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(Deuteronomy 6:4 cf. 4:35; 1 Cor. 8:6)

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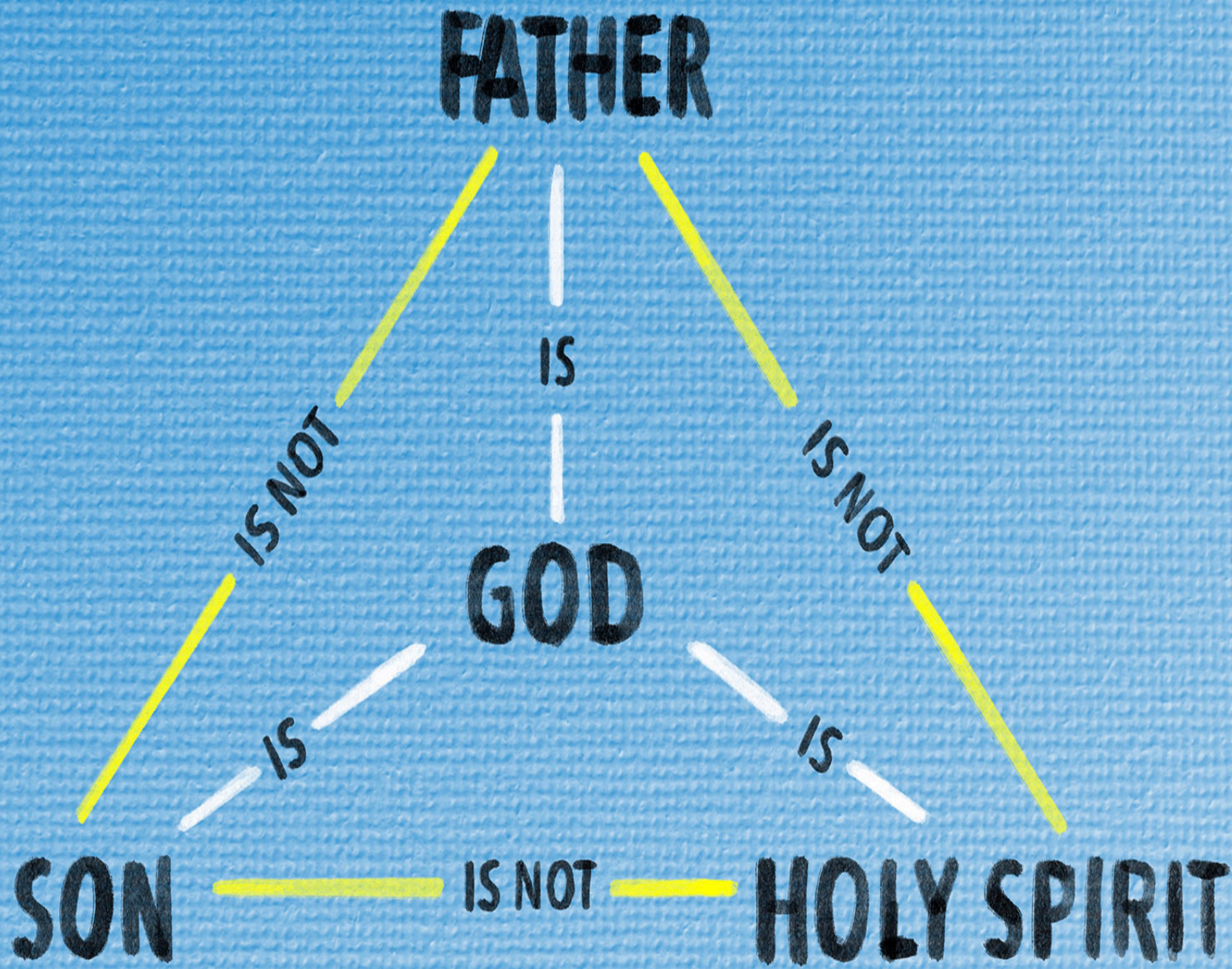
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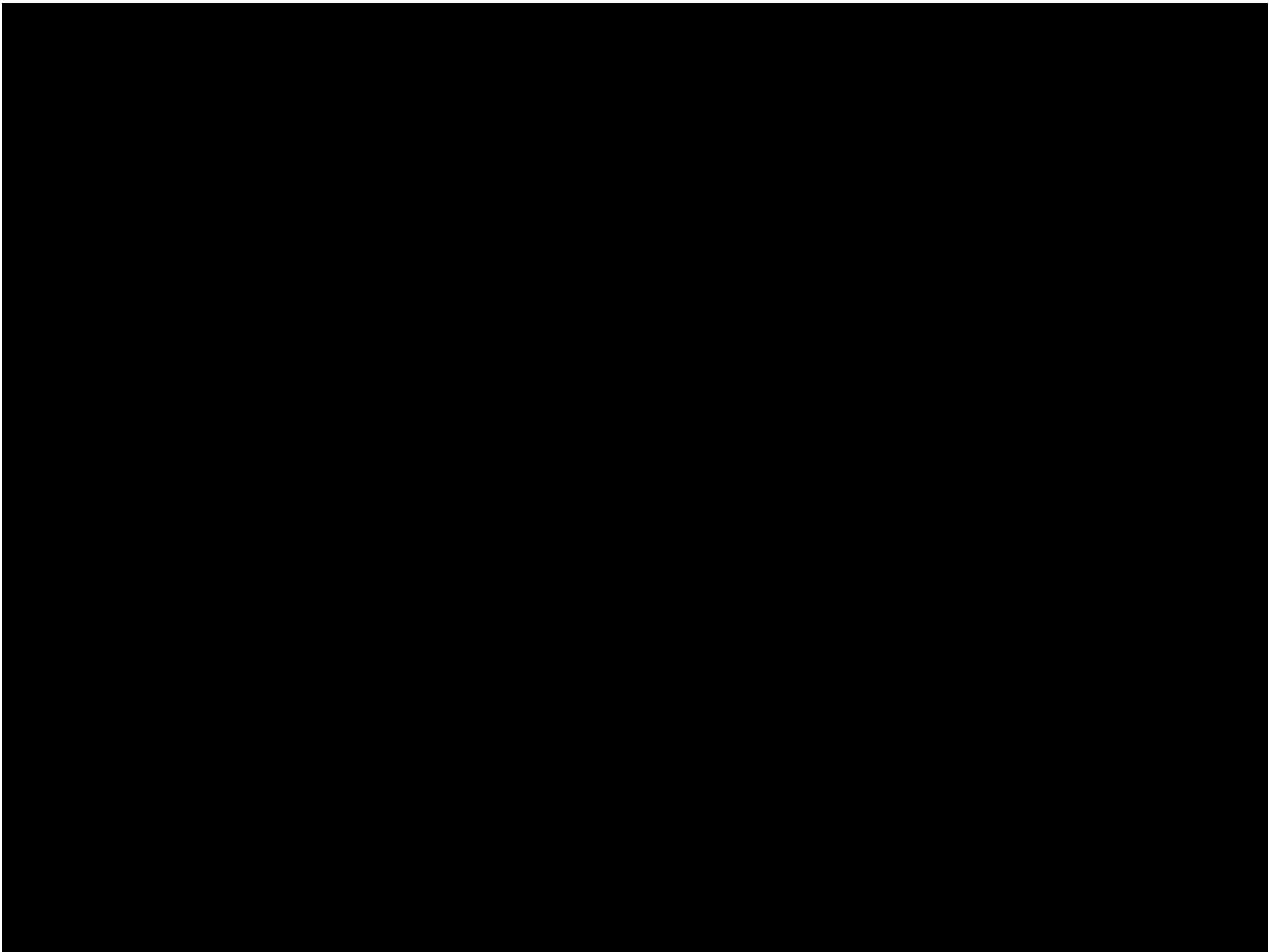
(Isaiah 43:10-11 cf. 44:6; 45:5 etc.)

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3. These three persons are completely equal in attributes, each with the same divine nature. They are co-eternal and co-equal.
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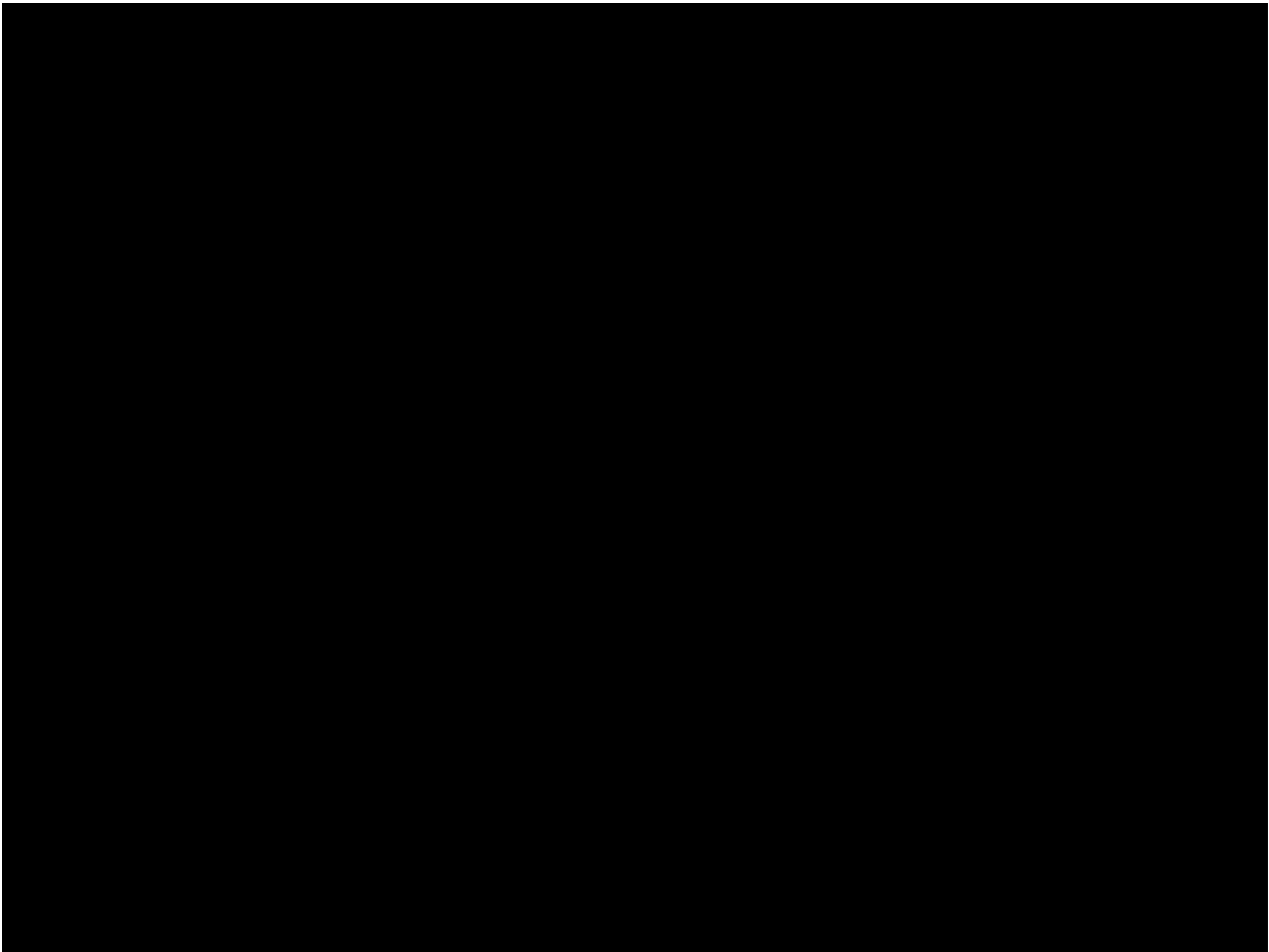
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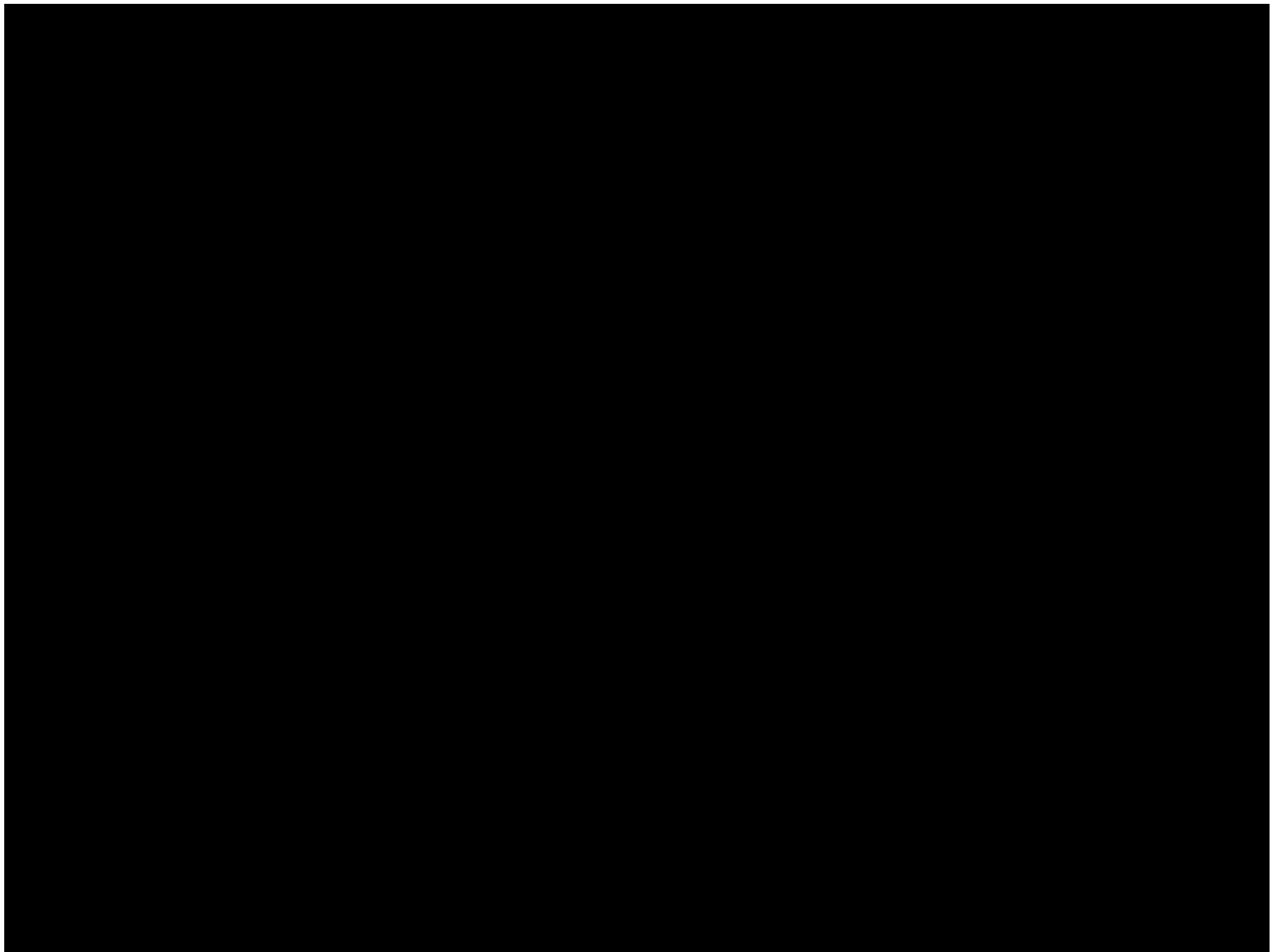
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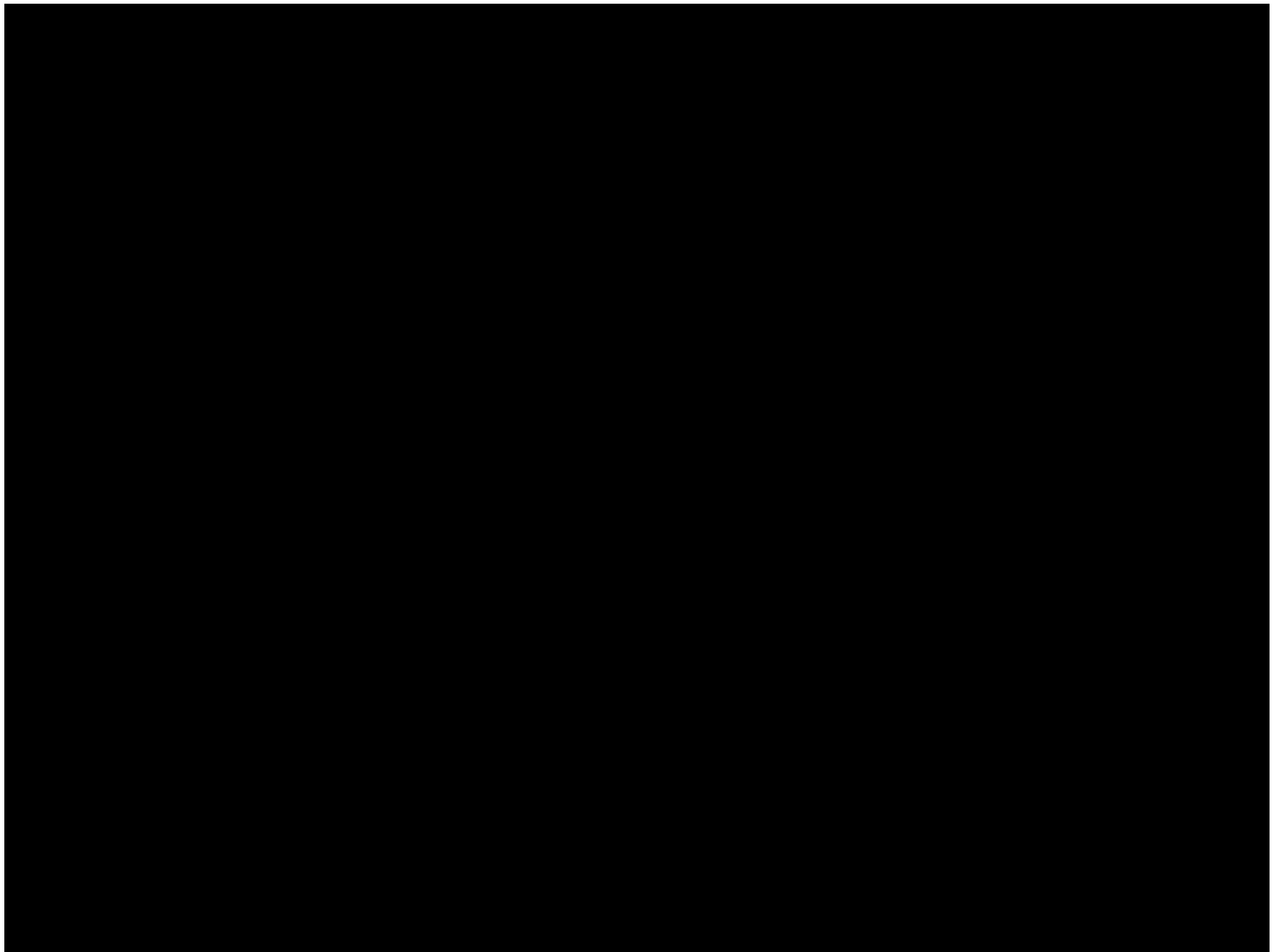
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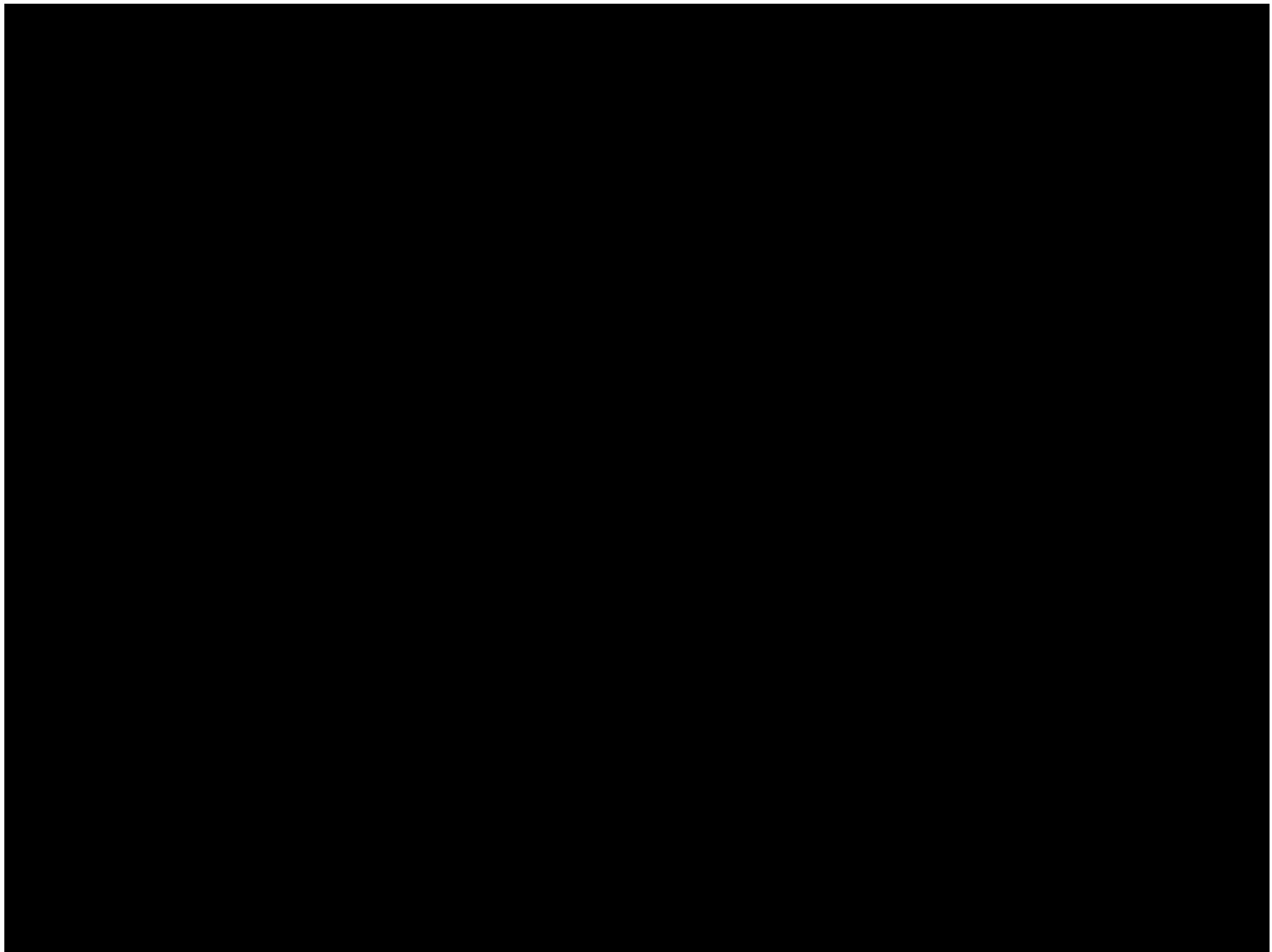
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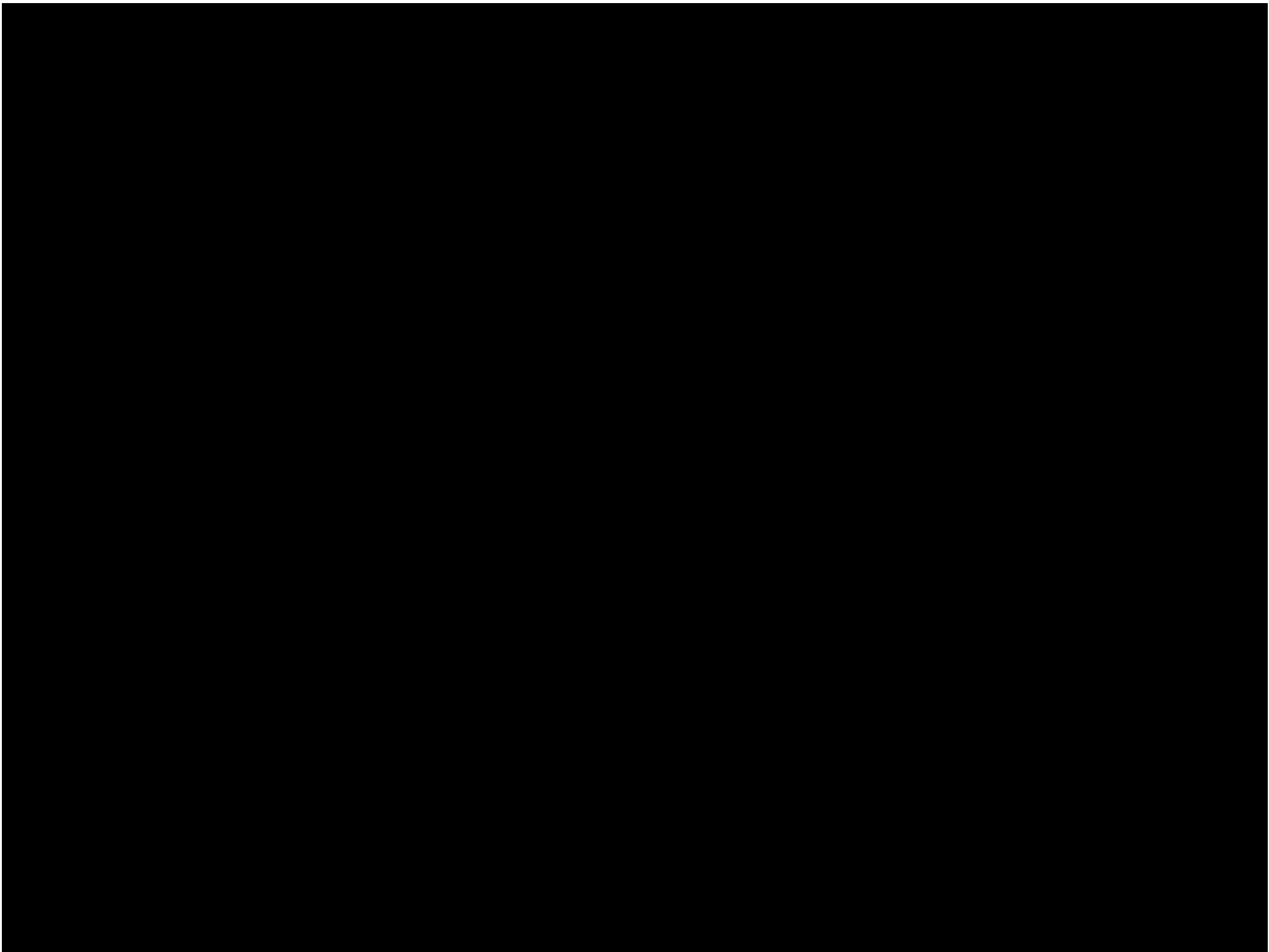
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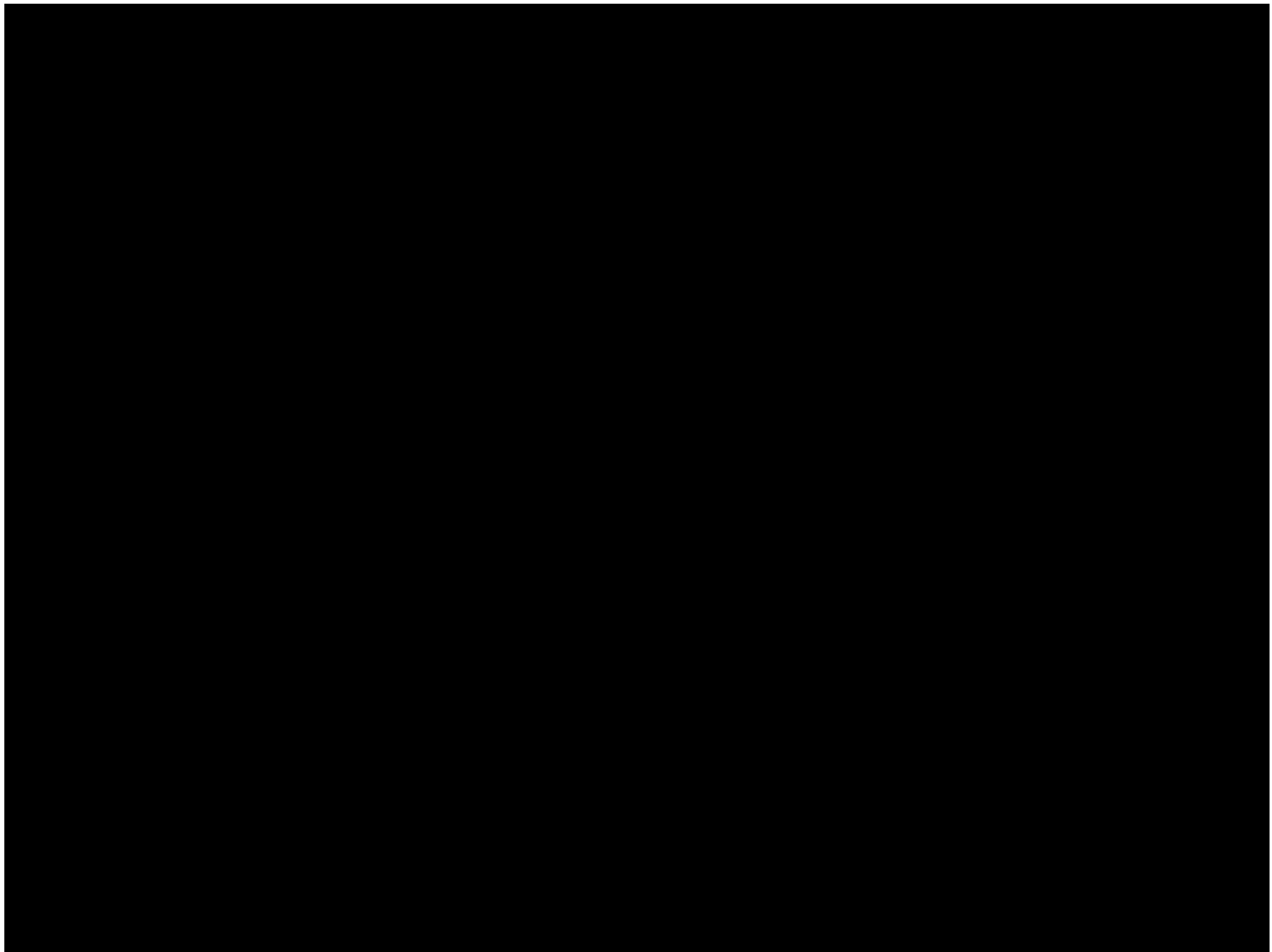
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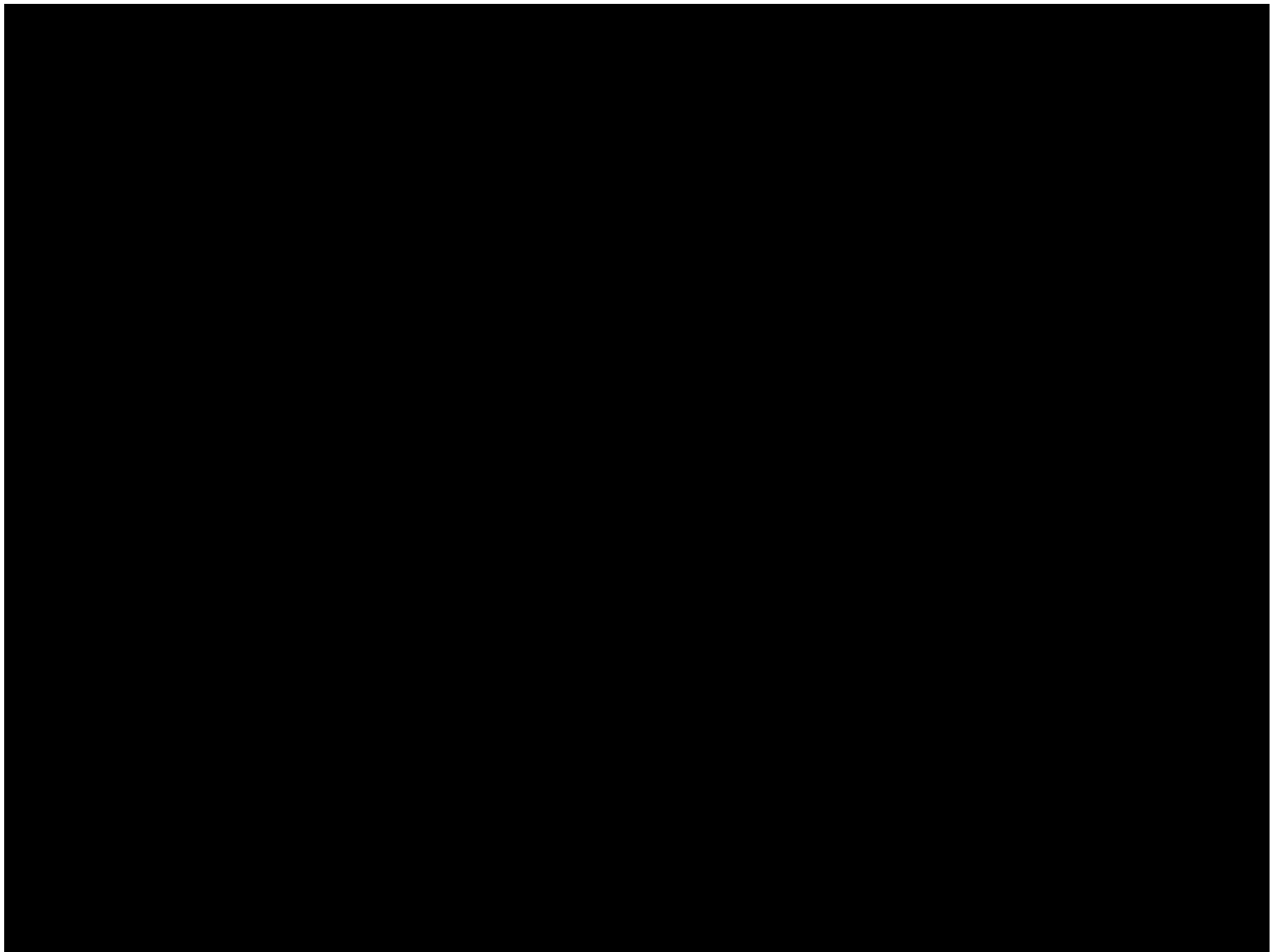


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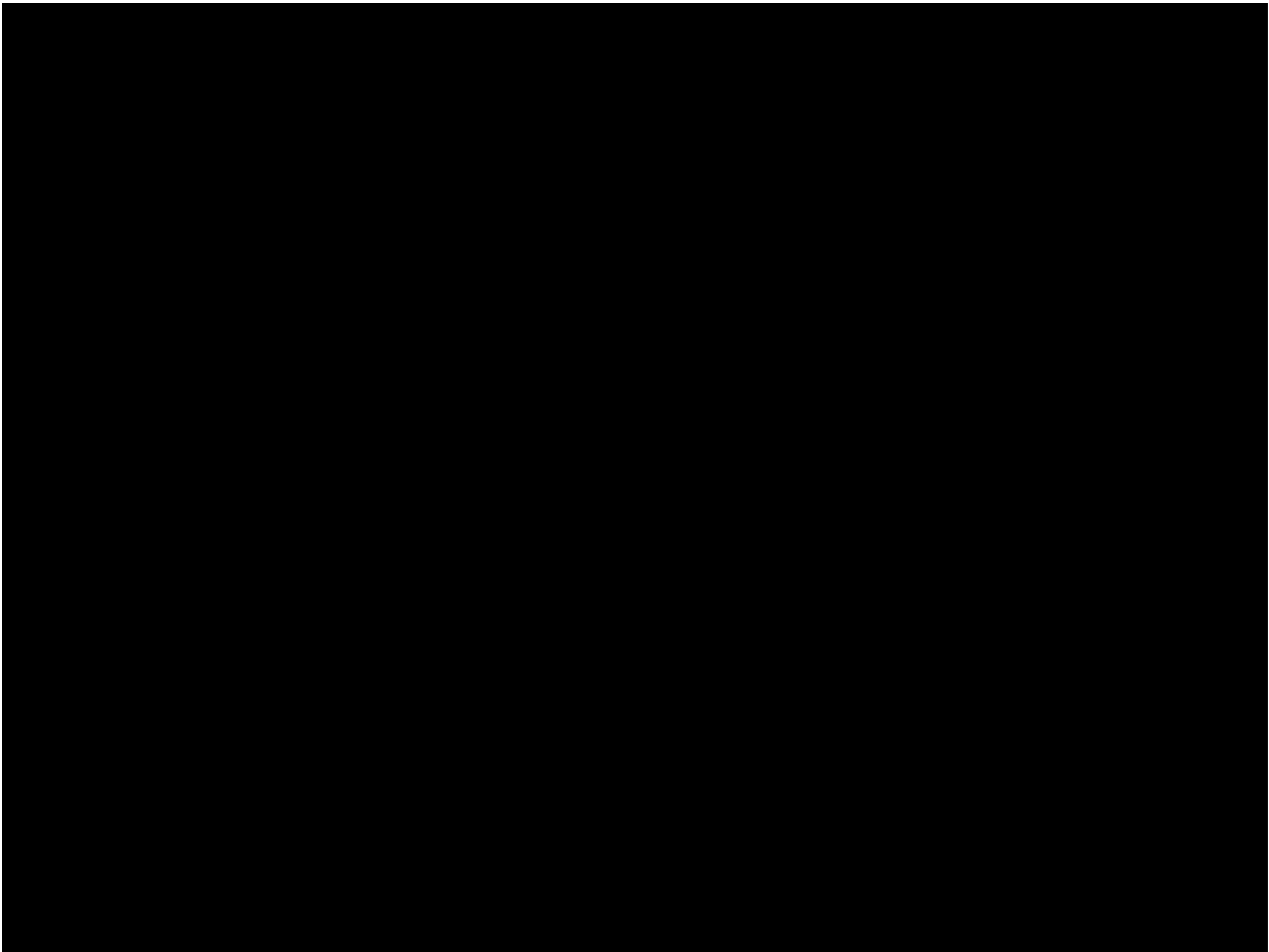
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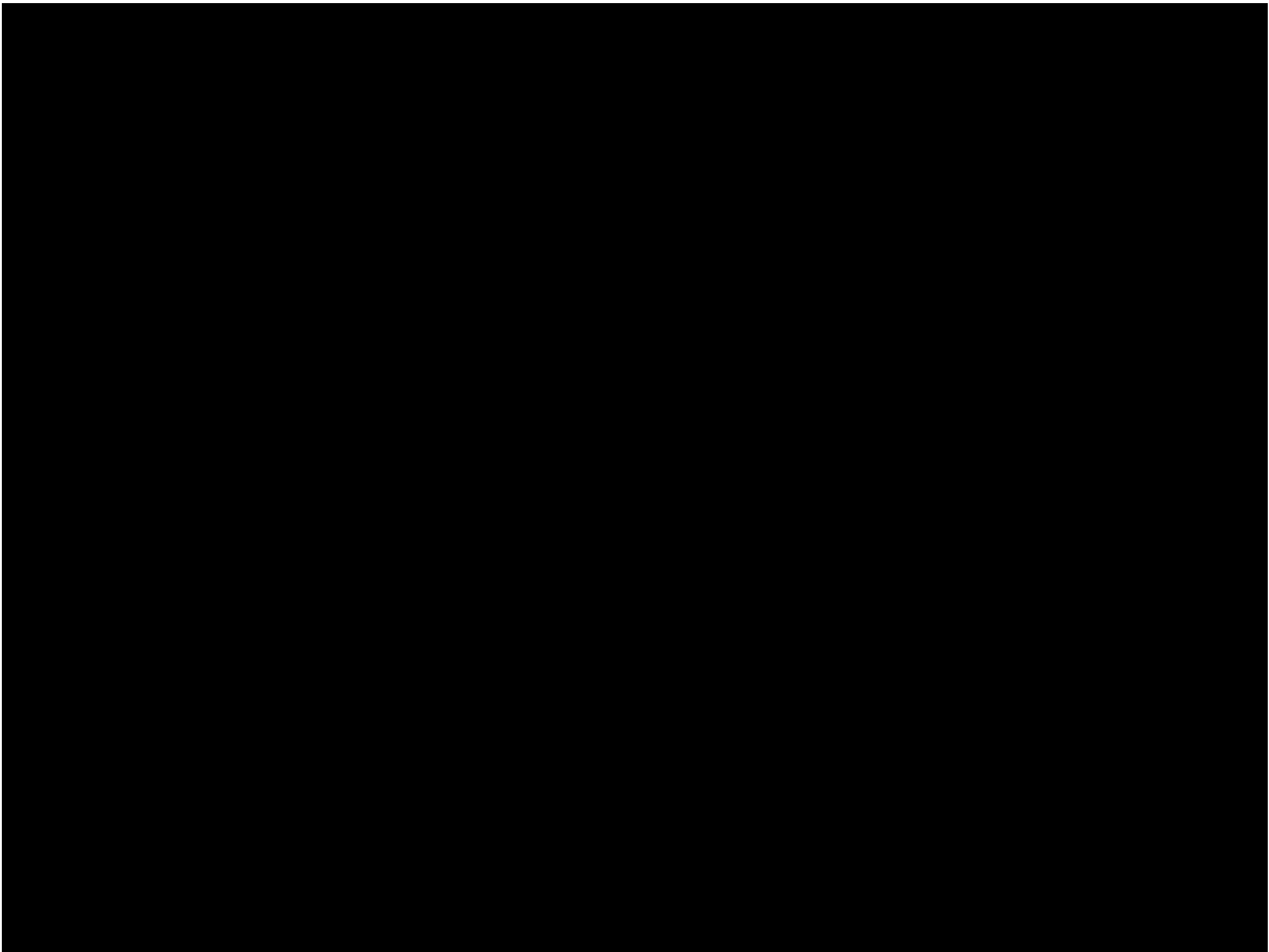
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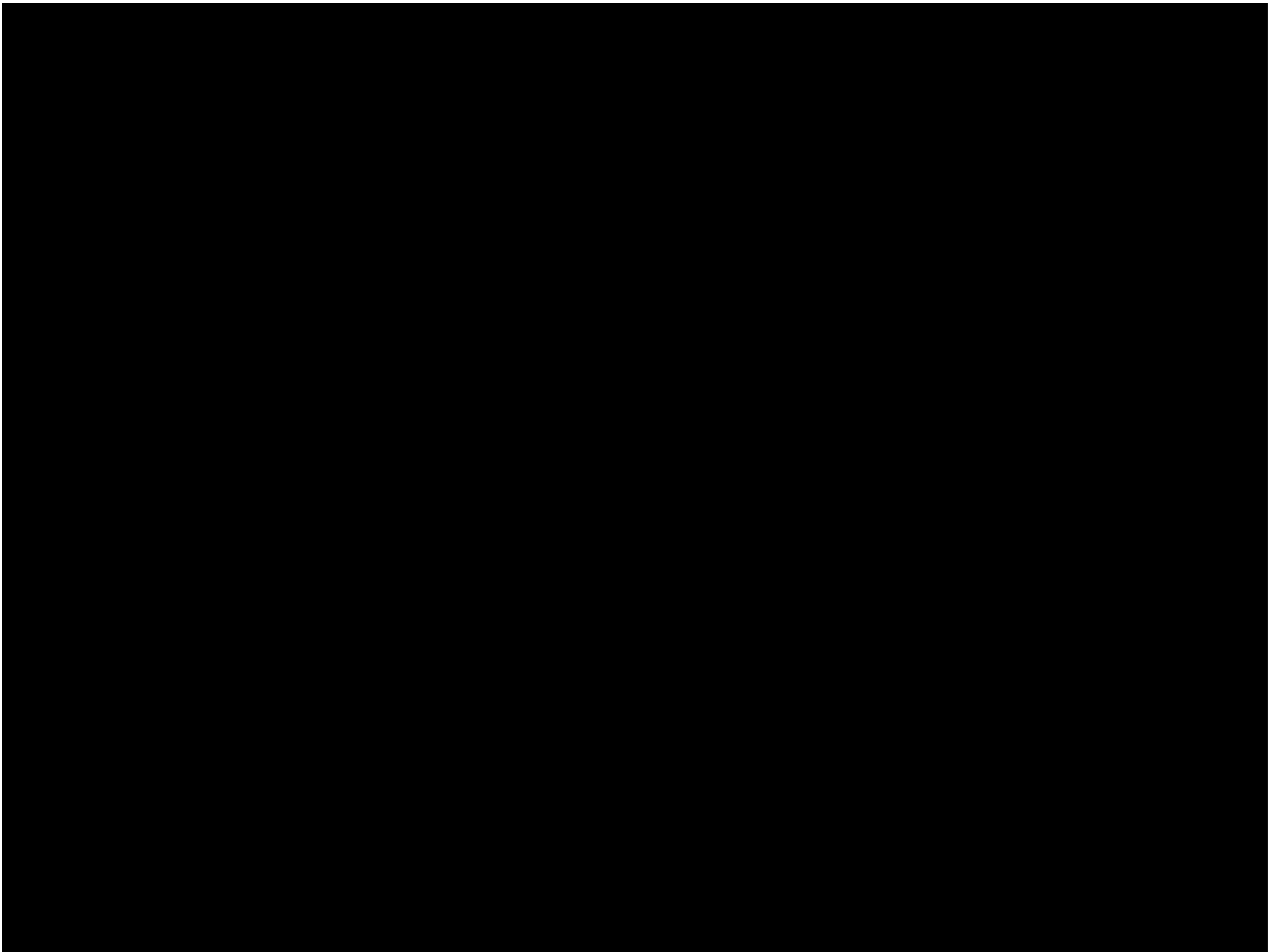
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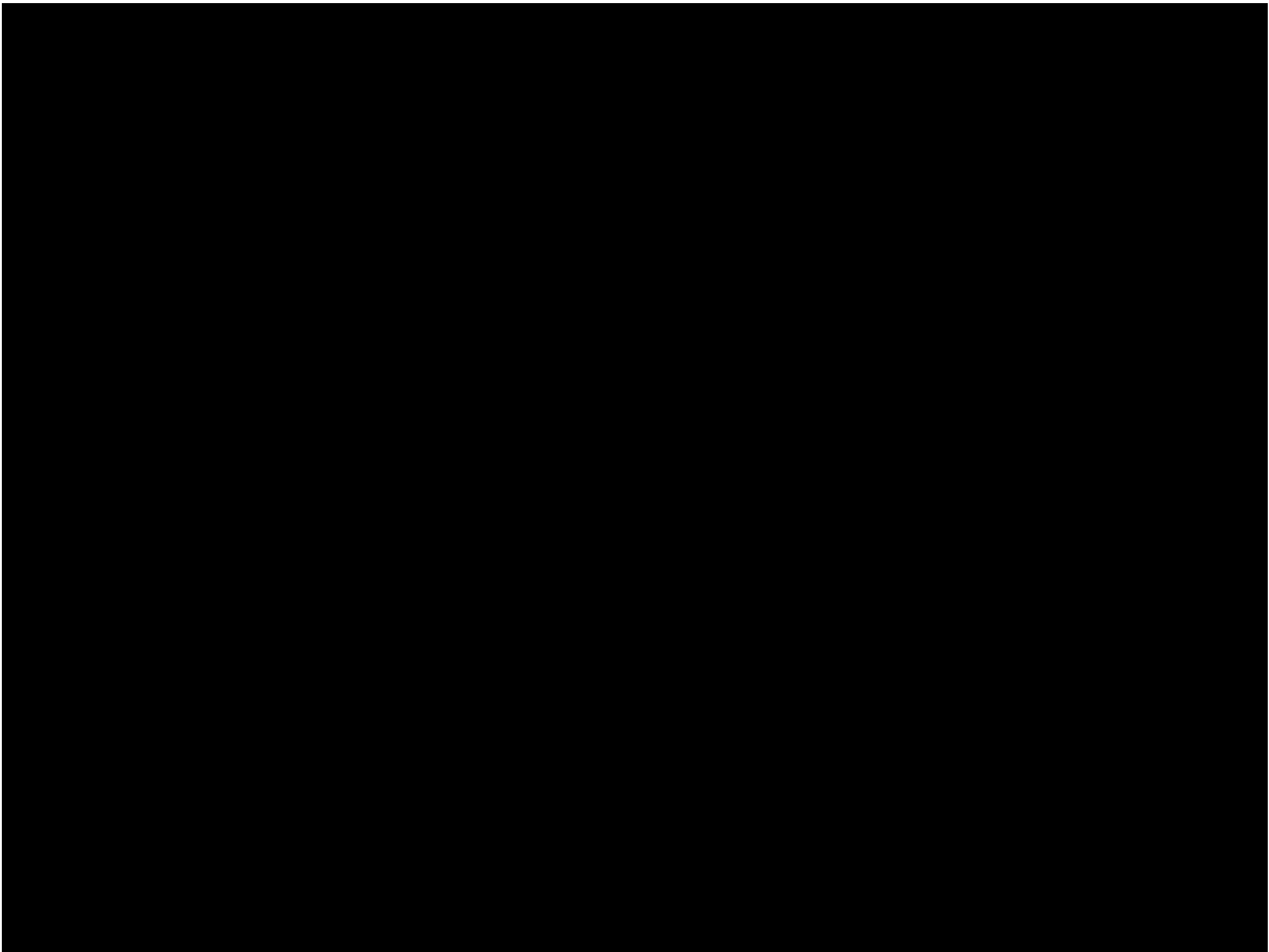
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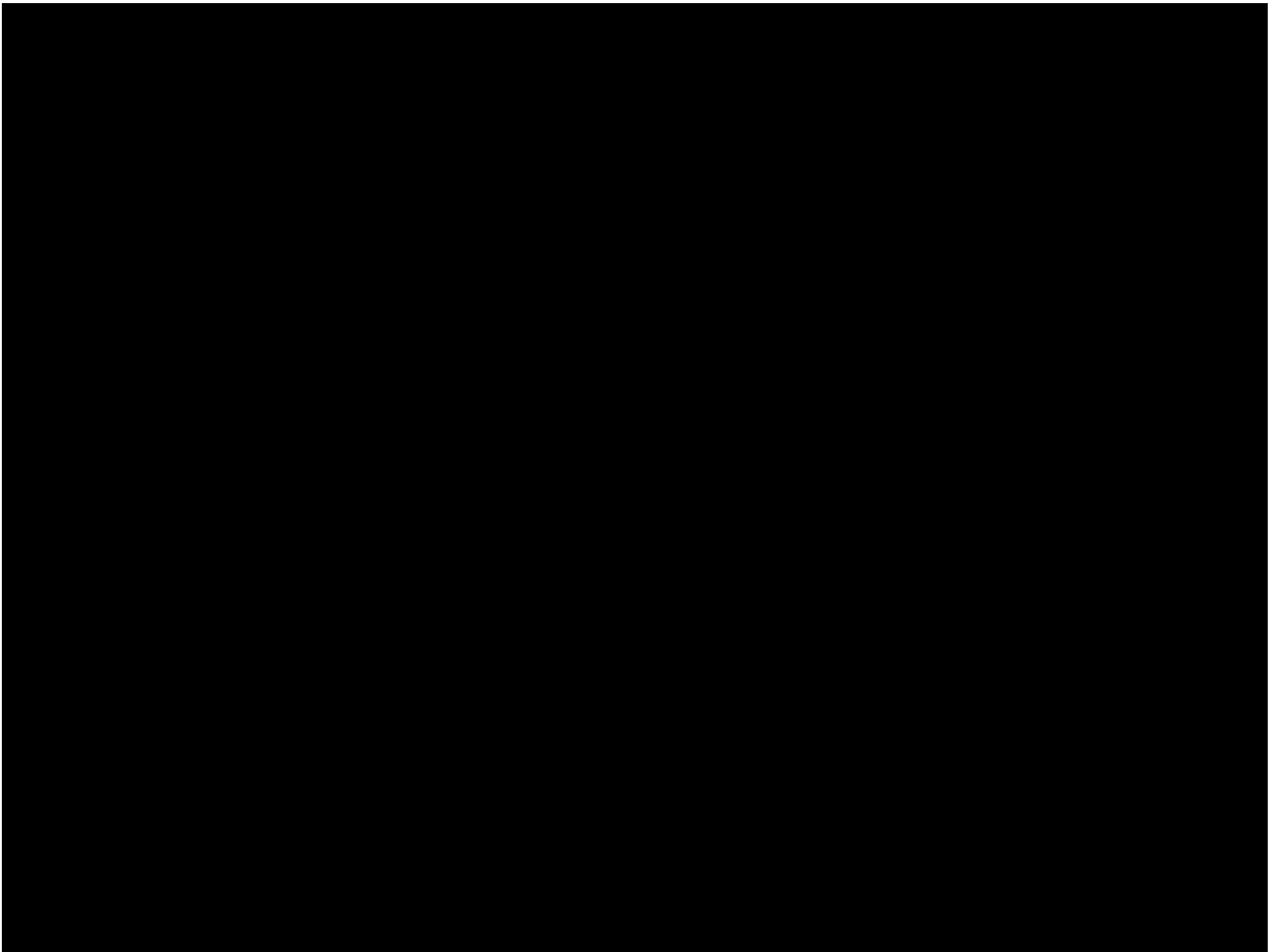
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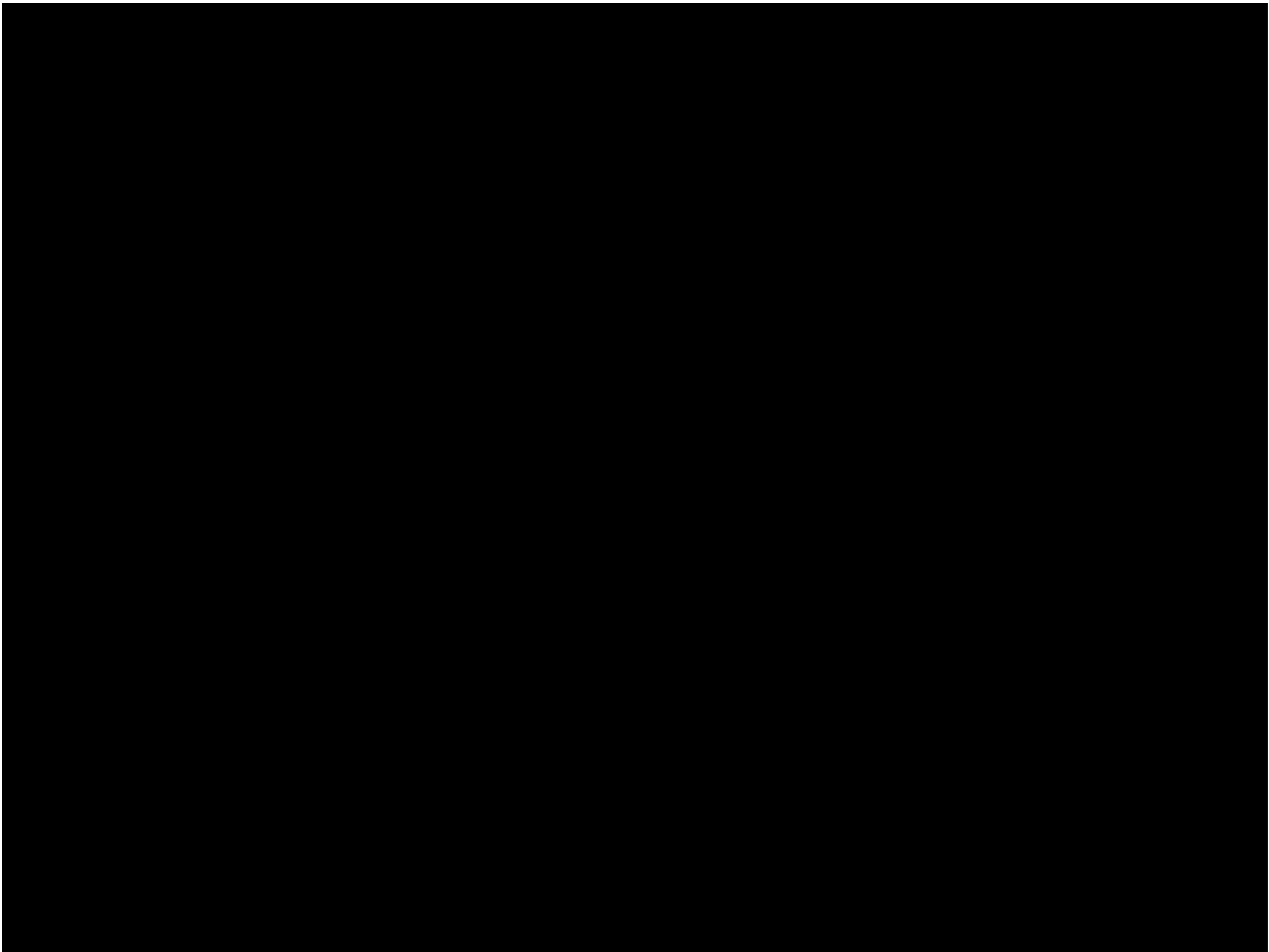
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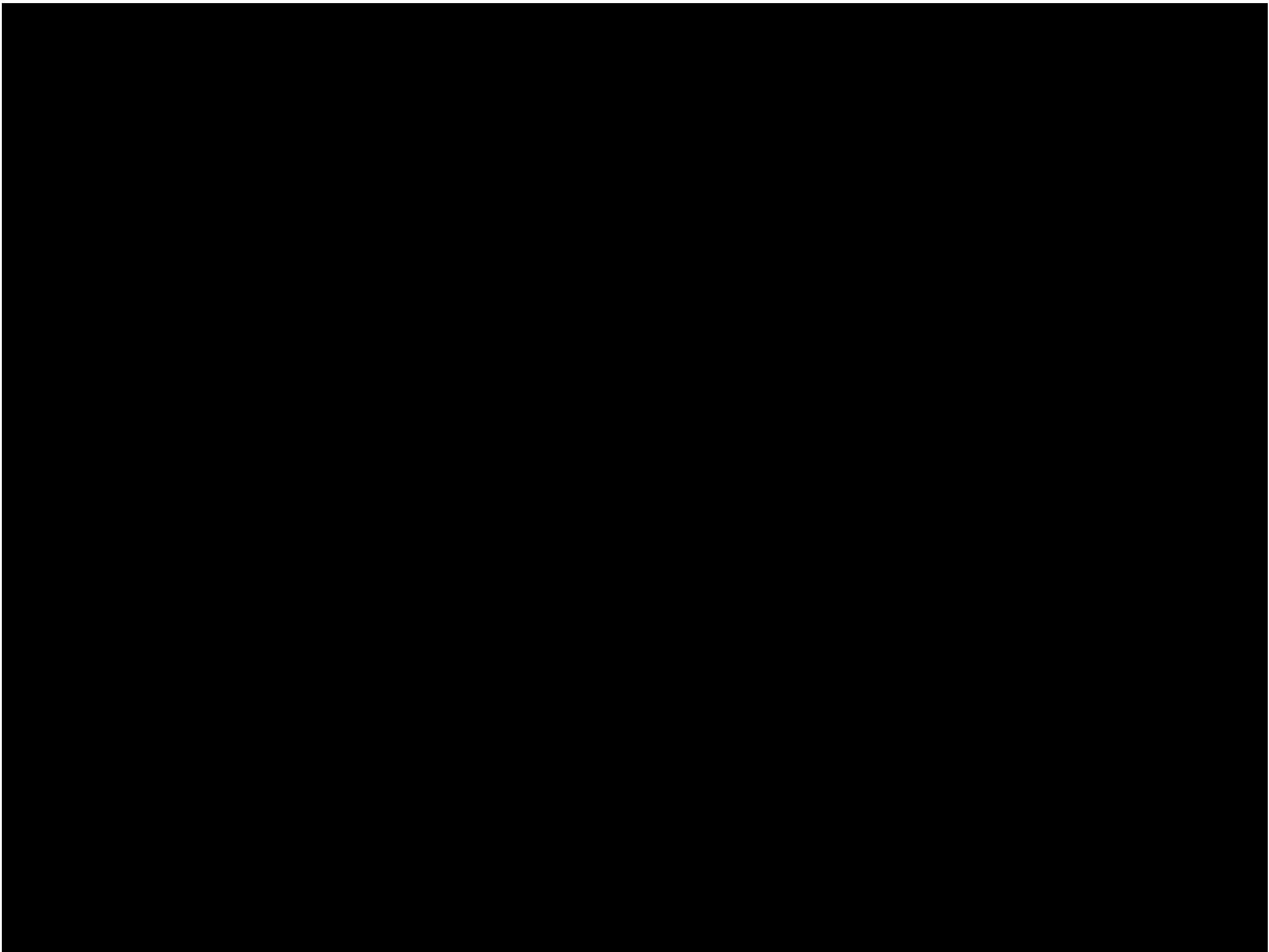
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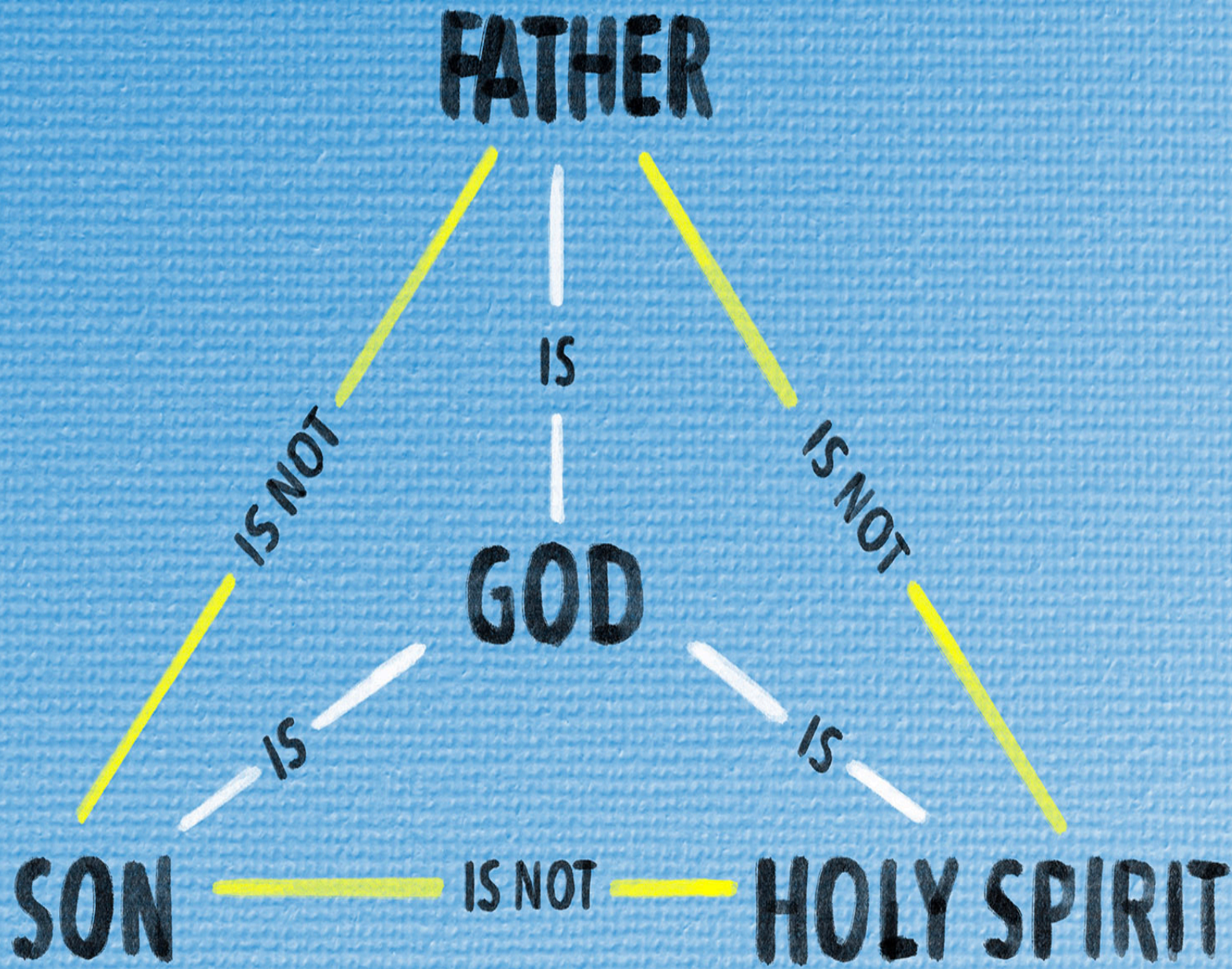
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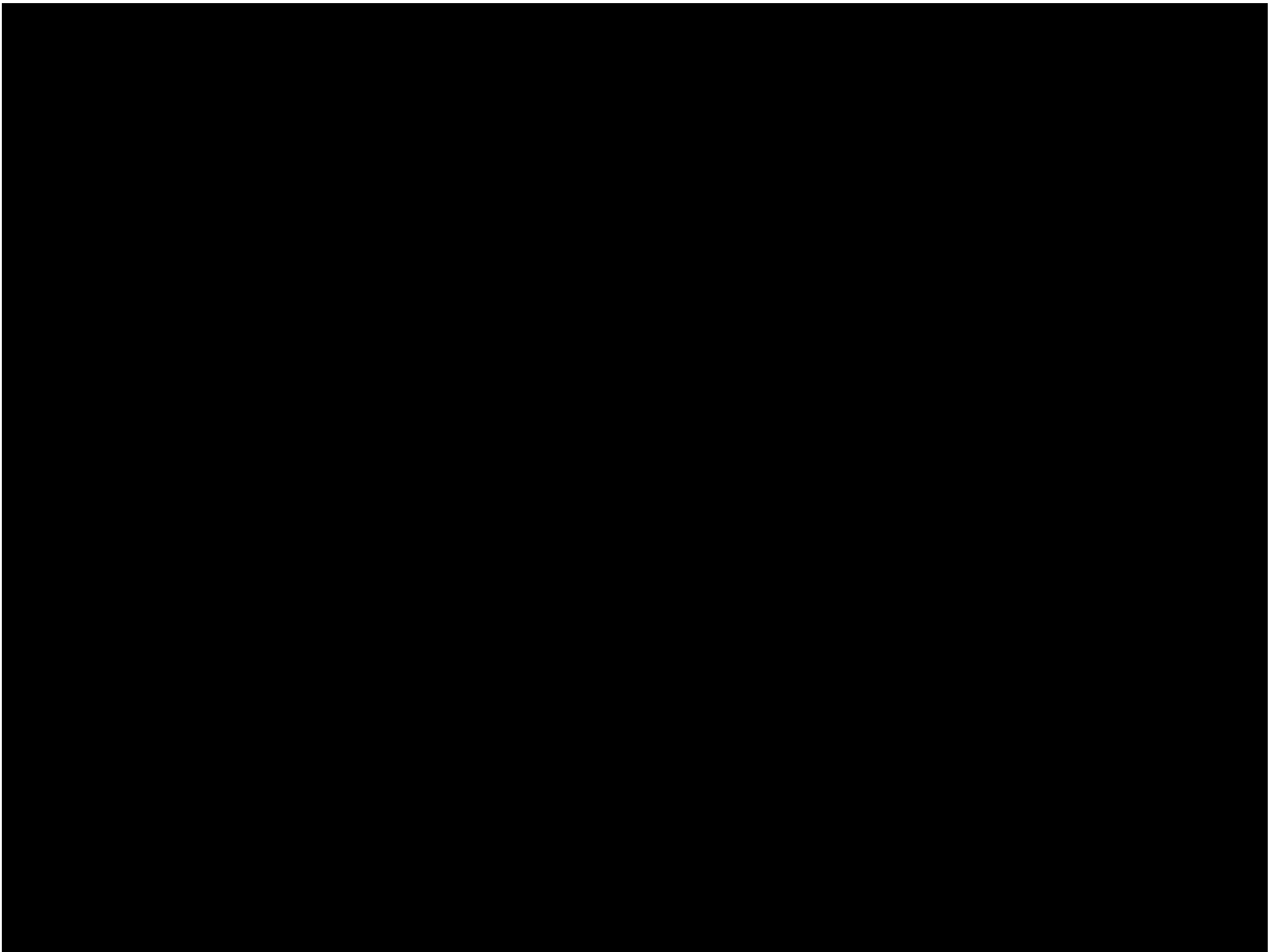
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