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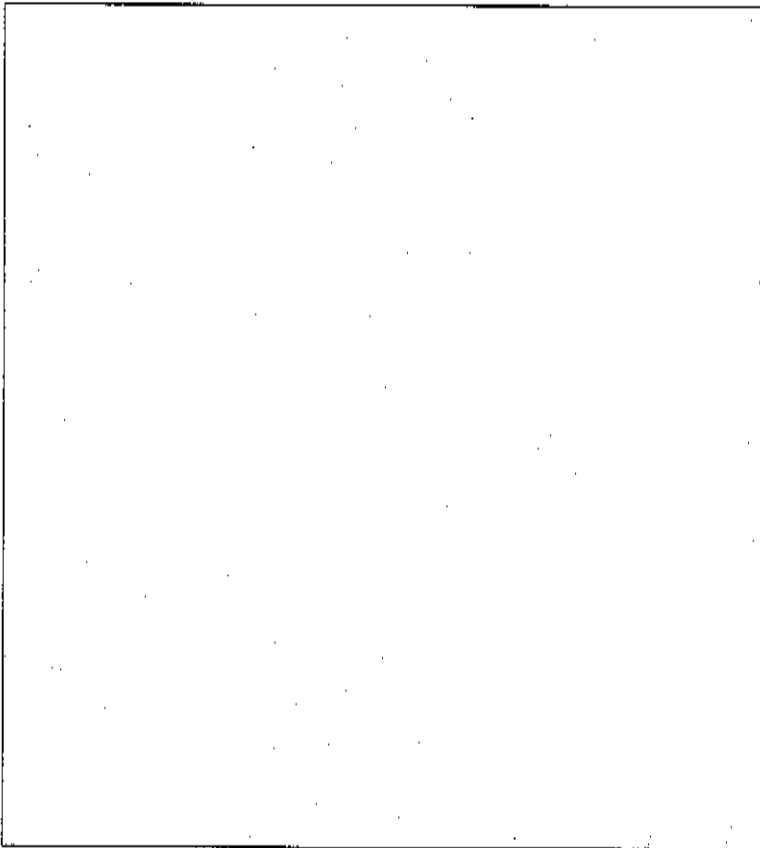
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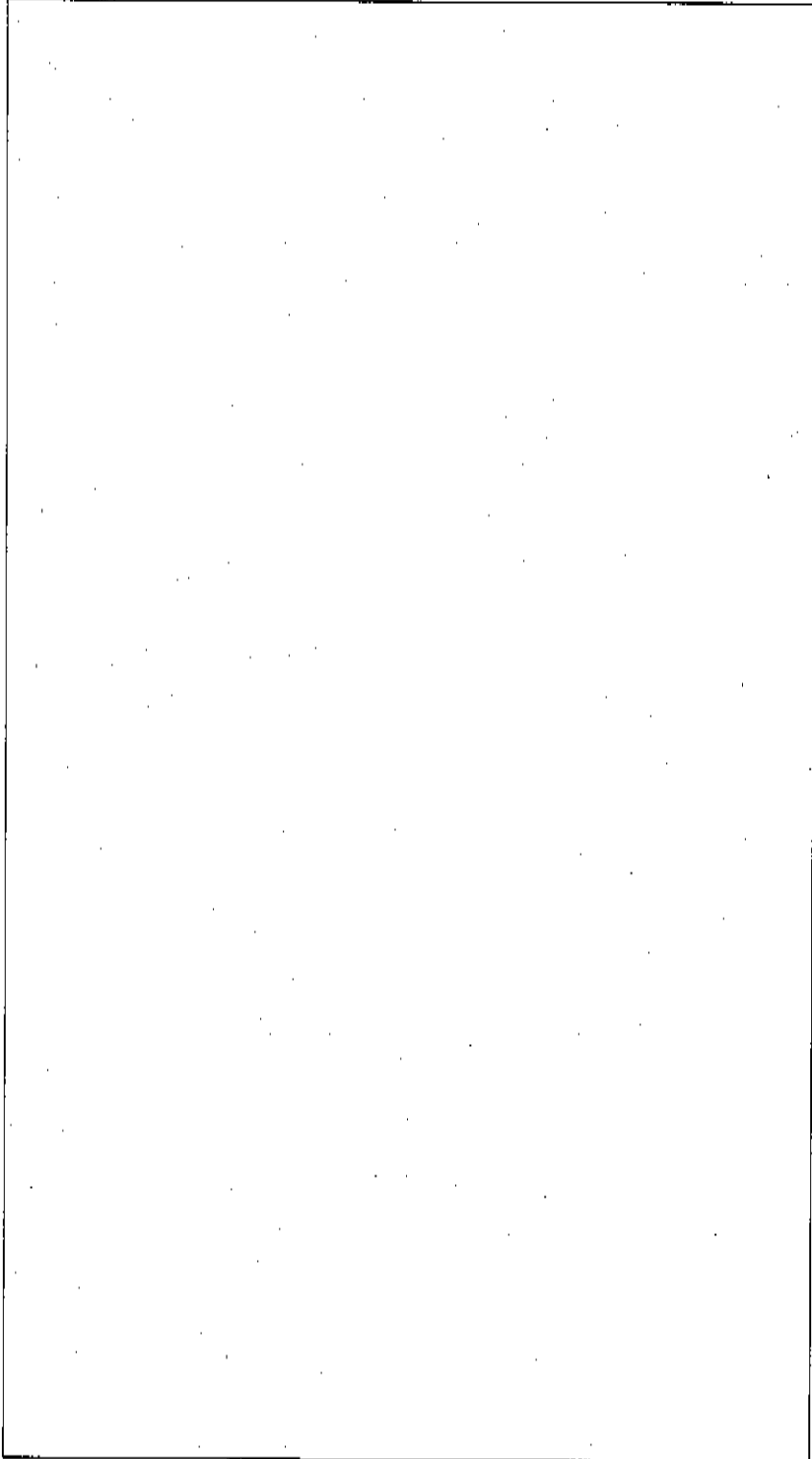


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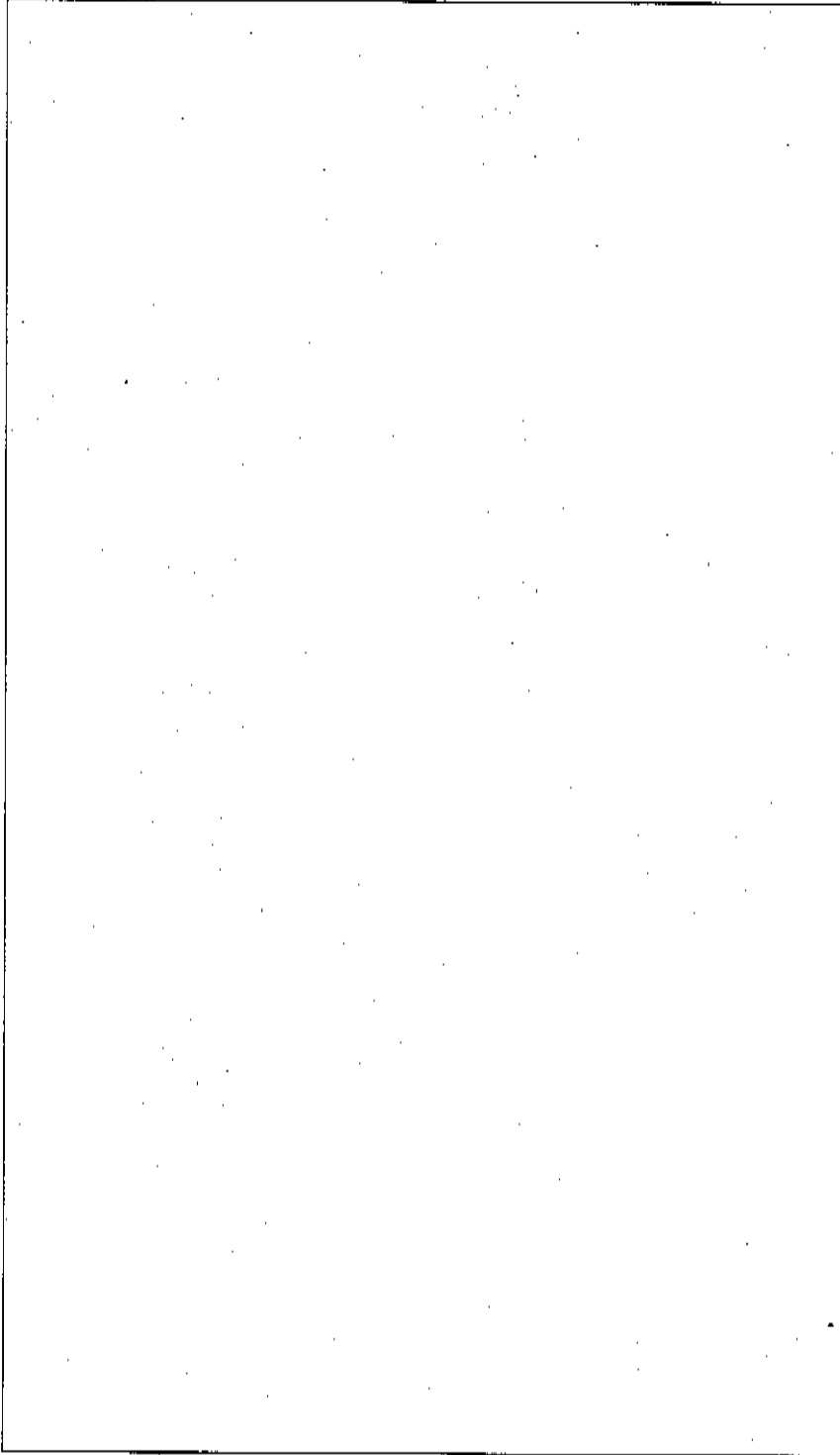
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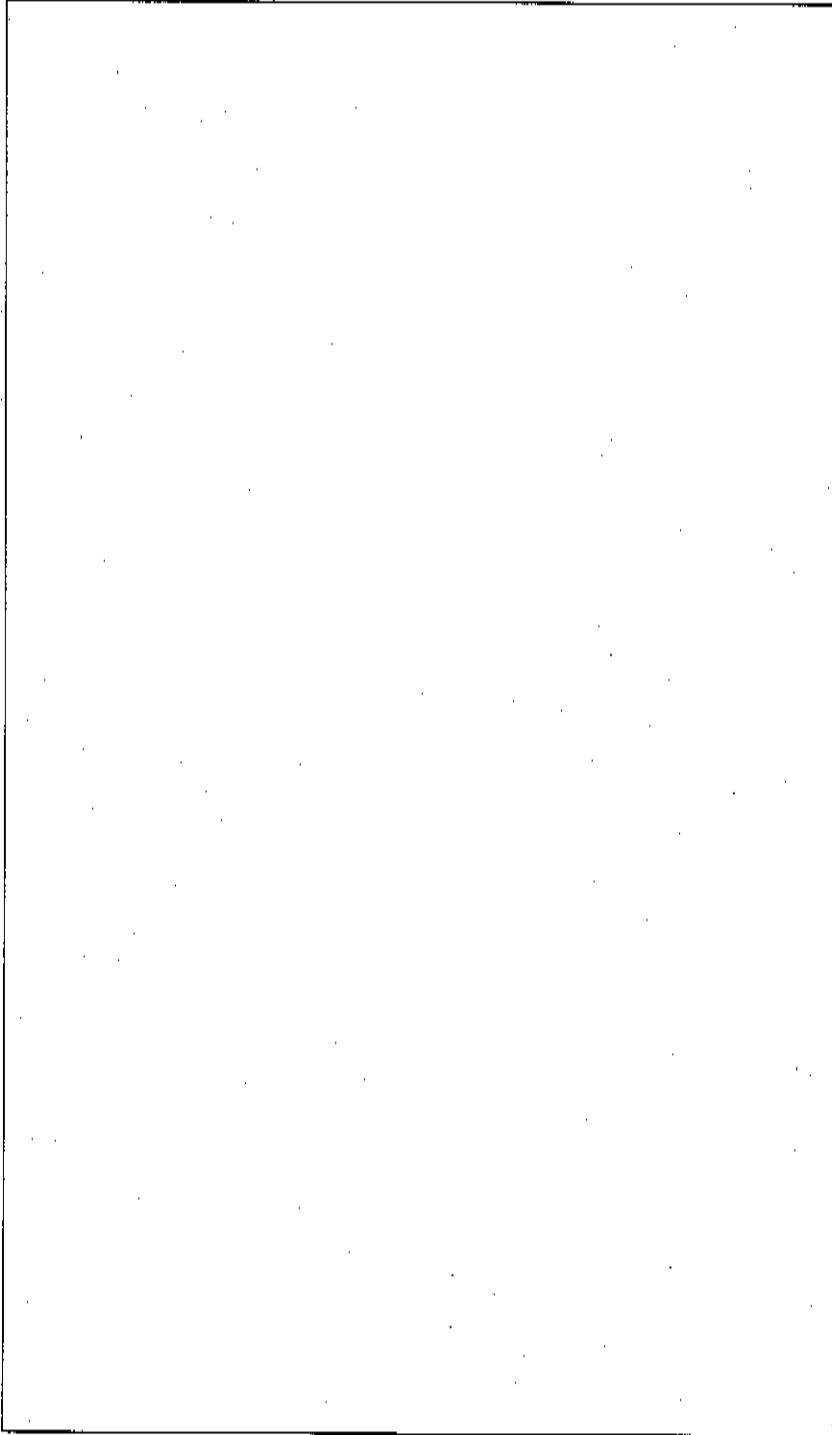
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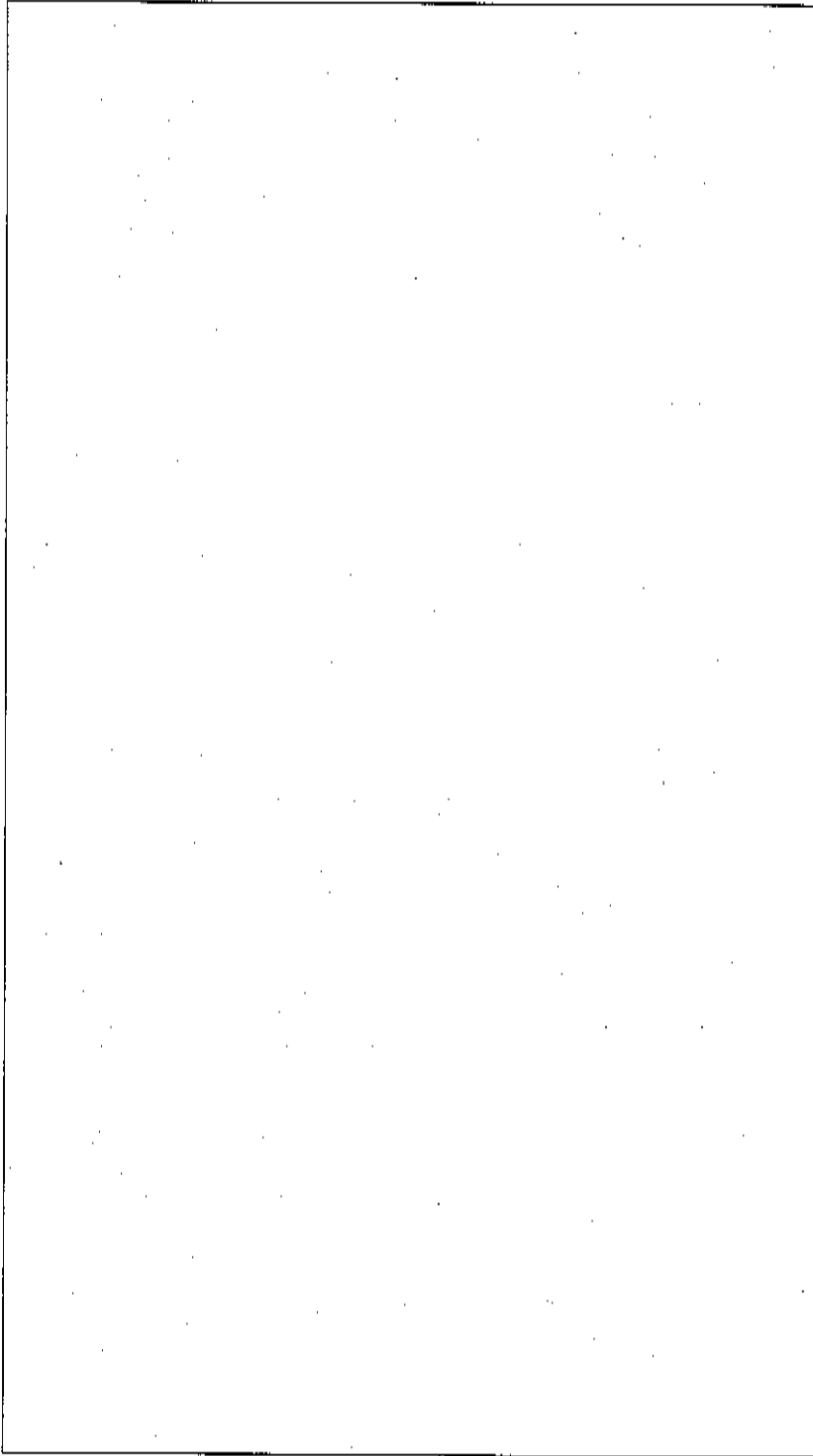


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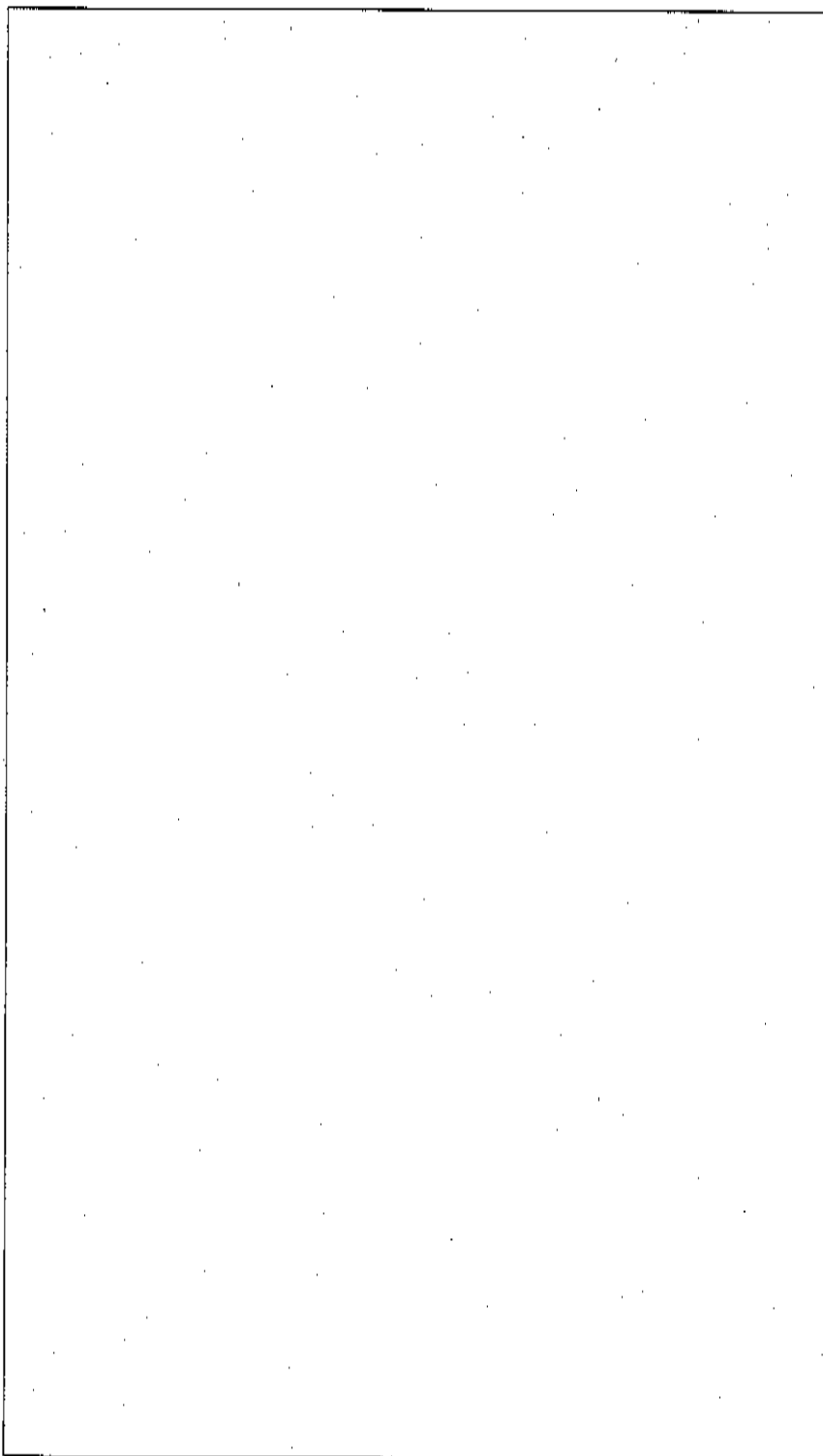
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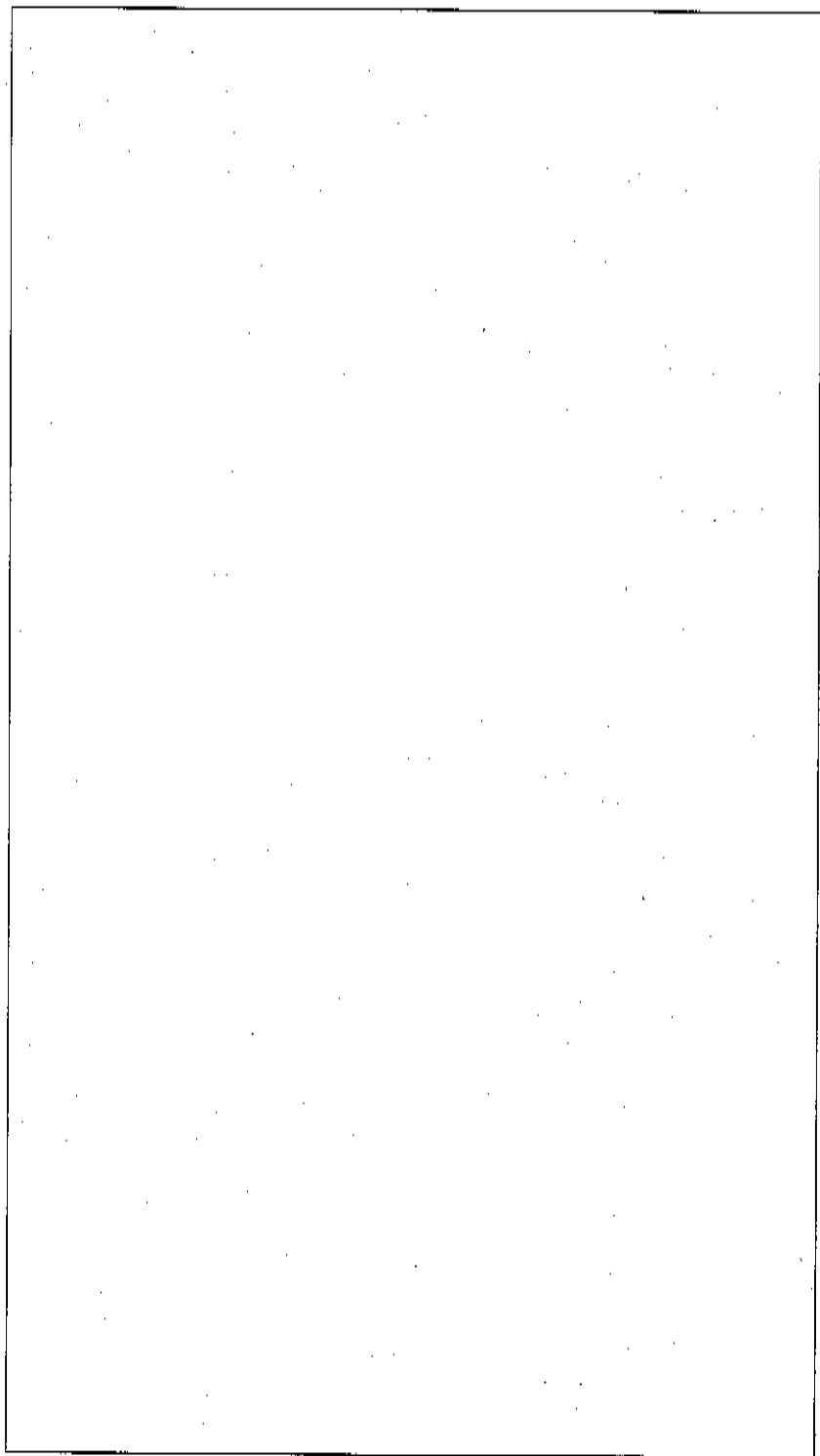


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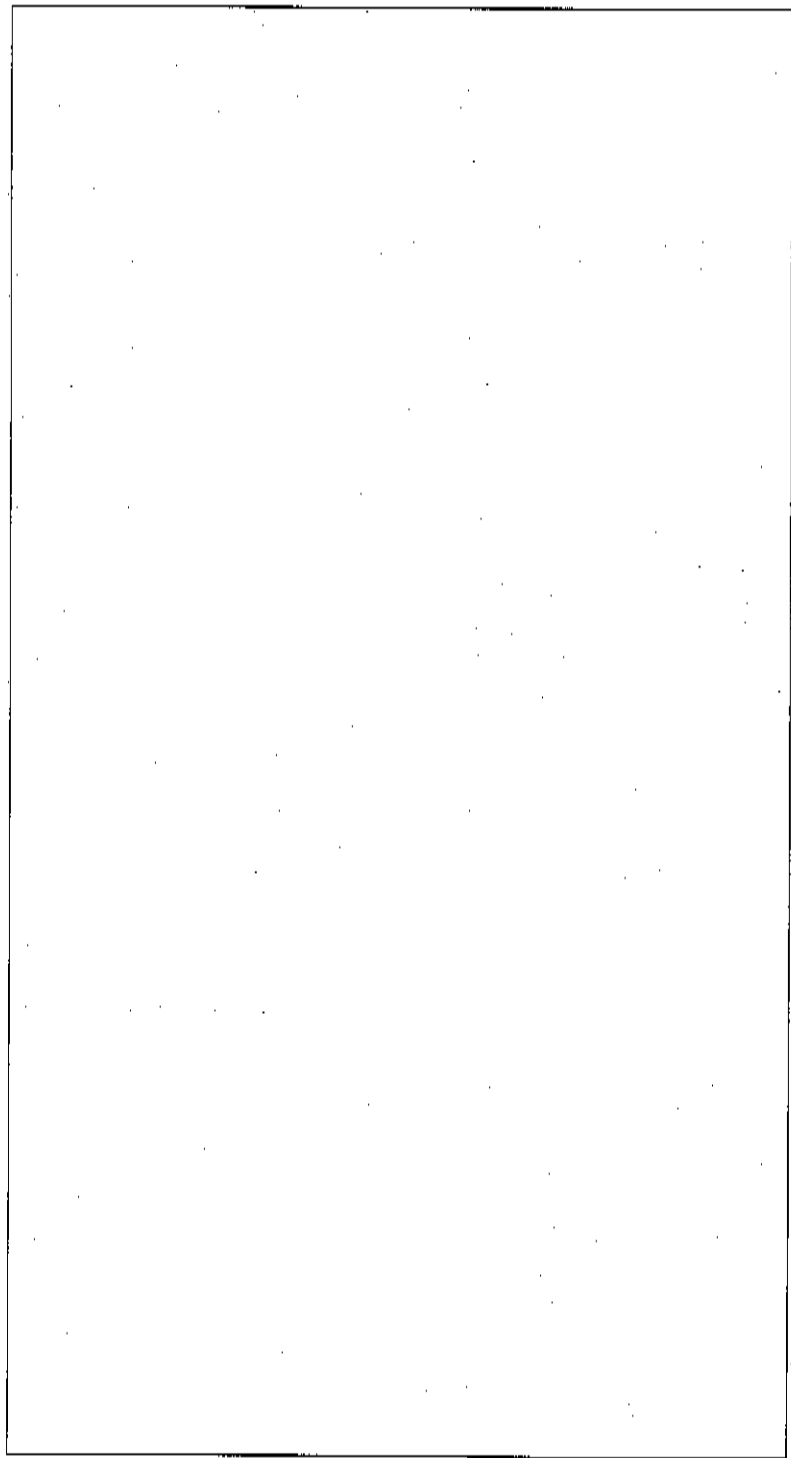
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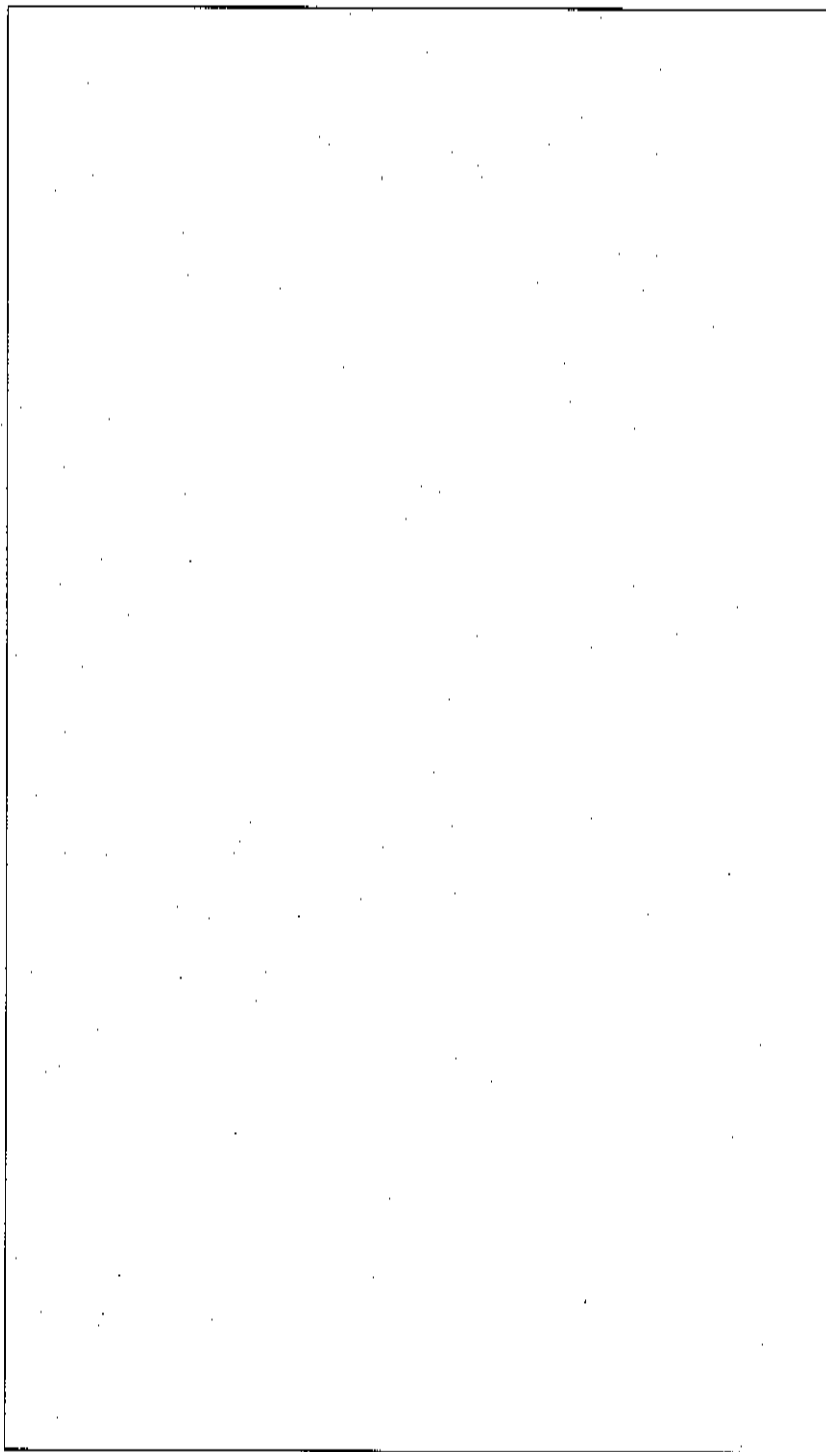
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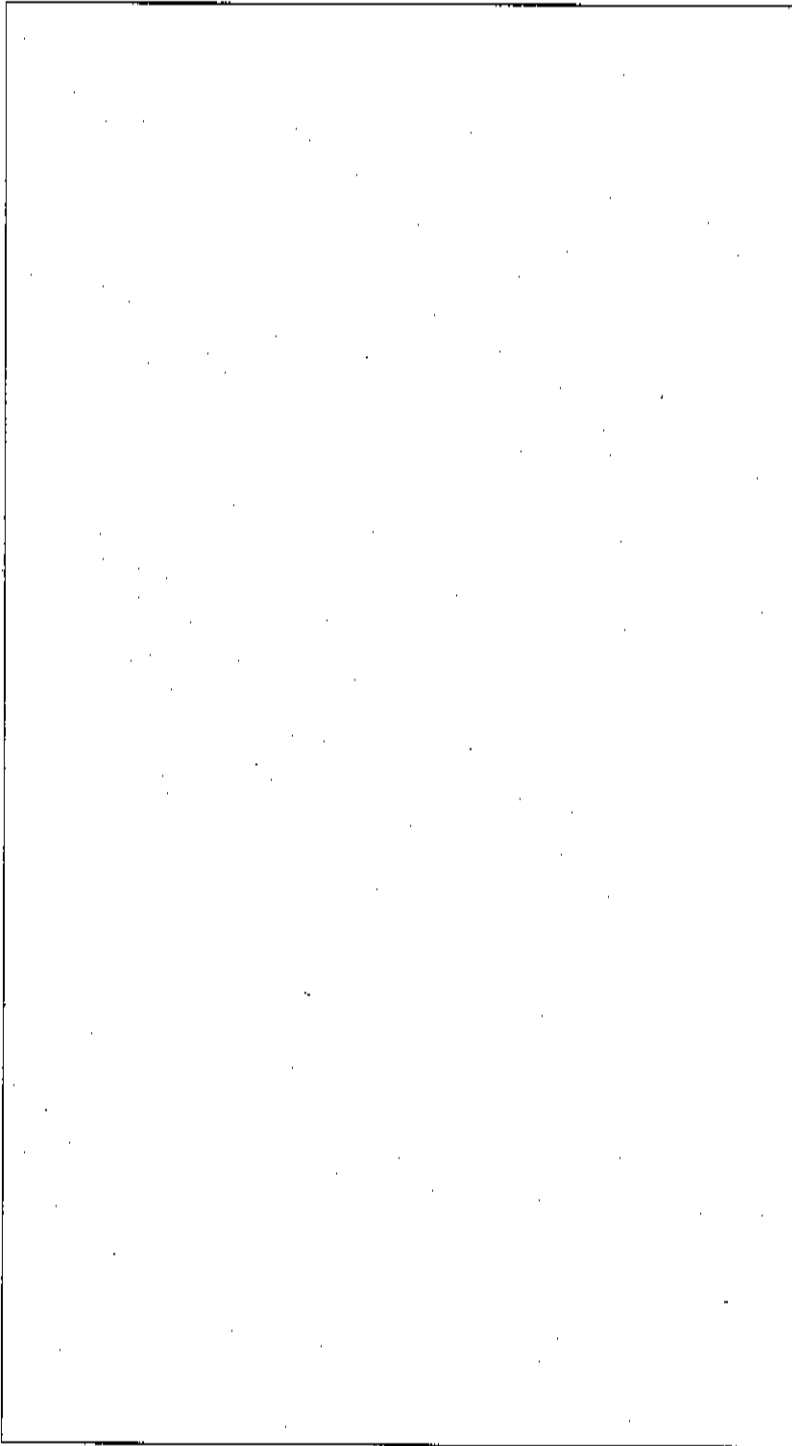
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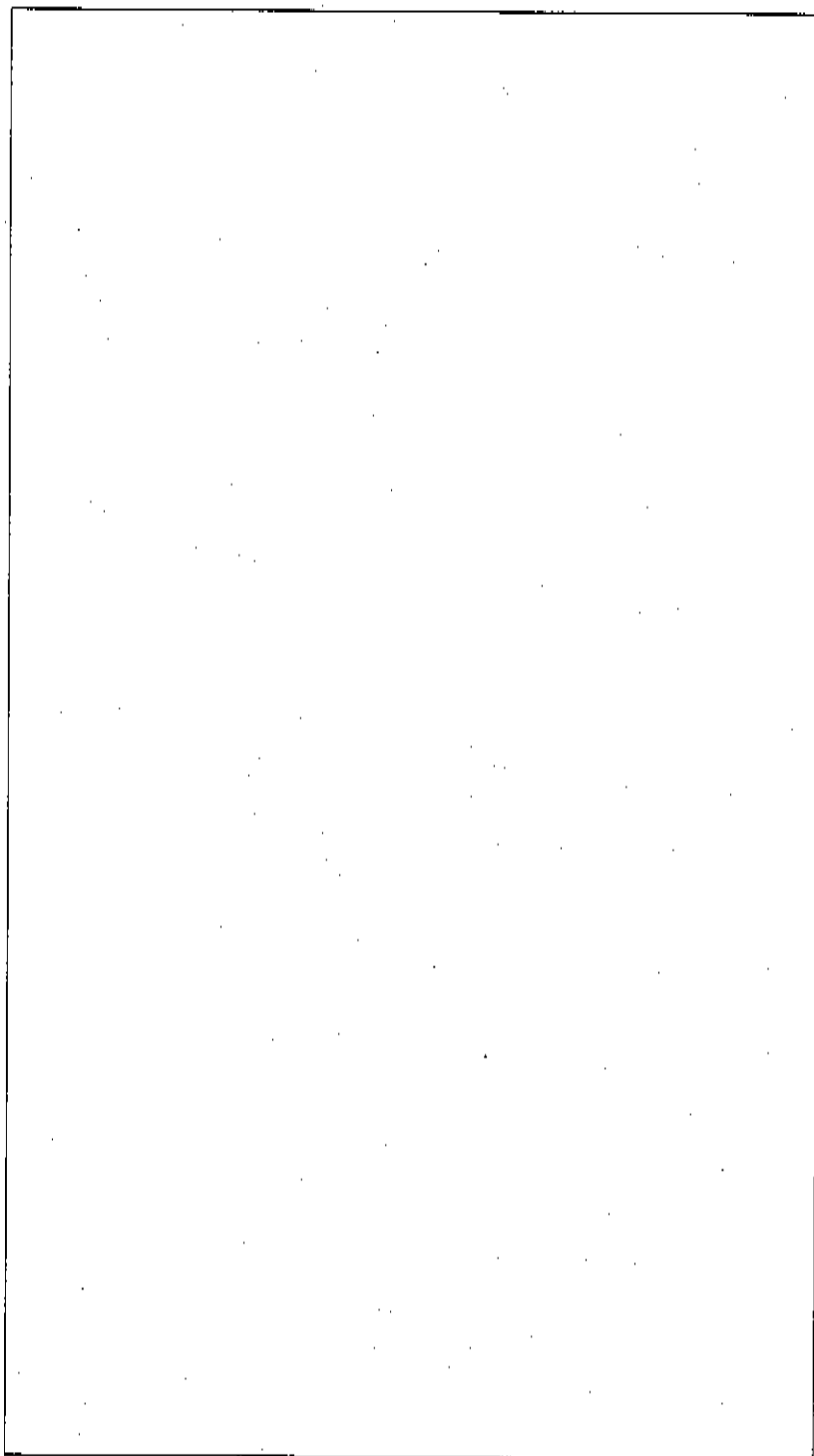


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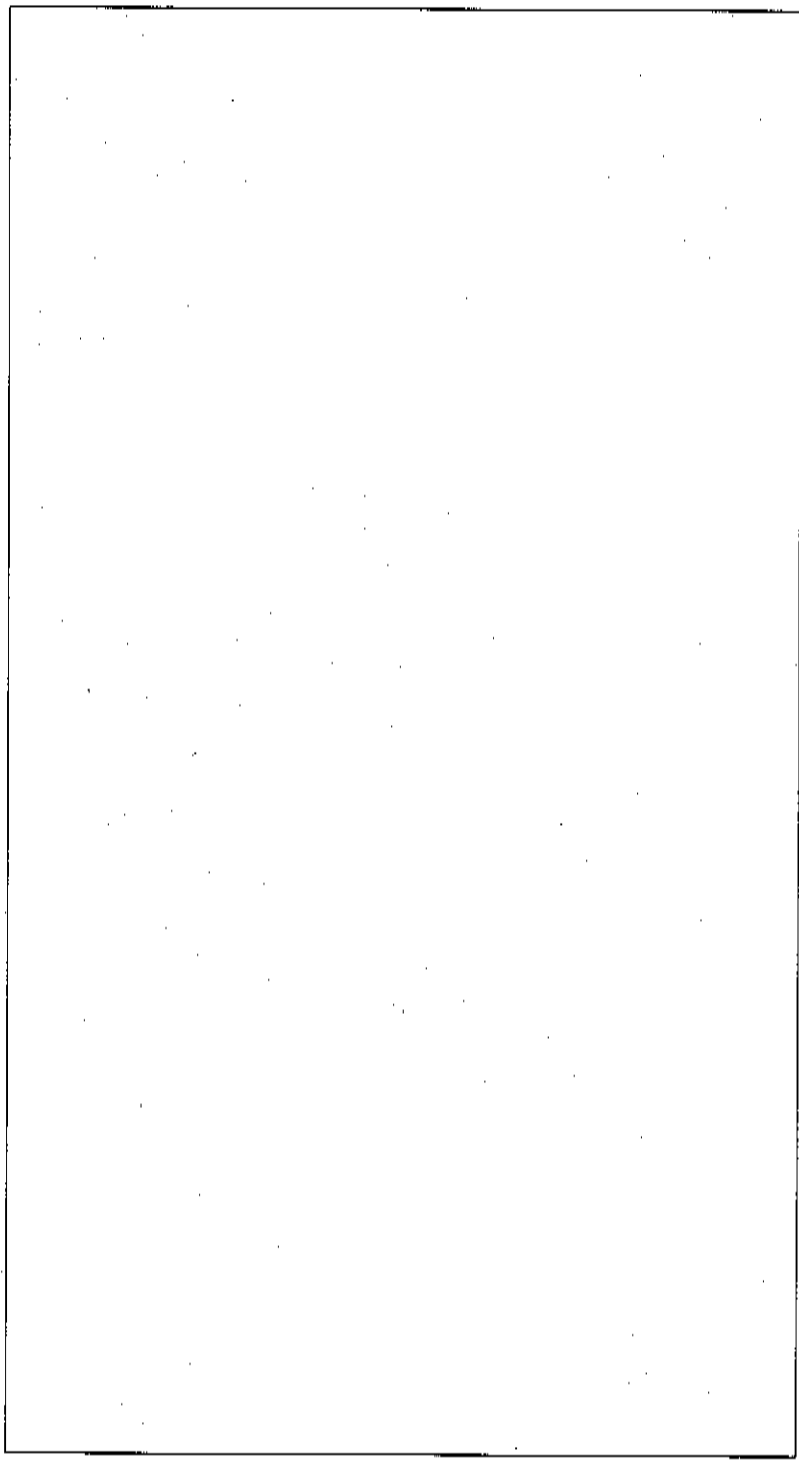
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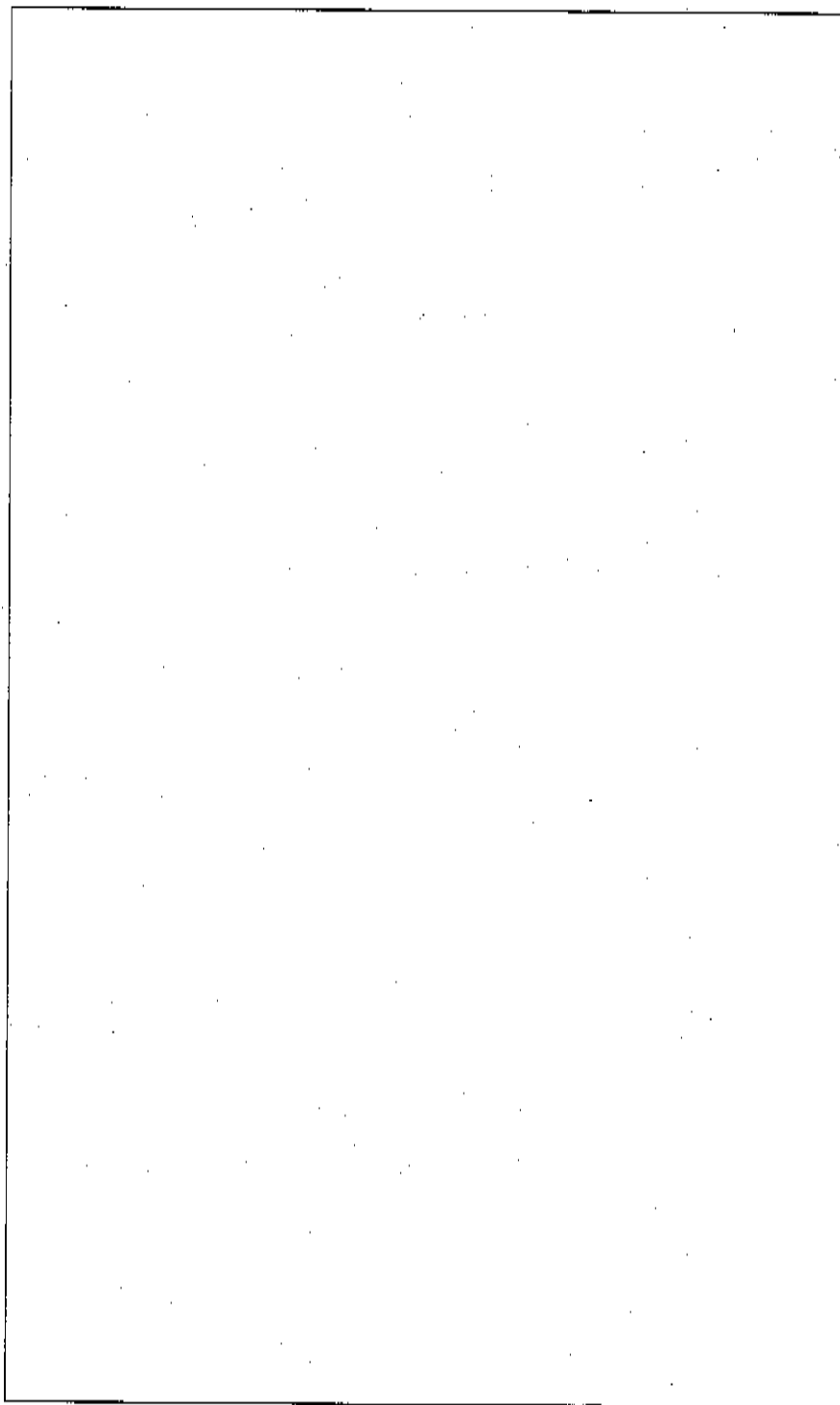
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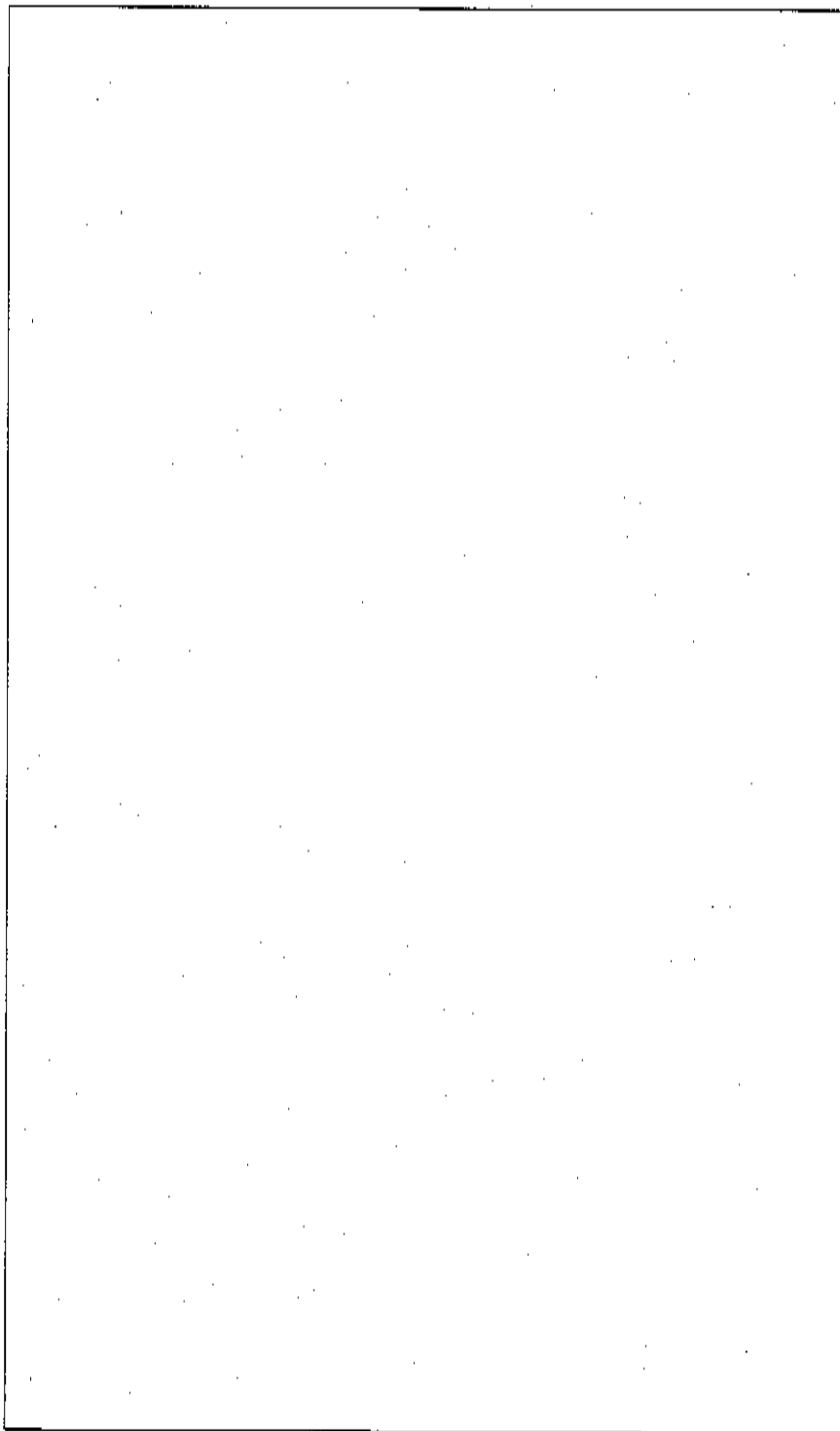


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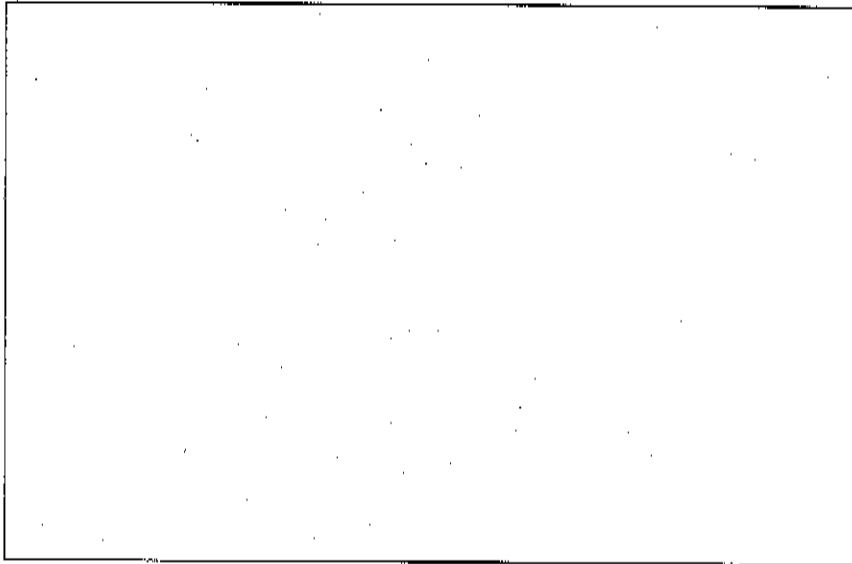
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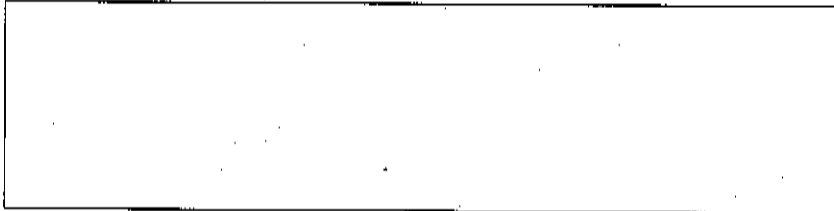
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41. BAUTISTA EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SUCCESS OF WINNING THE WAR AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN COLOMBIA. THUS FAR, HE SAID, THERE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSES AGAINST PABLO ESCOBAR AND THE MEDELLIN CARTEL, PARTIALLY DUE TO THE "FACELESS" PROSECUTORIAL PROGRAM. THEIR EFFORTS, HE OBSERVED, HAVE BEGUN TO RESTORE CREDIBILITY TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE EYES OF THE COLOMBIAN PEOPLE.

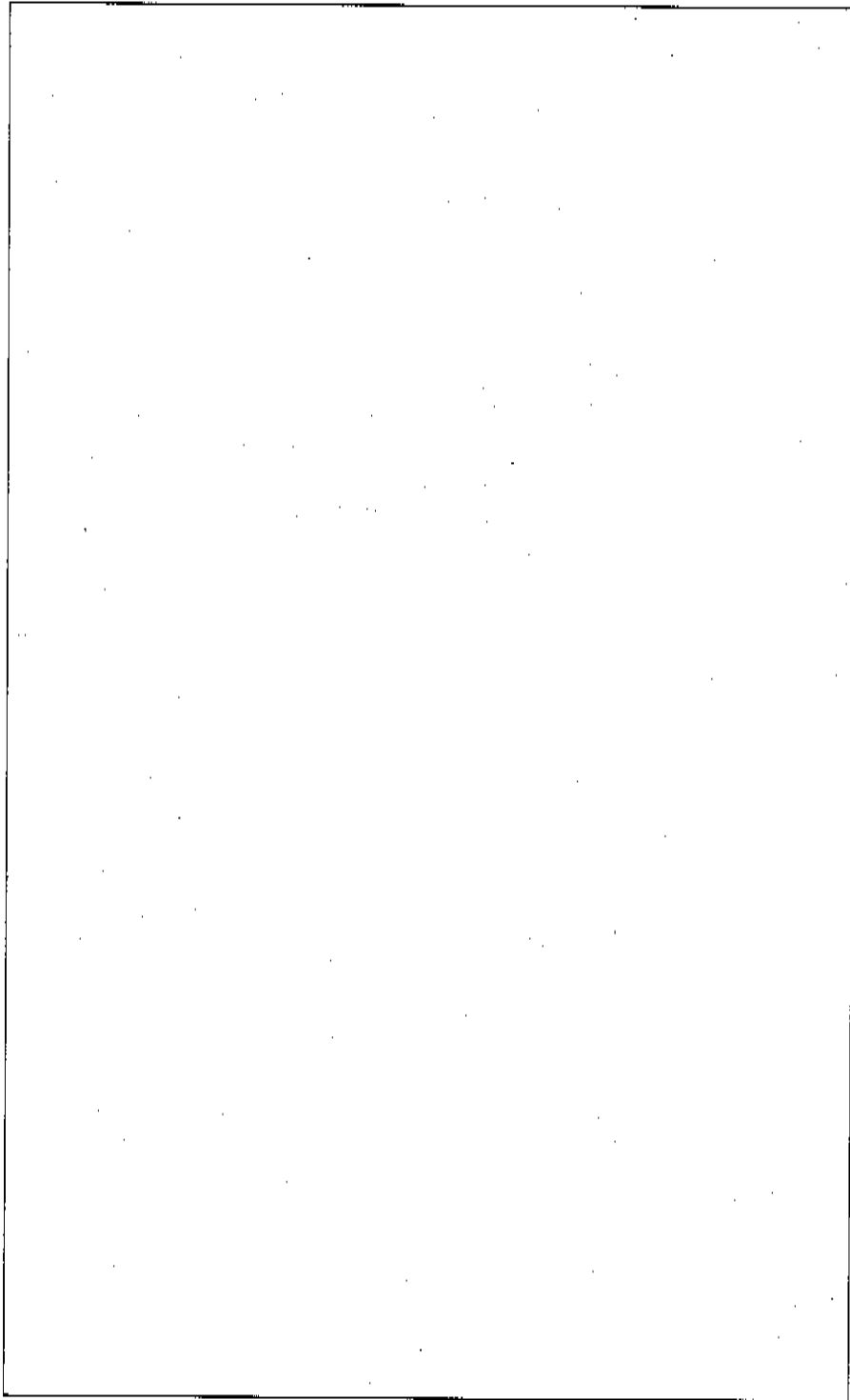
42. WIRTH VISITED THE VAULT CONTAINING SOME OF THE EVIDENCE AGAINST ESCOBAR CONFISCATED FROM THE ENVIGADO PRISON FOLLOWING ESCOBAR'S ESCAPE IN JULY 1992. THIS EVIDENCE INCLUDES AMPLE PROOF OF KINGPIN'S NARCOTRAFFICKING FROM BEHIND BARS AND A STUNNING ARRAY OF HANDGUNS, MACHINE GUNS, GAS MASKS, GRENADES AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. PHOTO ALBUMS AND VIDEOS MADE BY THE PRISONERS THEMSELVES DEPICT THE LUXURIOUS AND OFTEN BIZARRE LIFE STYLE THAT THEY LED WHILE INCARCERATED.



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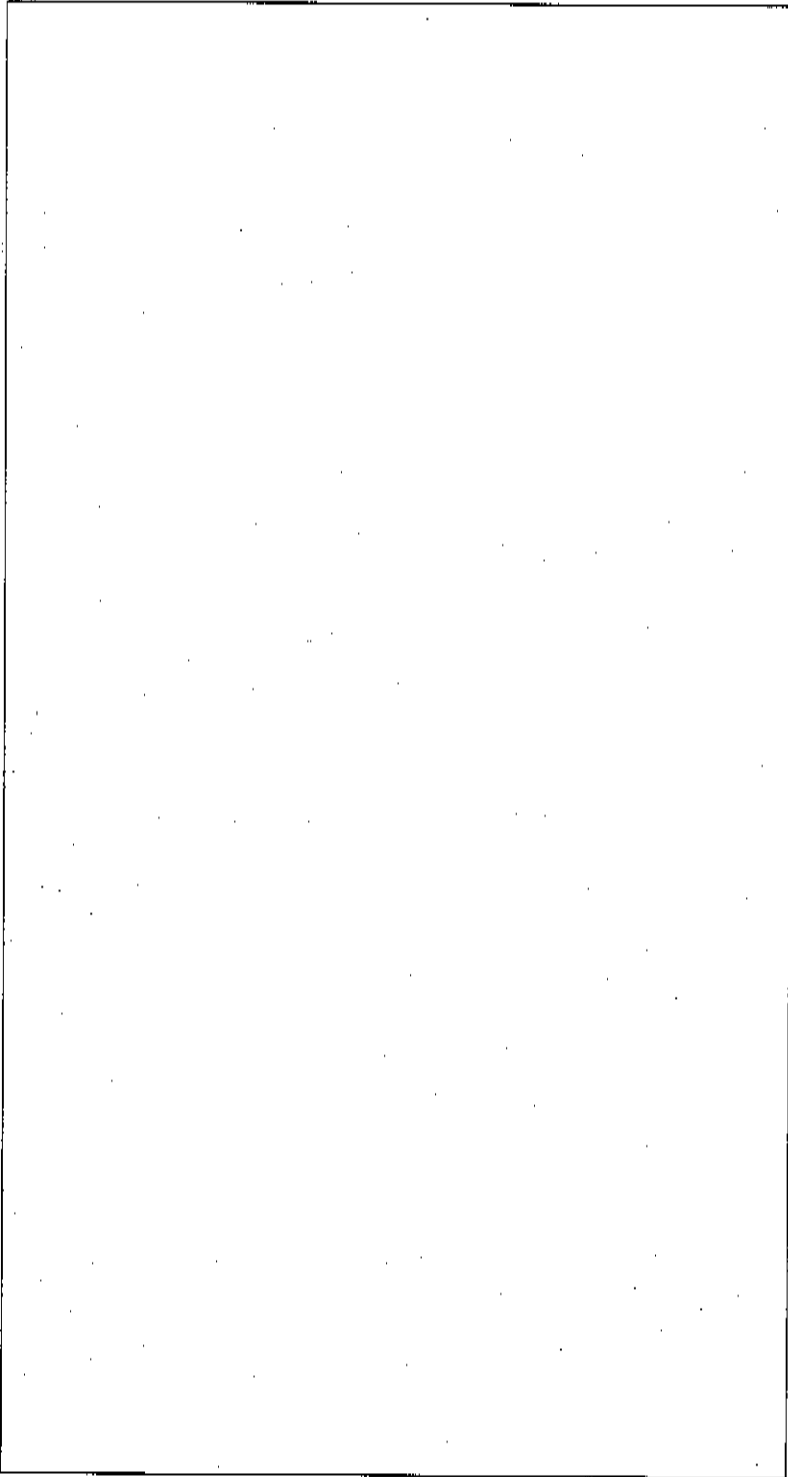
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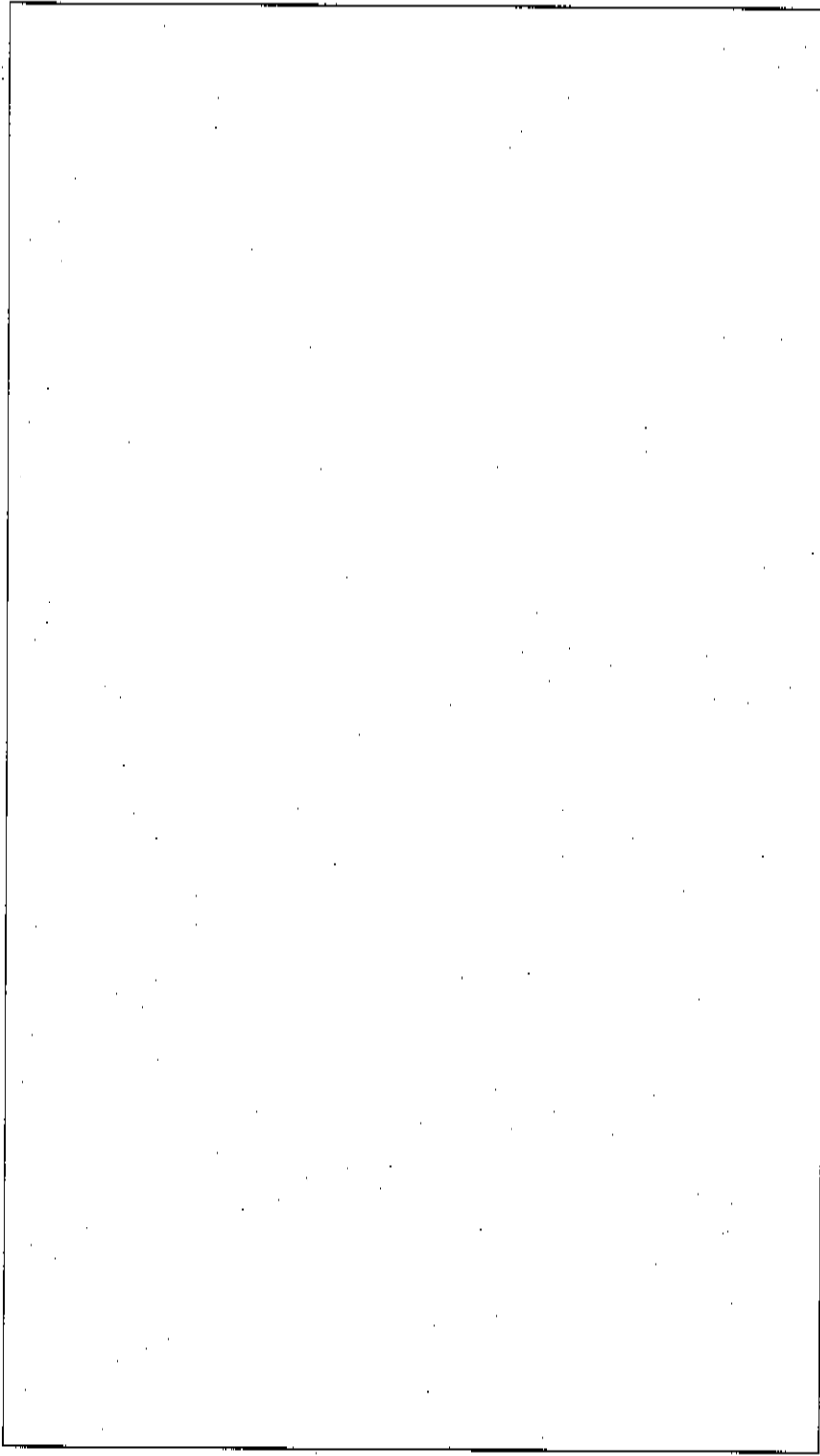
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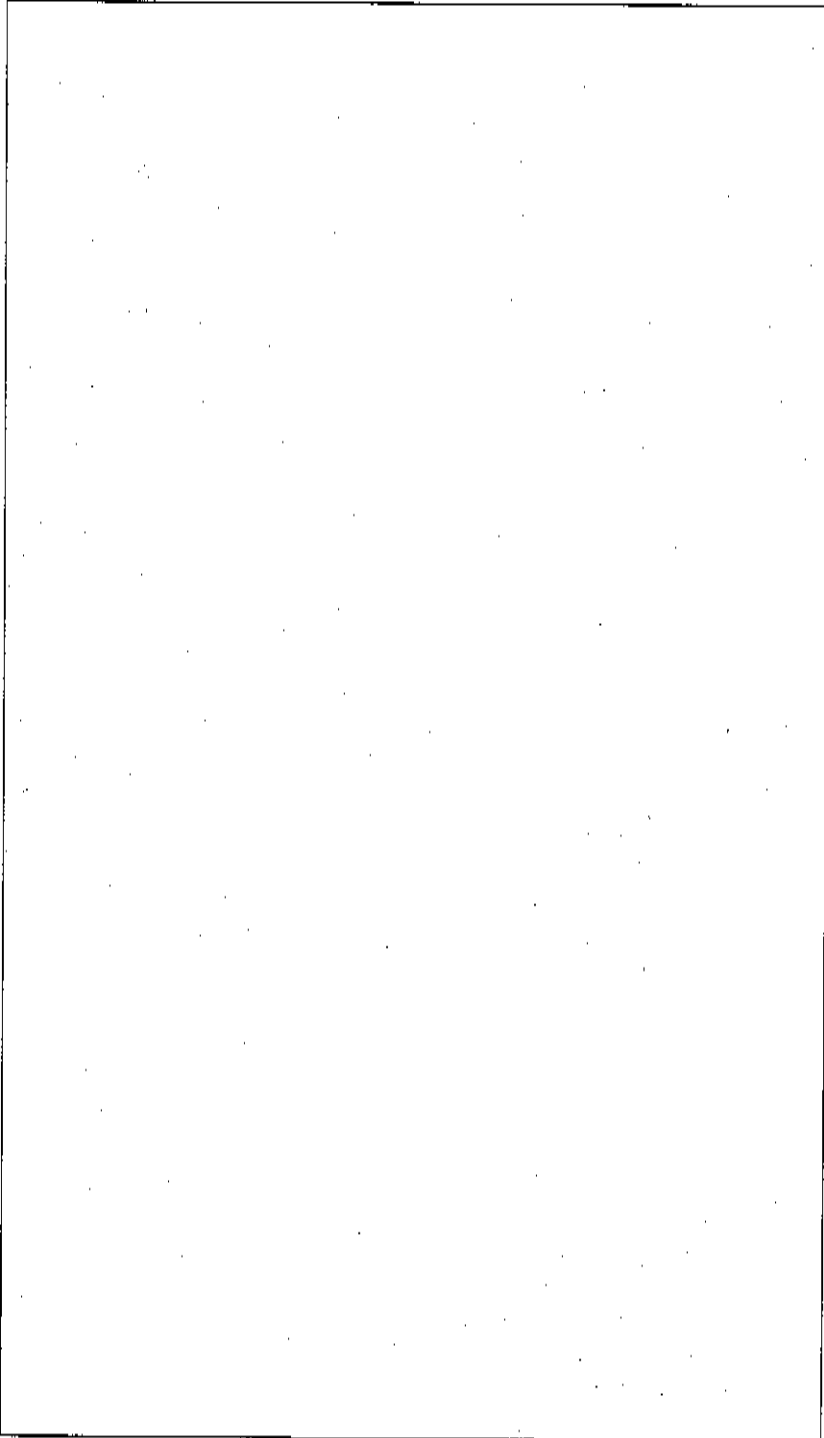
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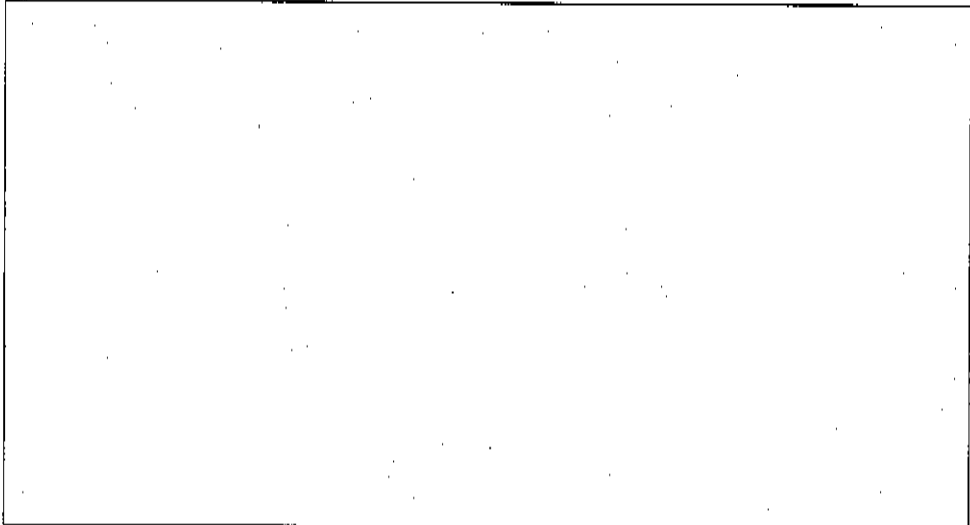
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