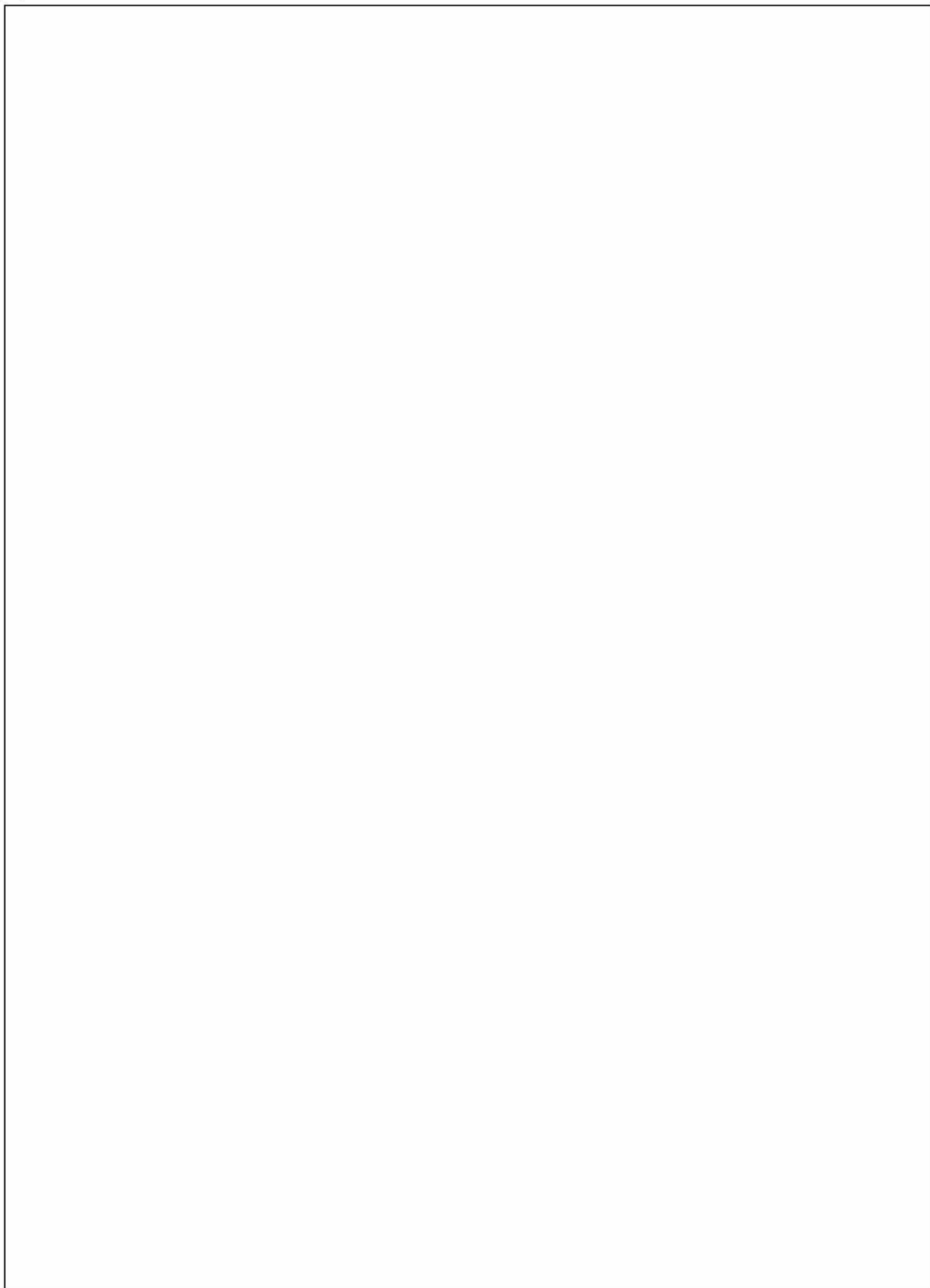
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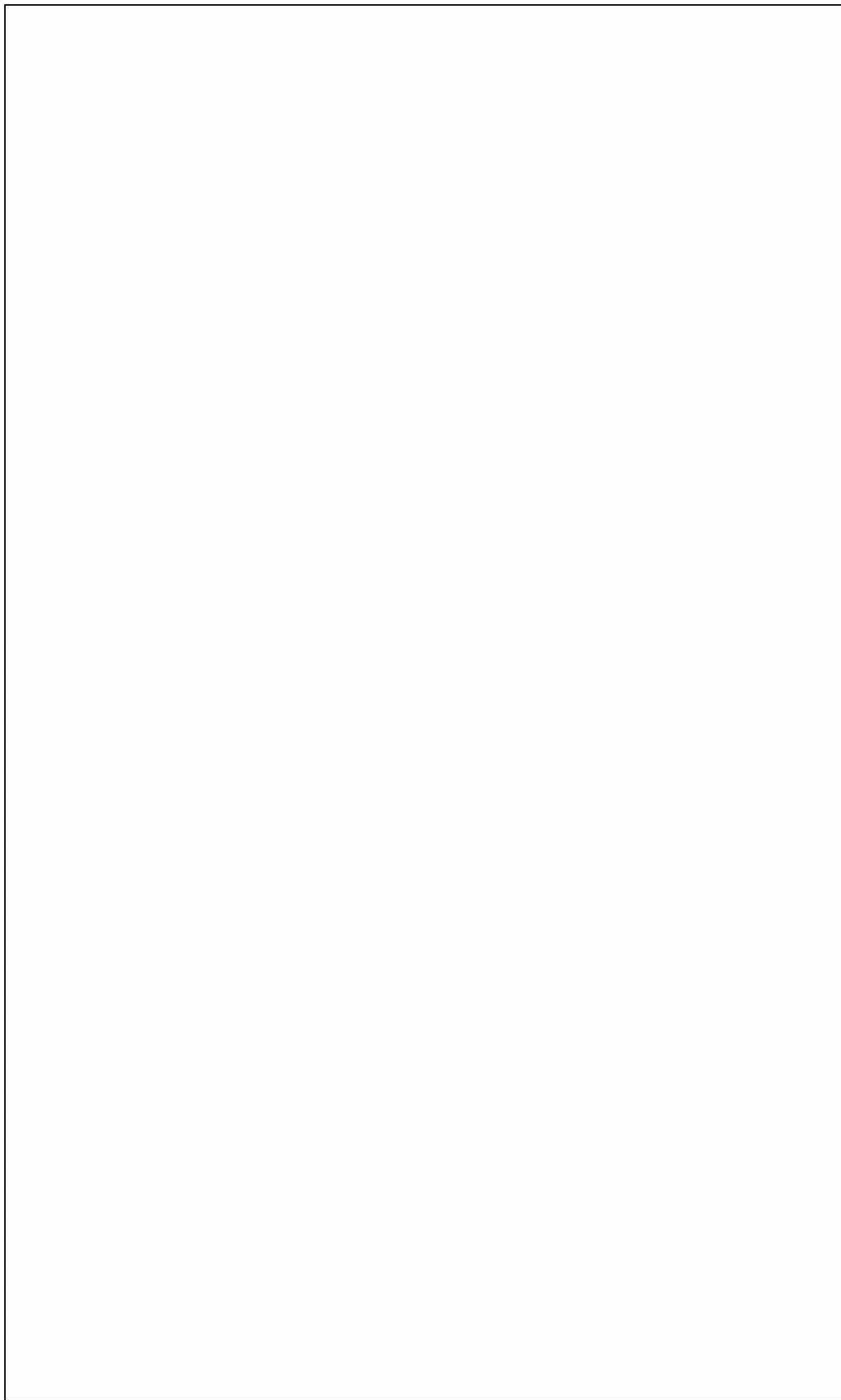
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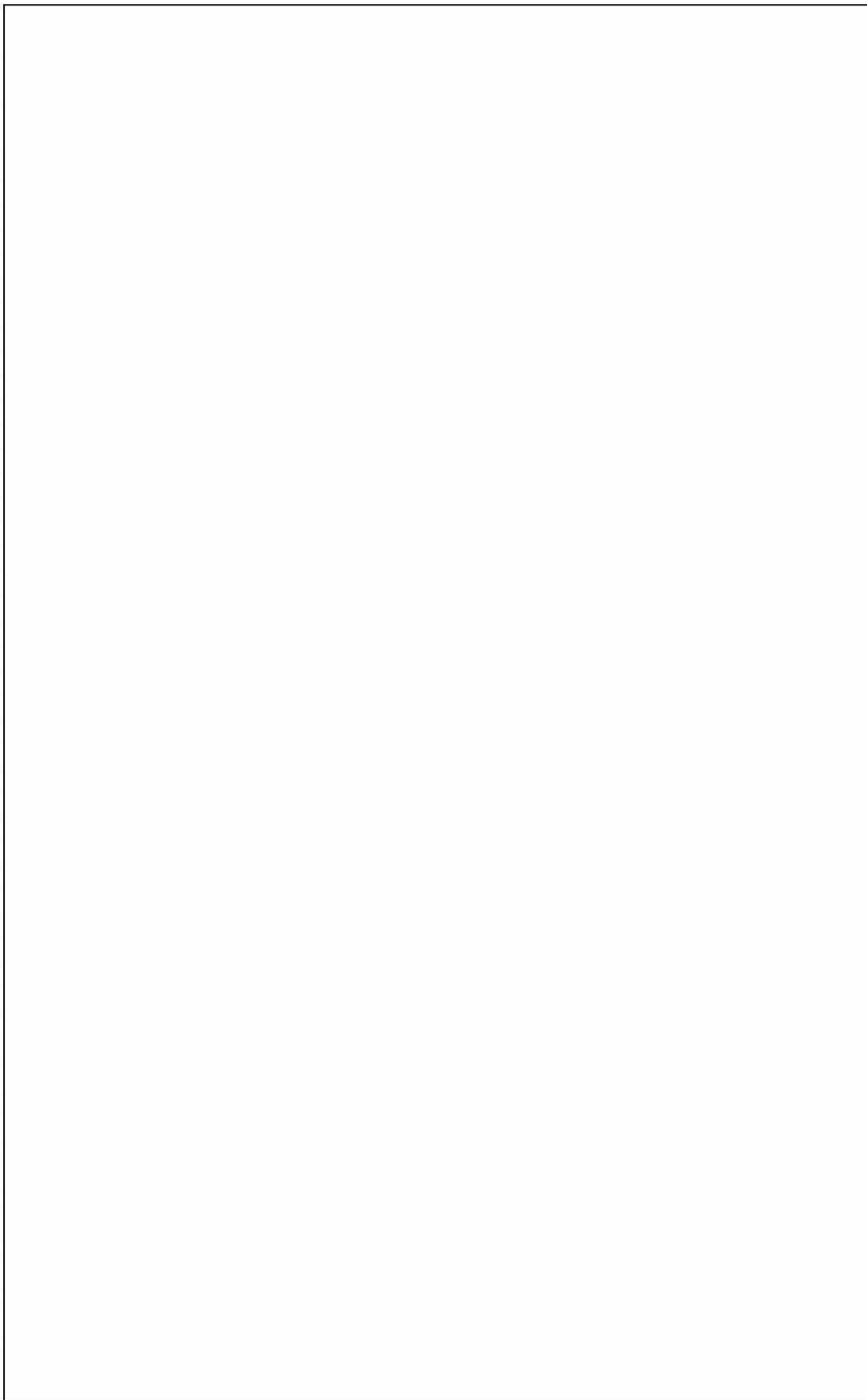
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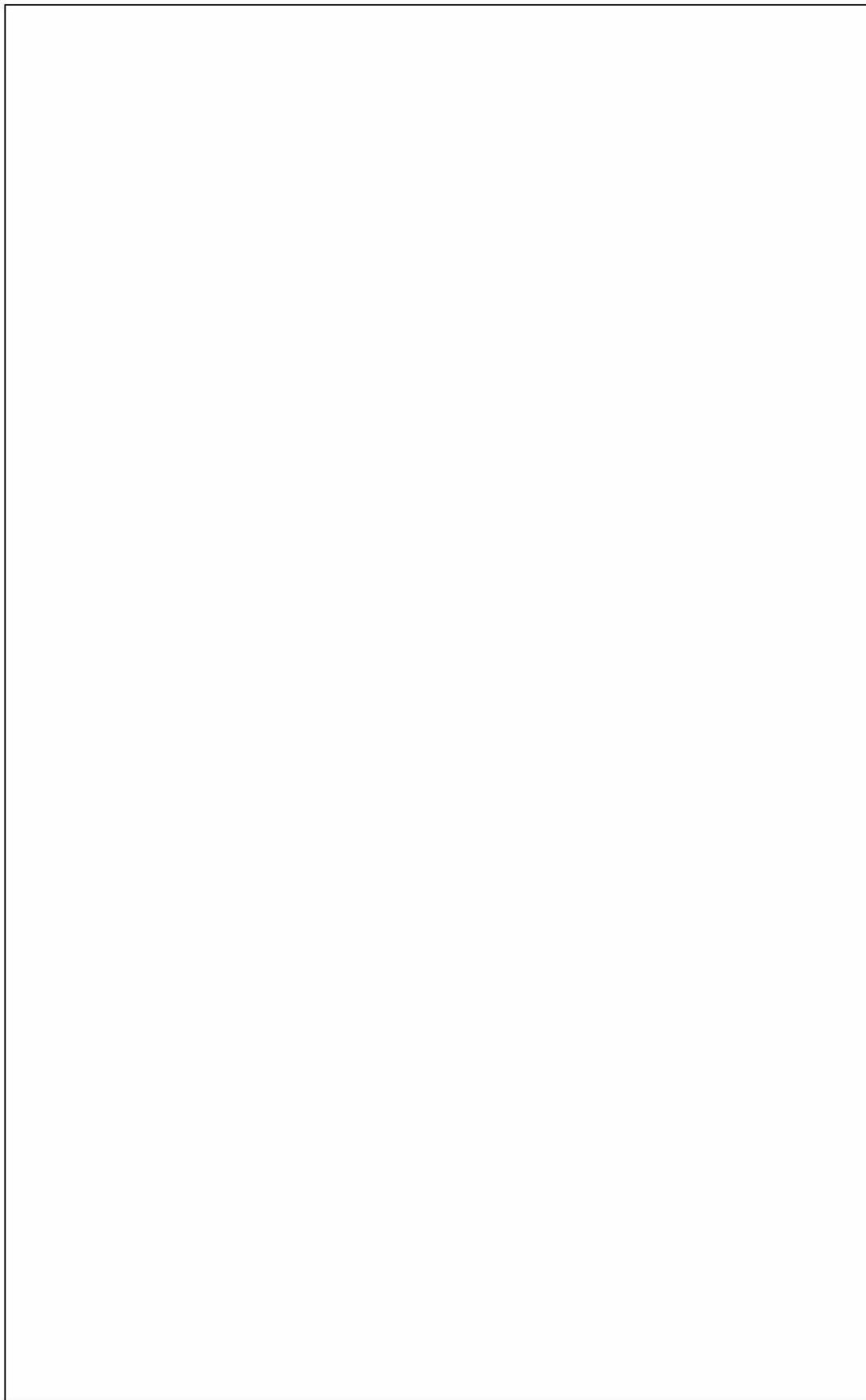
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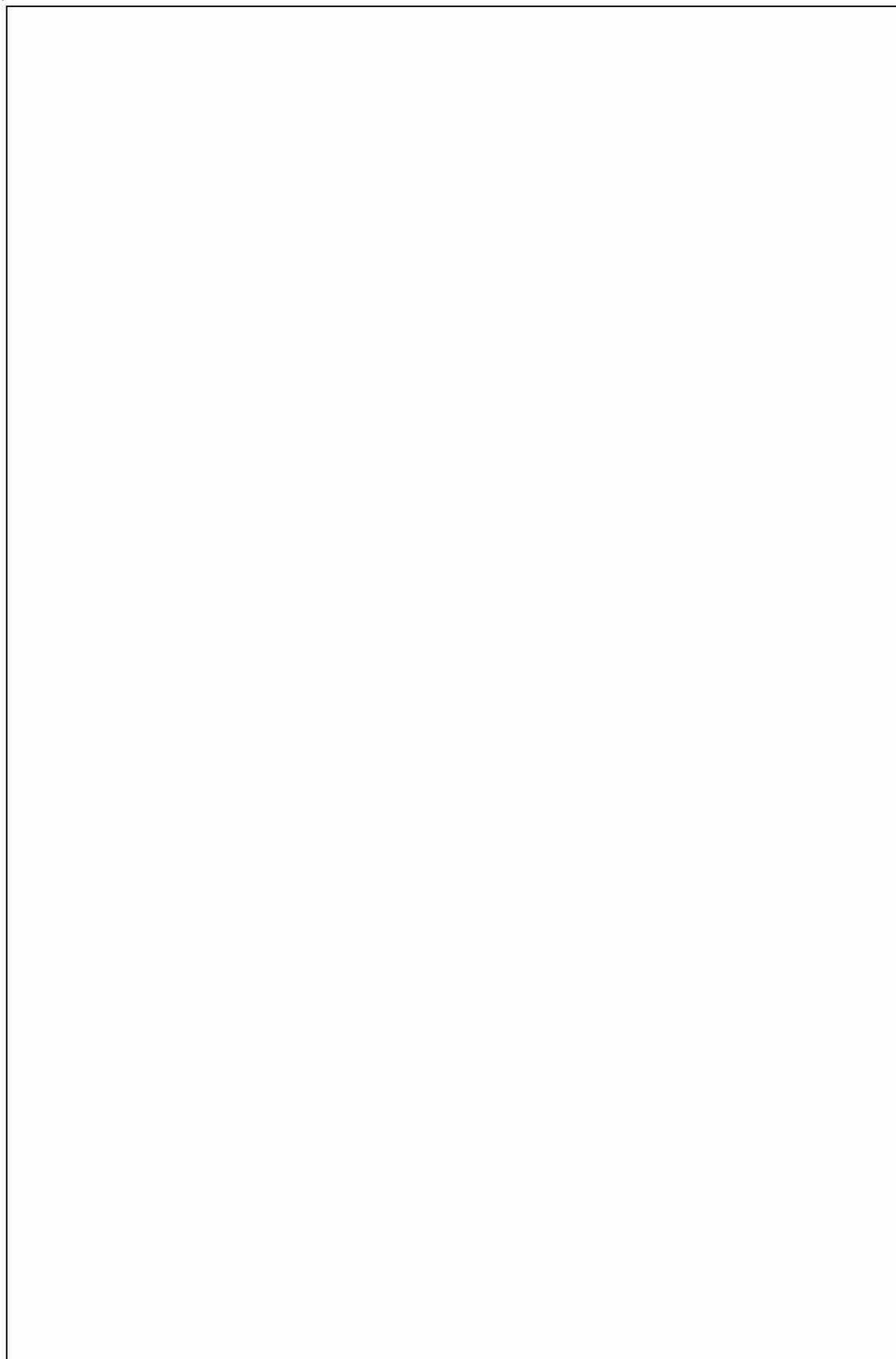
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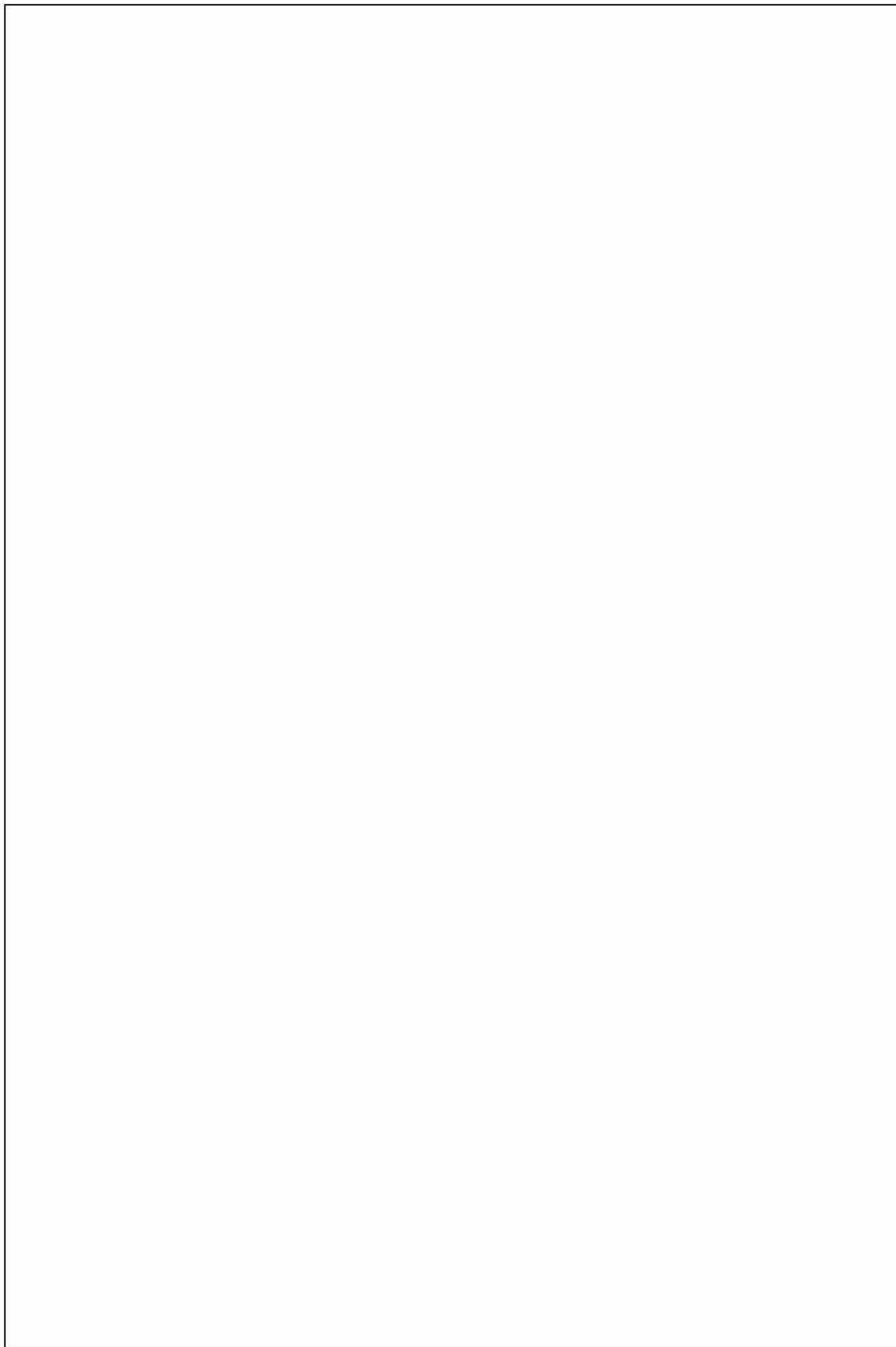
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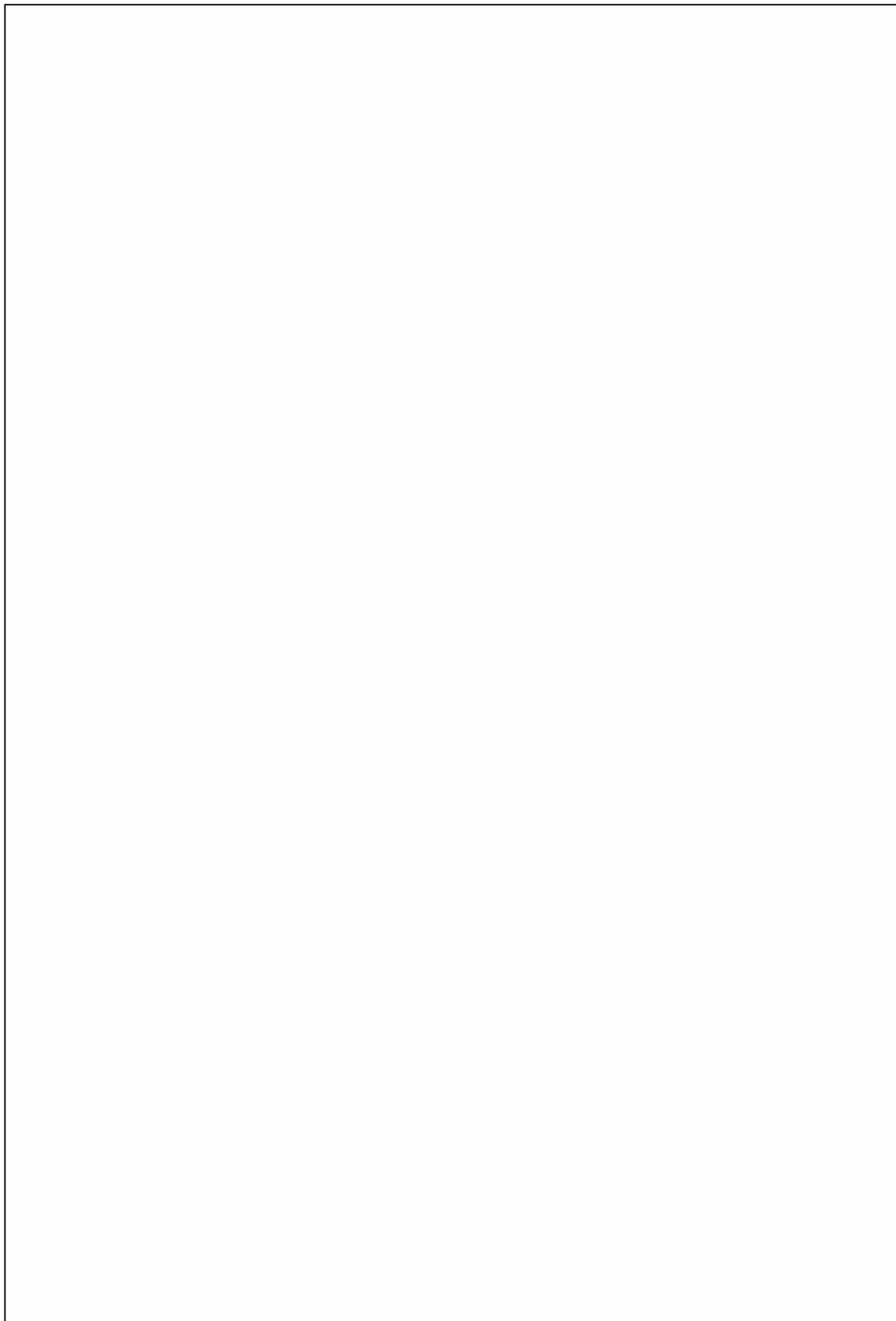
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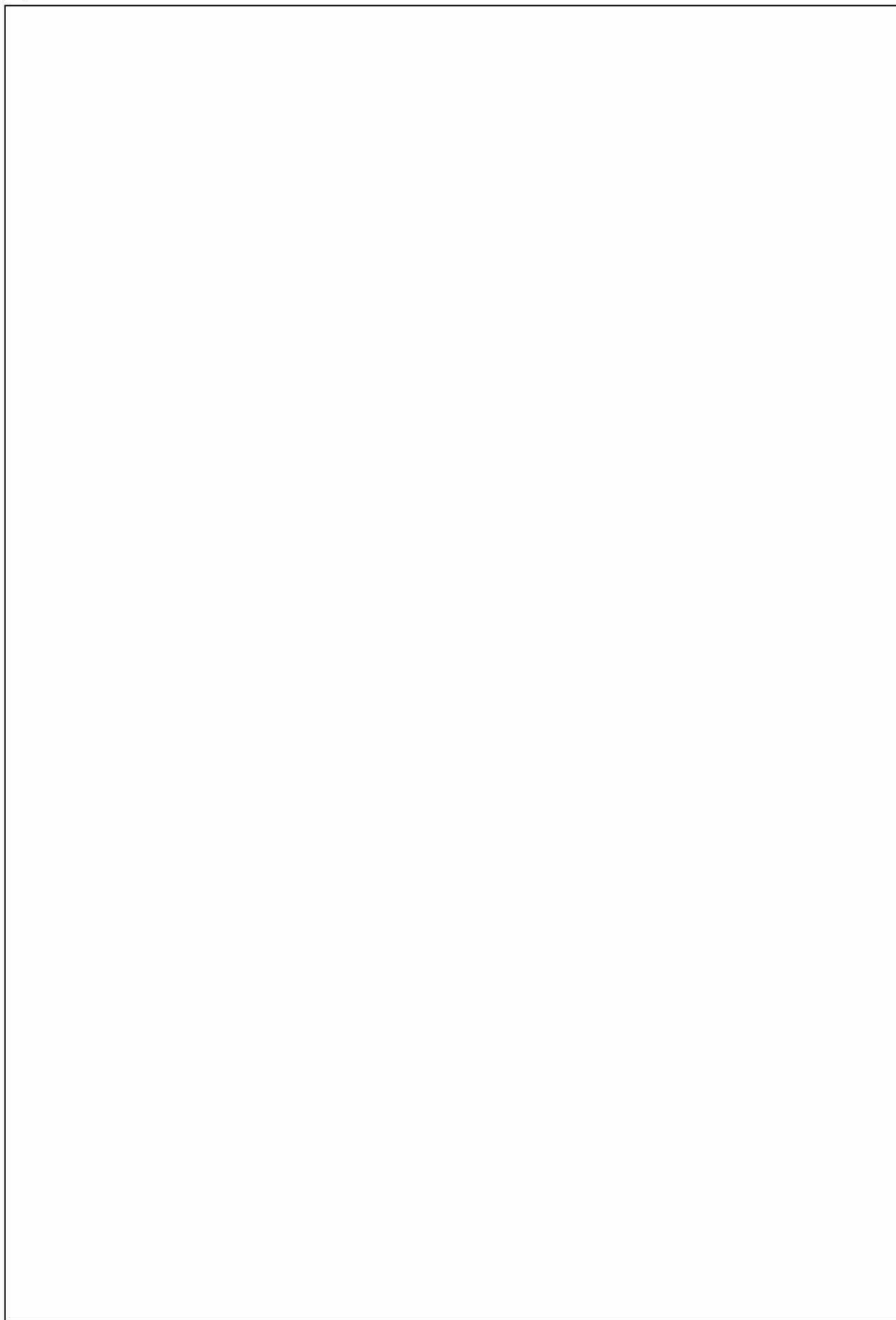
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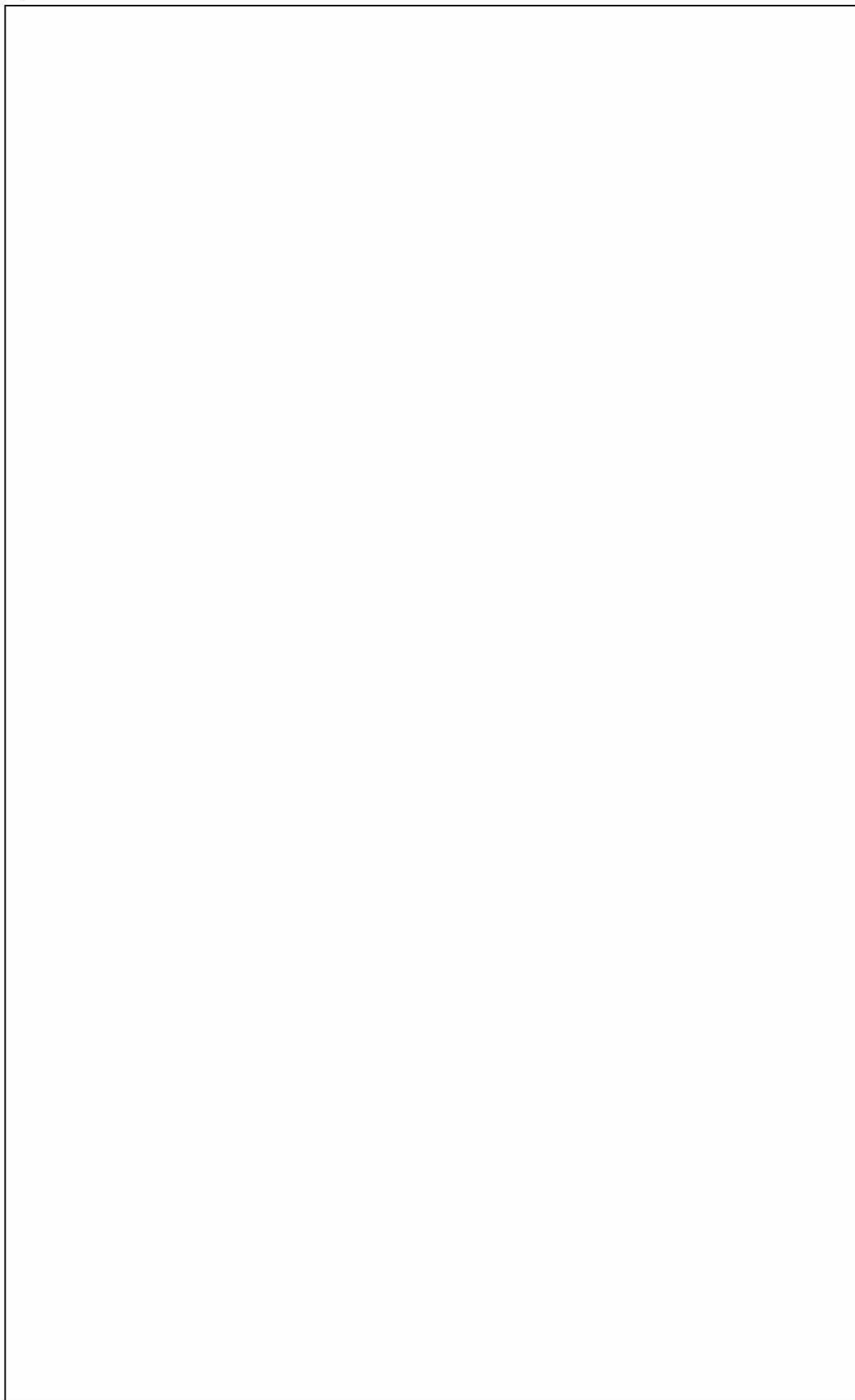
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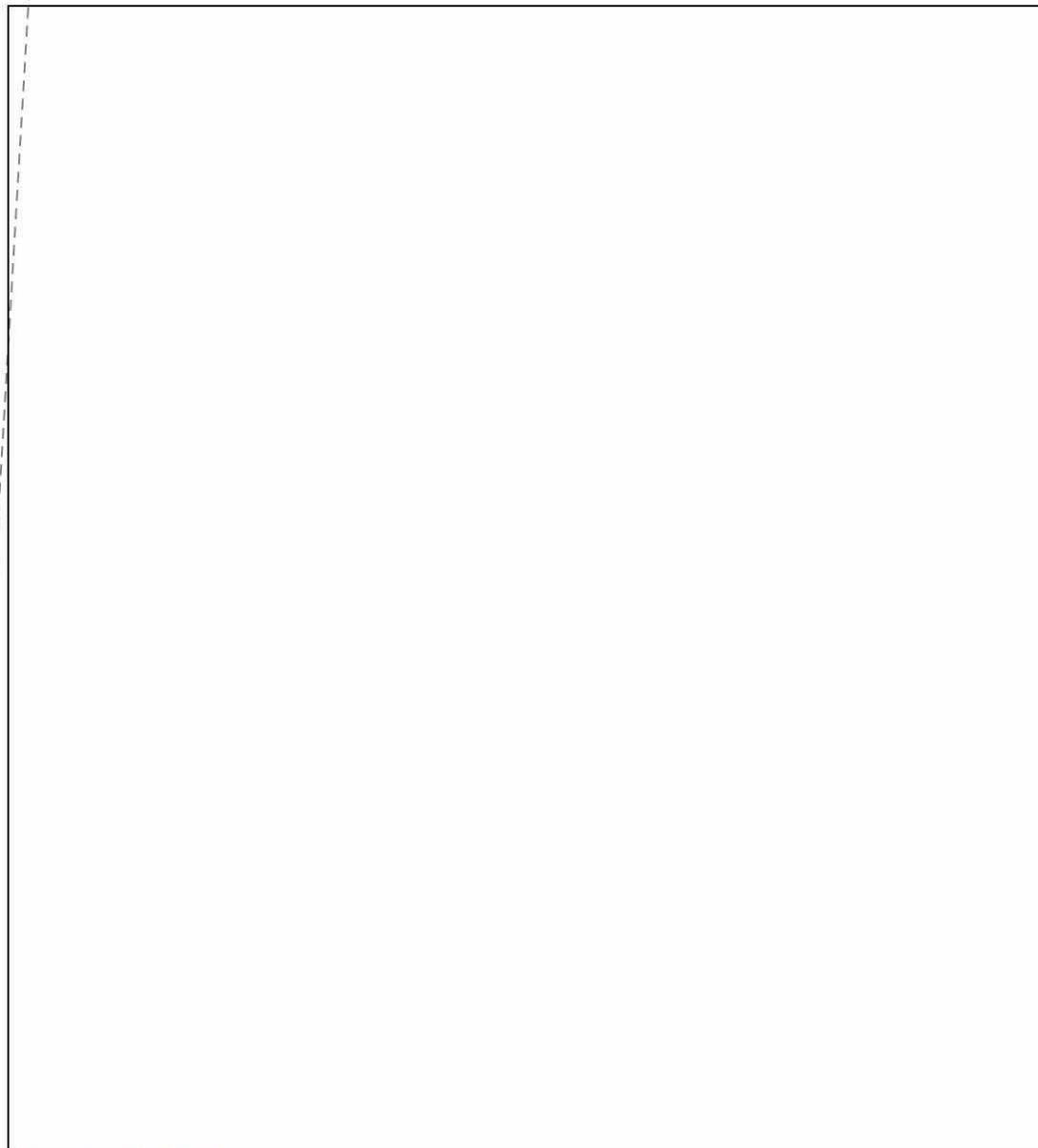


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Attached are talking points and a useful fact sheet drafted by the Domestic Policy Council that outline the new initiative on treating and preventing diseases that the President will announce today.

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International Leadership on HIV/AIDS & Other Infectious Diseases

Today's Presidential Action

- Today President Bush will outline the U.S.' proposal for the key elements of a new global fund to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. This international public-private partnership will provide grants for prevention, treatment, and care.
- The President has a strong commitment to helping those who are infected with these diseases and saving countless lives by preventing new infections.
- The United States will back this international effort by providing \$200 million in seed money for FY 2002. Additionally, the Administration will work with our allies in the G-8 and private foundations, corporations, faith-based groups and other organizations to generate additional support for this global effort.

The Administration's International Leadership on Preventing Disease:

- Collectively, HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis are ravaging developing nations, causing 25% of all deaths worldwide and trapping people in an endless cycle of sickness and despair. The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that 36 million people are now living with HIV/AIDS. Seventy percent of these people are in sub-Saharan Africa, where HIV/AIDS is now the leading cause of death.
- Under President Bush's leadership, the United States will continue to pursue an integrated approach to fighting disease, focusing on prevention of new infections and training medical professionals, as well as treatment and care. The United States believes that we must continue and expand our efforts on prevention – the most proven and cost-effective way to address these global challenges.
- The global fund to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis will be an important multilateral tool for addressing these global epidemics. The United States will continue to work with other countries to ensure that the global fund: (1) is a public-private partnership; (2) pursues an integrated approach, emphasizing prevention in a continuum of treatment and care; (3) focuses on "best practices" by funding a core menu of programs proven to work, then scaling up; (4) promotes scientific and medical accountability by requiring proposals to be reviewed for effectiveness by medical and public health experts; and (5) respects intellectual property rights as an important incentive for the development of new drugs.
- Today's announcement follows President Bush's move last month to expand the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP), giving the Office a broader mandate to facilitate domestic and international policy efforts on HIV/AIDS. ONAP is supporting a new high-level task force – co-chaired by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and including the White House Domestic Policy Advisor and the National Security Advisor – to better coordinate the Administration's proactive activities and responses to all aspects of the domestic and international AIDS crisis.

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Fact Sheet on Proposed Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis

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Facts and Figures

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- Worldwide, more than 22 million people have died since the AIDS epidemic began in the 1970s.
- Tuberculosis accounted for 1.7 million deaths last year.
- Malaria killed more than 1 million people last year – mostly children in Africa.

The Administration's International Leadership on Preventing Disease

- The United States is the largest bilateral donor of HIV/AIDS assistance, providing for nearly 50% of all international HIV/AIDS funding.
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The Bush Administration's HIV/AIDS Task Force

- In April, President Bush expanded the mandate of the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) to better facilitate domestic and international policy efforts on HIV/AIDS.
- ONAP is supporting a new high-level task force – co-chaired by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and including the White House Domestic Policy Advisor and the National Security Advisor – to coordinate the Administration's proactive activities and responses to all aspects of the domestic and international HIV/AIDS crisis.

The President's Budget Provides Needed Resources to Fight Infectious Diseases

- The President's budget:
 - ✓ Increases support for international HIV/AIDS assistance by \$37 million for Fiscal Year 2002 to \$480 million annually – an 8% increase from Fiscal Year 2001 and a 113% increase from Fiscal Year 2000.
 - ✓ Increases HIV/AIDS research by \$258 million for Fiscal Year 2002, bringing total funding for HIV/AIDS research within the National Institutes of Health to \$2.5 billion.
 - ✓ Doubles funding for the National Institutes of Health by 2003 and increases funding by \$2.8 billion in Fiscal Year 2002 – the largest dollar increase ever in NIH history.

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