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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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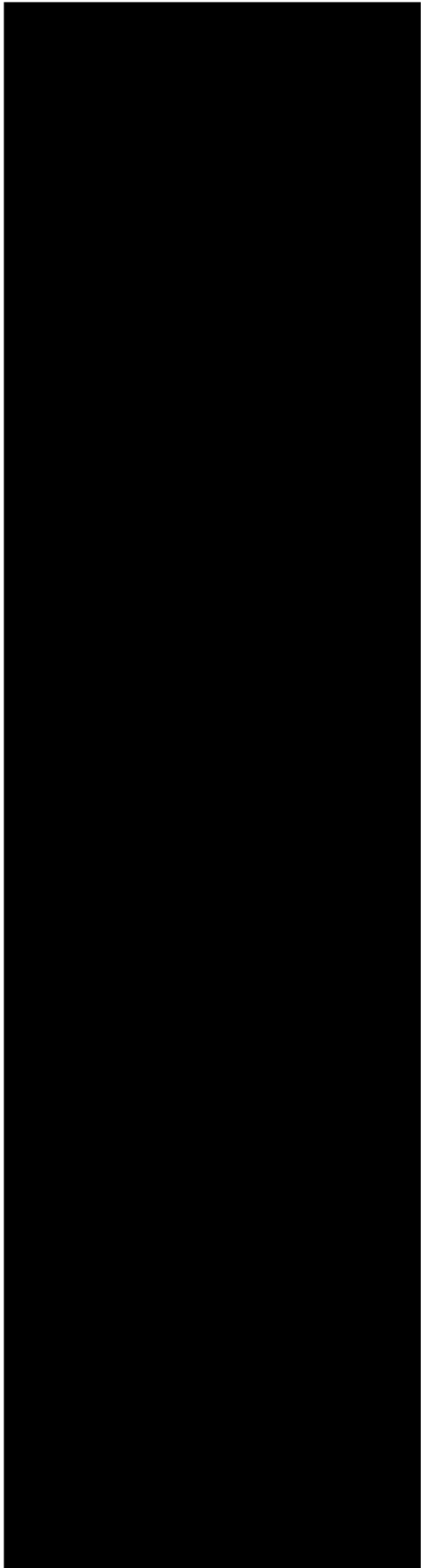
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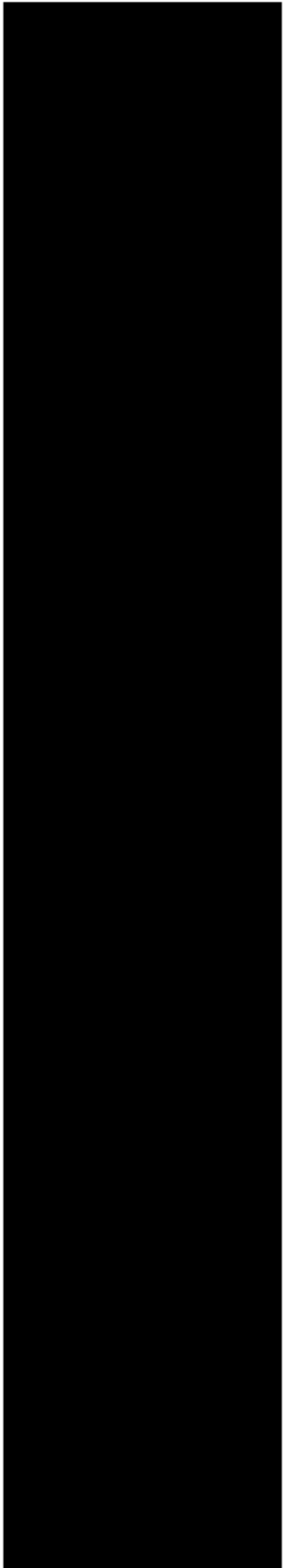
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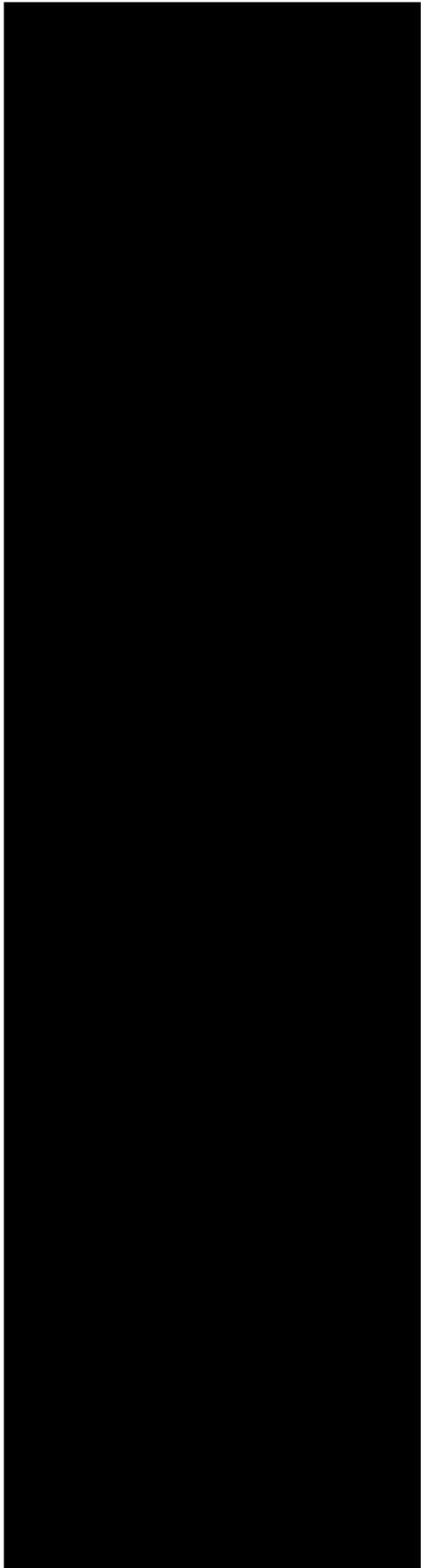
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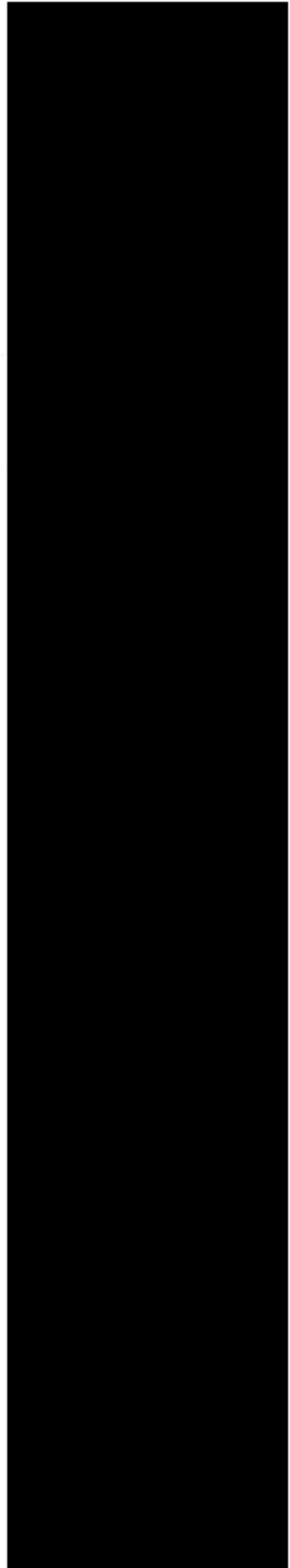


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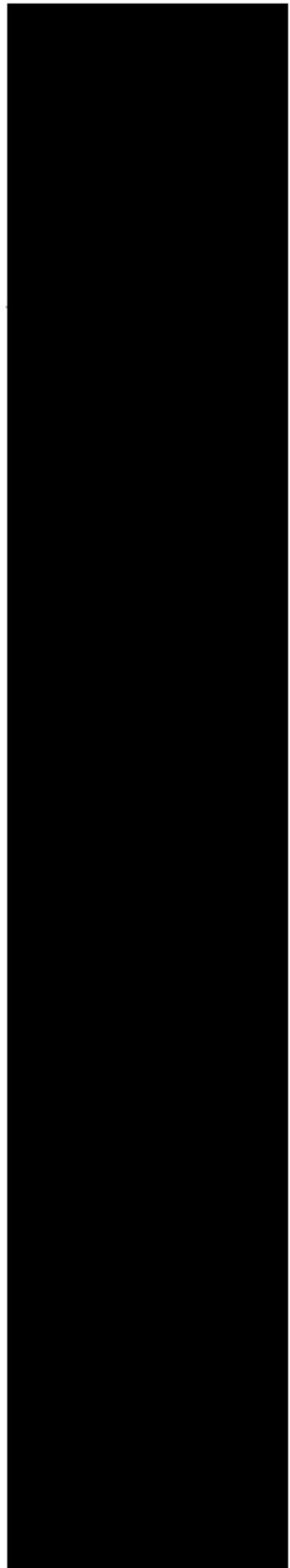


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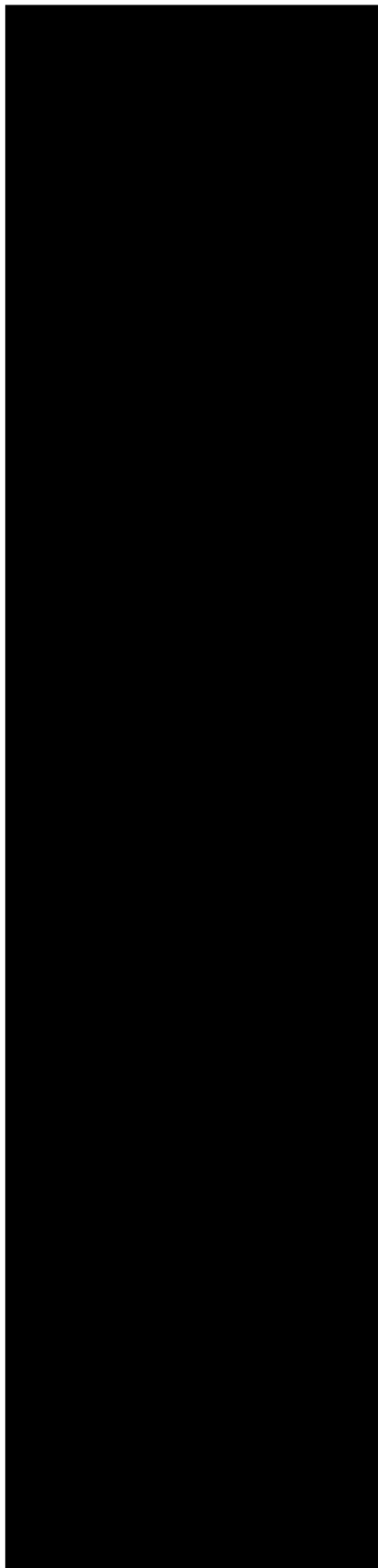
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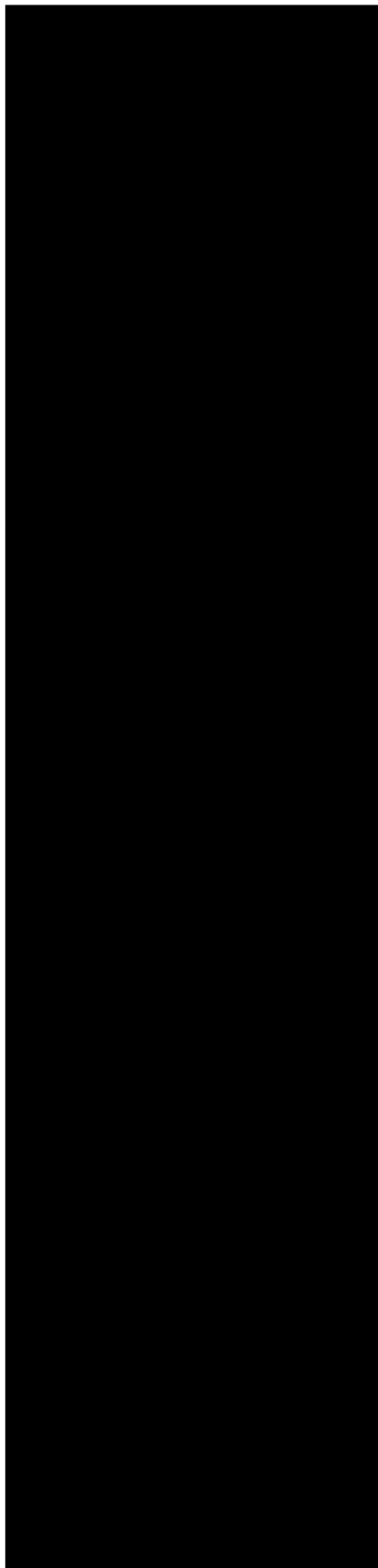
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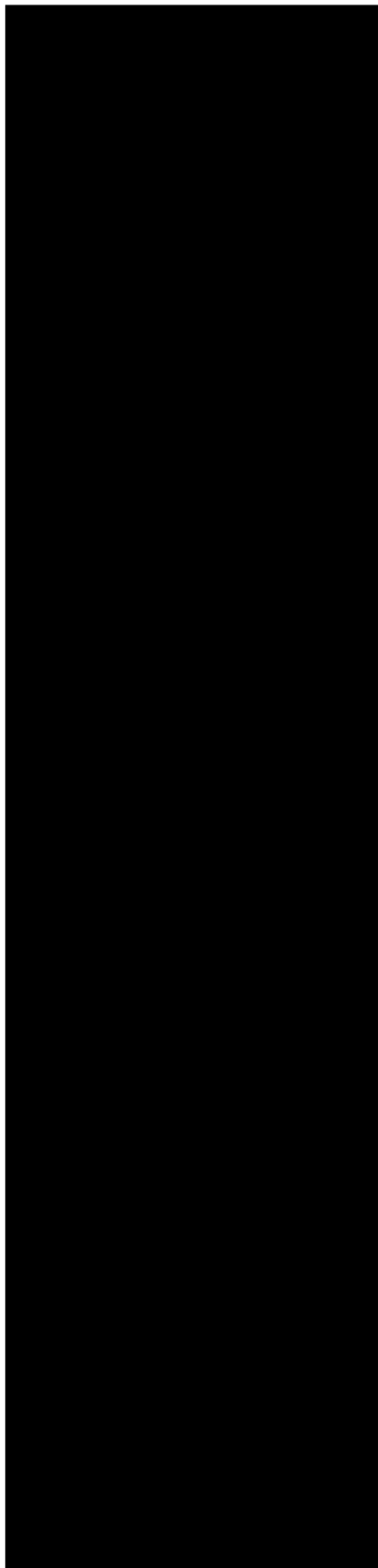
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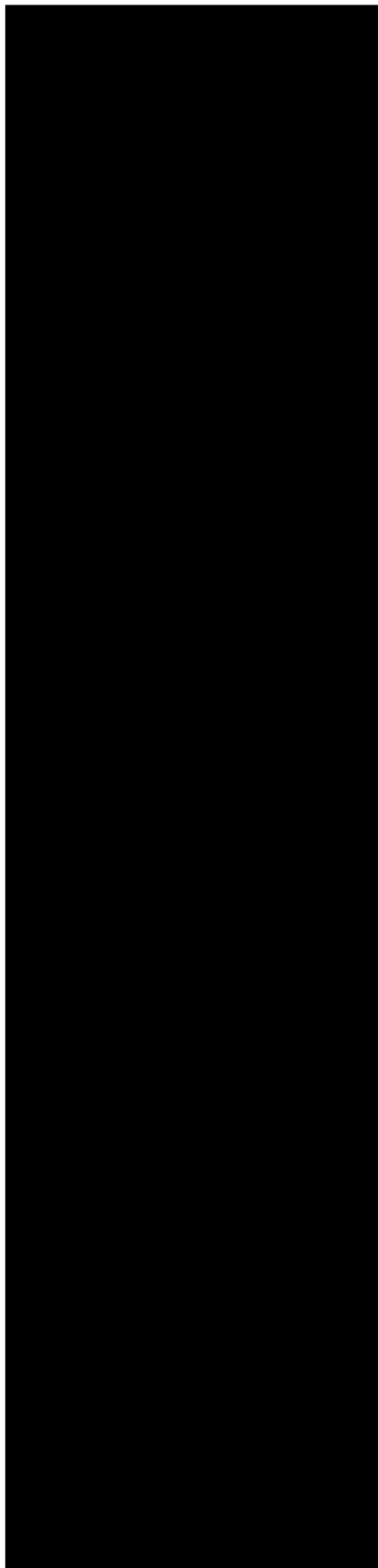
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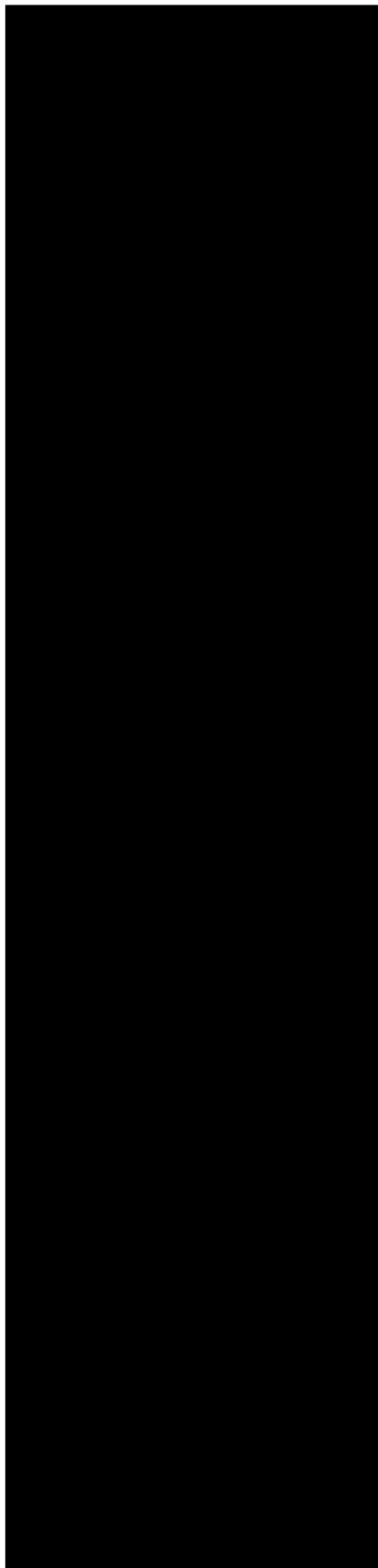
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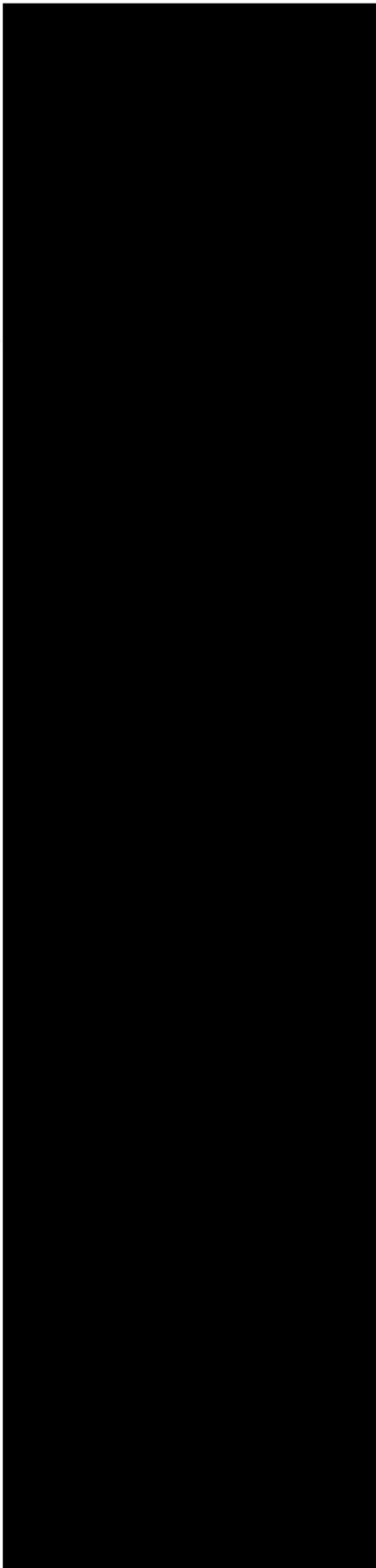




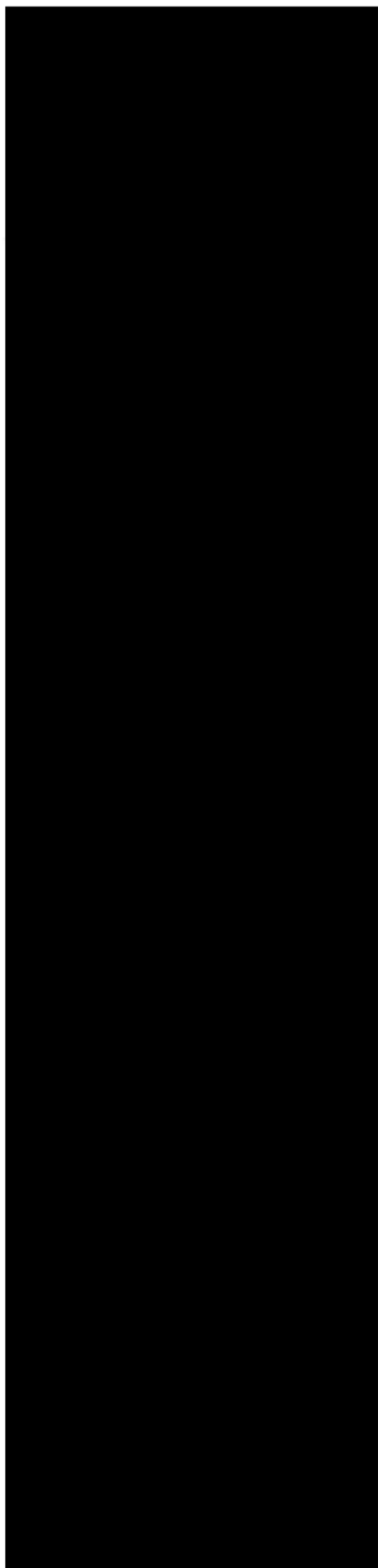




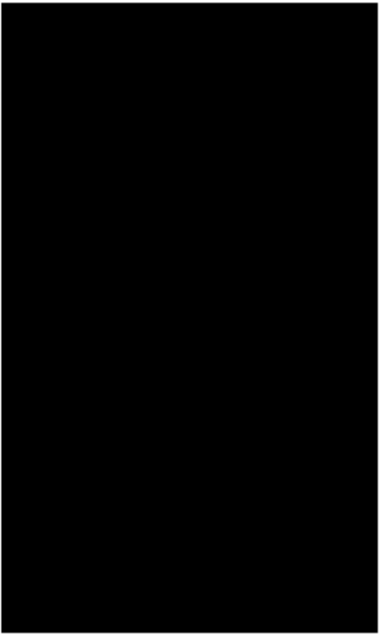




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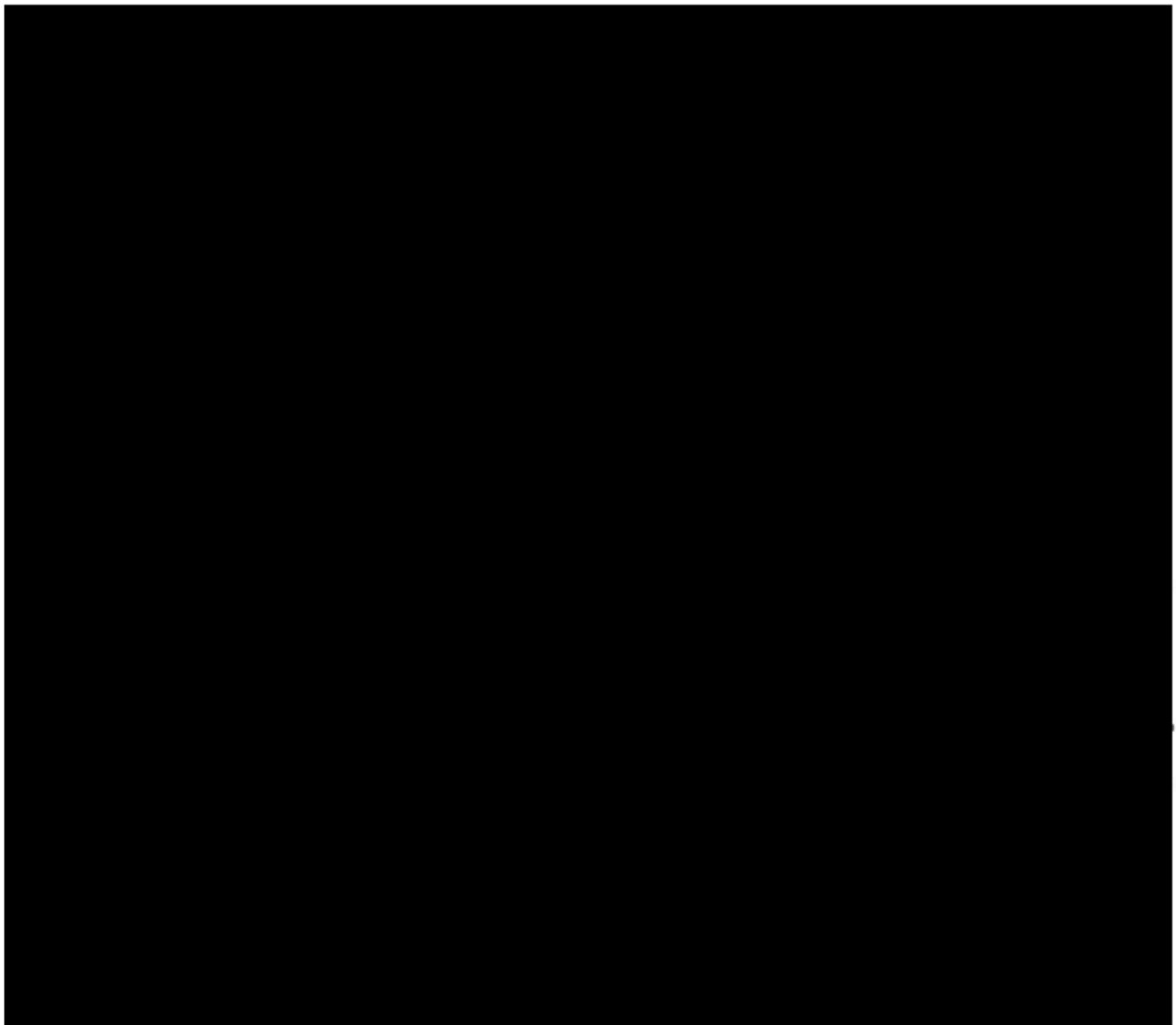


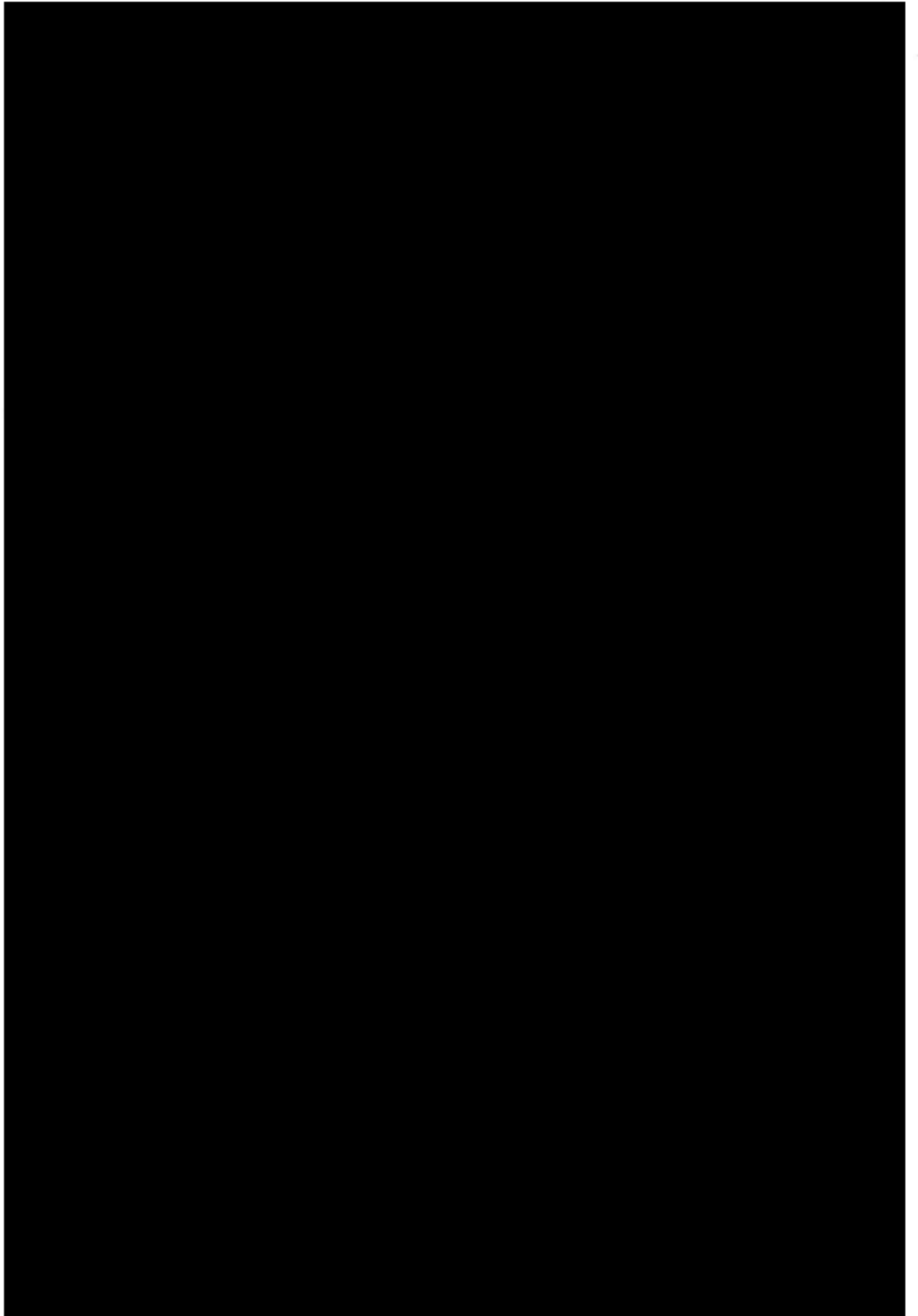




COUNT ONE  
RIOTING AND INCITING TO RIOT  
(D.C. Code § 22-1322(d))

1. On or about January 20, 2017, within the District of Columbia, defendants





[REDACTED] (hereinafter, the "Rioting Defendants") willfully engaged, incited, and urged other people to engage in a riot, that is, a public disturbance involving an assemblage of five or more persons, that by tumultuous and violent conduct and the threat thereof, resulted in serious bodily harm or property damage in excess of \$5,000.

2. It was a part of this riot that the Rioting Defendants and others gathered on the morning of January 20, 2017, in and around Logan Circle located at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and P Street NW, Washington, D.C.

3. It was a part of this riot that, on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants used a tactic called the "Black Bloc" in which individual defendants wore black or dark colored clothing, gloves, scarves, sunglasses, ski masks, gas masks, goggles, helmets, hoodies, and other face-concealing and face-protecting items to conceal their identities in an effort to prevent law enforcement from being able to identify the individual perpetrators of violence or destruction.

4. It was a part of this riot that, on January 20, 2017, to facilitate violence and destruction, individual defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc armed themselves with items that could be used to damage persons and property. These items included hammers, crowbars, metal poles, wooden sticks, wooden poles, bricks, rocks, pieces of concrete, lighters, flares, firecrackers, and other explosive devices.

5. It was a part of this riot that, on January 20, 2017, individual defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc brought face masks, gas masks, and goggles to eliminate or mitigate the effectiveness of crowd control measures that might be used by law enforcement.

6. It was a part of this riot that, at or about 10:19 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others moved south from Logan Circle on 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW as part of the Black Bloc.

7. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:19 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc carried flares and lit firecrackers and fireworks as the Rioting Defendants and others moved south on 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

8. It was a part of this riot that, at or about 10:21 AM on January 20, 2017, within two (2) blocks of leaving Logan Circle, individuals participating in Black Bloc started breaking

and attempting to break the windows of a BP gas station located in the 1300 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved south on 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

9. It was a part of this riot that, beginning at or about 10:23 AM on January 20, 2017, and continuing for the duration of the riot, individuals participating in the Black Bloc began pulling newspaper stands, trashcans and signs into the street, blocking vehicles as the Rioting Defendants and others moved through the streets of the District of Columbia.

10. It was a part of this riot that, beginning at about 10:25 AM on January 20, 2017, and continuing for the duration of the riot, individuals participating in the Black Bloc used spray paint to deface public and private property as the Rioting Defendants and others moved through the streets of the District of Columbia.

11. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:26 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of an Au Bon Pain restaurant located in the 1100 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved south on 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

12. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:27 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc attempted to break the windows of Maddy's Taproom restaurant located in the 1100 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW, by hitting it with wooden sticks as the Rioting Defendants and others moved south on 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

13. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:29 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others turned west from 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW onto K Street NW as part of the Black Bloc.

14. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:30 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc assaulted a limousine driver and broke the windows of a limousine parked on the north side of K Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved west on K Street NW.

15. It was a part of this riot, at about 10:32 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc moved into Franklin Square park from the

north side of the park, regrouped, then left Franklin Square moving east on I Street NW as part of the Black Bloc.

16. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:34 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of a government vehicle and used spray paint to deface the vehicle, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved east on I Street NW.

17. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:35 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of a Starbuck's Coffee shop located in the 1200 block of I Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved east on I Street NW.

18. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:35 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of a Bank of America branch located in the 1200 block of I Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved east on I Street NW.

19. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:35 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of the Atrium Café restaurant located in the 1200 block of I Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved east on I Street NW.

20. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:36 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of Bobby Van's restaurant located in the 1200 block of New York Ave NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved south on New York Avenue NW.

21. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:37 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc reached the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW and New York Avenue NW, and turned east on New York Avenue NW.

22. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:38 AM on January 20, 2017, as the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc attempted to move past 11<sup>th</sup> Street NW and New York Ave NW, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc encountered a police line and turned around, moving west on New York Avenue NW towards 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

23. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:40 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of a McDonald's restaurant located near

the intersection of New York Avenue NW and 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved west on New York Avenue NW.

24. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:41 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc moved north on 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW in an effort to avoid law enforcement.

25. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:41 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the ATM machines at the Wells Fargo Bank located in the 1300 block of I Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved north on 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

26. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:42 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc moved west on I Street NW in an effort to avoid law enforcement.

27. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:42 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of a police cruiser located in the 1300 block of I Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved west on I Street NW.

28. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:43 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc moved into Franklin Square park from the south side and the west side of the park, regrouped, then left Franklin Square moving north on 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW as part of the Black Bloc.

29. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:45 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc moved towards the Crowne Plaza hotel located at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and K Street NW.

30. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:46 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of the Crowne Plaza located in the 1000 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved north in the 1000 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

31. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:47 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc reached the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW and L Street NW, and turned east on L Street NW.

32. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:49 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc ran together east on L Street NW in an effort to avoid law enforcement.

33. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:49 AM on January 20, 2017, individuals participating in the Black Bloc smashed the windows of a commercial building located in the 1200 block of L Street NW, as the Rioting Defendants and others moved east on L Street NW.

34. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:50 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc observed law enforcement forming a police line consisting of less than two dozen officers at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW and L Street NW.

35. It was a part of this riot that, at about 10:52 AM on January 20, 2017, approximately two hundred individuals from within the group consisting of the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc, charged at the police line at 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW and L Street NW, in an attempt to avoid arrest by law enforcement.

36. It was a part of this riot that, beginning at about 10:19 AM and continuing until 10:52 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc traveled together a distance of approximately sixteen (16) city blocks as individuals participating in the Black Bloc committed acts of violence and destruction.

37. It was a part of this riot that, beginning at about 10:19 AM and continuing until 10:52 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc, did not exercise multiple opportunities to leave the Black Bloc, choosing instead to stay with the Black Bloc, including two separate occasions when the Black Bloc dispersed into Franklin Square park and regrouped, thereby allowing individuals in the Black Bloc to commit further acts of violence and destruction.

38. It was a part of this riot that, beginning at about 10:19 AM and continuing until 10:52 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc traveled together for approximately sixteen (16) city blocks as individuals within the Black Bloc voiced commands to the Rioting Defendants and others to ensure that the group moved together for the purpose of aiding those individuals committing the violent and destructive acts by allowing them to hide among the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc in an effort to avoid detection by law enforcement.

39. It was a part of this riot that, beginning at about 10:21 AM and continuing until 10:52 AM on January 20, 2017, the Rioting Defendants and others participating in the Black Bloc cheered and celebrated the violence and destruction committed by individuals participating in the Black Bloc, and also chanted "Fuck it up," "Fuck Capitalism," and "Whose streets? Our streets" prior to, during, and after acts of violence and destruction.

40. It was a part of this riot that, beginning at about 10:45 AM and continuing past 11:00 AM on January 20, 2017, individual defendants changed and removed their clothing in an attempt to alter their appearance or conceal from law enforcement their participation in the Black Bloc.

41. It was a part of this riot that, starting at approximately 10:21 AM and continuing until 10:52 AM on January 20, 2017, the damage to commercial businesses, and other public and private property and vehicles exceeded more than \$5,000.

(Rioting and Inciting to Riot, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 1322(d) (2001 ed.))

**COUNT TWO**  
**DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**  
**(D.C. Code § 22-303)**

On or about January 20, 2017, within the District of Columbia, [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] and other individuals whose identities are known and unknown to the Grand Jury, maliciously did injure, break and destroy certain property, that is, a limousine, property of Nationwide Chauffeured Services, causing damage in the amount of \$1000 or more.  
(Destroying Property, in violation 22 D.C. Code, Section 303 (2001 ed.))



COUNT THREE  
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY  
(D.C. Code § 22-303)

On or about January 20, 2017, within the District of Columbia, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and other individuals whose identities are known and unknown to the Grand Jury, maliciously did injure, break and destroy certain property, that is, the windows of a Starbucks coffee shop, which was property in the care and custody of Starbucks Coffee Company, causing damage in the amount of \$1000 or more. (Destroying Property, in violation 22 D.C. Code, Section 303 (2001 ed.))

COUNT FOUR  
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY  
(D.C. Code § 22-303)

On or about January 20, 2017, within the District of Columbia, [REDACTED] and other individuals whose identities are known and unknown to the Grand Jury, maliciously did injure, break and destroy certain property, that is, the windows of a McDonald's restaurant, which was property in the care and custody of the owner(s) of the McDonald's restaurant located at 1235 New York Avenue NW, Washington, D.C., causing damage in the amount of \$1000 or more. (Destroying Property, in violation 22 D.C. Code, Section 303 (2001 ed.))

**COUNT FIVE**  
**ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER (FELONY) WHILE ARMED**  
**(D.C. Code §§ 22-405(c), 4502)**

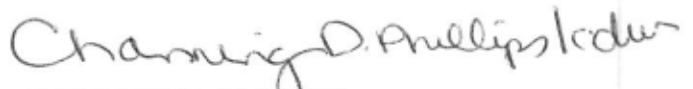
On or about January 20, 2017, within the District of Columbia [REDACTED] while armed with a brick, rock, or piece of concrete, without justifiable and excusable cause, did assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with, John Doe 1, a law enforcement officer operating in the District of Columbia, knowing John Doe 1 to be a police officer, while John Doe 1 was engaged in and on account of the performance of his official duties and [REDACTED] caused significant bodily injury to John Doe 1 or committed a violent act that created a grave risk of significant bodily injury to John Doe 1. (Assaulting, Resisting or Interfering with a Police Officer (Felony) While Armed, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Sections 405(c), 4502 (2001 ed.))

**COUNT SIX**  
**ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER (FELONY) WHILE ARMED**  
**(D.C. Code §§ 22-405(c), 4502)**

On or about January 20, 2017, within the District of Columbia [REDACTED] while armed with a brick, rock, or piece of concrete, without justifiable and excusable cause, did assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with, John Doe 2, a law enforcement officer operating in the District of Columbia, knowing John Doe 2 to be a police officer, while John Doe 2 was engaged in and on account of the performance of his official duties and [REDACTED] caused significant bodily injury to John Doe 2 or committed a violent act that created a grave risk of significant bodily injury to John Doe 2. (Assaulting, Resisting or Interfering with a Police Officer (Felony) While Armed, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Sections 405(c), 4502 (2001 ed.))

COUNT SEVEN  
**ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER (FELONY) WHILE ARMED**  
**(D.C. Code §§ 22-405(c), 4502)**

On or about January 20, 2017, within the District of Columbia, [REDACTED] while armed with a brick, rock, or piece of concrete, without justifiable and excusable cause, did assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with, John Doe 3, a law enforcement officer operating in the District of Columbia, knowing John Doe 3 to be a police officer, while John Doe 3 was engaged in and on account of the performance of his official duties and [REDACTED] caused significant bodily injury to John Doe 3 or committed a violent act that created a grave risk of significant bodily injury to John Doe 3. (Assaulting, Resisting or Interfering with a Police Officer (Felony) While Armed, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Sections 405(c), 4502 (2001 ed.))

  
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