



## South Florida Detention Facility Continuity of Operations Plan

This plan focuses on the need for a full-scale evacuation and relocation due to a tropical cyclone but may be utilized for all-hazards

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# Introduction

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Upon the implementation of EO 14159, the State of Florida integrated with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to augment current law enforcement activities throughout the State. ICE Enforcement Removal Operations (ERO) maintains custody of this transient and diverse population. The detainees are housed in facilities nationwide under civil detention authorities pending the adjudication of their immigration cases or their departure from the United States. ERO exceeded its detention capacity in Florida, leading DHS and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to request the State of Florida to supplement this capacity with a temporary detention facility.

The South Florida Detention Facility (SFDF) has been established at the Dade-Collier Training and Transition (TNT) Airport, within the Florida Everglades, in unincorporated Collier County, Florida. The geography of this location, while ideal for integrated detention operations in support of the DHS – ICE initiatives, is vulnerable to tropical weather. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), in coordination with State Emergency Response Team (SERT) partners, will maintain continuous plan refinement efforts in preparation for the potential evacuation of the facility to ensure SFDF Continuity of Operations (COOP).

## Purpose and Scope

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[REDACTED] This plan provides a summary of necessary actions, considerations, and courses of action for State of Florida leadership to consider when determining the need to establish continuity operations for the SFDF due to hazardous conditions threatening the primary facility.

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[REDACTED] All vendors have developed individual continuity planning procedures to include the level of staffing necessary to support the SFDF concurrently with evacuation and relocation of detainees to alternate facilities, alternate operations, and reconstitution. This plan outlines procedures applicable to all courses of action to include [REDACTED]  
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## Objectives

- Maintain secure custody of all detainees during evacuation, relocation, continuity operations, and reconstitution
- Ensure continuity of all essential services for detainees; to include, but not limited to:
  - Medical care
  - Food service
  - Emergency services
  - Sanitation and waste management
  - Security and communication systems
- Ensure health, safety, and dignity of all detainees at primary and alternate facilities and during transportation
- Reconstitute operations at the SFDF as quickly as possible post-landfall
- Maintain communication between detention facility operations and the SEOC
- Protect critical detainee records and legal documentation
- Maintain operations to support detainee legal processes through alternate operations
- Continue to augment federal immigration detention capacity

## Planning Assumptions

- The primary temporary detention facilities are expected to operate for a year or more in locations vulnerable to impact from natural, man-made or technological hazards that may require relocation of the populations at the facility
- Local, state, and federal agencies, and vendors will collaborate effectively to support the operation of the primary and alternate facilities, including contributions from law enforcement, emergency services, and health departments. Mutual aid agreements are expected to be in place to facilitate resource sharing and personnel support across jurisdictions
- A tropical cyclone that has the potential to cause the evacuation of SFDF also has the potential to exceed the capabilities of counties or state agencies, and the Governor, by executive order or proclamation, will declare a state of emergency for those impacted areas or areas in which the emergency or disaster is anticipated as defined in Section 252.36, Florida Statutes
- Multiple alternate facilities may be used in concurrence upon the decision to evacuate the primary facility; the order of preference is:
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- The SEOC will be staffed by the SERT, available to provide support for SFDF operations
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
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## Authorities and References

### Authorities

- State of Florida Executive Order 23-03
- Florida Division of Emergency Management Agency Order 2023-001
- Florida Division of Emergency Management Agency Order 2023-002
- Florida Division of Emergency Management Agency Order 2023-003
- Florida Division of Emergency Management Agency Order 2023-004
- Chapter 252, Emergency Management, Florida Statutes
- Chapter 908 Federal Immigration Enforcement, Florida Statutes
- Chapter 23 Part 1 Florida Mutual Aid Act, Florida Statutes
- Chapter 943 Section 3 Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Statutes
- 2024 State of Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

### References

- [REDACTED] (DRAFT)
- [REDACTED] (DRAFTS)
- 2025 Florida Model Jail Standards
- Non-Dedicated Intergovernmental Service Agreement
- Border Protection Standards on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search 2015
- Florida Department of Corrections Continuity of Operations Plan
- Florida Department of Corrections Hurricane Plan

## Confidential and Exempt

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## **Roles and Responsibilities**

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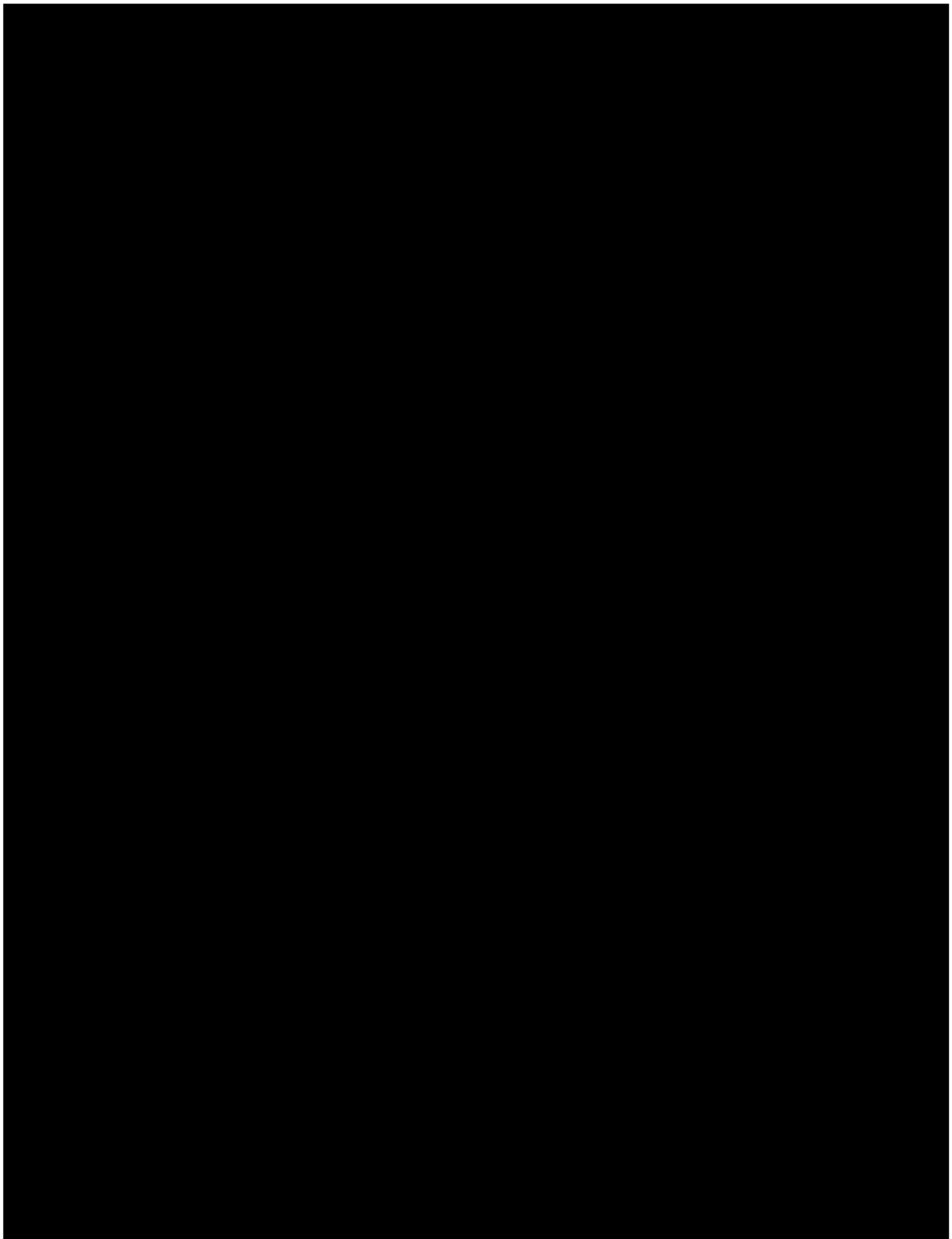
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### **State Emergency Response Team**

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# Concept of Operations

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### Monitoring and Activation

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### Evacuation and Relocation Decision

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## Initial Actions

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Records will also be redundantly backed up and maintained during a continuity of operations in accordance with:

- Chapter 119, Florida Statutes
- The Florida Department of State General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Governments
- General Records Schedule GS2 for Law Enforcement, Correctional Facilities, District Medical Examiner
- General Records Schedule GS4 for Public Hospitals, Health Care Facilities and Medical Providers.

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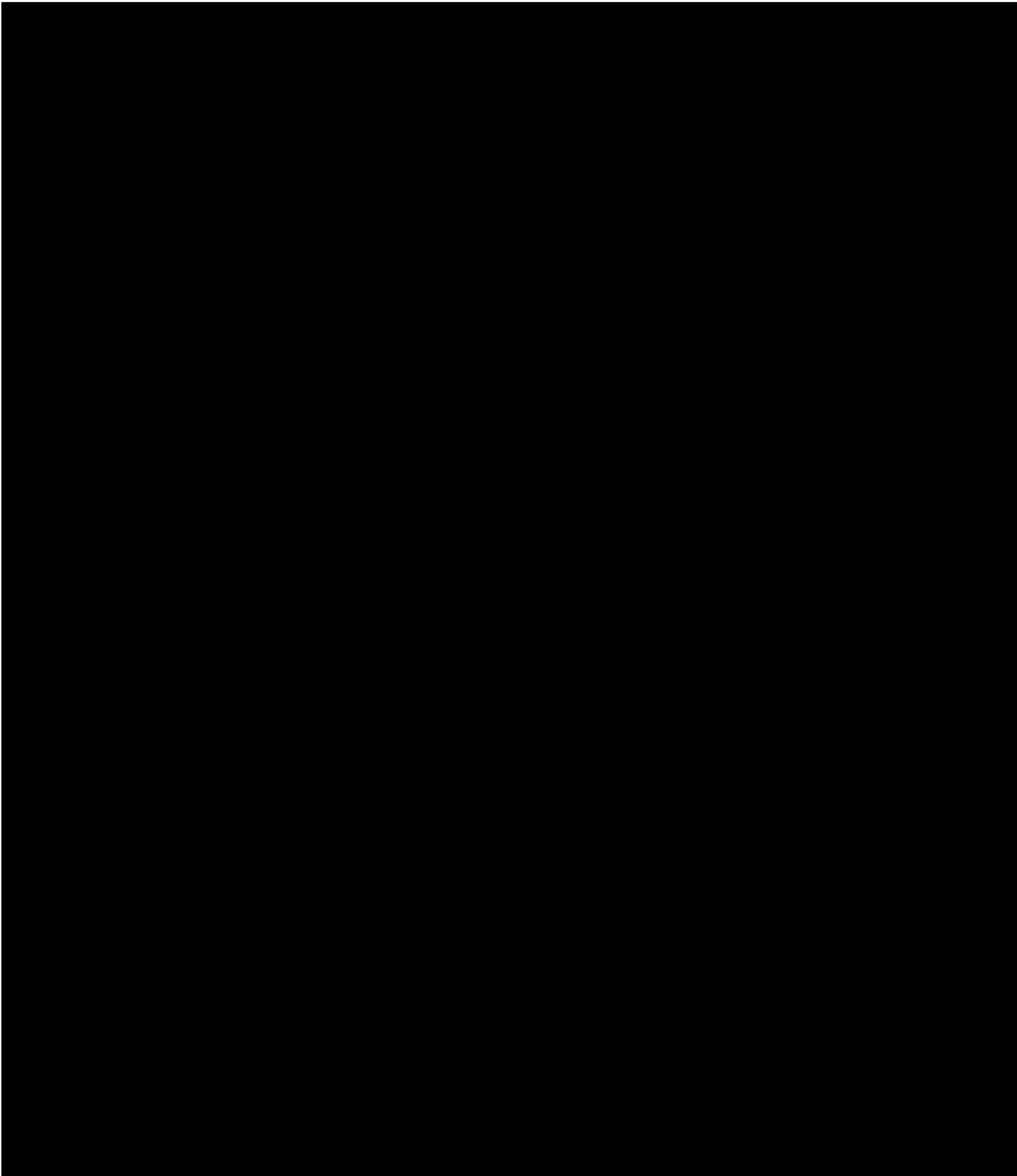
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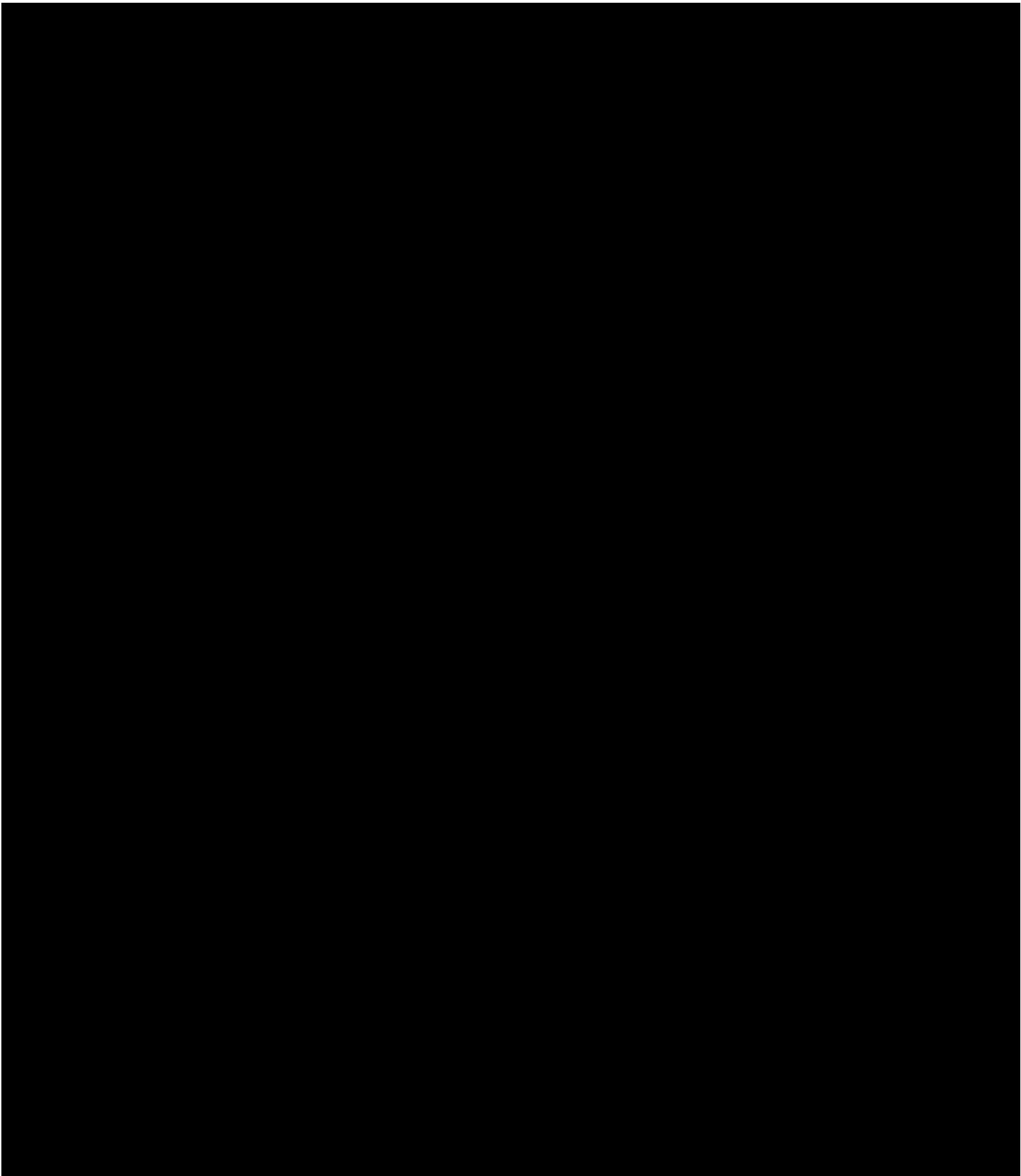
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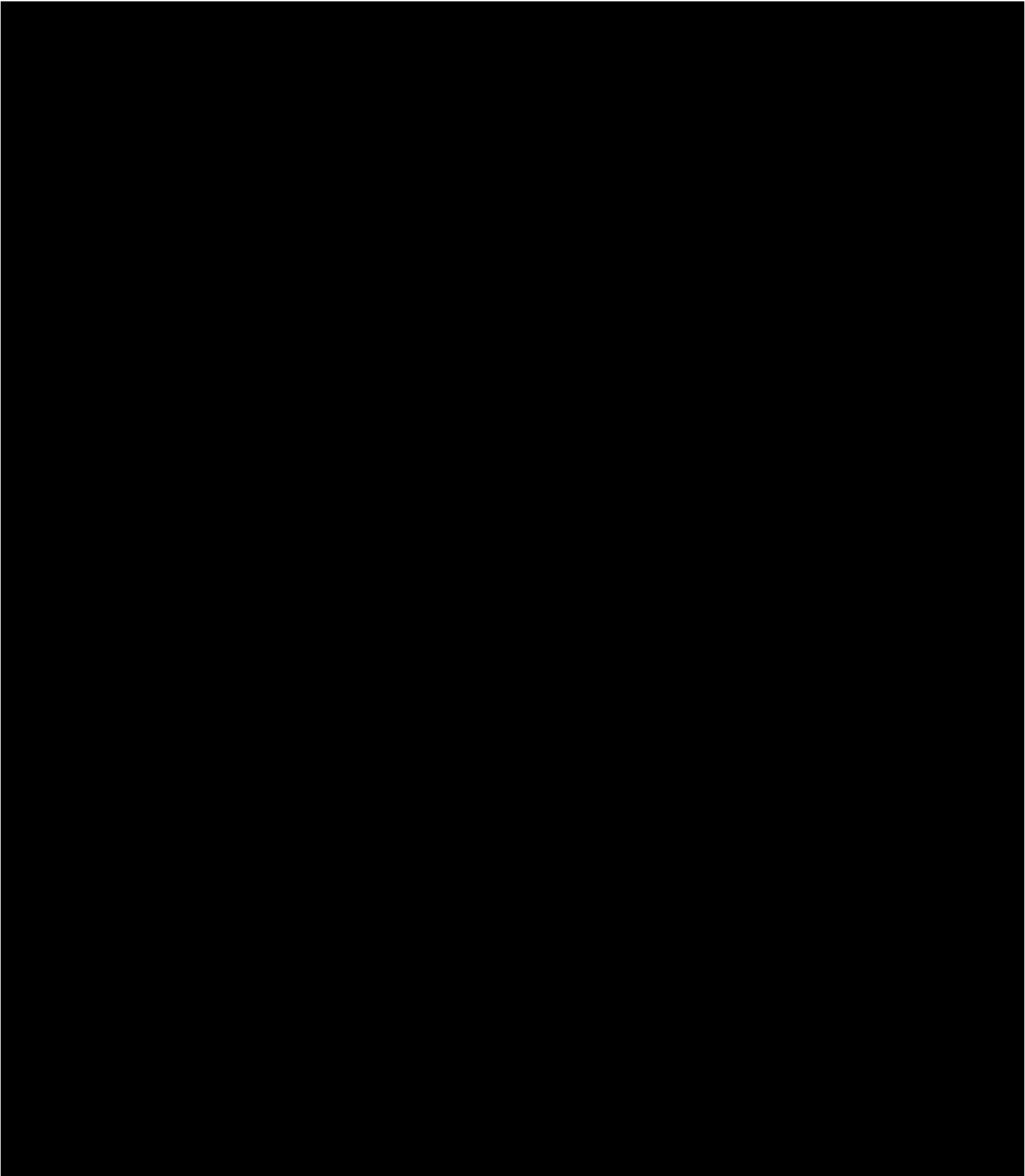
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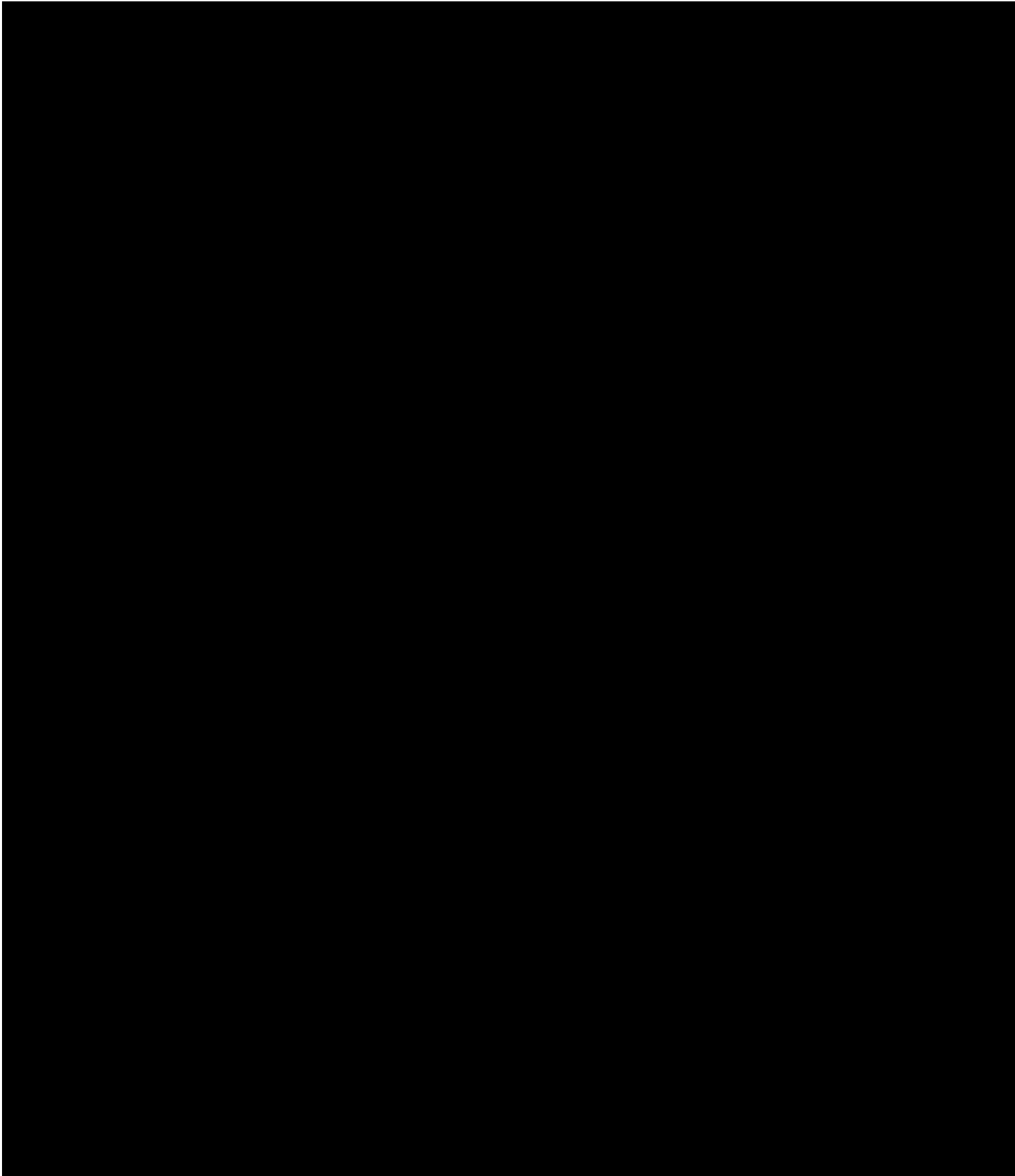
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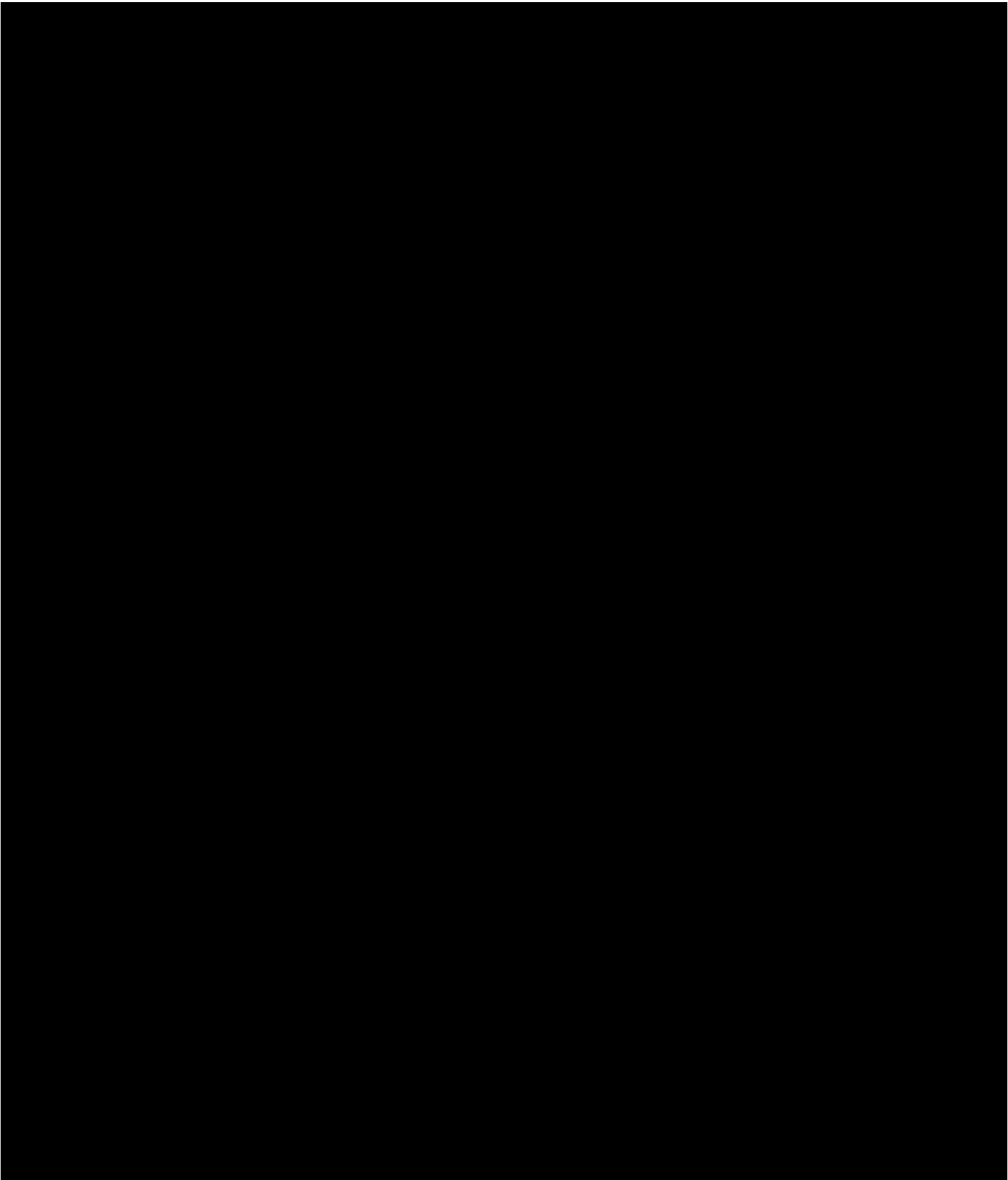
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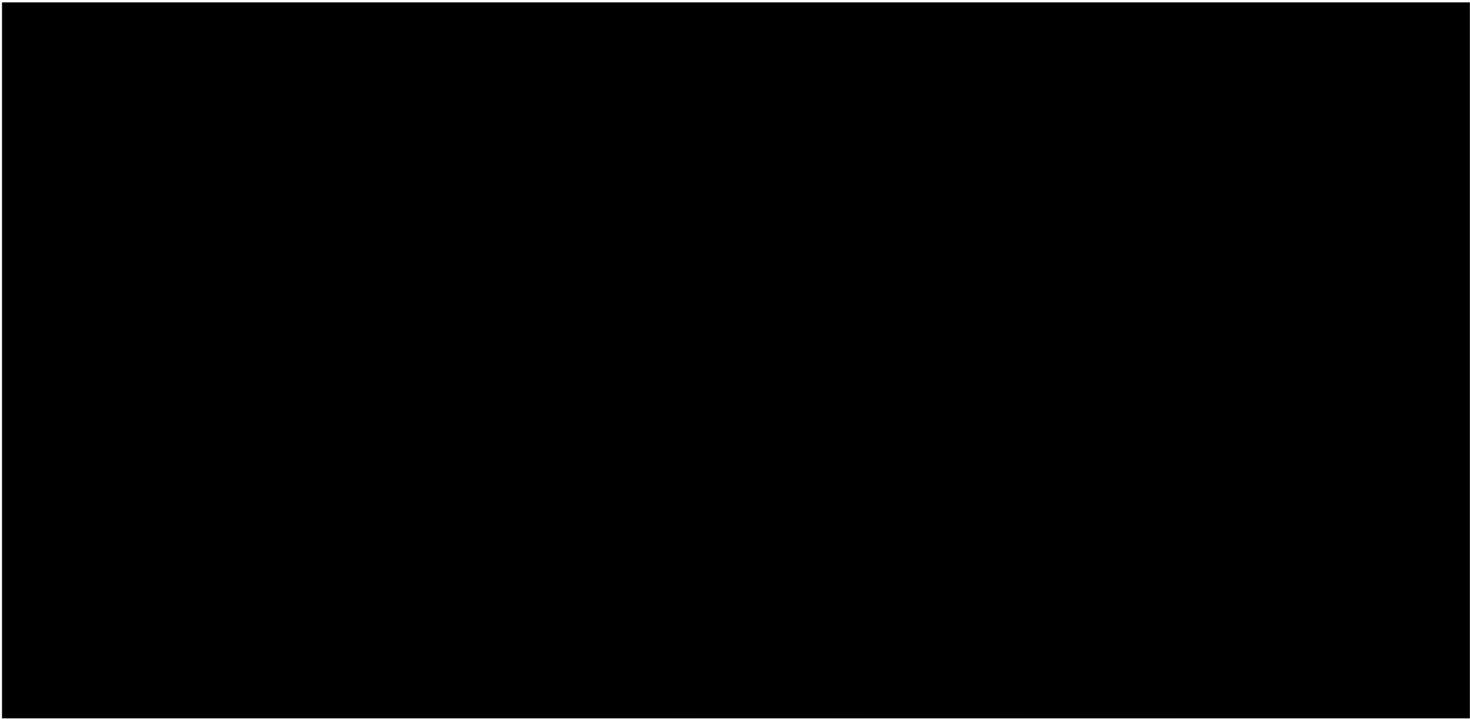












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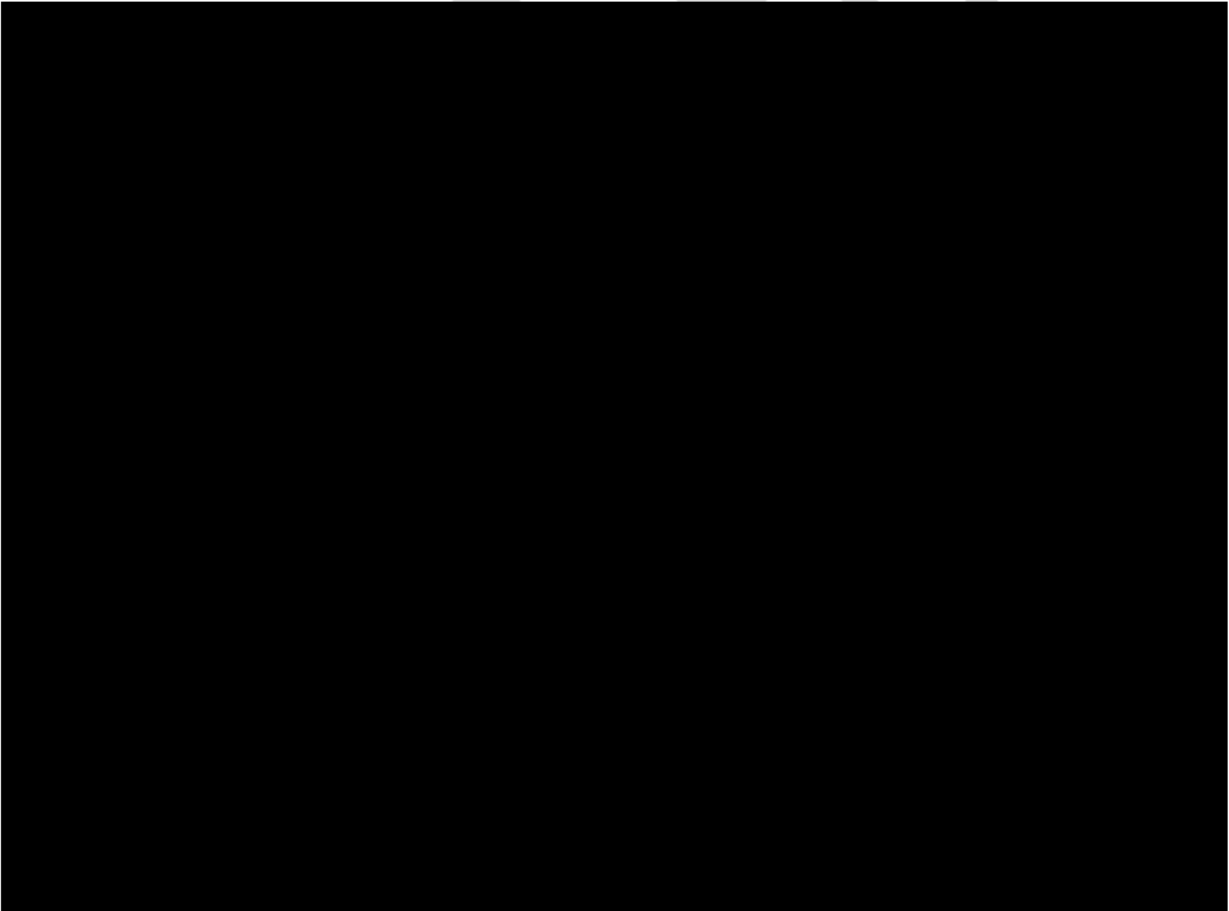
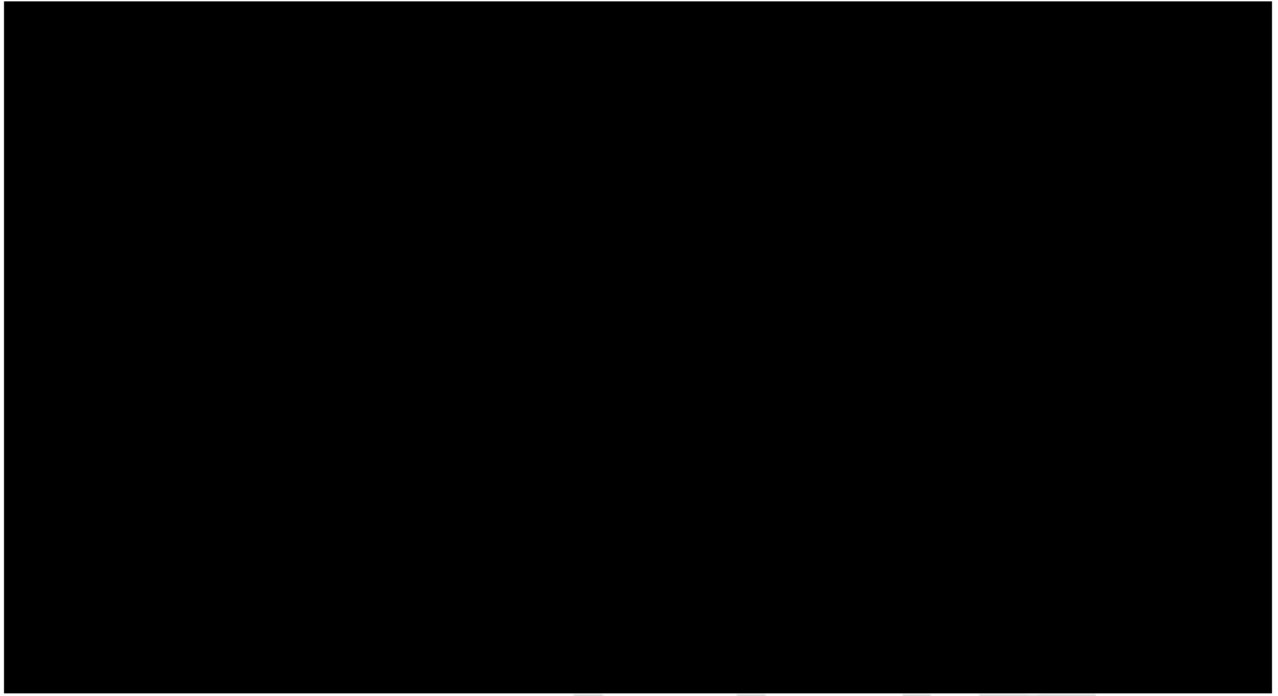
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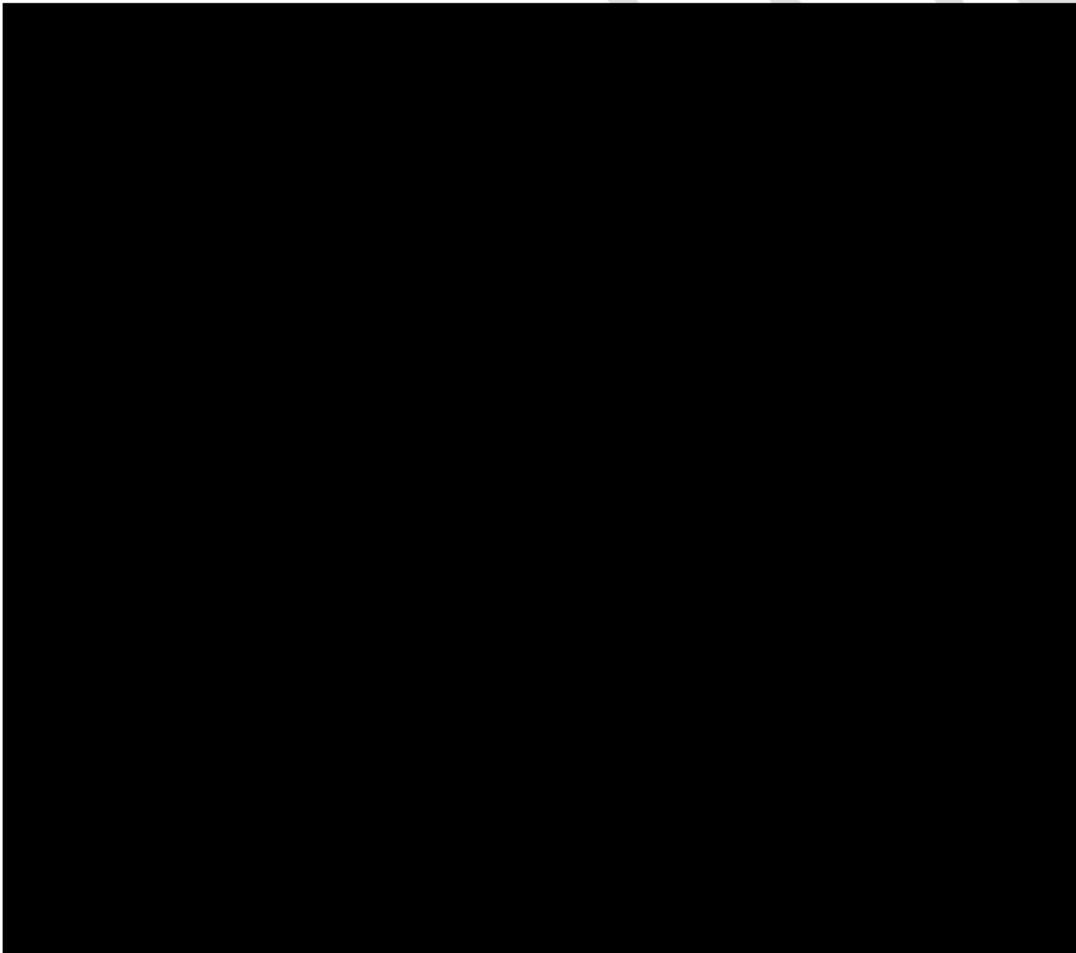
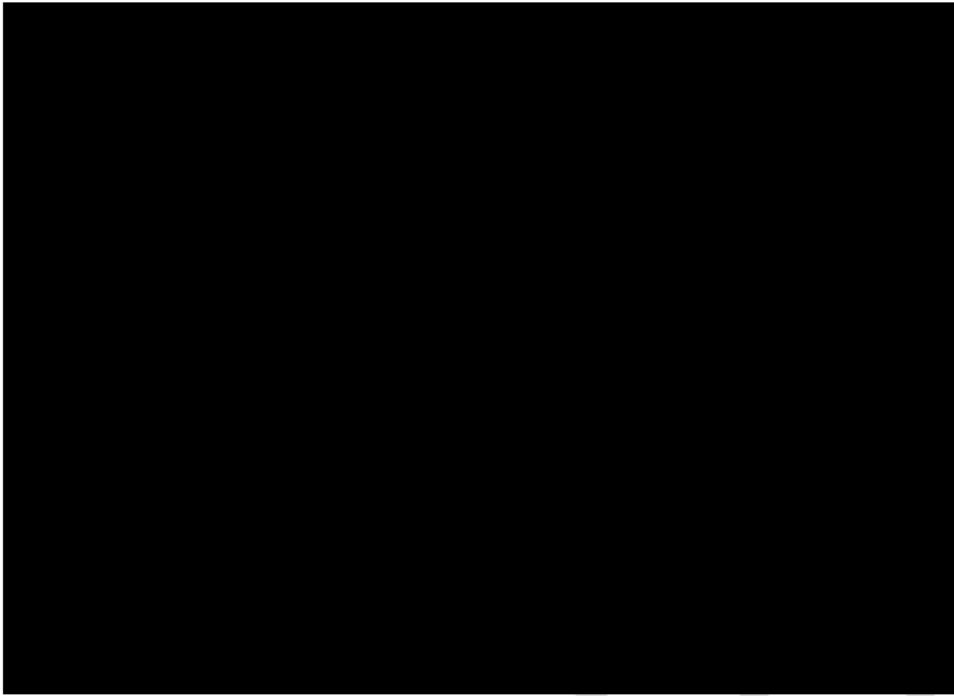
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