

OBSERVING THE
1999 CHEROKEE NATION ELECTIONS

FINAL REPORT



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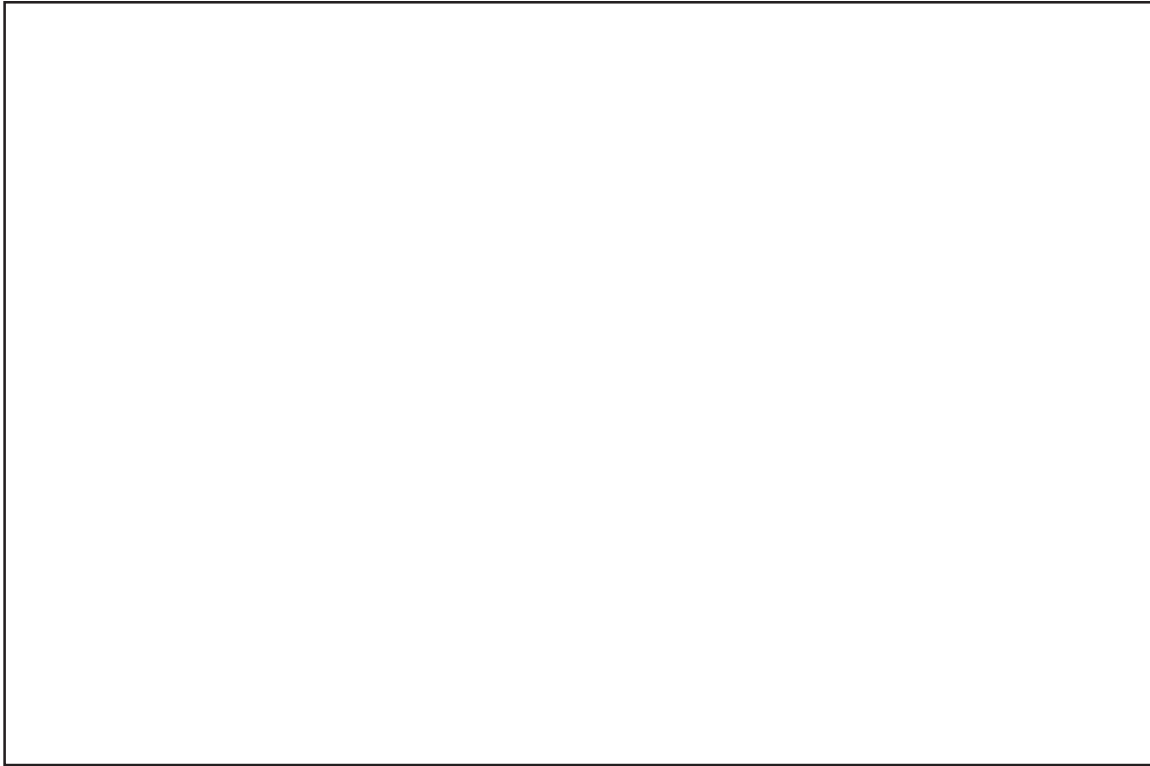
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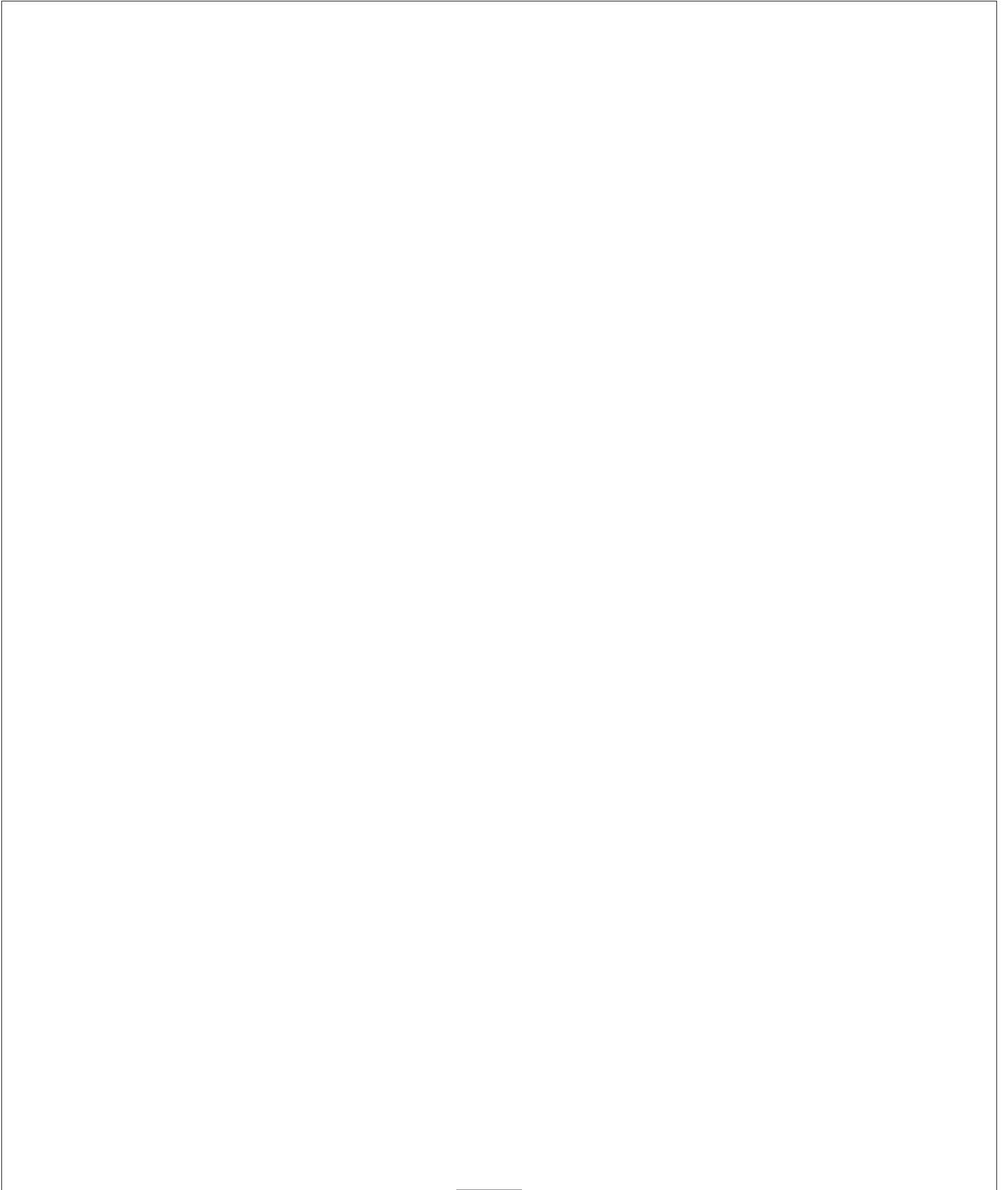
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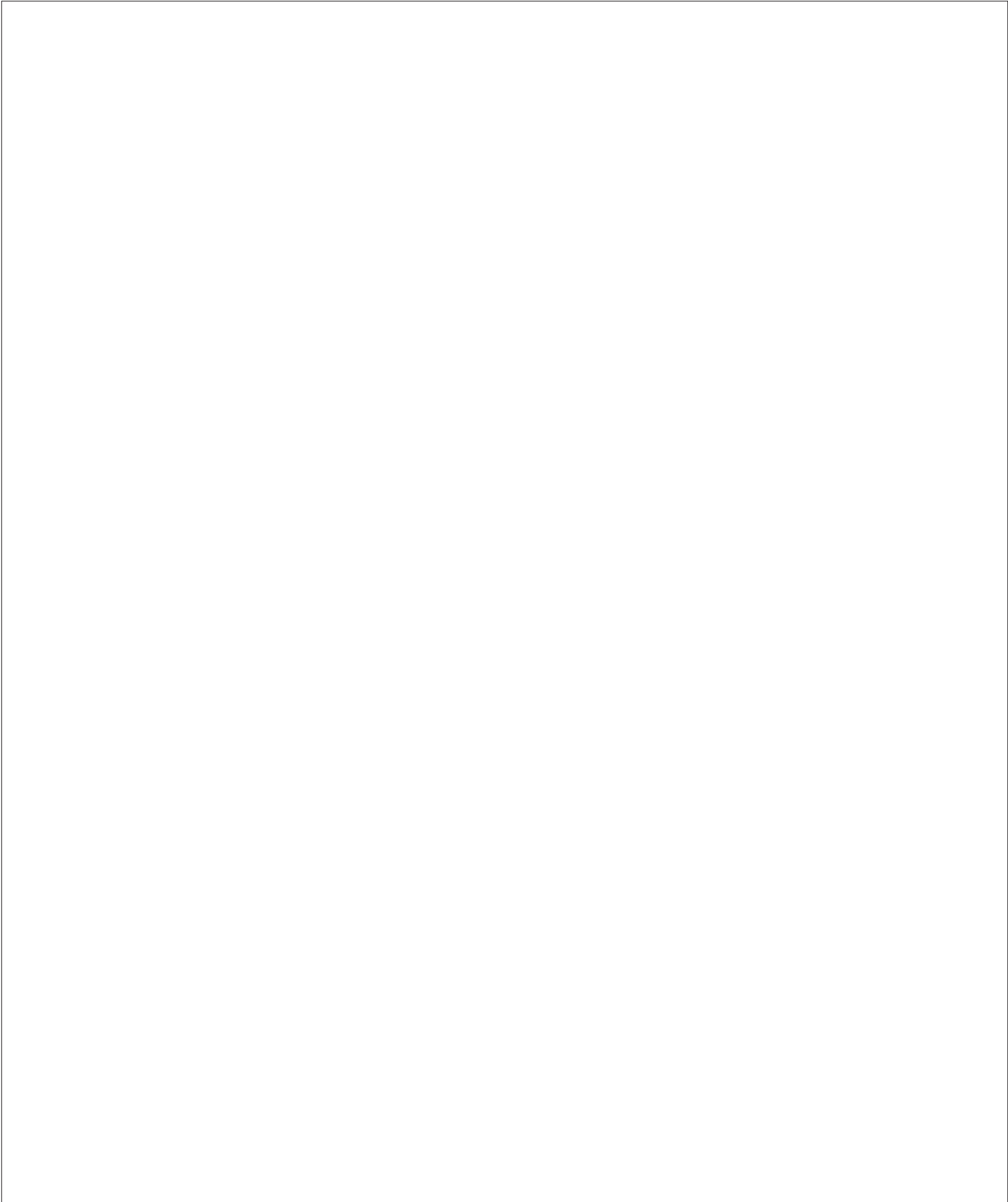
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ELECTION SUMMARY

The Cherokee Nation has a long history of self-governance and democratic principles. In 1999, the Cherokee Nation held its general election to elect its members to the Cherokee National Council. The election was held on November 2, 1999, and was a significant event in the Nation's history.

The Cherokee National Council is the governing body of the Cherokee Nation. It is composed of 26 members, 13 of whom are elected by the Cherokee people and 13 are appointed by the Cherokee Council. The Council is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Nation and for representing the Cherokee people in their dealings with the federal government and other states.

The 1999 election was held in accordance with the Cherokee Constitution and the Cherokee Code of Ordinances. The election was held in a fair and open manner, and the results were announced on November 15, 1999. The Cherokee Nation is proud to have a new Cherokee National Council that will continue to serve the Cherokee people with integrity and dedication.

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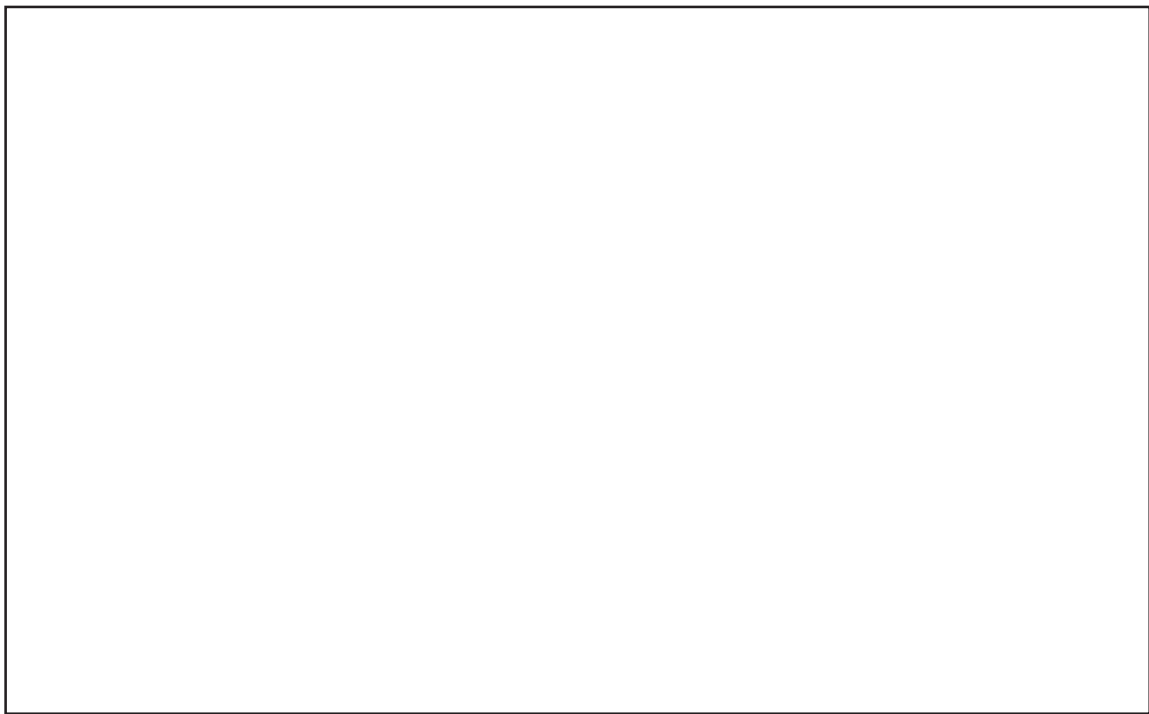
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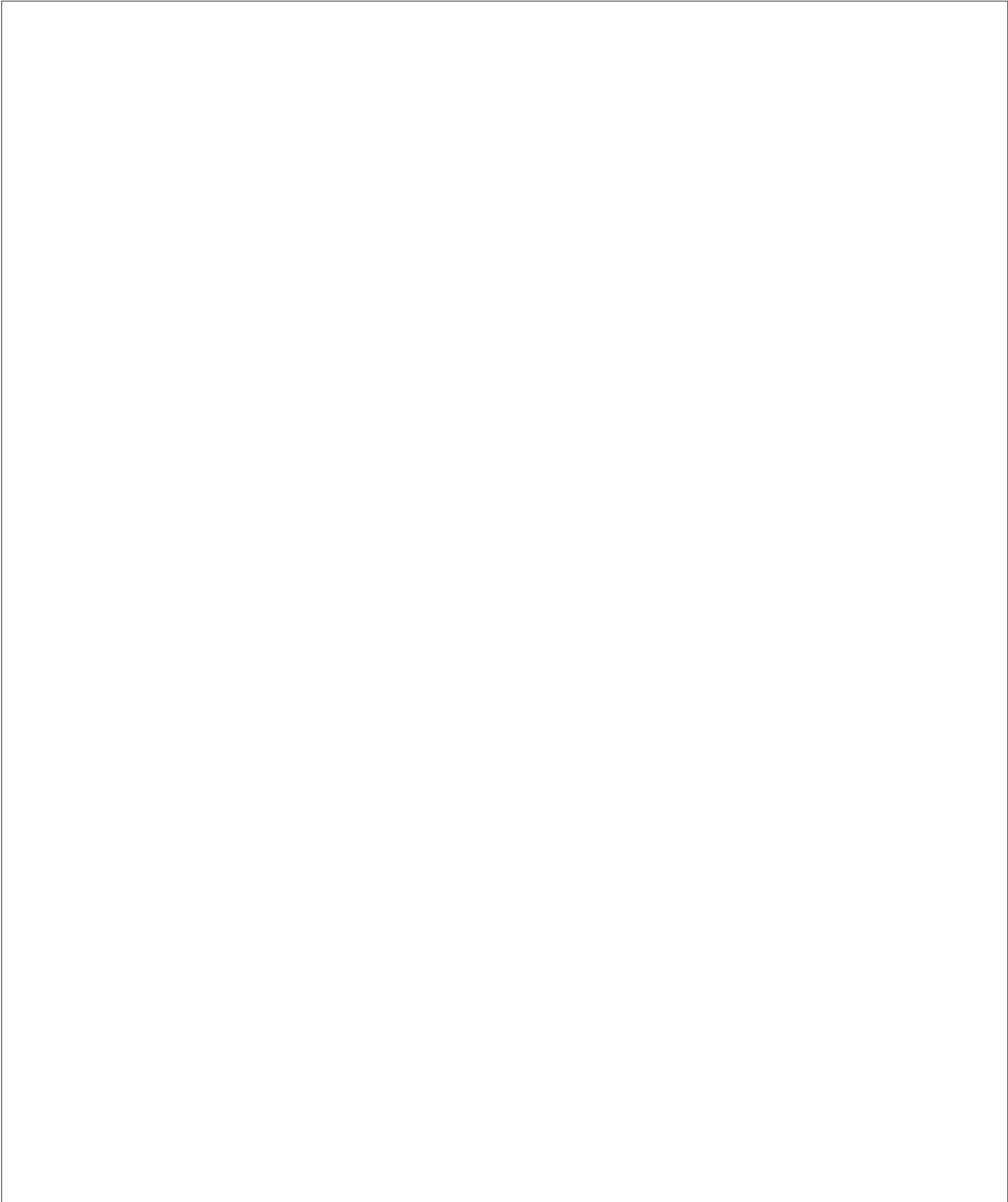
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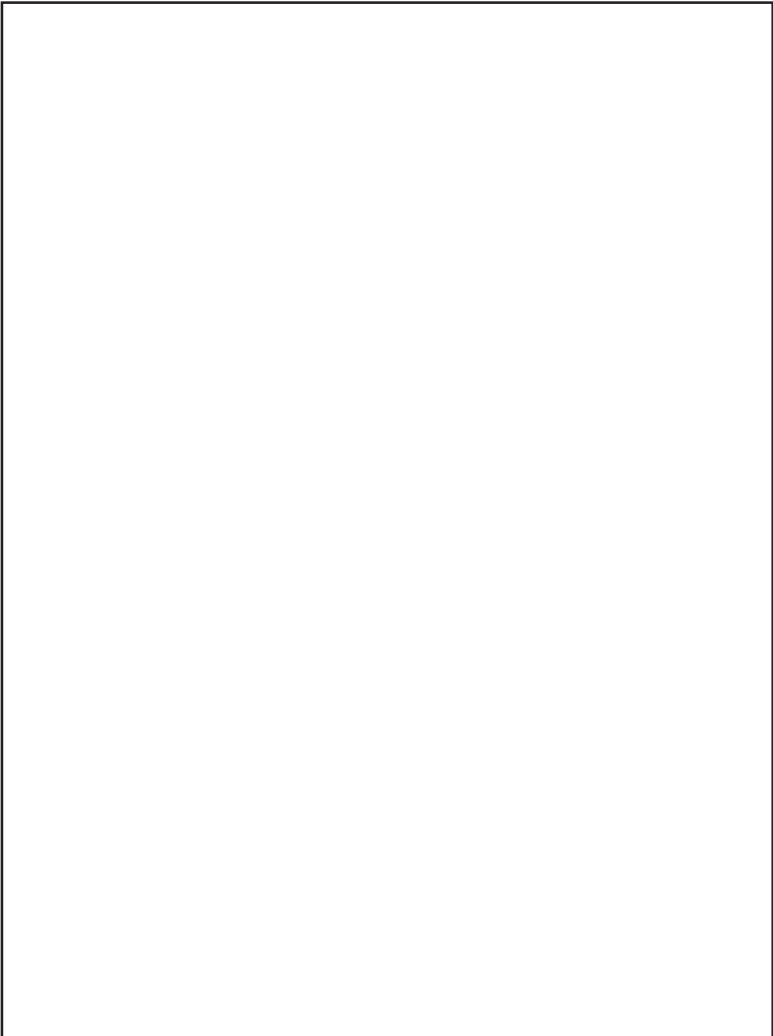
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cover as many polling sites as possible on election day, the Center's observers visited 32 precincts that more than once without notice to ensure no one knew in advance of their arrival.

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.

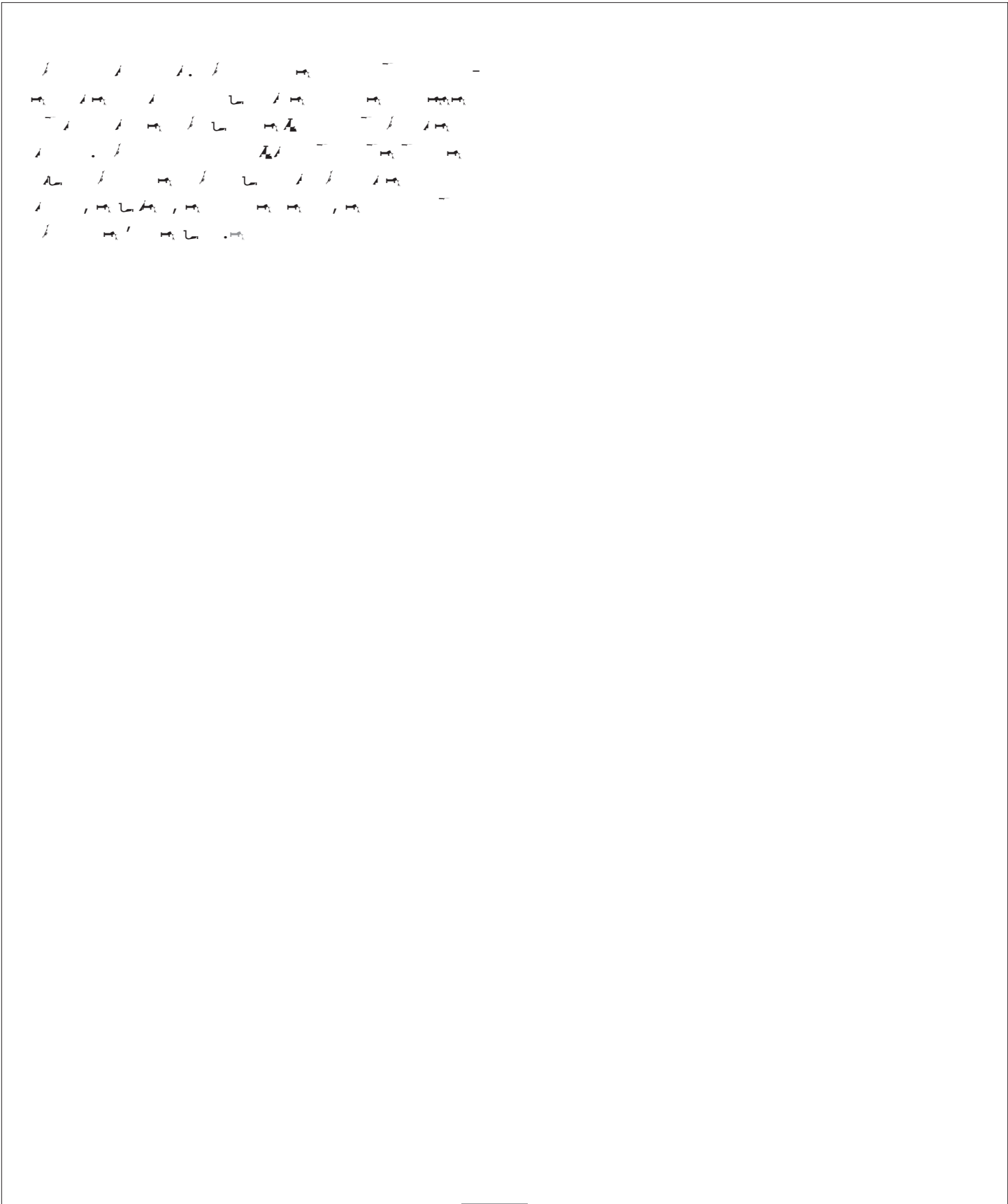
3 All candidates could depend on open and fair elections conducted on a level playing field.

3 The elections were as inclusive as possible.

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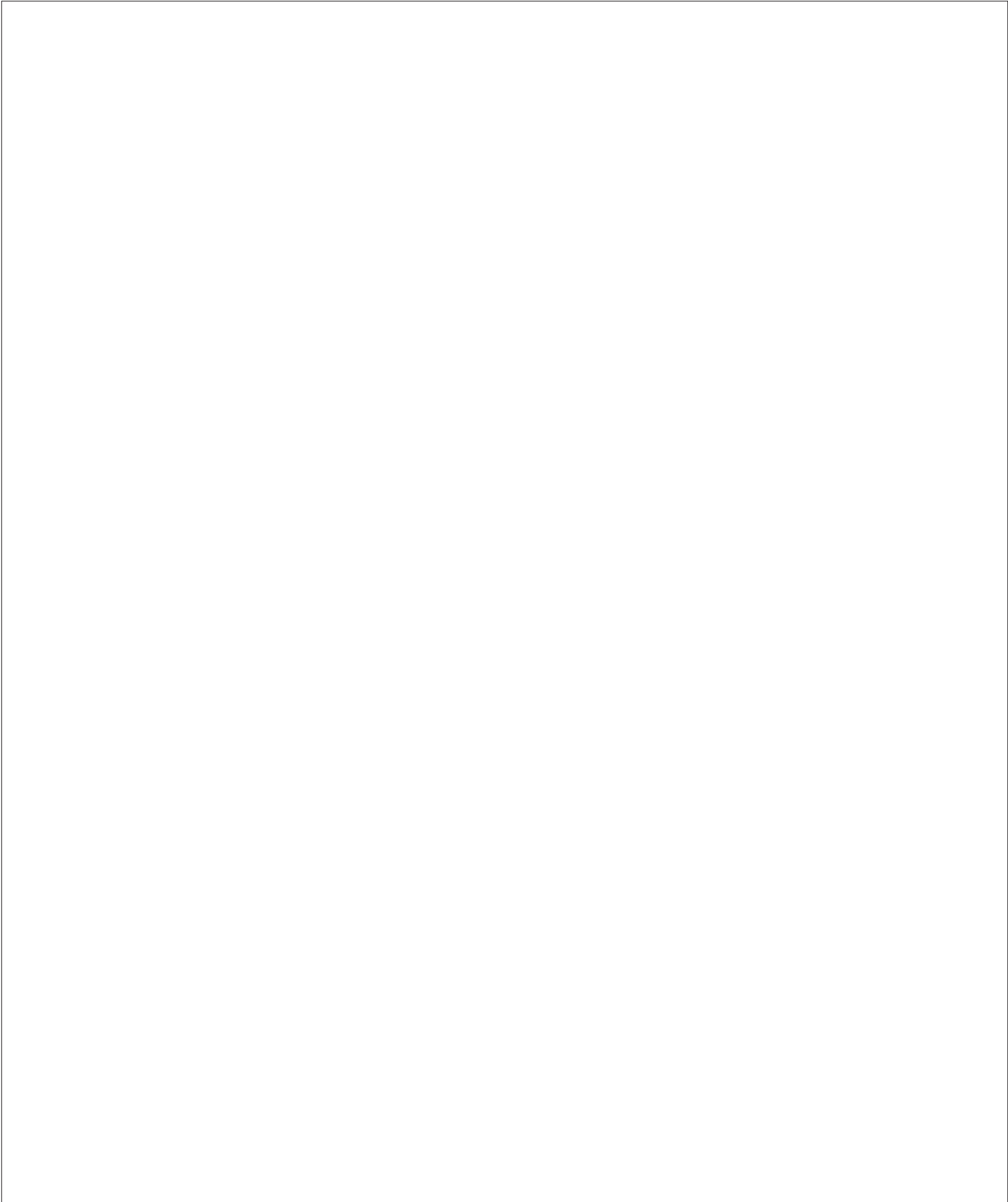


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THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS: MAY 22, 1999

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CONCLUSION

The National Election Commission (NEC) and the National Election Data Institute (NEDI) have been instrumental in the development of the Cherokee Nation's election process. The NEC has provided technical assistance and training to the Cherokee Nation's election officials, ensuring that the election process is fair and transparent. NEDI has provided the necessary infrastructure and resources to collect and analyze election data, allowing for a more accurate and timely reporting of results.

The Cherokee Nation's election process has shown significant improvement since the implementation of these programs. The use of electronic voting systems and the implementation of strict security protocols have helped to reduce the risk of fraud and ensure the integrity of the election process. The training provided to election officials has also helped to improve the overall quality of the election process, resulting in a more efficient and accurate reporting of results.

The success of the Cherokee Nation's election process is a testament to the commitment of the Cherokee Nation's leadership and the support of the NEC and NEDI. It is a model for other Native American nations and a source of pride for the Cherokee people.

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APPENDICES

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C. L. H. M. , F. P. C.

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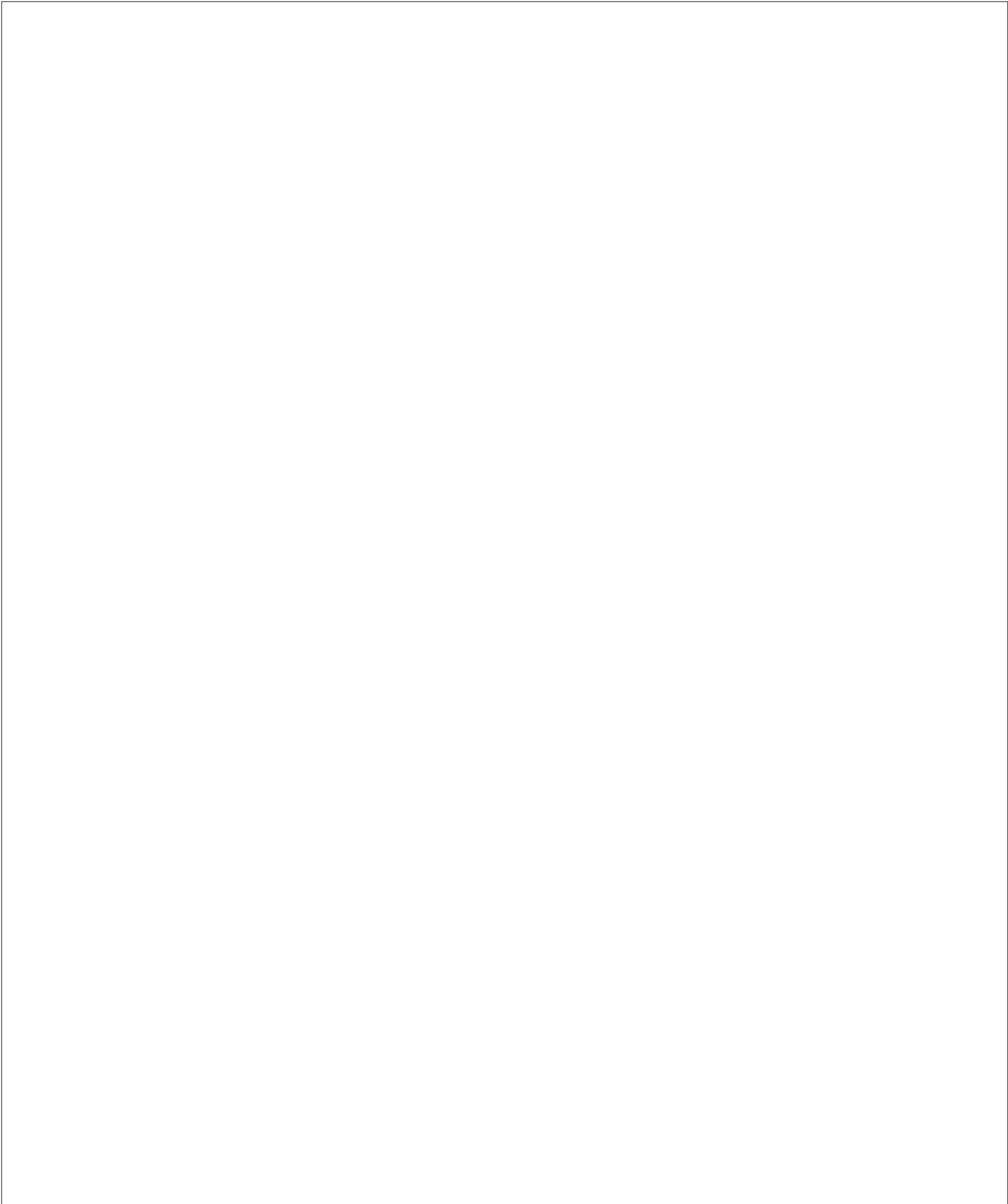
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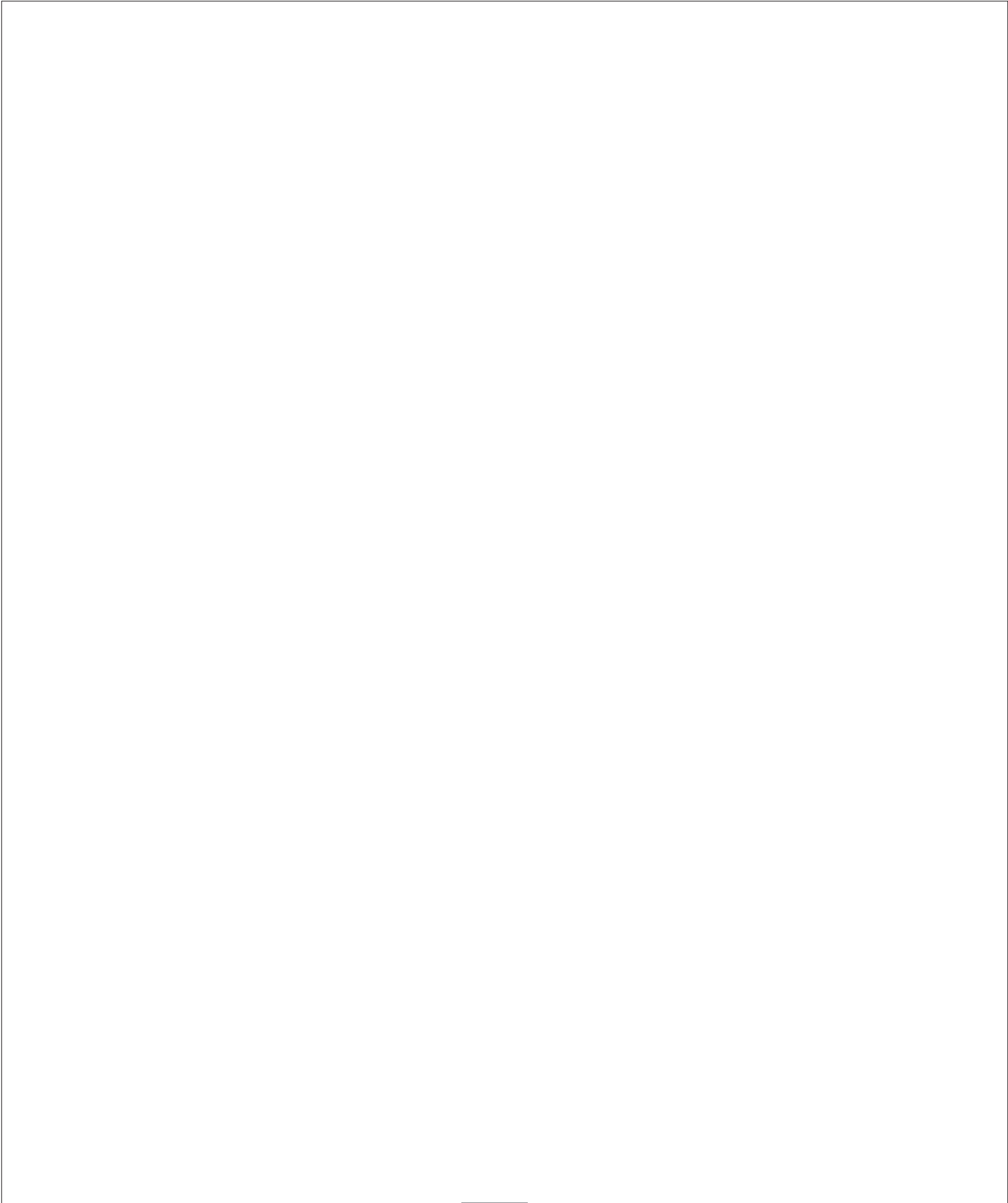
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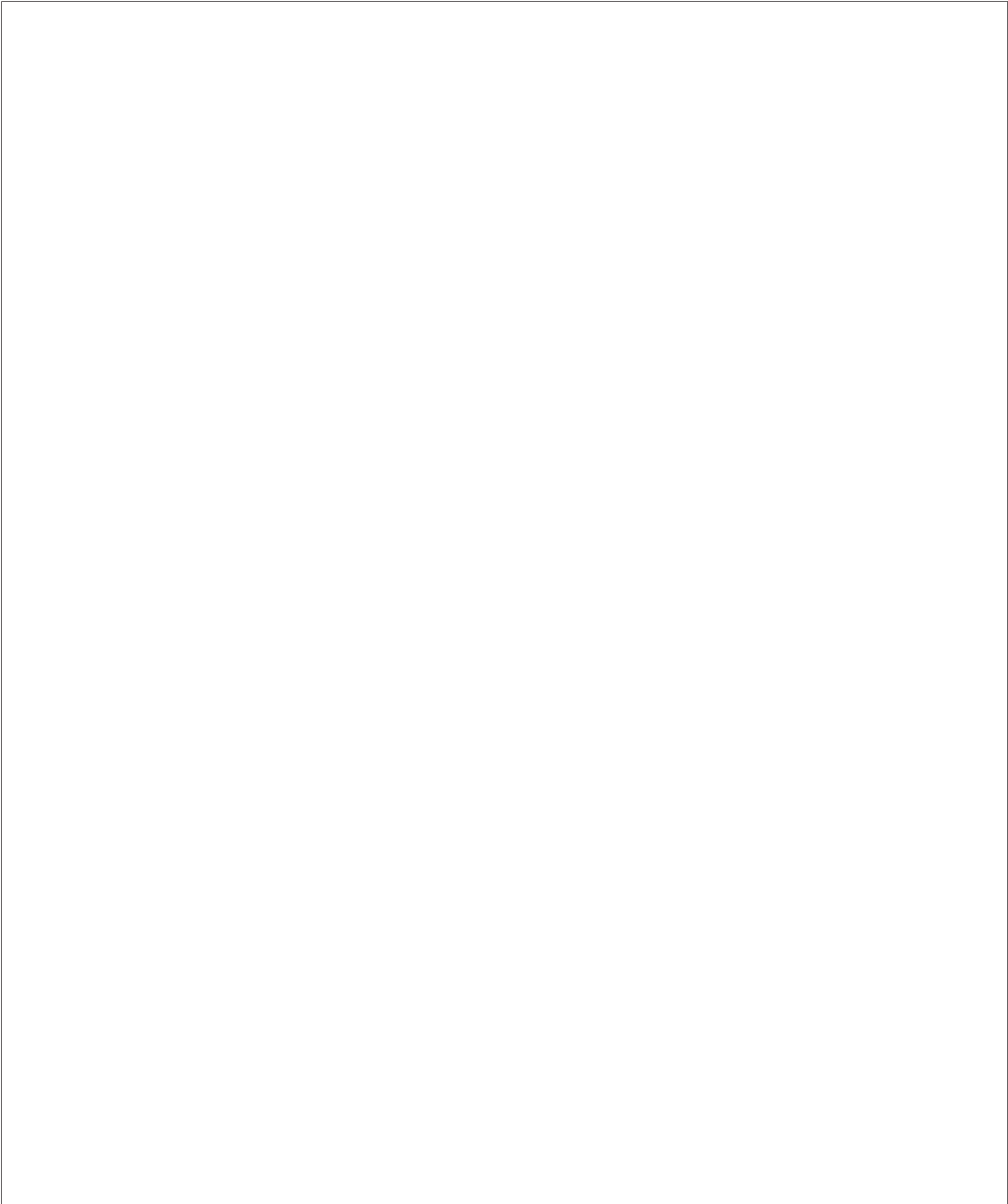
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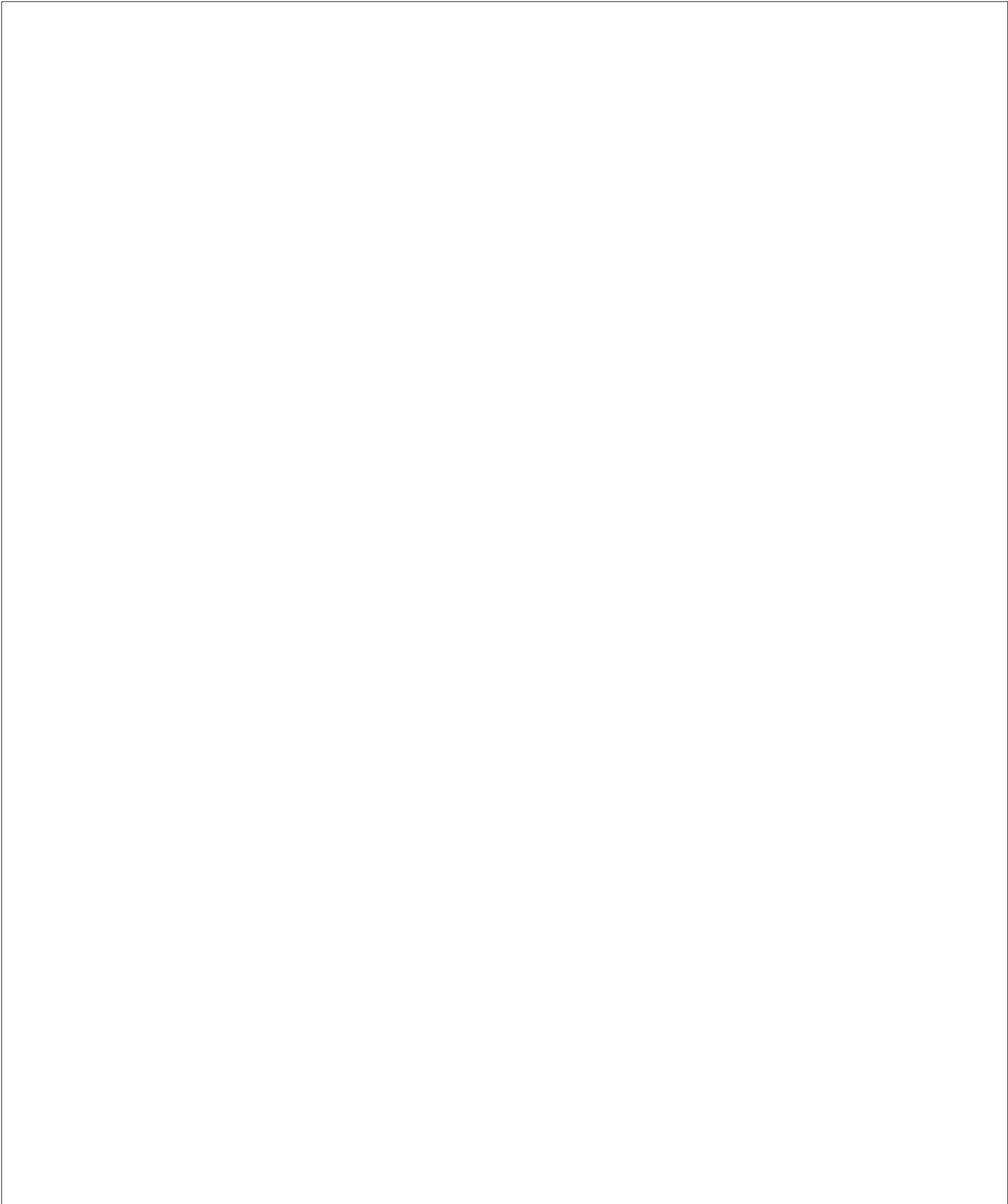


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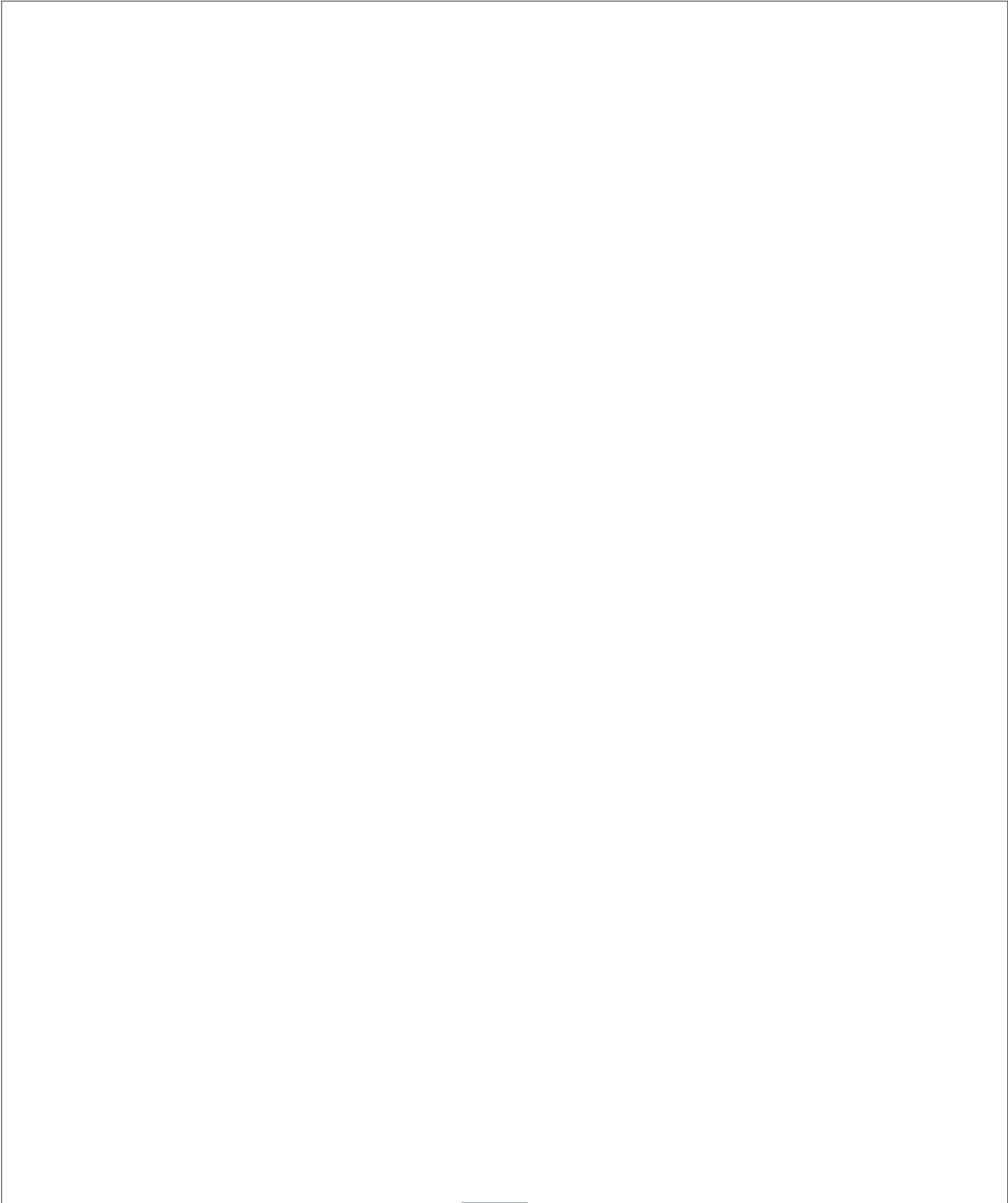
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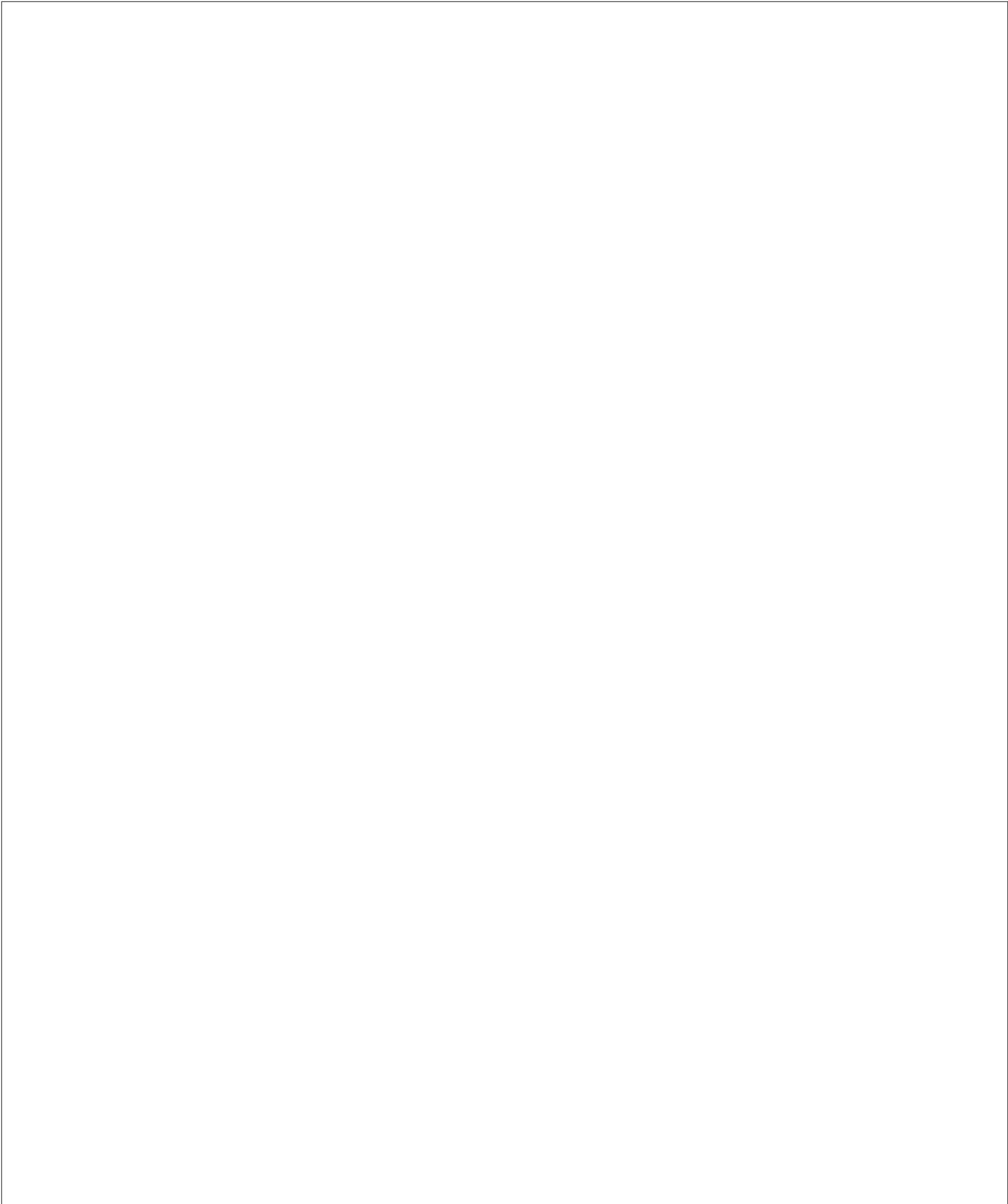
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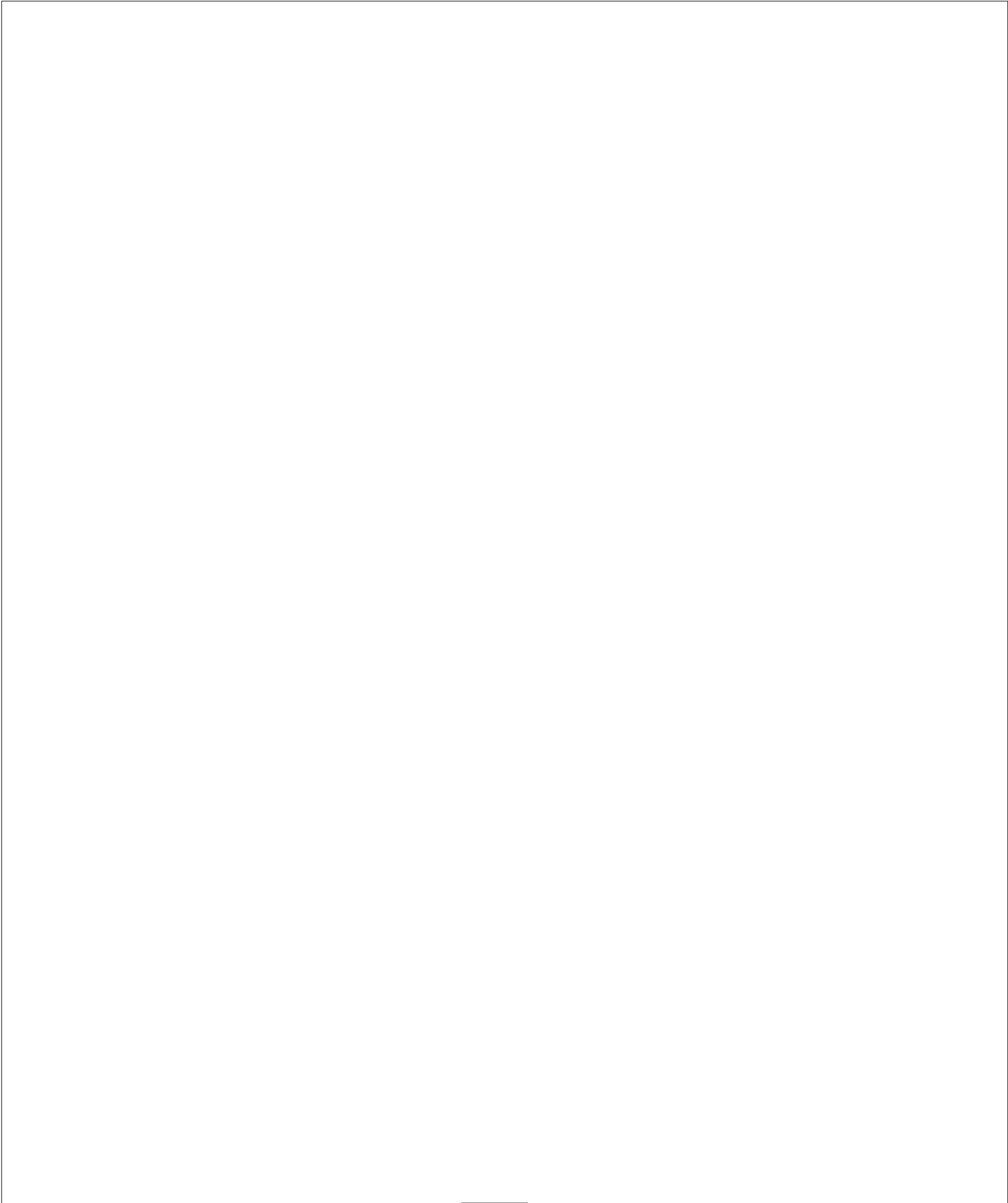
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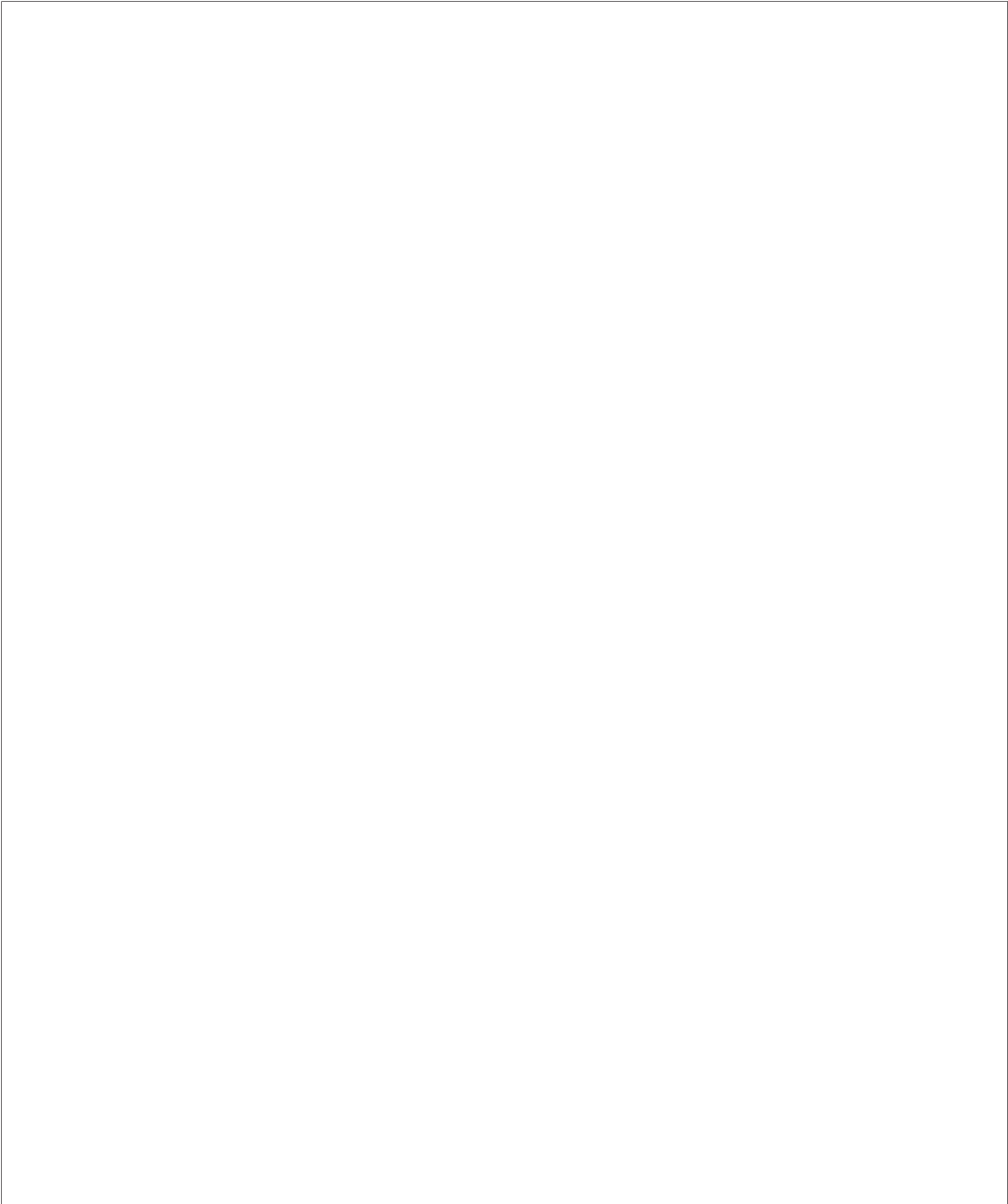
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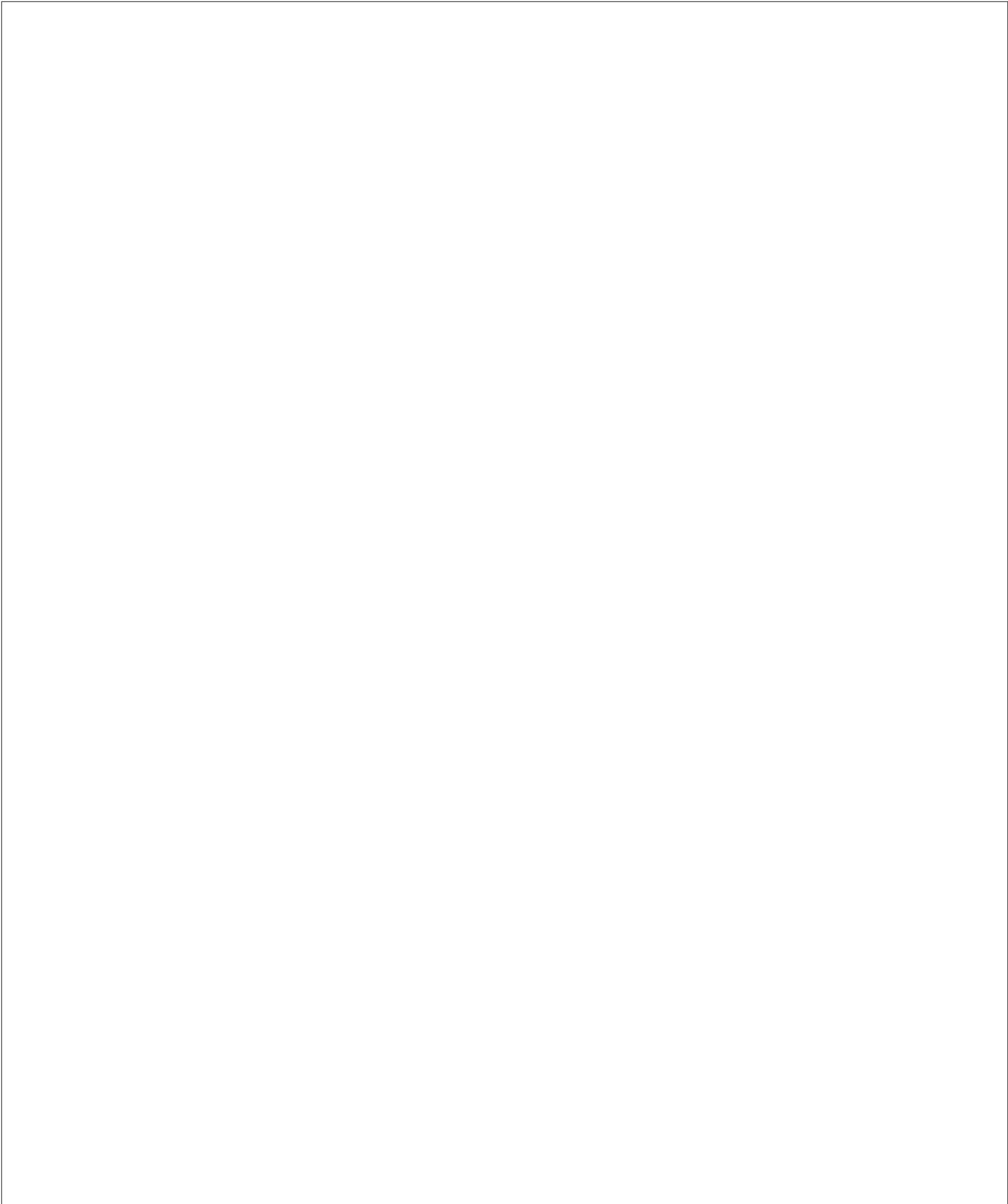


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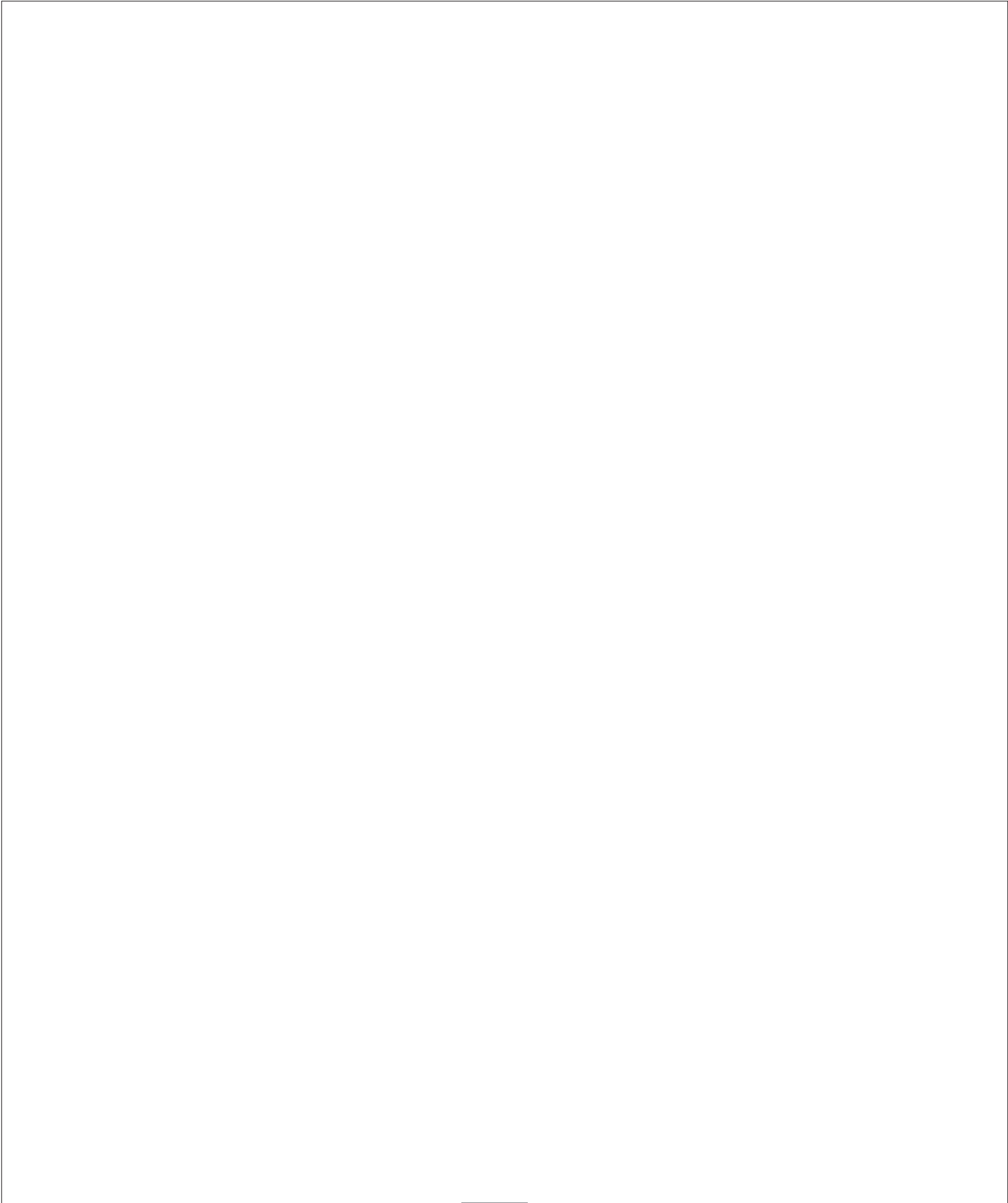
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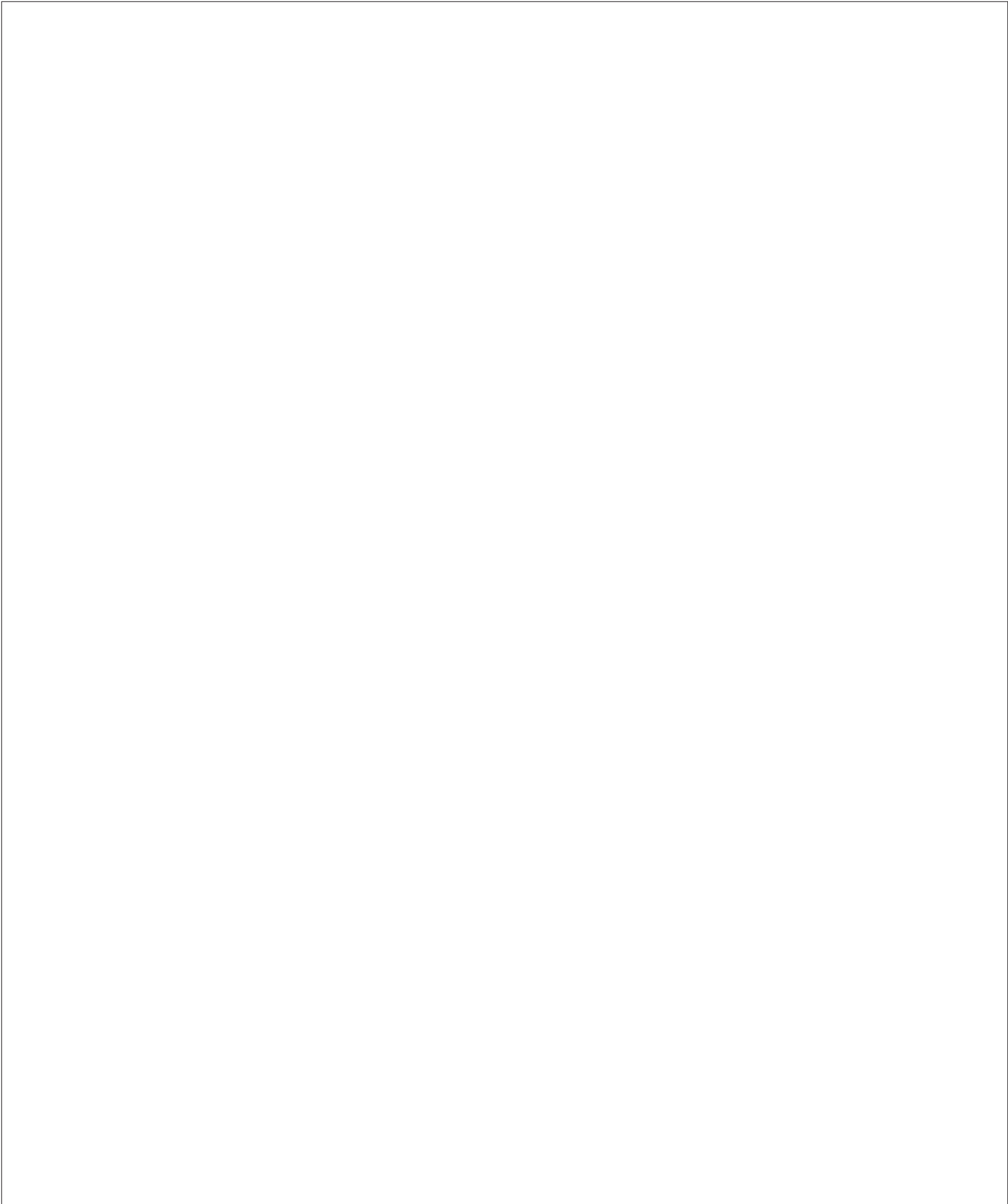


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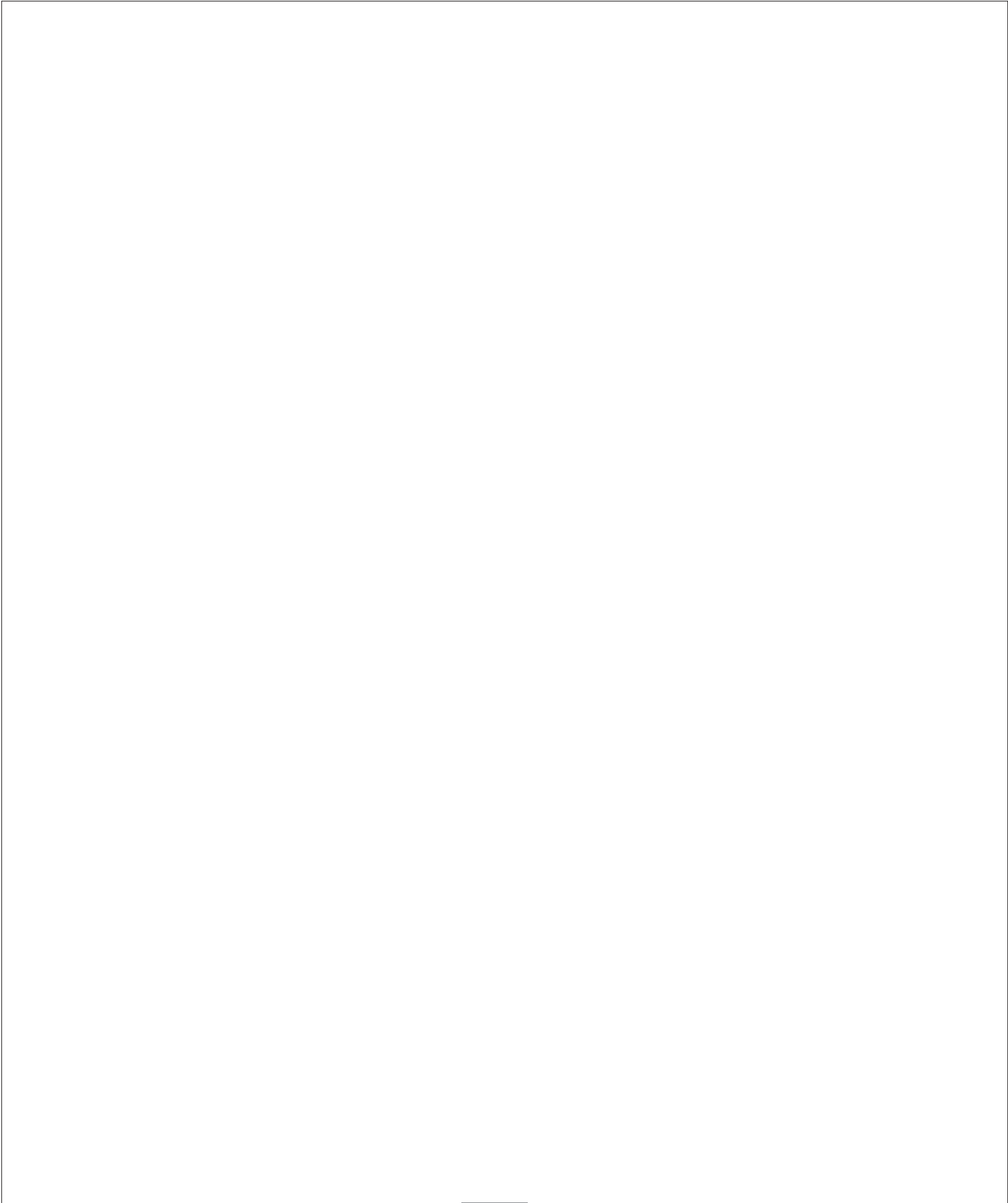




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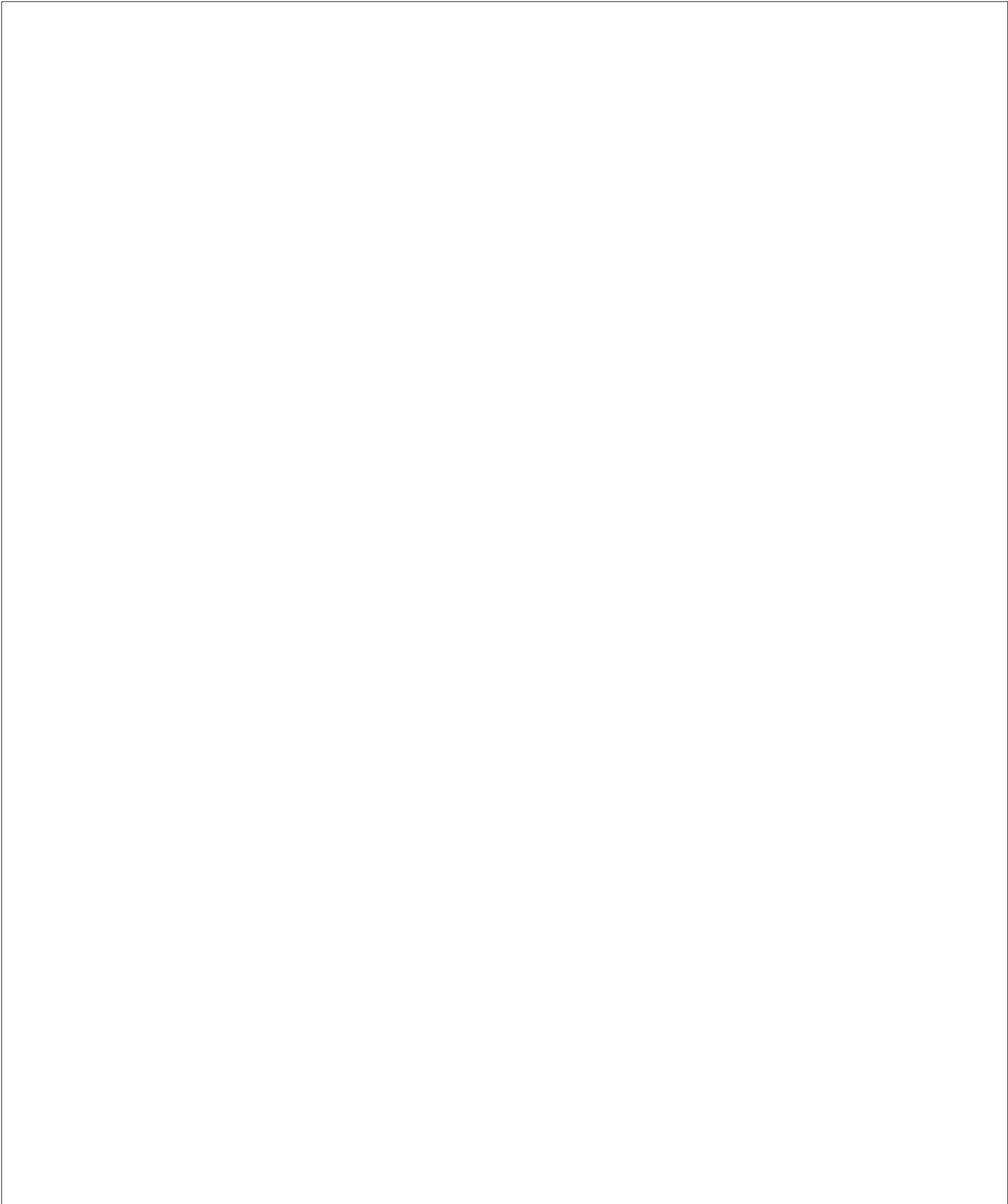


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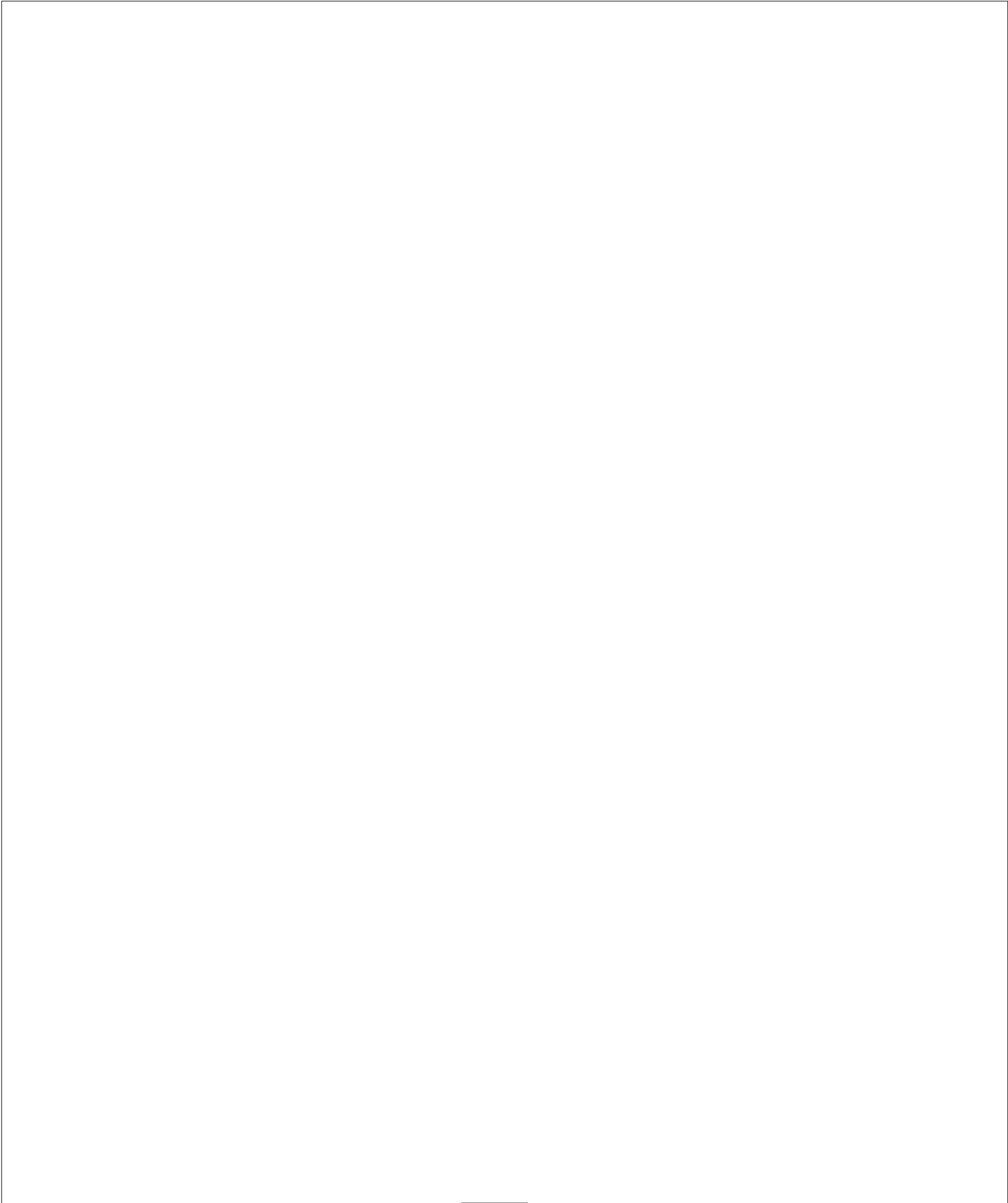




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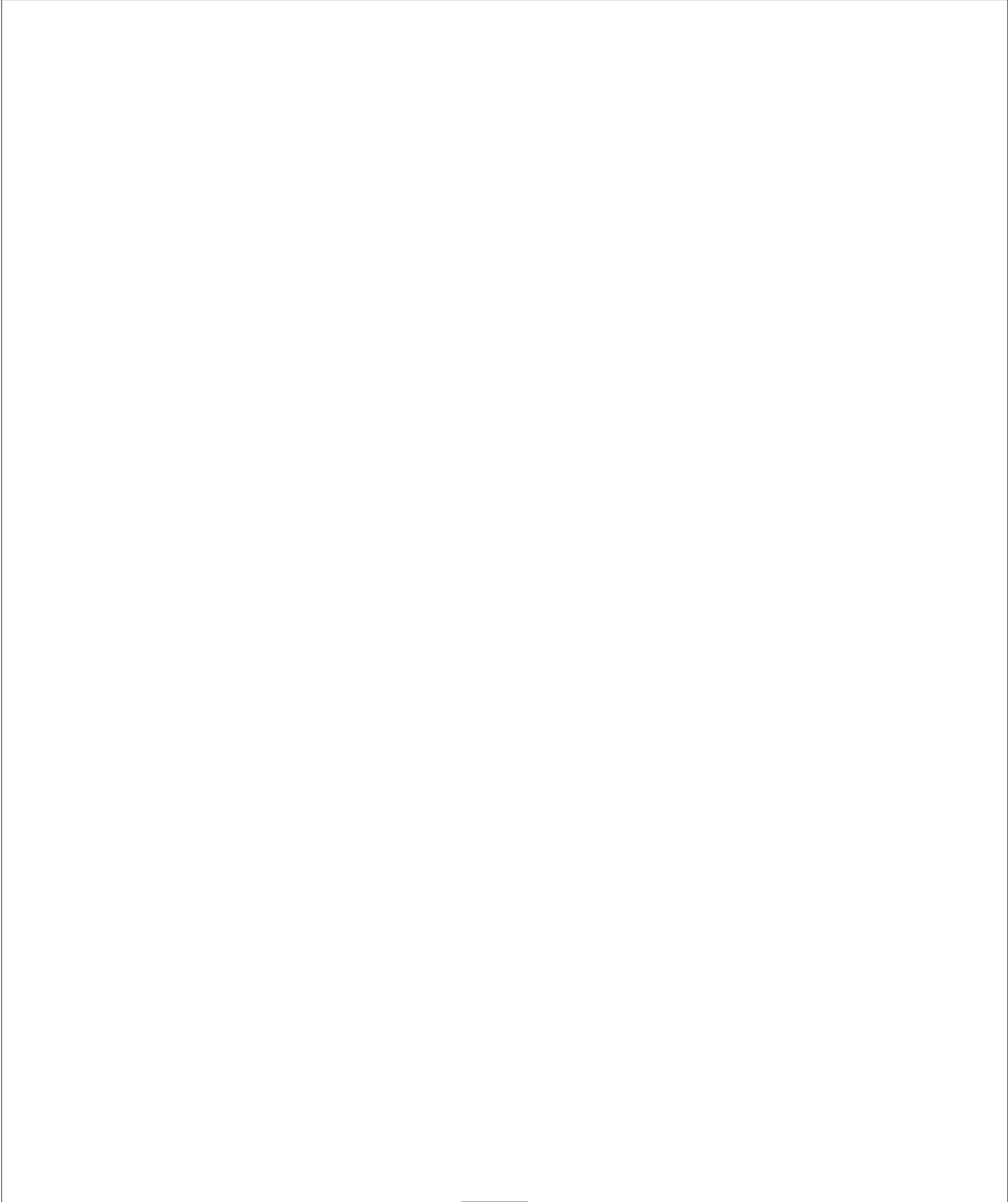
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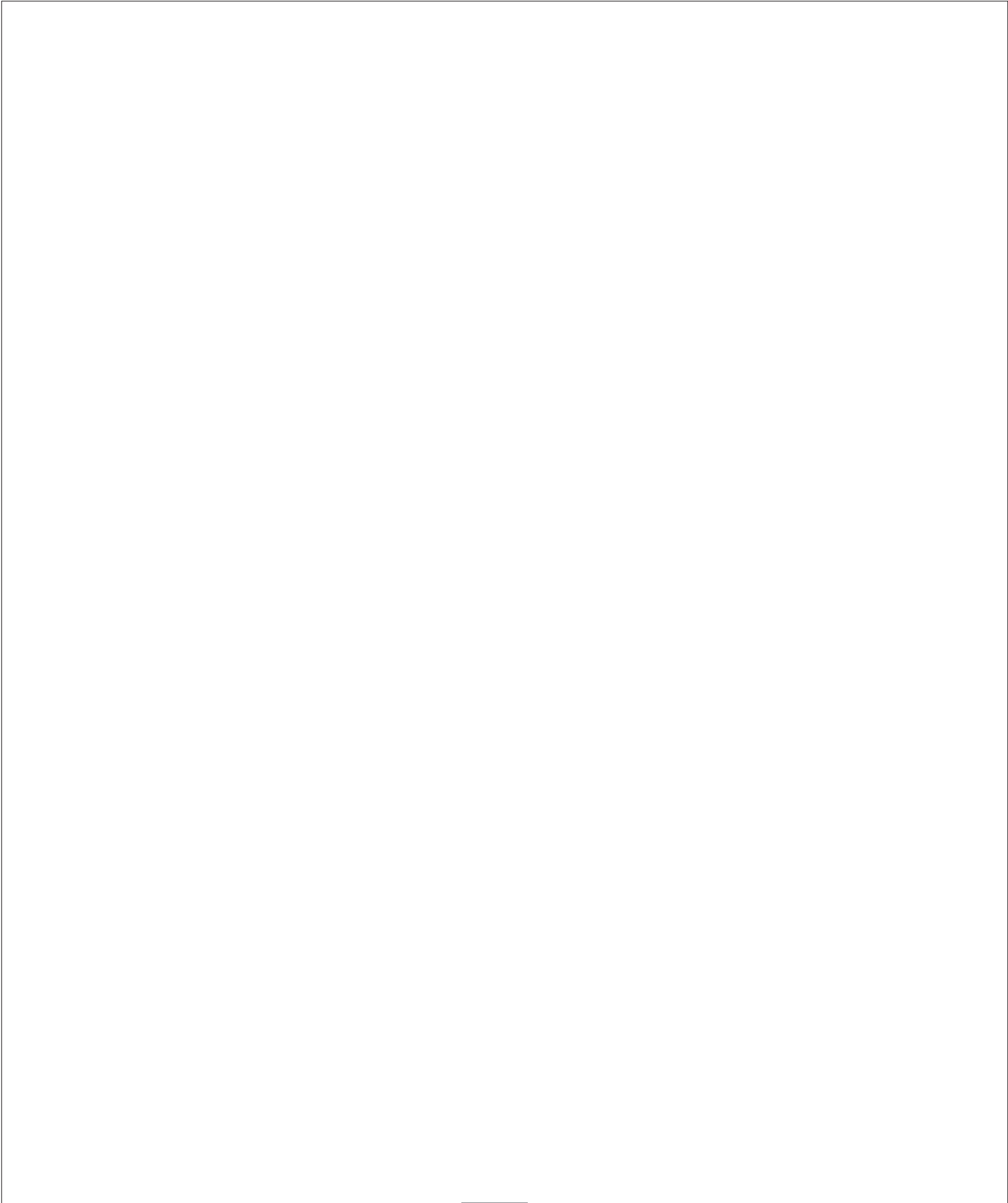
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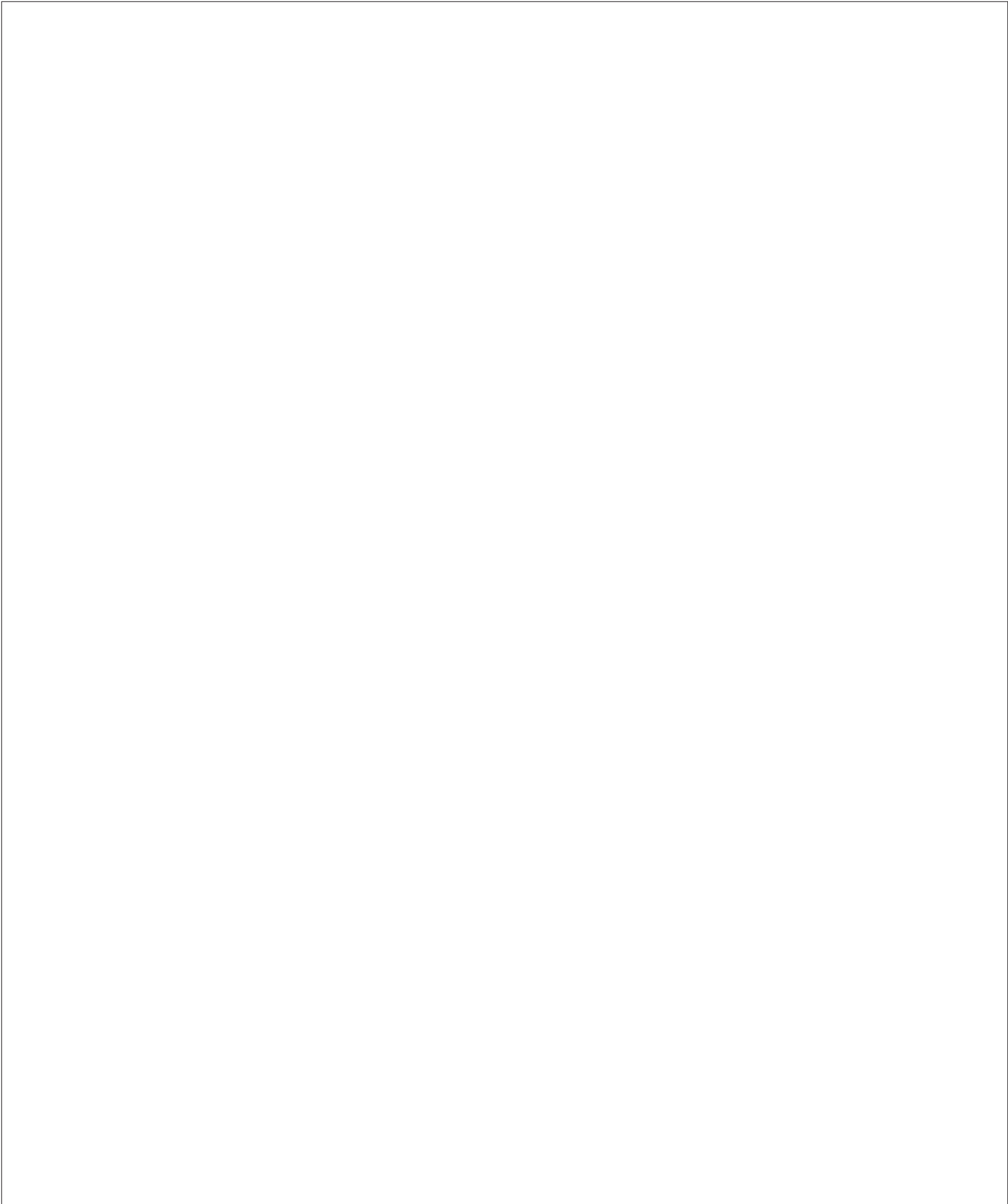


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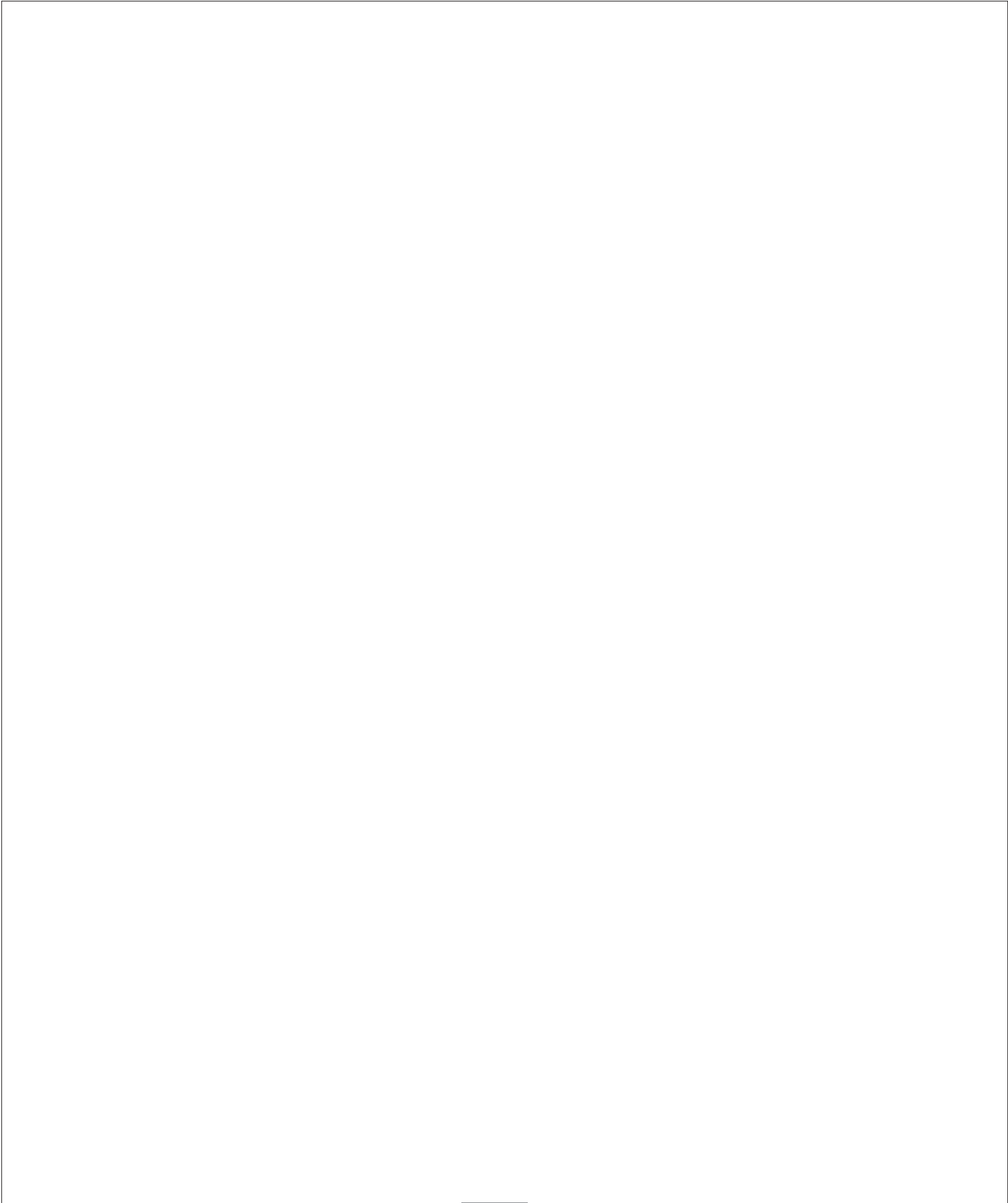




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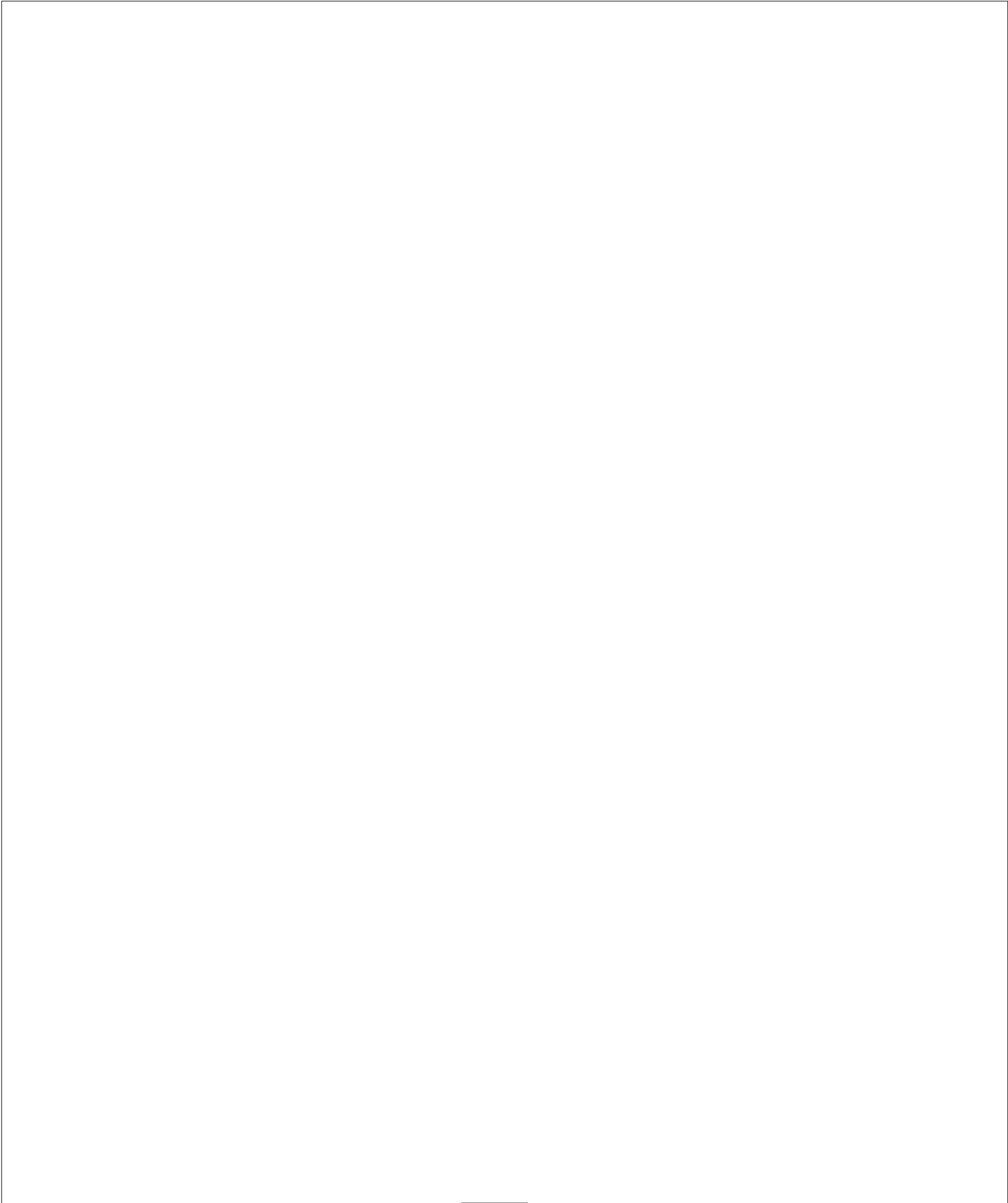
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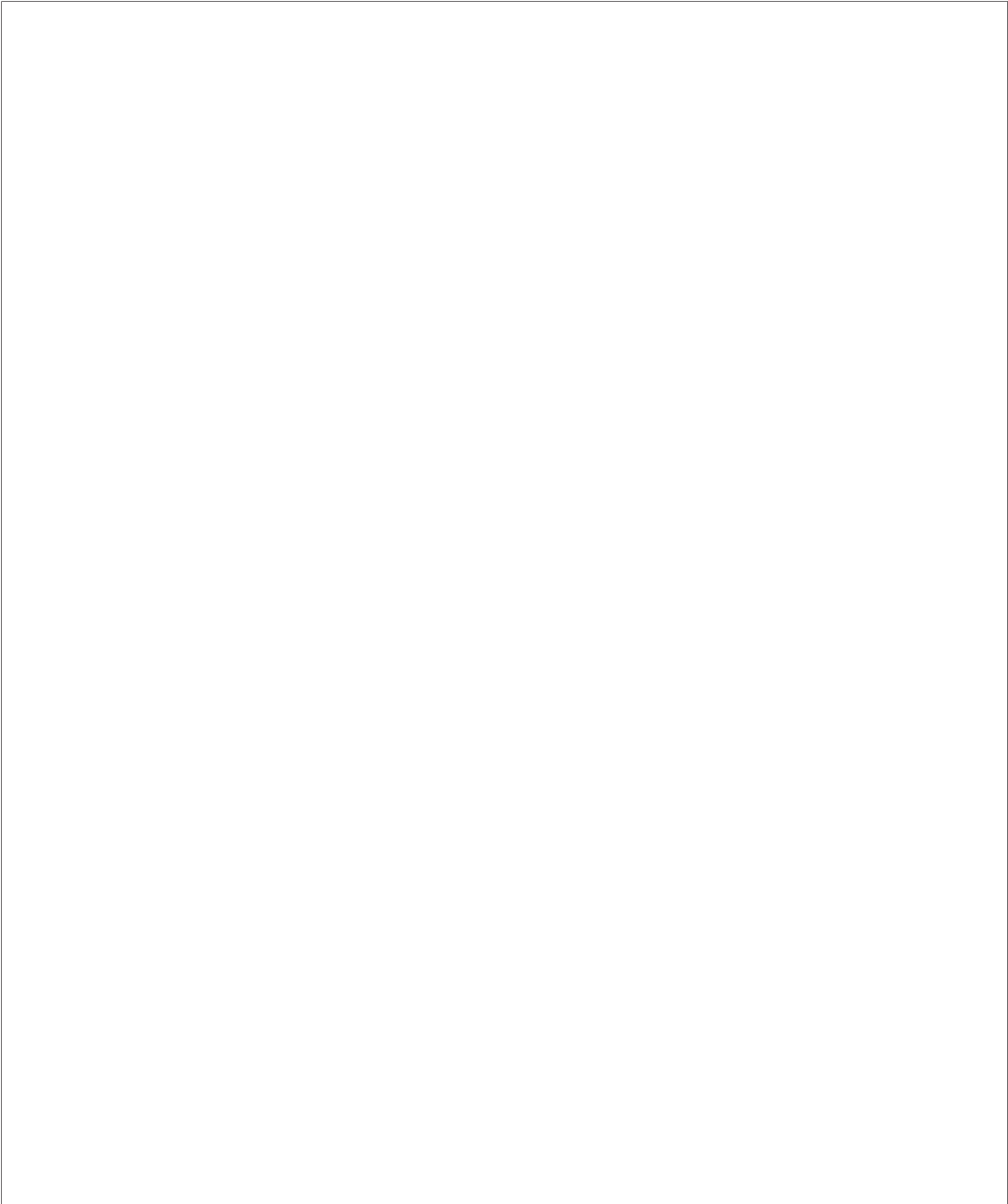
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- Respite care services
- Financial counseling
- Legal assistance
- Information and referrals

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