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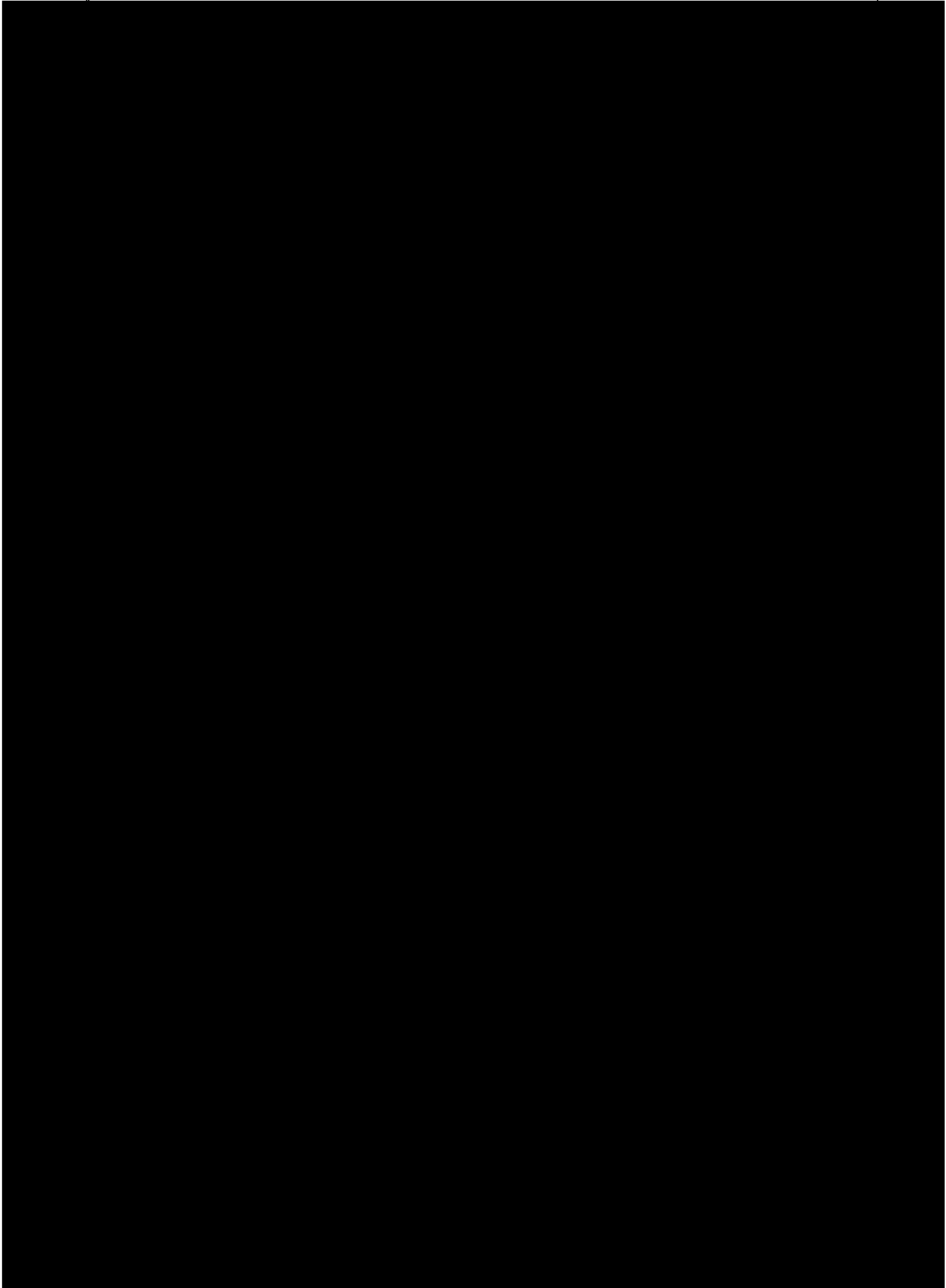
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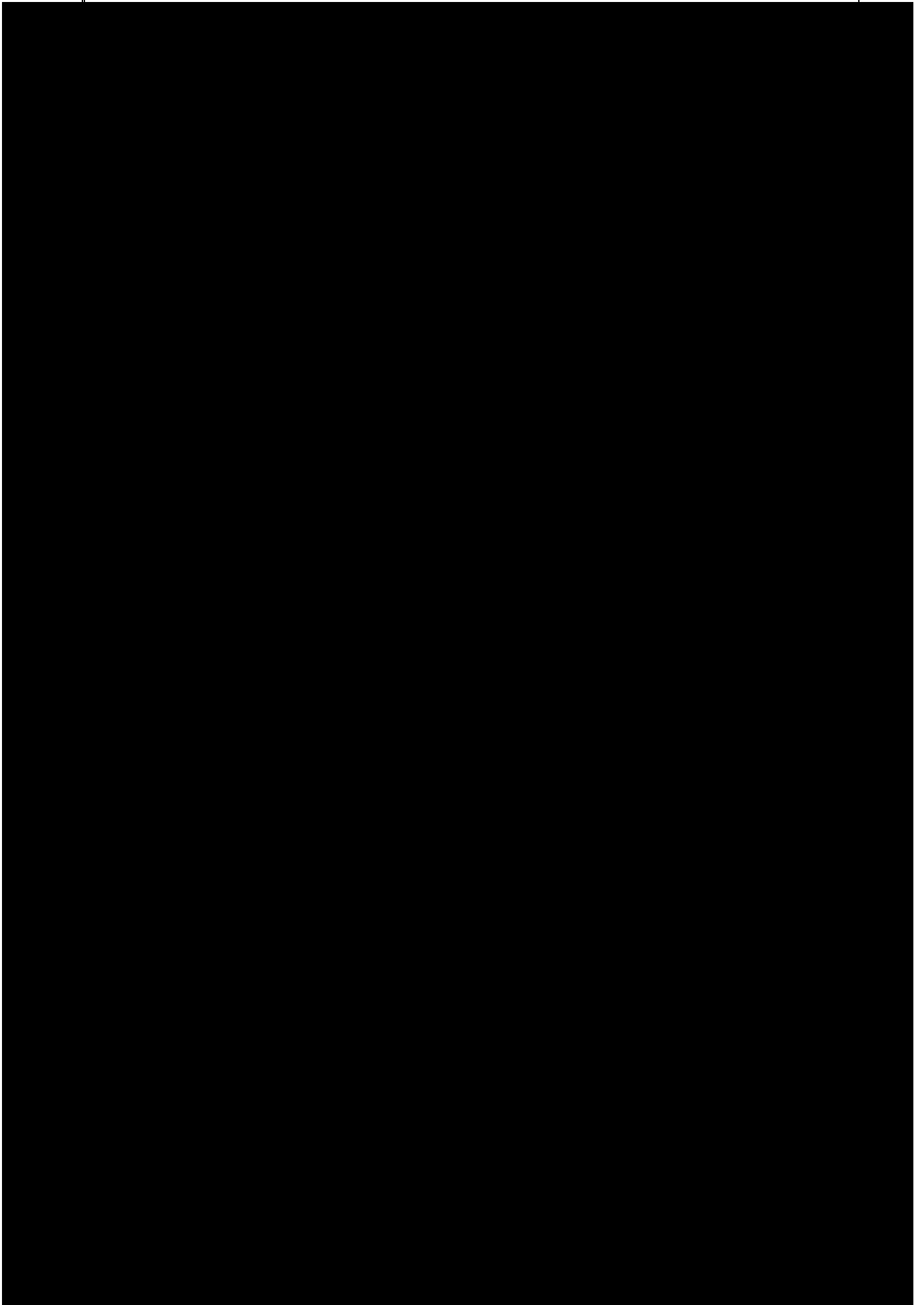
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: v. : S2 17 Cr. 686 (LAK)
: James Gatto, :
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: Christian Dawkins, :
: Defendants. :
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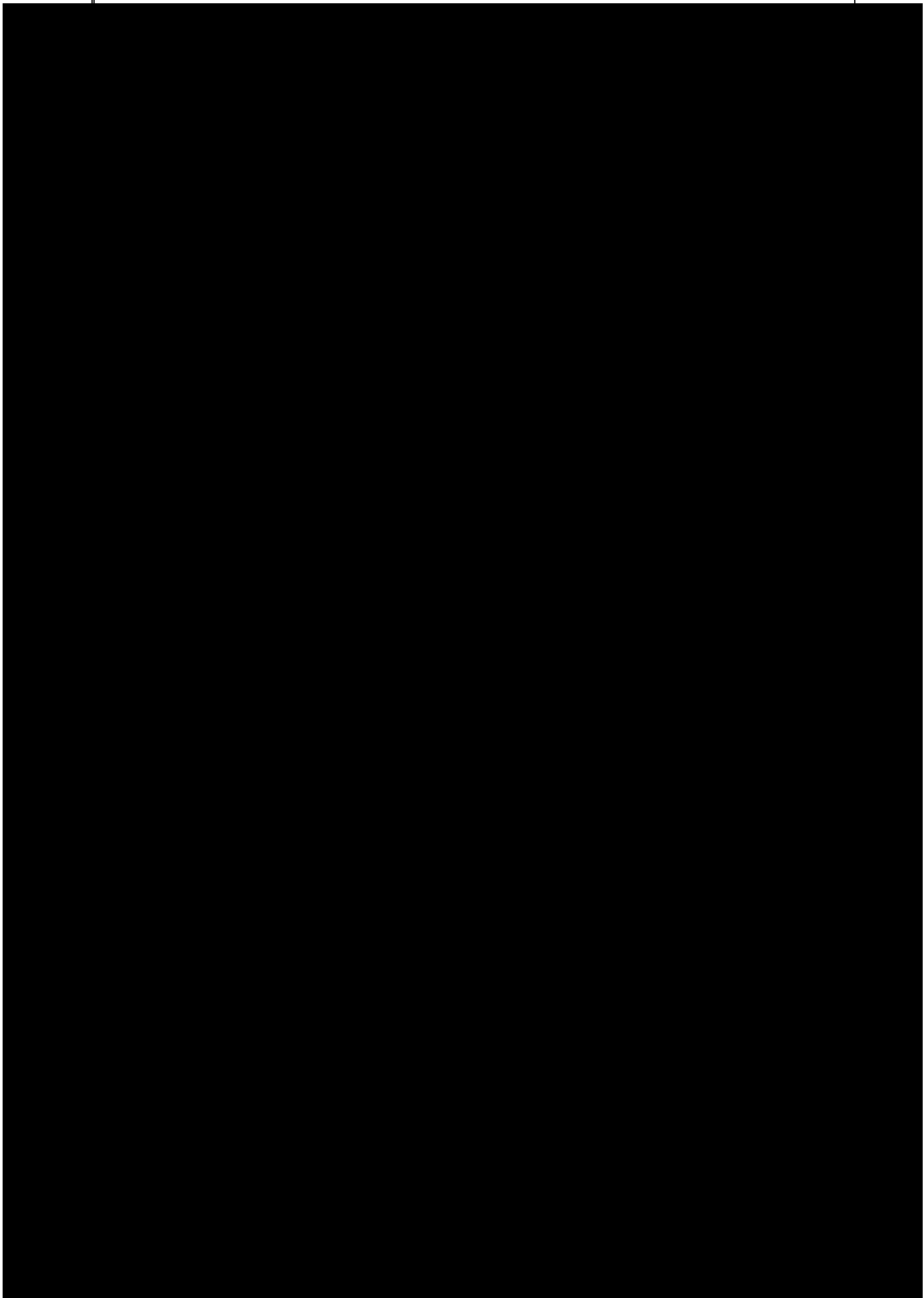
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Participants: James Gatto
Christian Dawkins

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8 DAWKINS: So, so, you guys don't even want to sign
9 bigs unless they're just like a superstar,
10 basically?

11 GATTO: No, not even. I mean, technically, you know
12 -- because I had a conversation with Andy
13 about, uh, Turner, you know, going forward,
14 and I said I, I probably couldn't get that
15 through, because, you know, that's just a
16 brief of who we're trying to get. I mean,
17 that's where we are today. You know, we
18 turn around our business, and things
19 changing in a year or two, you know, maybe,
20 you know? But that's where -- you know,
21 yeah, and we're trying --

22 DAWKINS: The, the, the market for bigs is going to be
23 shit all around, because if you guys ain't
24 paying it, Nike's damn sure not going to
25 pay.

1 GATTO: Right. You're right. And you've got to
2 understand and to some people I've been
3 explaining, because, you know, you know,
4 we're cutting our portfolio. Now, now, just
5 so you know, and Nike, I think, is starting
6 to do it, too, the basketball business in
7 general is down 25 percent.

8 DAWKINS: Yeah, I heard no --

9 GATTO: At retail.

10 DAWKINS: Selling, yeah.

11 GATTO: Yeah. So, and that's the kind of
12 ramifications that happen. Until we turn it
13 around and so forth, if he's going to put a
14 -- share a voice on the court, he's going to
15 -- we'll give him -- my boss, he wants
16 guards. He doesn't want bigs. But I've got
17 to explain to the -- and, and my part of,
18 you know -- listen, I do things for this,
19 that, and the other, and that's what I'm
20 trying to explain. You know, I'm doing this
21 because down the line, it's going to
22 helpfully help out with, you know, your guys
23 that I know you're bringing in, hopefully,
24 right?

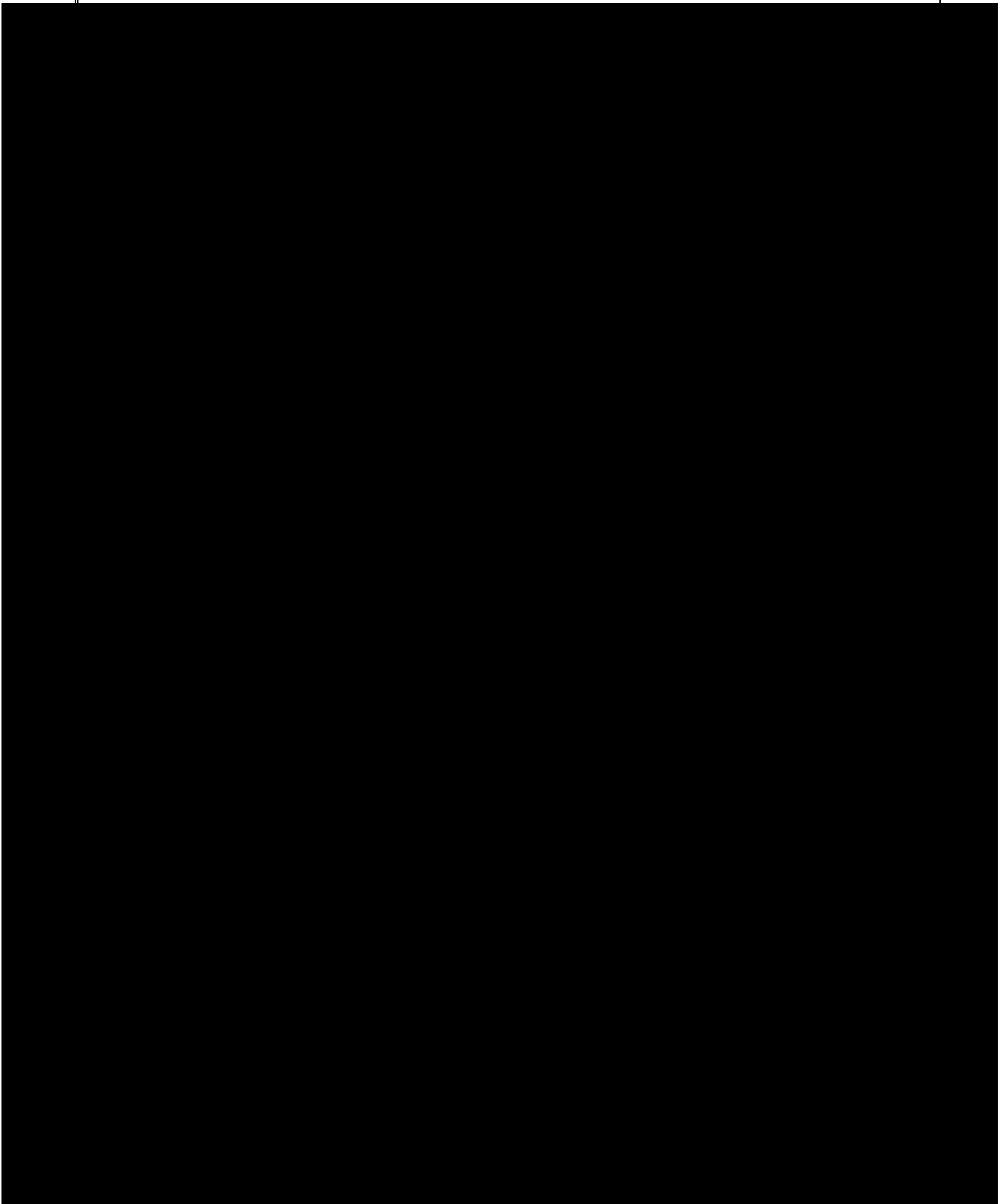
25 DAWKINS: Um-hum.

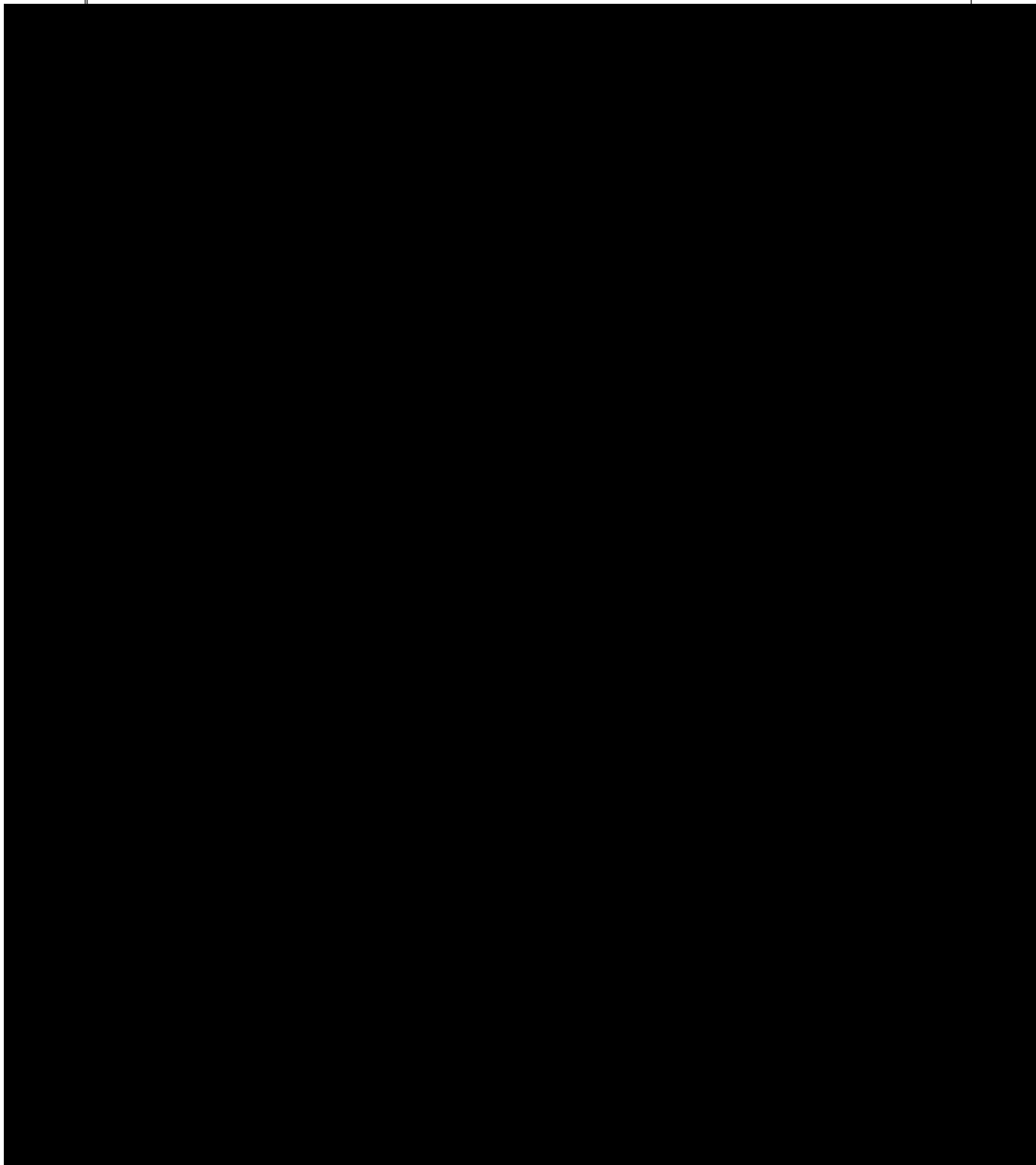
17 DAWKINS: And then, the last thing, just, everything
18 with Bowen is going to be good, right? I
19 know it's been changing --
20 GATTO: Yeah, Yeah, yeah. No, no, we're good. That
21 stuff's fine. That stuff's fine.
22 DAWKINS: Okay.
23 GATTO: That's --
24 DAWKINS: Okay.
25 GATTO: -- just fine.

1 DAWKINS: Okay, for -- all right.

2 GATTO: It's just for our system, I'm getting that
3 in.

4 DAWKINS: Okay.





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