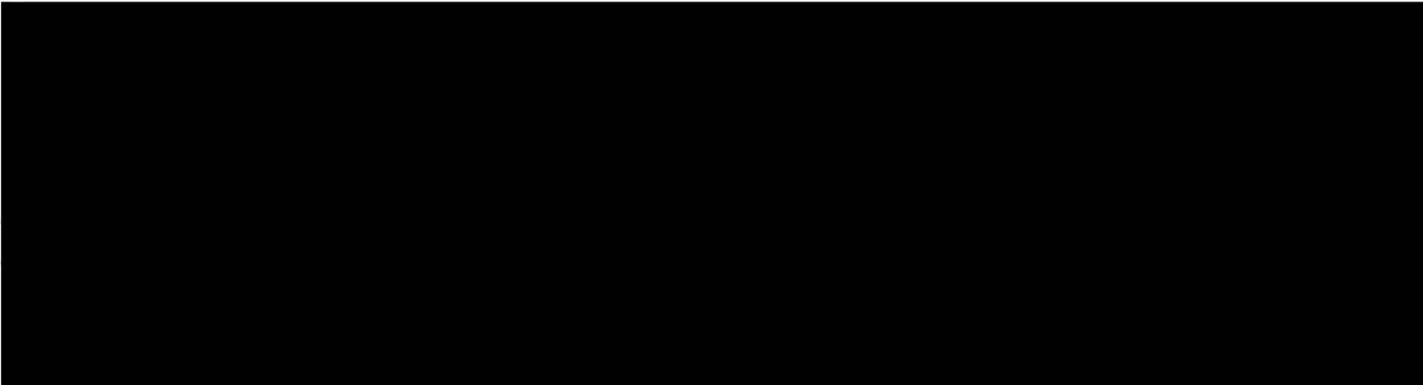


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Good morning both (and welcome back Meredith!)

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[Australian Financial Review, General News, 01/05/17, Blaise Joseph, page 39](#)

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Gonski funding concept a flawed 'fantasy'

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Matthew Denholm, page 3](#)

A new study has exposed the concept of Gonski funding as a 'fantasy', documenting significant differences between the Gonski report and the approach adopted by the Rudd and Gillard governments. Research by the libertarian Centre for Independent Studies released yesterday shows loadings for disadvantaged students were far higher in Labor's six-year National Plan for School Improvement than those recommended in the 2012 Gonski report.

Students expect worst as V-Cs meet minister

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Rachel Baxendale, page 4](#)

University students are bracing for higher student fees and funding cuts as vice-chancellors travel to Canberra for a meeting with Education Minister Simon Birmingham today. Universities say their primary concern is maintaining current funding levels, while Labor and the Greens have slammed the proposed changes and unions warn that students will pay more for lower quality degrees.

Islamic college's funds stopped

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Verity Edwards, page 5](#)

The Islamic College of South Australia will open for term two today, despite the federal government cutting funding and enrolments falling as parents look for schooling certainty elsewhere. Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham cut funding in February because of continuing governance issues in the use of school funds.

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[2CC, 05:30 News, 01/05/17 05:32AM, Compere](#)

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Lucy Sugerman: she's the voice

[HerCanberra, Other, 30/04/17 08:31PM](#)

Fresh from the excitement of shooting her blind audition on The Voice, Canberra's newest reality TV star tells us why she chose Seal as her mentor and just how nervous she was to perform.

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Emergency Services

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Environment

The power of a public servant: Dennis Richardson

[The Strategist, Other, 01/05/17](#)

Like the World War One 9.2-inch siege howitzer, Dennis Richardson has been a mobile weapon, deployed across many fields of battle, able to deliver a lot of ordinance with maximum elevation in a single shot.

Health

ACT's drug-testing trial could help end decades of backward policing and policy towards behaviour

[Canberra Times, General News, 01/05/17, Ross Fitzgerald, page 14](#)

Despite a long career as a professor of history and politics, I am still fascinated by the spread of, and resistance to, evidence-based policies that work to reduce crime. In the Western world, pills have been tested at youth music dance events for almost 20 years, improving public safety and saving scarce resources.

Standing up at the desk now gaining a healthier acceptance

[Canberra Times, Business News, 01/05/17, Gayle Bryant, page 36](#)

It's no longer unusual to see people choosing to stand at their desks rather than sit but does this make them happier and healthier? There's no shortage of studies that suggest the standing option is healthier. One study, Improving Worker Health: The Take-a-Stand Project, published in the Preventing Chronic Disease journal, showed that back and neck pain was reduced by 54 per cent within four weeks of using a standing desk periodically throughout the day.

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Boomanulla Oval revamp a step closer despite funding issue

[Canberra Times, General News, 01/05/17, Doug Dingwall, page 2](#)

Boomanulla Oval is a step closer on its long journey towards reopening after its preferred tenderer engaged consultants for a concept plan guiding its revamp, but government funding for the project is uncertain. Canberra firm Judd Studio will work with Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service to consult Narrabundah residents about a new plan for the suburban oval, which has been closed for three years.

ACT Liberals launch public consultation website

[Canberra Times, General News, 01/05/17, Kirsten Lawson, page 3](#)

The Canberra Liberals launch their own consultation website on Monday, asking Canberrans for views on a new stadium, dog attacks and public housing. The website, haveyoursay.net.au, begins with consultation on contentious issues and on a major decision facing the ACT government - what to do about a new city stadium.

Resident says building website too confusing

[Canberra Times, General News, 01/05/17, Doug Dingwall, page 7](#)

Confusion around an ACT government website guiding people on building approvals has prompted a call for clearer information on the matter. Canberra resident Simon Bush learnt he had needed building approval to replace his tile roof with colour bond material after works were finished, when he sought a building inspector's report.

Budget action is needed on housing costs

[Canberra Times, Editorials, 01/05/17, page 12](#)

Measures to improve housing affordability should be top of the budget priority list for the Australian and ACT governments. Last week's Anglicare rental snapshot showed the situation has reached crisis point for low-income earners, pensioners and welfare recipients.

Canberra leads capital pack

[Sunday Canberra Times, Property, 30/04/17, Andrew Wilson, page 1](#)

The Canberra housing market has lead the pack over the March quarter, recording the strongest price growth of all the capital cities. Canberra's median house price increased by 5.3 per cent to a record high \$705,059.

Bullish buyers send regional housing prices soaring

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Elizabeth Redman and Rhian Deutrom, page 5](#)

House prices are growing at more than 20 per cent a year in sought-after suburbs of Australia's regional cities, leaving first homebuyers with fewer options even if they do relocate in pursuit of more affordable dwellings. Five suburbs in Newcastle recorded price growth of between 20 and 29 per cent over the year to March 31, compared with the previous year, according to CoreLogic data compiled by REA Group.

Pre-tax deposit scheme 'a bad idea'

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Rachel Baxendale, page 5](#)

A proposal to allow first-home buyers to use pre-tax income to save for a house deposit will move taxpayer money into the pockets of vendors without addressing affordability, a policy analyst said. Grattan Institute chief executive John Daley yesterday dismissed the idea, reportedly being considered by the Turnbull government as a budget measure that would be similar to salary sacrificing and speed up the process of saving for a deposit.

Canberra's lakeside bike hire business closes to make way for new development

[ABC Online, Other, 30/04/17](#)

Canberra families have taken their final ride around Lake Burley Griffin in kitsch pedal bikes, with the bicycle hire shop closing this weekend after 40 years as a lakeside fixture.

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Law & Order

Family Court underfunded, letting people down, chief justice says

[ABC Online, Other, 30/04/17](#)

Australia's Family Court and Federal Circuit Court is letting families down because of huge backlogs and lack of resources, the system's Chief Justice Diana Bryant says.

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Supporting Families

[Facebook, Other, 30/04/17 08:08PM, @BrisbaneRiSEQLD](#)

Women more than 80 years old are turning to Canberra's homeless services for shelter, forced out of housing by the ACT's rental market, low savings and family violence. Homelessness services are reporting a rise in clients who are elderly women, some resorting to sleeping in cars and couch surfing for shelter before seeking help.

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Tourism

Newcastle aims for the sky

[Daily Telegraph, Editorials, 01/05/17, page 20](#)

Canberra's airport is a grand looking affair, and by appearances you would swear it was a fully-fledged international facility. In reality, however, it only services two overseas locations - Singapore and Wellington in New Zealand.

Amazing machine makes new coal in hours

[Newcastle Herald, General News, 01/05/17, page 10](#)

I have just spent a pleasant weekend of driving to Braidwood, speaking at a biochar workshop and learning a great deal about the importance of fungi and biochar for tree growth. Not to mention all those extra kilometres for not paying attention to the idiocy of my electronic navigator.

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Transport and Roads

Riding to work could save lives in Canberra

[The RiotACT, Other, 01/05/17](#)

We've long known riding to work will add years to your life by maintaining your health and fitness, and now there is strong evidence that commuting by bike cuts the risk of cancer and heart disease by almost half.

How do we get more women to embrace the cycling commute?

[HerCanberra, Other, 01/05/17](#)

We have an extensive network of bike paths throughout the Capital, designated bike lanes on our arterial roads, a range of bike-friendly cafés and a year-round calendar of cycling events. Whether you're hitting the trails of Stromlo Forest Park or pedalling leisurely around Lake Burley Griffin, there's something for everyone. But is this really the case?

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[Australian Financial Review, General News, 01/05/17, Blaise Joseph, page 39](#)

For certain parts of the education sector, "Gonski funding" has taken on an almost mythical level of importance. In the cult of "Give a Gonski", campaign buses cruise around schools spreading the good word, billboards stand tall over highways and a sea of green hands sprout on the Parliament House lawn.

Gonski funding concept a flawed 'fantasy'

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Matthew Denholm, page 3](#)

A new study has exposed the concept of Gonski funding as a 'fantasy', documenting significant differences between the Gonski report and the approach adopted by the Rudd and Gillard governments. Research by the libertarian Centre for Independent Studies released yesterday shows loadings for disadvantaged students were far higher in Labor's six-year National Plan for School Improvement than those recommended in the 2012 Gonski report.

Students expect worst as V-Cs meet minister

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Rachel Baxendale, page 4](#)

University students are bracing for higher student fees and funding cuts as vice-chancellors travel to Canberra for a meeting with Education Minister Simon Birmingham today. Universities say their primary concern is maintaining current funding levels, while Labor and the Greens have slammed the proposed changes and unions warn that students will pay more for lower quality degrees.

Islamic college's funds stopped

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Verity Edwards, page 5](#)

The Islamic College of South Australia will open for term two today, despite the federal government cutting funding and enrolments falling as parents look for schooling certainty elsewhere. Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham cut funding in February because of continuing governance issues in the use of school funds.

Productivity Commission report shows Canberrans pay more for child care

[2CC, 05:30 News, 01/05/17 05:32AM, Compere](#)

A Productivity Commission report shows Canberrans pay more for child care than the rest of the country.

Lucy Sugerman: she's the voice

[HerCanberra, Other, 30/04/17 08:31PM](#)

Fresh from the excitement of shooting her blind audition on The Voice, Canberra's newest reality TV star tells us why she chose Seal as her mentor and just how nervous she was to perform.

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Environment

The power of a public servant: Dennis Richardson

[The Strategist, Other, 01/05/17](#)

Like the World War One 9.2-inch siege howitzer, Dennis Richardson has been a mobile weapon, deployed across many fields of battle, able to deliver a lot of ordinance with maximum elevation in a single shot.

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Health

ACT's drug-testing trial could help end decades of backward policing and policy towards behaviour

[Canberra Times, General News, 01/05/17, Ross Fitzgerald, page 14](#)

Despite a long career as a professor of history and politics, I am still fascinated by the spread of, and resistance to, evidence-based policies that work to reduce crime. In the Western world, pills have been tested at youth music dance events for almost 20 years, improving public safety and saving scarce resources.

Standing up at the desk now gaining a healthier acceptance

Canberra Times, Business News, 01/05/17, Gayle Bryant, page 36

It's no longer unusual to see people choosing to stand at their desks rather than sit but does this make them happier and healthier? There's no shortage of studies that suggest the standing option is healthier. One study, Improving Worker Health: The Take-a-Stand Project, published in the Preventing Chronic Disease journal, showed that back and neck pain was reduced by 54 per cent within four weeks of using a standing desk periodically throughout the day.

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Boomanulla Oval revamp a step closer despite funding issue

Canberra Times, General News, 01/05/17, Doug Dingwall, page 2

Boomanulla Oval is a step closer on its long journey towards reopening after its preferred tenderer engaged consultants for a concept plan guiding its revamp, but government funding for the project is uncertain. Canberra firm Judd Studio will work with Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service to consult Narrabundah residents about a new plan for the suburban oval, which has been closed for three years.

ACT Liberals launch public consultation website

Canberra Times, General News, 01/05/17, Kirsten Lawson, page 3

The Canberra Liberals launch their own consultation website on Monday, asking Canberrans for views on a new stadium, dog attacks and public housing. The website, haveyoursay.net.au, begins with consultation on contentious issues and on a major decision facing the ACT government - what to do about a new city stadium.

Resident says building website too confusing

Canberra Times, General News, 01/05/17, Doug Dingwall, page 7

Confusion around an ACT government website guiding people on building approvals has prompted a call for clearer information on the matter. Canberra resident Simon Bush learnt he had needed building approval to replace his tile roof with colour bond material after works were finished, when he sought a building inspector's report.

Budget action is needed on housing costs

Canberra Times, Editorials, 01/05/17, page 12

Measures to improve housing affordability should be top of the budget priority list for the Australian and ACT governments. Last week's Anglicare rental snapshot showed the situation has reached crisis point for low-income earners, pensioners and welfare recipients.

Canberra leads capital pack

Sunday Canberra Times, Property, 30/04/17, Andrew Wilson, page 1

The Canberra housing market has lead the pack over the March quarter, recording the strongest price growth of all the capital cities. Canberra's median house price increased by 5.3 per cent to a record high \$705,059.

Bullish buyers send regional housing prices soaring

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Elizabeth Redman and Rhian Deutrom, page 5](#)

House prices are growing at more than 20 per cent a year in sought-after suburbs of Australia's regional cities, leaving first homebuyers with fewer options even if they do relocate in pursuit of more affordable dwellings. Five suburbs in Newcastle recorded price growth of between 20 and 29 per cent over the year to March 31, compared with the previous year, according to CoreLogic data compiled by REA Group.

Pre-tax deposit scheme 'a bad idea'

[The Australian, General News, 01/05/17, Rachel Baxendale, page 5](#)

A proposal to allow first-home buyers to use pre-tax income to save for a house deposit will move taxpayer money into the pockets of vendors without addressing affordability, a policy analyst said. Grattan Institute chief executive John Daley yesterday dismissed the idea, reportedly being considered by the Turnbull government as a budget measure that would be similar to salary sacrificing and speed up the process of saving for a deposit.

Canberra's lakeside bike hire business closes to make way for new development

[ABC Online, Other, 30/04/17](#)

Canberra families have taken their final ride around Lake Burley Griffin in kitsch pedal bikes, with the bicycle hire shop closing this weekend after 40 years as a lakeside fixture.

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Law & Order

Family Court underfunded, letting people down, chief justice says

[ABC Online, Other, 30/04/17](#)

Australia's Family Court and Federal Circuit Court is letting families down because of huge backlogs and lack of resources, the system's Chief Justice Diana Bryant says.

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Supporting Families

[Facebook, Other, 30/04/17 08:08PM, @BrisbaneRiSEQLD](#)

Women more than 80 years old are turning to Canberra's homeless services for shelter, forced out of housing by the ACT's rental market, low savings and family violence. Homelessness services are reporting a rise in clients who are elderly women, some resorting to sleeping in cars and couch surfing for shelter before seeking help.

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Tourism

Newcastle aims for the sky

[Daily Telegraph, Editorials, 01/05/17, page 20](#)

Canberra's airport is a grand looking affair, and by appearances you would swear it was a fully-

fledged international facility. In reality, however, it only services two overseas locations - Singapore and Wellington in New Zealand.

Amazing machine makes new coal in hours

[Newcastle Herald, General News, 01/05/17, page 10](#)

I have just spent a pleasant weekend of driving to Braidwood, speaking at a biochar workshop and learning a great deal about the importance of fungi and biochar for tree growth. Not to mention all those extra kilometres for not paying attention to the idiocy of my electronic navigator.

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Transport and Roads

Riding to work could save lives in Canberra

[The RiotACT, Other, 01/05/17](#)

We've long known riding to work will add years to your life by maintaining your health and fitness, and now there is strong evidence that commuting by bike cuts the risk of cancer and heart disease by almost half.

How do we get more women to embrace the cycling commute?

[HerCanberra, Other, 01/05/17](#)

We have an extensive network of bike paths throughout the Capital, designated bike lanes on our arterial roads, a range of bike-friendly cafés and a year-round calendar of cycling events. Whether you're hitting the trails of Stromlo Forest Park or pedalling leisurely around Lake Burley Griffin, there's something for everyone. But is this really the case?

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Mark

Natalie and Meg asked that I send you this link. PM is currently making an announcement about schools funding.

Cheers
 Pen

From: Croke, Leesa
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Gonski to lead a review –Gonski 2.0. He will lead an independent panel reporting by Dec 2017

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Hi Leesa

As discussed, the stream we spoke about in relation to the PM's announcement. Meg will call you shortly.

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/malcolm-turnbull-announces-new-postgonski-national-schools-funding-package-20170502-gvx4u5.html>

Kind regards

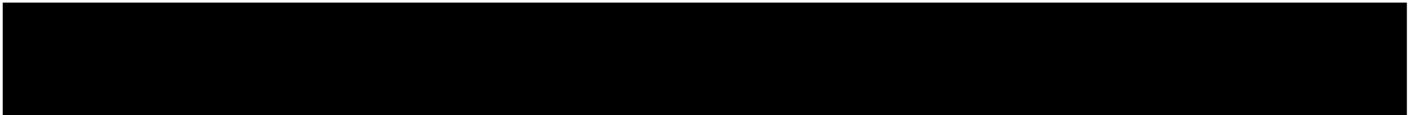
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[MIX 106.3 FM, 12:00 News, 02/05/17 12:05PM, Newsreader](#)

Work Safe ACT is investigating a crane malfunction at the construction site of the ACT Magistrate and Supreme court yesterday. Traffic and work was affected but things have gone back to normal today.

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Land, Planning and Urban Renewal

Land Development Agency split is a chance for Canberra to get planning right

[Canberra Times, Other, 30/04/17](#)

In May, the ACT Legislative Assembly will debate the government's legislation to split the Land Development Agency (LDA) into the City Renewal Authority (CRA) and the Suburban Land Agency (SLA).

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[Radio National, The World Today, 02/05/17 12:05PM, Eleanor Hall](#)

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Badgerys Creek airport: Why the building of Sydney's second airport has fallen to the Government

[ABC Online, Other, 02/05/17 02:04PM, None](#)

The decision by Sydney Airport to walk away from its first right of refusal on building the Badgerys Creek airport comes as no real surprise. As anyone who has used Sydney Airport knows, it's in the business of making money — big time.

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Work Safe ACT is investigating a crane malfunction at the construction site of the ACT Magistrate and Supreme court yesterday. Traffic and work was affected but things have gone back to normal today.

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Land, Planning and Urban Renewal

Land Development Agency split is a chance for Canberra to get planning right

[Canberra Times, Other, 30/04/17](#)

In May, the ACT Legislative Assembly will debate the government's legislation to split the Land Development Agency (LDA) into the City Renewal Authority (CRA) and the Suburban Land Agency (SLA).

Sydney Airport Group has this morning turned down an offer from the Federal Government to build and operate the city's second airport at Badgerys Creek

[Radio National, The World Today, 02/05/17 12:05PM, Eleanor Hall](#)

Sydney Airport Group has this morning turned down an offer from the Federal Government to build and operate the city's second airport at Badgerys Creek, saying the project did not meet its investment criteria. This means the project could potentially cost the taxpayer \$5b to \$6b. Sydney Airport Group, in a statement to the ASX, says this new airport will create jobs and encourage significant investment in the region. Paul Fletcher, Minister for Urban Infrastructure, said this morning that he hopes work on the project will start by the end of 2018 with the airport operational by 2026. Fletcher says the government can take a longer time frame and perspective than a privately owned business with regards to the return from the project. Fletcher says it is likely the airport will be sold to a private operator down the track. Anthony Albanese, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, has stressed the need for an airport rail line to be up and running when the first plane lands at the site.

Badgerys Creek airport: Why the building of Sydney's second airport has fallen to the Government

[ABC Online, Other, 02/05/17 02:04PM, None](#)

The decision by Sydney Airport to walk away from its first right of refusal on building the Badgerys Creek airport comes as no real surprise. As anyone who has used Sydney Airport knows, it's in the business of making money — big time.

The Canberra Liberals are calling on the government to commit funding to restore an oval in Narrabundah

[MIX 106.3 FM, 13:00 News, 02/05/17 01:10PM, Newsreader](#)

The Canberra Liberals are calling on the ACT Government to commit funding to restore the Boomanulla Oval in Narrabundah.

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Cc: Stewart, Tracy (DET); Whitten, Meredith; Gstrein, Kylie; Whybrow, Mark; Hancock, Carly
Subject: CM Talkback & QTB on school funding [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

Good morning

Could you please provide School Funding brief for **Chief Minister's Talkback** (Due today ASAP) and **CM QTB** (Due Thursday 4 May 2017).

Thank you

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Subject: The Conversation: Gonski 2.0: Is this the school funding plan we have been looking for? Finally, yes [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi all

This makes specific reference to the ACT in this comment:

Compared to the 2016 budget, the big losers are:

- Catholic schools, which will lose a number of special deals [REDACTED]; more analysis is needed to understand whether they will be worse off overall

Gonski 2.0: Is this the school funding plan we have been looking for? Finally, yes

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[Peter Goss](#)

School Education Program Director, Grattan Institute

They used to say that a week is a long time in politics. How last century! Now a day is a long time in politics, or at least the politics of school funding.

Just yesterday morning, I was arguing that school funding was at an impasse. By early afternoon that had all changed, along with the federal government's rhetoric on school funding. Instead, we were introduced to Gonski 2.0.

For the first time, Education Minister Simon Birmingham has [proposed a credible plan](#) to deliver needs-based funding.

But is this the plan we have been looking for?

Where we were at before the announcement

The [Gonksi report in 2011](#) was an inspired attempt to move past decades of funding wars.

Negotiated or bastardised (depending on your point of view) in its implementation [by the last Labor government](#), it was at first derided, then supported, then buried by the Coalition under Tony Abbott.

The re-boot of leadership under Malcolm Turnbull left school funding in limbo. The resulting policy vacuum led to a messy and unfocused debate.

Labor continued to claim that the only true path was to add billions of dollars to school funding. But Labor's figures are greatly inflated because of its unwillingness to make tough decisions – or recognise the benefits of historically low wages growth.

At one point, Turnbull suggested to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) that funding should be split, with the Commonwealth paying for non-government schools and states paying for government schools. But this is a terrible idea with [big risks and few benefits](#).

Birmingham then publicly supported needs-based funding, but could not explain how we would get there.

Grattan Institute [published our own plan last November](#), arguing that the Coalition could deliver Gonski-style needs-based funding without more money, if it made some tough decisions about indexation and over-funded schools.

What has now changed?

Flanked by the big-Gonski himself, Turnbull and Birmingham finally announced the Coalition's plan.

1) They recommitted to the principles of Gonski, which they referred to as genuine needs-based funding and branded as *Gonski 2.0*.

2) They promised not to tinker with the overall design of the funding formula for each school, called the "Schooling Resource Standard" or SRS. (The details of the SRS formula should be reviewed, since there are flaws and the original analysis was done with too little evidence. But the formula follows the core design suggested by Gonski, and makes sense.)

3) They disentangled Commonwealth and state funding, arguing that Commonwealth funding should depend on need, not on where students live.

So now, for the first time, the Commonwealth will have a simple and transparent way to explain how it funds schools:

- Every school has a target level of funding, the SRS
- Government schools receive Commonwealth funding equal to 20% of SRS (up from 17% on average today)
- Non-government schools receive Commonwealth funding equal to 80% of SRS (up from 77%).

This is a big change from the current model, under which comparable students in similar schools could receive thousands of dollars more or less from the Commonwealth depending on which state or territory they live in.

States and territories will be expected to maintain their real level of funding, but will not otherwise be tied to the SRS formula.

This gives states some flexibility in how much they invest in schools, a good idea in a federal system.

So far so good. But for the numbers to add up, five more changes were needed.

4) Turnbull and Birmingham reduced the long-term indexation rate so that school funding will grow in line with a blend of wages and CPI after 2021.

This change will save billions of dollars over the long term compared to the current legislation.

5) They extended the timeline out to 10 years, giving the power of compound interest more time to do its magic.

6) They tweaked some of the special deals Julia Gillard struck with the Catholic school system. These tweaks will have the effect of expecting parents to contribute more, especially in Catholic primary schools.

7) They finally overturned the mantra of "no school will lose a dollar", thereby saving maybe \$1.5 billion over the next decade.

8) They added new money to the pot compared to the 2016 budget – \$2.2 billion over the next four years, substantially more over the long term.

Who are the big winners and losers?

Compared to the Labor proposal, most schools, sectors and states will feel like losers. But taxpayers are big winners.

[Grattan's analysis shows](#) that Labor's plan is far more expensive than required, a huge problem given the state of the federal budget.

Compared to the 2016 budget, the big winners are:

- Government schools in states that are currently underfunded, especially New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland
- Western Australia, which receives much less from the Commonwealth for its government schools
- Underfunded independent schools (especially the lower-fee schools, some of which are the most underfunded schools in the entire country).

Compared to the 2016 budget, the big losers are:

- Catholic schools, which will lose a number of special deals (especially for the Australian Capital Territory which had a special deal all of its own); more analysis is needed to understand whether they will be worse off overall
- 24 highly over-funded schools that will have their per-student funding cut
- About 300 slightly over-funded schools that will have their funding slowed or frozen. It is not entirely clear who these schools are at this stage.

Where does this all leave us?

We can now move on from the phoney war to a genuine debate about a concrete and credible proposal. Three things should happen now.

First, there will need to be much broader consultation than has occurred so far. The multitude of states, sectors and other stakeholders in schooling will need to be mollified, even if some will never be fully satisfied.

Second, the federal government needs to pass legislation to give effect to the new funding arrangements. This is a big task: timing is tight, given the current deal runs out before the start of the 2018 school year. The senate will be a challenge.

Third, Gonski himself will lead an expert review, to report by the end of this year. His task is to synthesise the evidence on what works and provide advice on how the extra funding should be spent.

Many shots are still to be fired. But this clear, positive approach could be just what we need to get us past the squabbling on funding – a key hurdle so that we can move on to the issues that will really drive improvements in school education.

If that happens, everyone will be a winner, especially Australia's students.

Well, maybe not everyone. If Gonski 2.0 sticks, the Labor party will need to find a new signature issue to take to the next election.

• This piece was amended on 3 May to correct a point that was made. The piece suggested that the 300+ schools that will have their funding cut will “probably include government schools in the ACT that are currently funded well above target”. However it is not yet clear who these schools are. The sentence has been amended to reflect this.

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Subject: The government can commit to budget repair by fixing forecasts



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Editor's note

If the government was really committed to budget repair it would be more realistic and conservative in its budget forecasts, [the Grattan Institute argues](#).

There are more than a few examples of where Treasury forecasts have overestimated movements in Australia's economy and the effect of policies. So it's time to reduce the error margin.

And are you worried about how the changes to HELP student loans will affect you? Ittima Cherastidtham has written a helpful [explainer](#) so you know exactly what to expect.

Jenni Henderson
Editor, Business and Economy



Top story



If wages just grow at the rate of the last 12 months, rather than at the higher growth in the budget forecasts, income tax collections will be A\$7 billion less for 2019-20. Joel Carrett/AAP

Why biased budget forecasts make poor politics

John Daley, Grattan Institute; Danielle Wood, Grattan Institute

Wonky forecasts show it's time for a new approach that adopts more conservative forecasts, and makes a genuine commitment to budget repair.

Education

Explainer: how will the changes to HELP student loans affect you?

Ittima Cherastidtham, Grattan Institute

Students will now have to pay back more of their loan, and repay quicker.

Gonski 2.0: Is this the school funding plan we have been looking for? Finally, yes

Peter Goss, Grattan Institute

For the first time, Education Minister Simon Birmingham has proposed a credible plan to deliver needs-based funding.

Abbott questions Turnbull's schools plan

Michelle Grattan, University of Canberra

Former prime minister Tony Abbott has taken a swipe at Malcolm Turnbull's schools plan.

NATSEM models the impact of HELP changes

Michelle Grattan, University of Canberra

NATSEM has modelled the impact of the changes to the HELP debt repayments the government announced this week.

Politics + Society

The Cashless Debit Card Trial is working and it is vital – here's why

Marcia Langton, University of Melbourne

Critics of the Cashless Welfare Card trial overlook the fact it is curbing alcohol and gambling problems – and it's what the communities want.

Cities

When a suburb's turn for gentrification comes ...

Sidh Sintusingha, University of Melbourne

Must the aggressive, homogeneous global pattern of development take its course in Melbourne's long-standing multicultural suburb of Footscray?

Health + Medicine

Food as medicine: your brain really does want you to eat more veggies

Felice Jacla, Deakin University

A world-first trial showed depression is reduced after just three months following a diet rich in vegetables, fruits, wholegrains, legumes, fish, lean red meats, olive oil and nuts.

Weekly Dose: Kalydeco, the drug that treats the cause of cystic fibrosis, not just symptoms

Odetta Erskine, University of Sydney

Wider availability of the cystic fibrosis drug Kalydeco since May 1, 2017 means younger patients can now access it.

Science + Technology

Space bling: 'jewelled' LAGEOS satellites help us to measure the Earth

Alice Gorman, Flinders University

We know much about the true shape of our planet is thanks to two satellites that act as targets for lasers fired from Earth.

UNESCO report: surveillance and data collection are putting journalists and sources at risk

Julie Posetti, University of Wollongong

On World Press Freedom Day, we must deal with the threat data collection and surveillance poses to journalism.

Environment + Energy

Can art put us in touch with our feelings about climate change?

Joselle Gergis, University of Melbourne; Penny Whetton, University of Melbourne

A new art festival featuring climate-related works offers a new way to see an issue that is often framed in purely scientific terms.

With gas and hydro plans, the government is looking at the whole picture

Cle-Anne Gabriel, The University of Queensland

Energy security requires both short and long planning. Recent gas and hydro announcements are a promising start towards some proper joined-up thinking.

Arts + Culture

Mythbusting Ancient Rome - Caligula's Horse

Shushma Malik, The University of Queensland, Caillan Davenport, The University of Queensland

The emperor Caligula lavished attention on his favourite horse Incitatus, holding parties for friends in the steed's grand stables. But did he make his horse a consul?

The great Australian plays: sex, poetry and The Chapel Perilous

Julian Meyriell, Flinders University

No other Australian playwright has mined their own life as much as Dorothy Hewett. In this expressionist drama, she depicts a girl of yearning heart, looking for love and hungry for life.

Business + Economy

Politics podcast: John Hewson on the budget climate

Michelle Grattan, University of Canberra

John Hewson describes the uncertain economic climate into which Scott Morrison will deliver next week's budget.

The government is swimming against the tide on Westpac's Adani decision

David Peetz, Griffith University; Georgina Murray, Griffith University

As the cost of renewable energy falls, funding a new mine is a risky investment.

Victorian budget splash raises questions about privatisation

David Hayward, RMIT University

The Victorian budget brought with it an increase in privatisation, which follows on from other state budgets, but the evidence for efficiency in this type of system isn't there.

All care and no responsibility: why Airtasker can't guarantee a minimum wage

Sarah Kaine, University of Technology Sydney

The business models of the gig economy often stand in the way of implementing minimum wages or conditions.

Full response from Airtasker CEO Tim Fung

Josh Nicholas, The Conversation

In relation to this story on the agreement between Unions NSW and Airtasker, The Conversation asked the following questions...

Columnists

Had there been an interval I'd have pushed my way out of the theatre Costanza-style

Lauren Rosewarne



Second chance to see the bright star Regulus hide behind the Moon

Tanya Hill



Turnbull needs to define our relationship with the US as partner – not supplicant

Tony Walker



Banks used to watch each other on interest rate cuts, and now do so on climate change

David Holmes



Australians accused of drug crimes overseas are still entitled to a fair trial

Amy Maguire



The cockeyed shape of our brain is as fascinating as its ridiculous size

Darren Cumo



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Hancock, Carly

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Subject: FW: Consultation on the Commonwealth schools funding package [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: 

Hi Natalie - an initial offer of a short phone conversation between Mon-Wed next week

Then an ask for face to face in the period 15-26 May (noting I am not here between 15 & 19 May so we might be better to seek out the 2nd week if that is OK with you?)

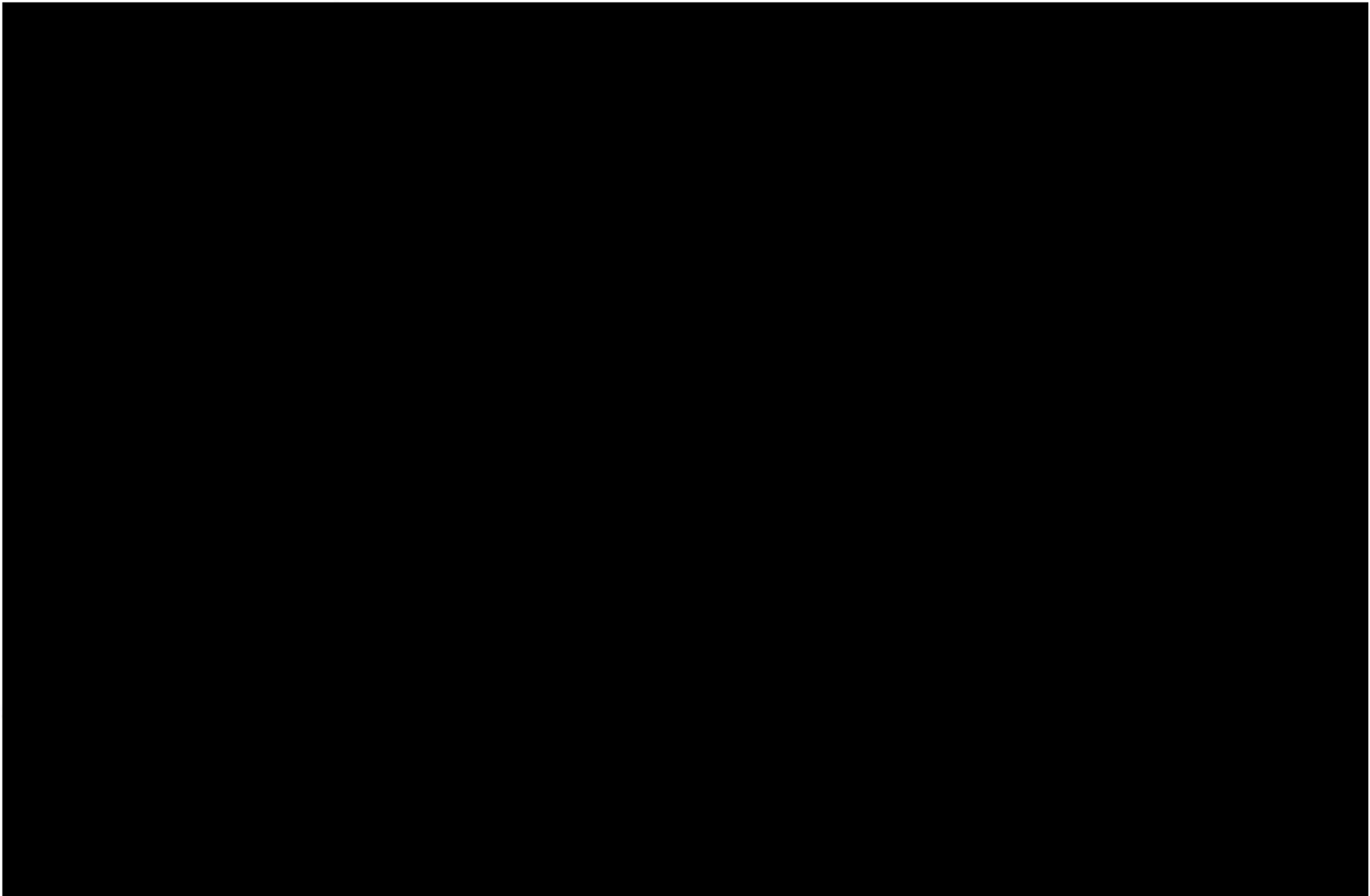
The additional attachments provided here are quite useful - will take a close look over the weekend and muster some questions.

Unless you prefer otherwise, given the short notice, I propose that we find at least two 30 minute - 60 minute slots within Mon-Wed next week for you, Mark and I at minimum- and of course ideally at a time that will suit others too.

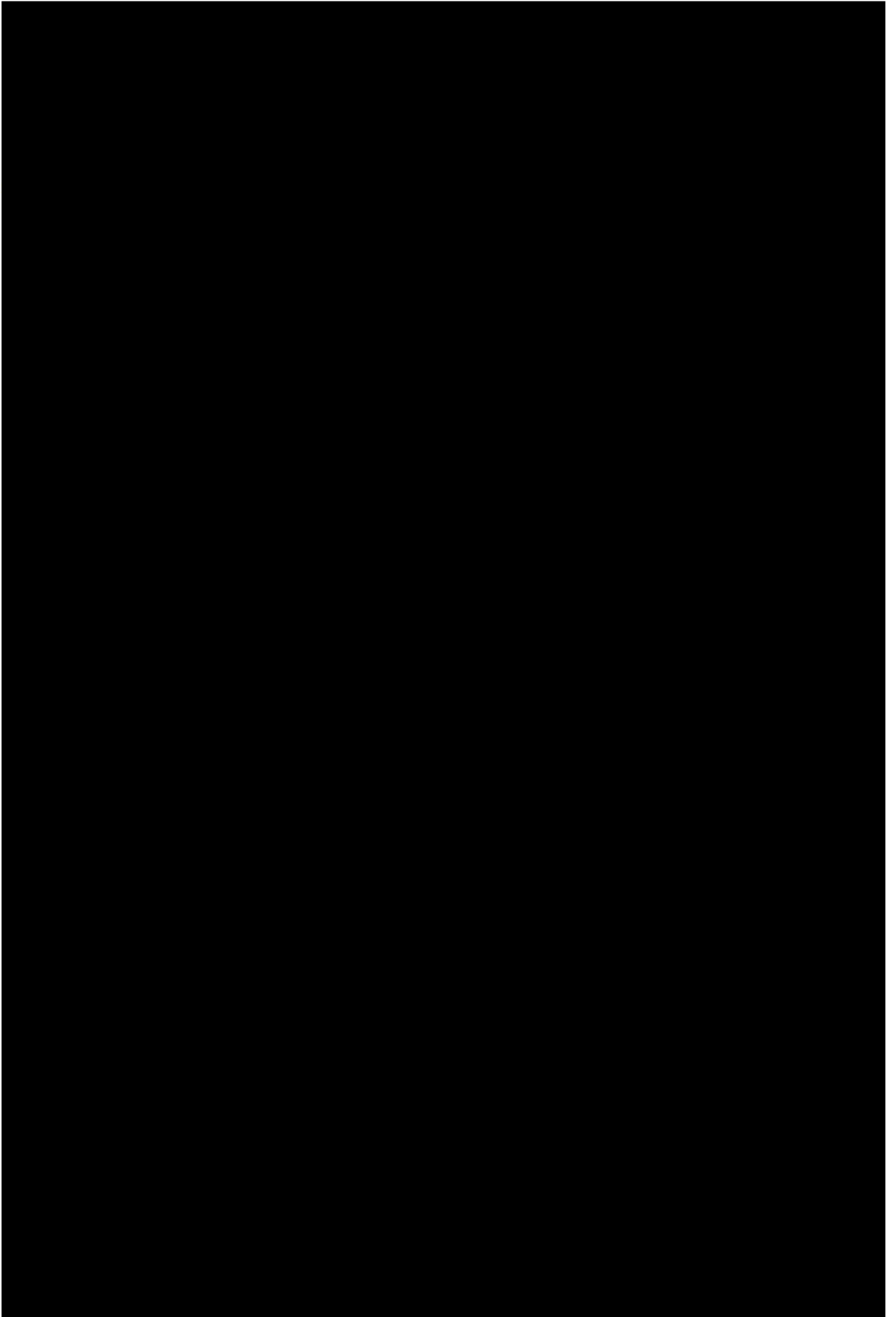
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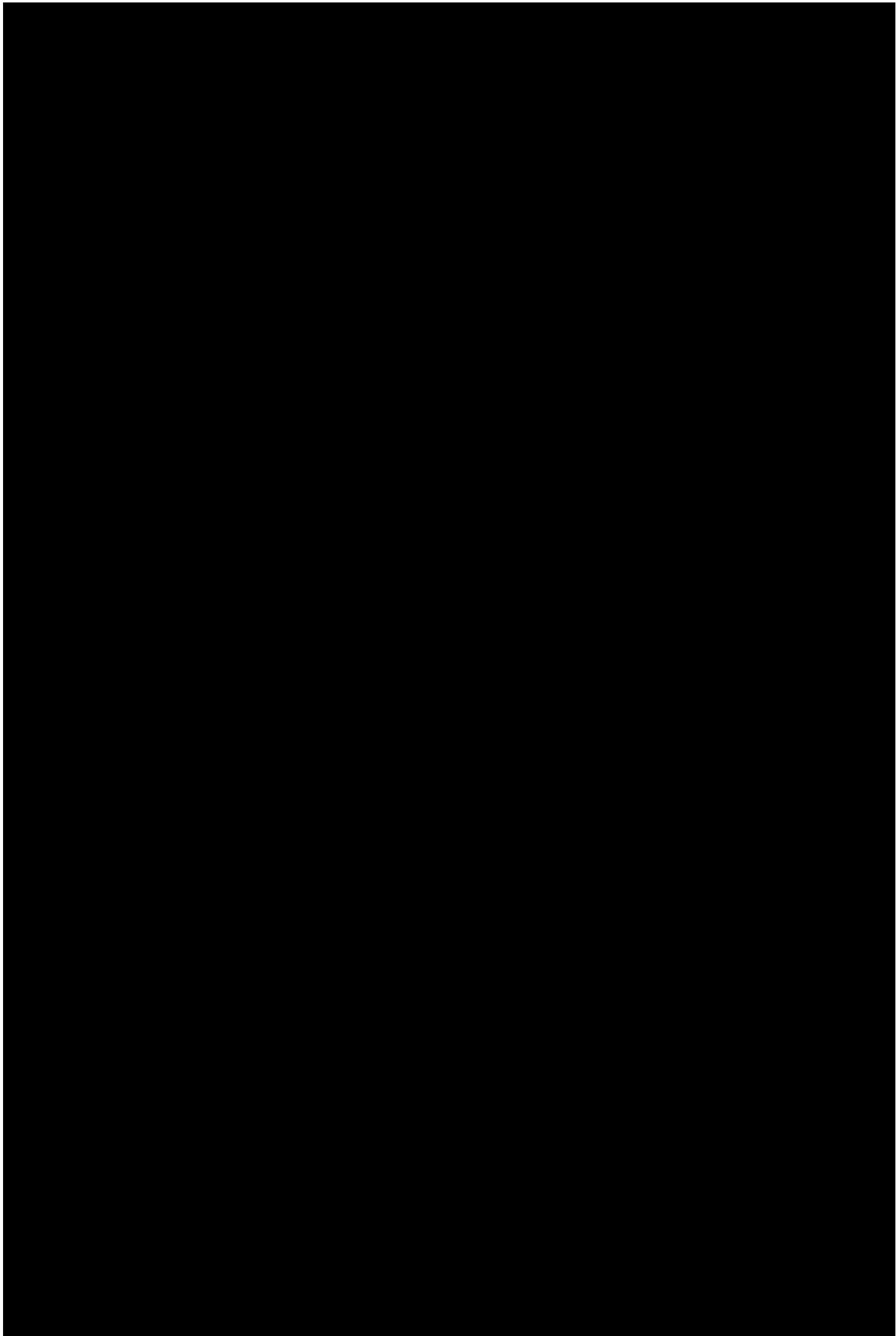
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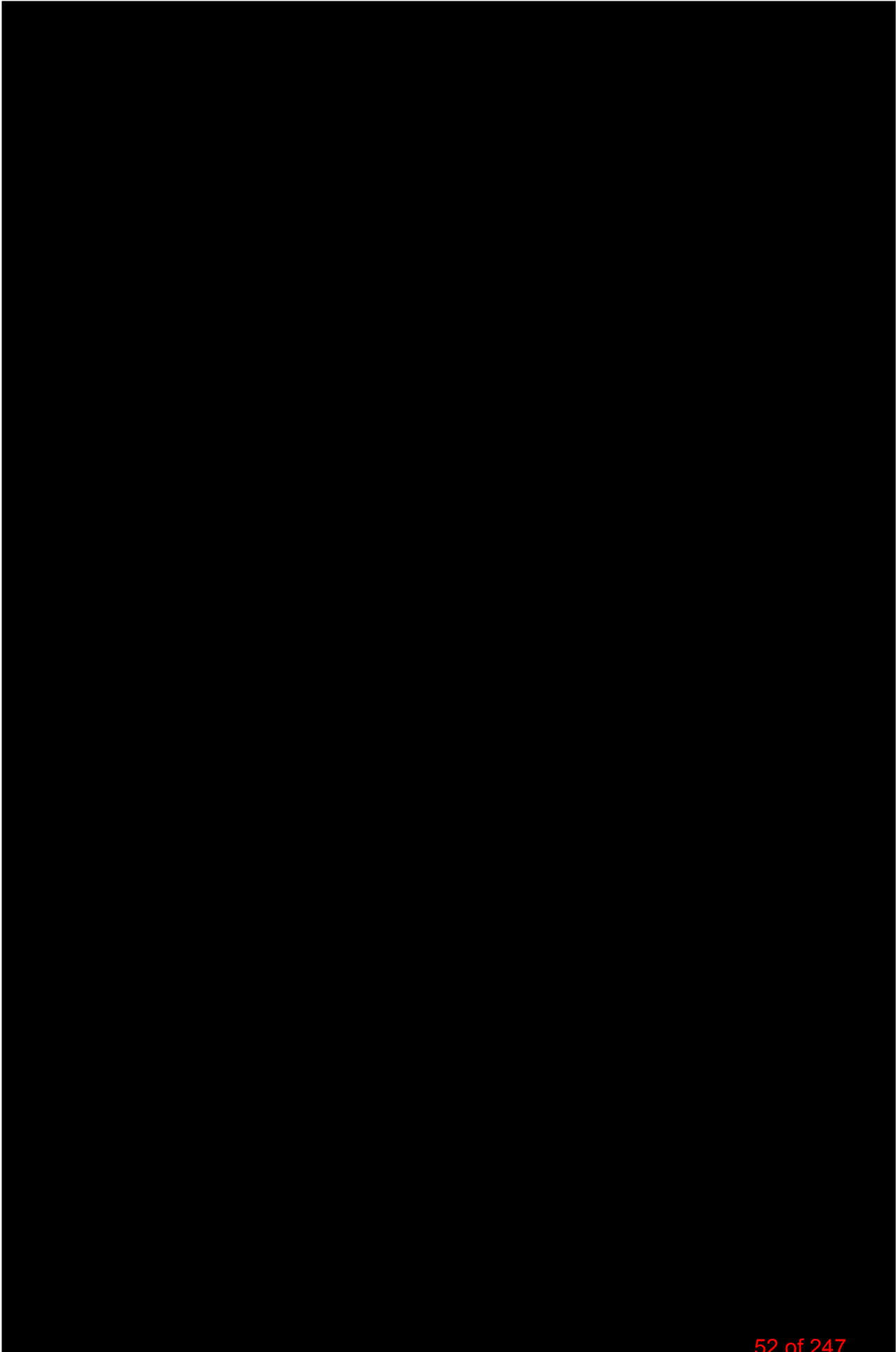


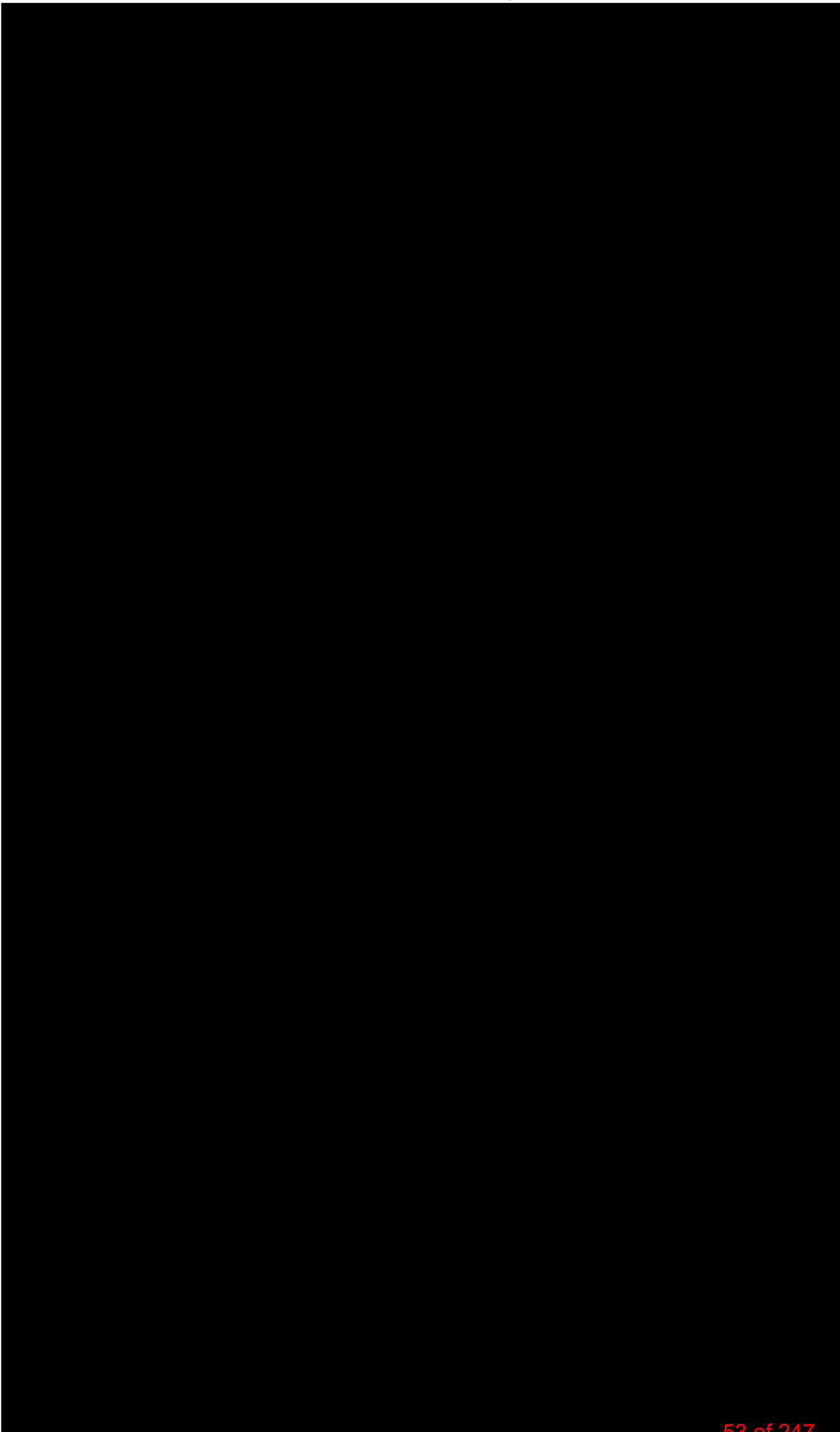


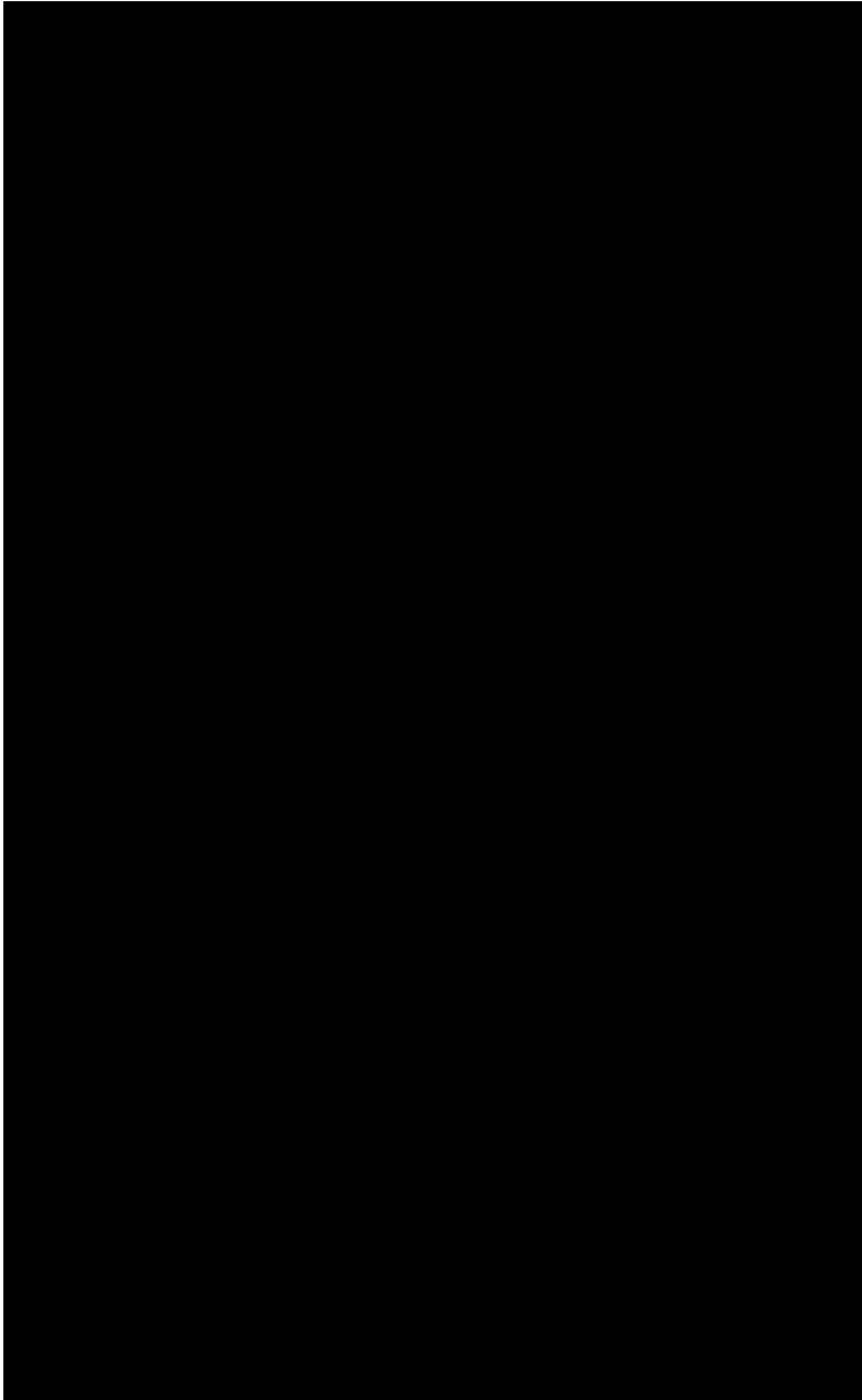
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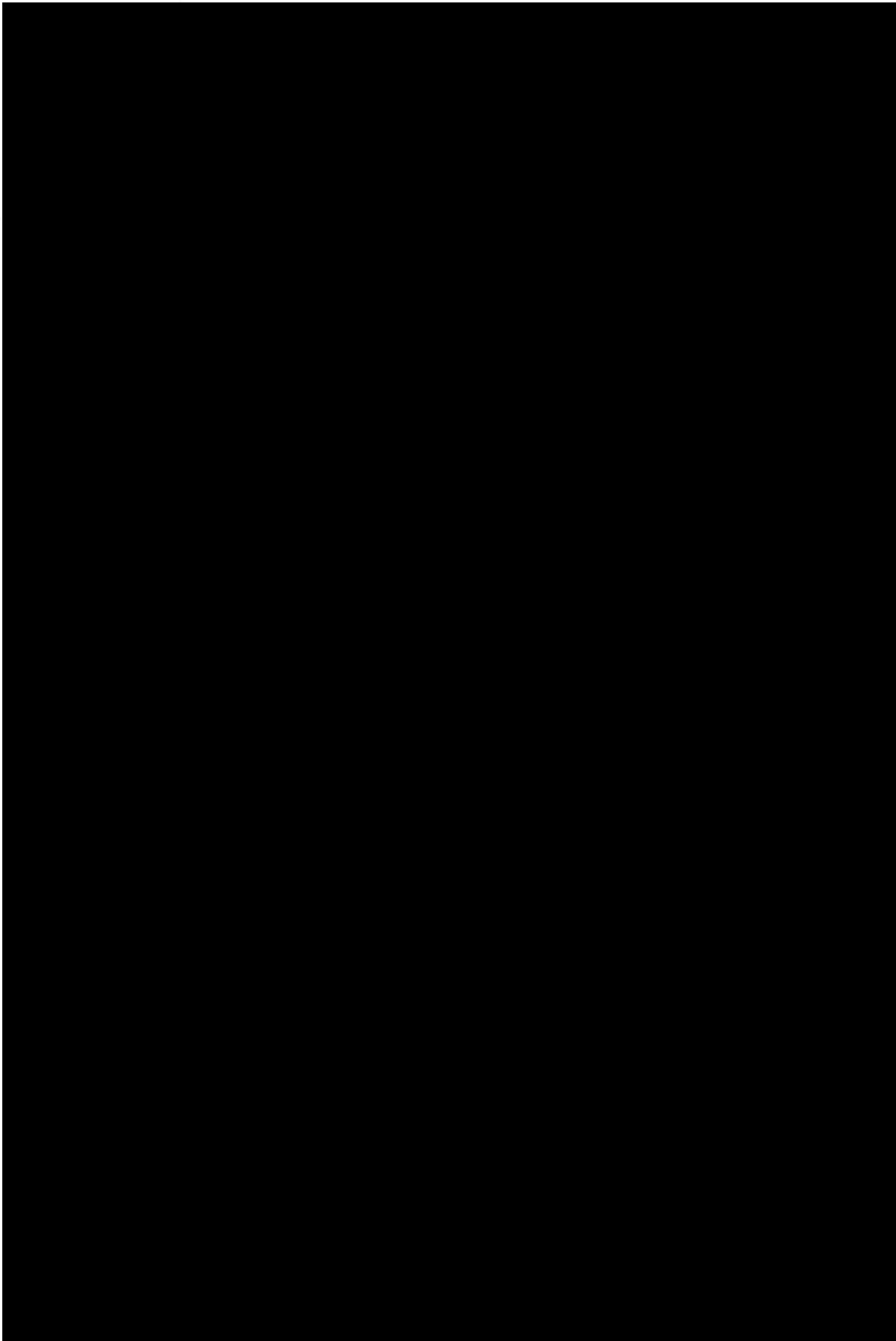


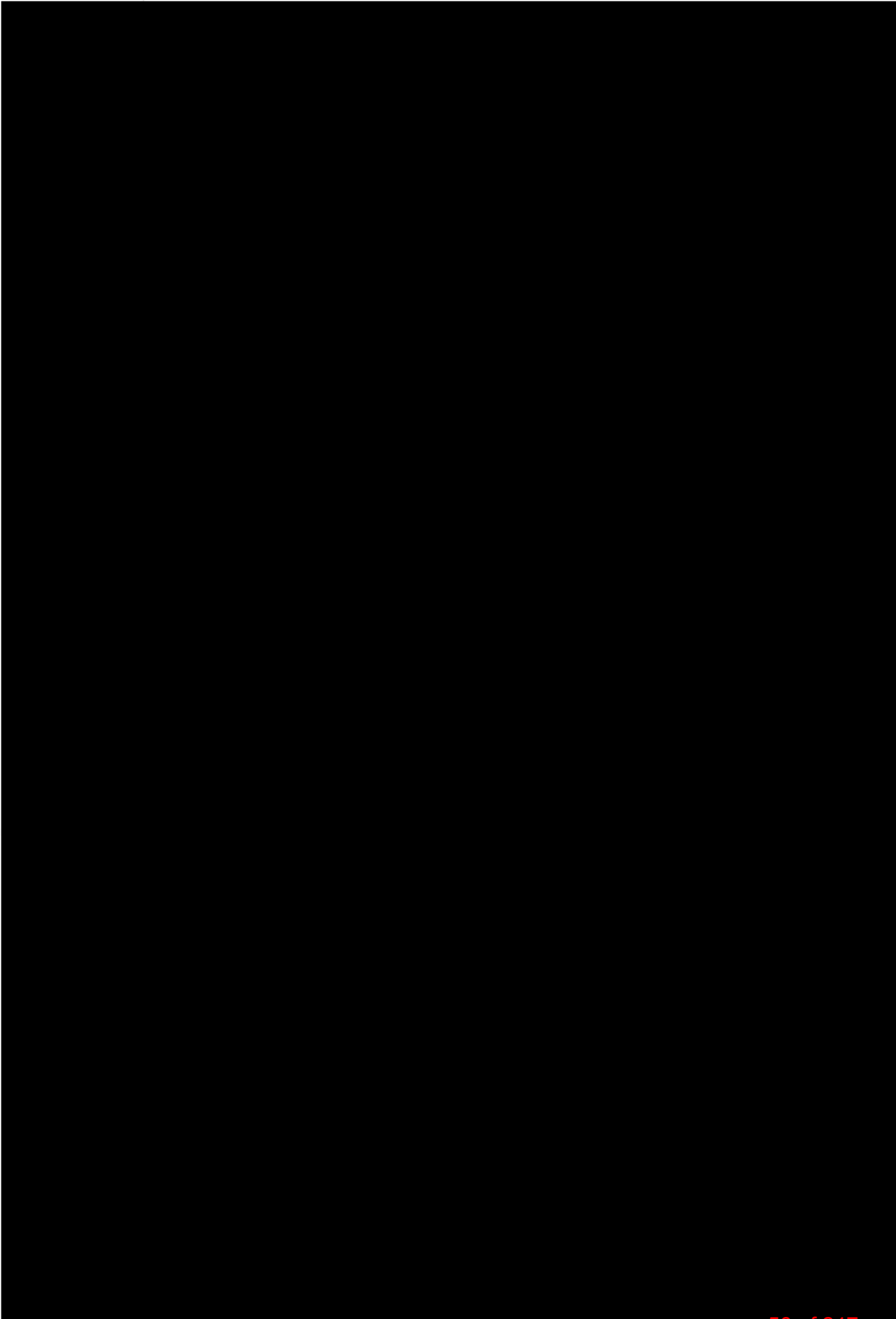


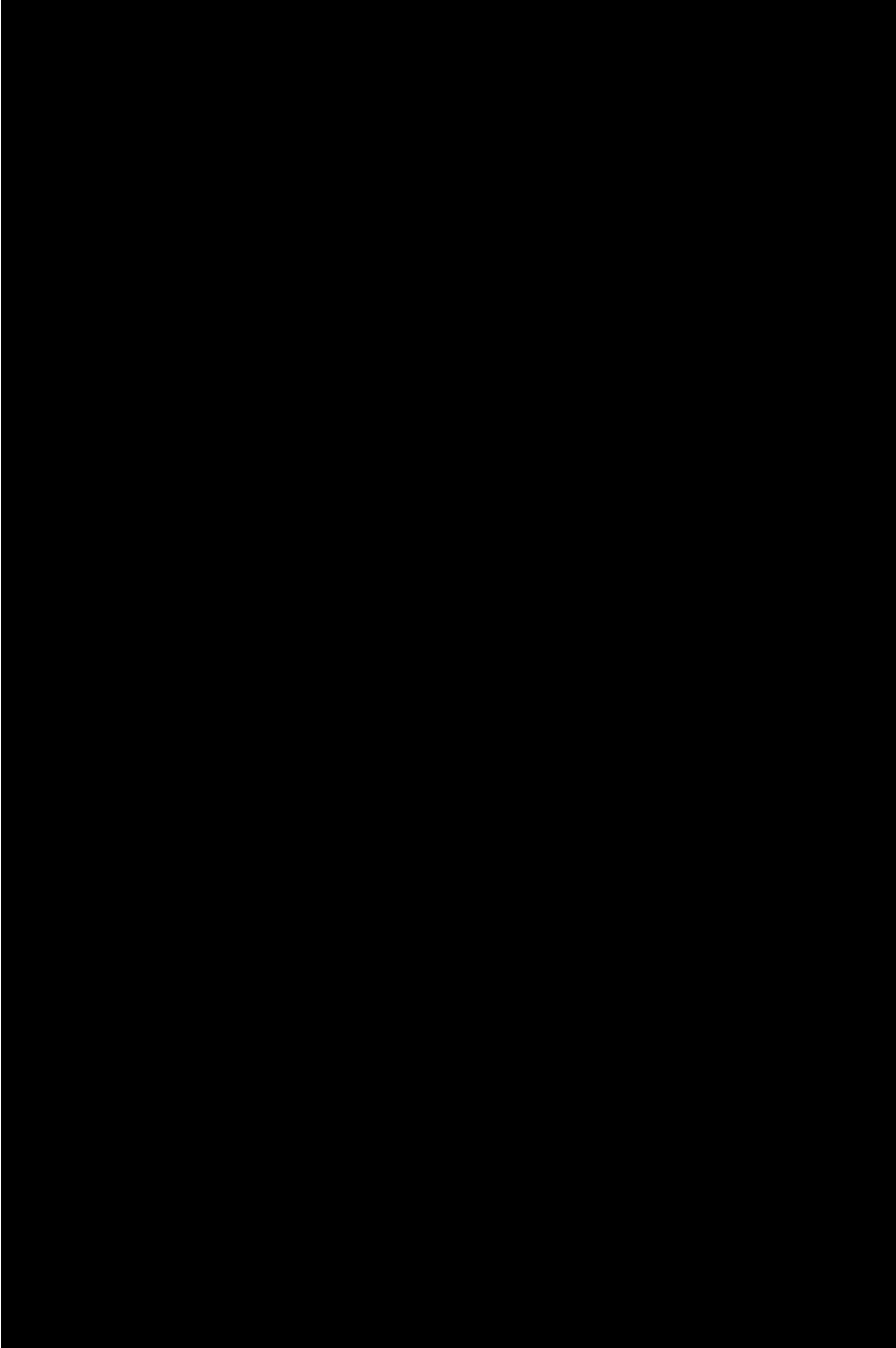


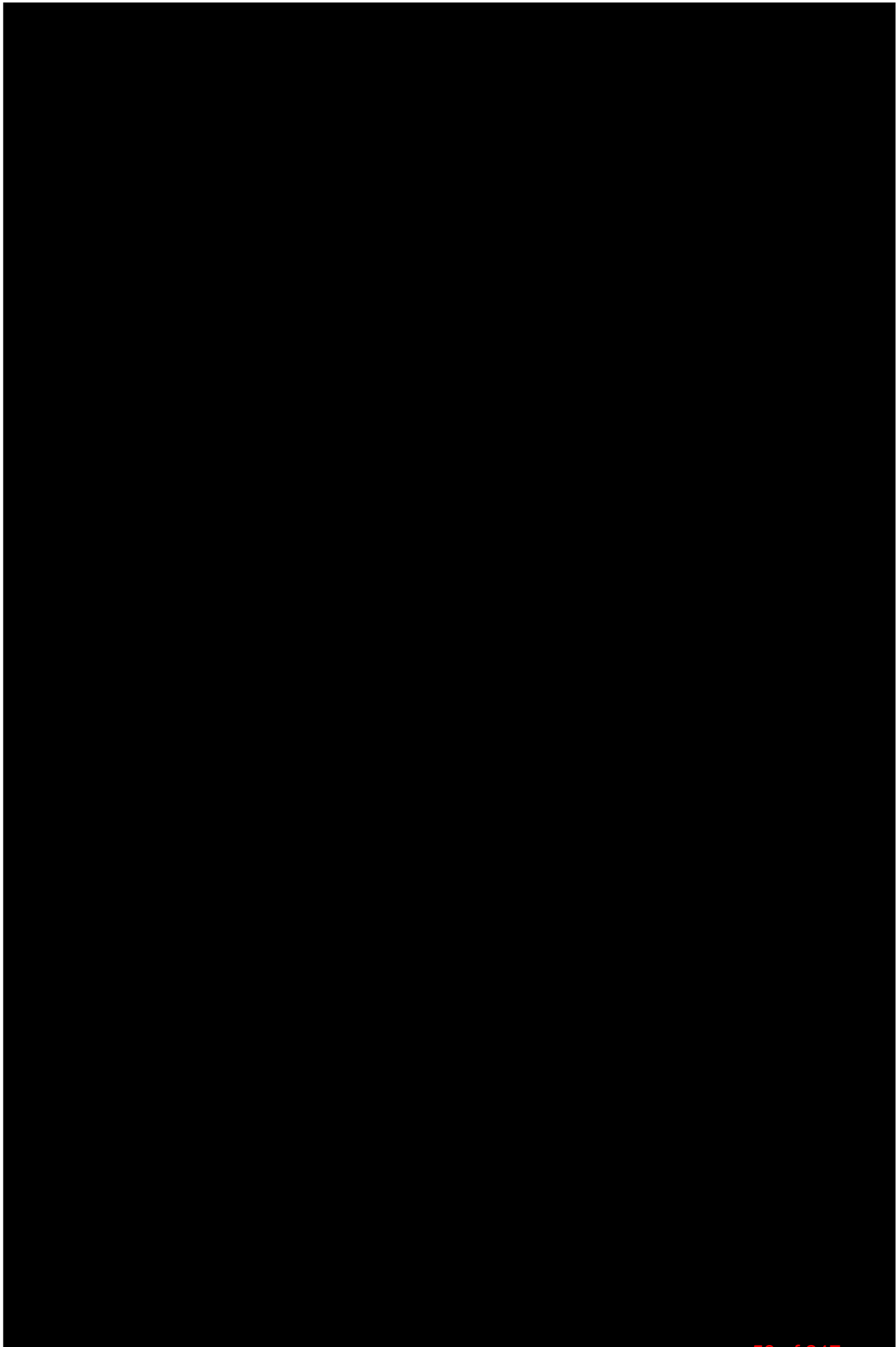


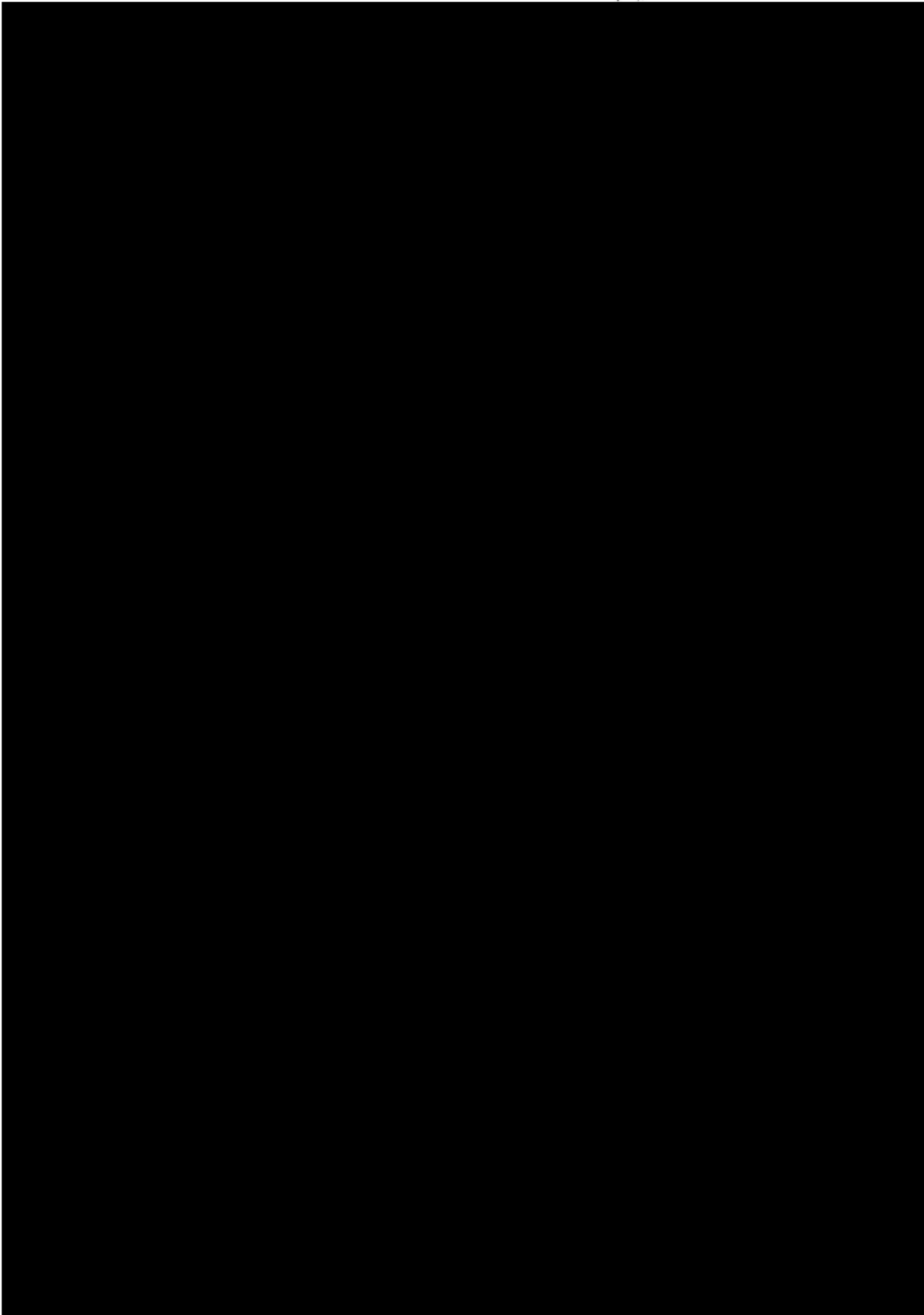


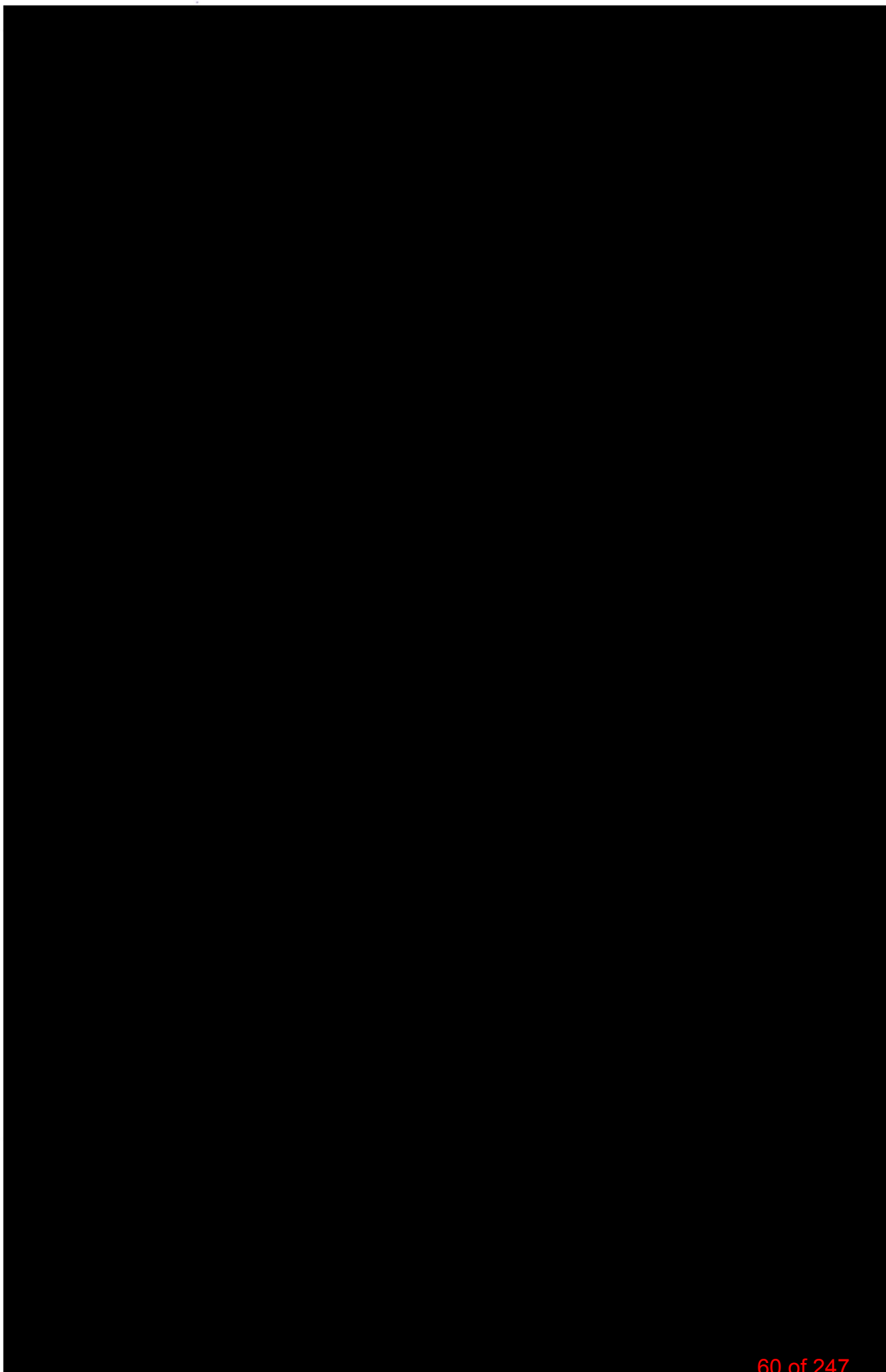












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Tony's initial email

Will also re-send the one from Friday

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