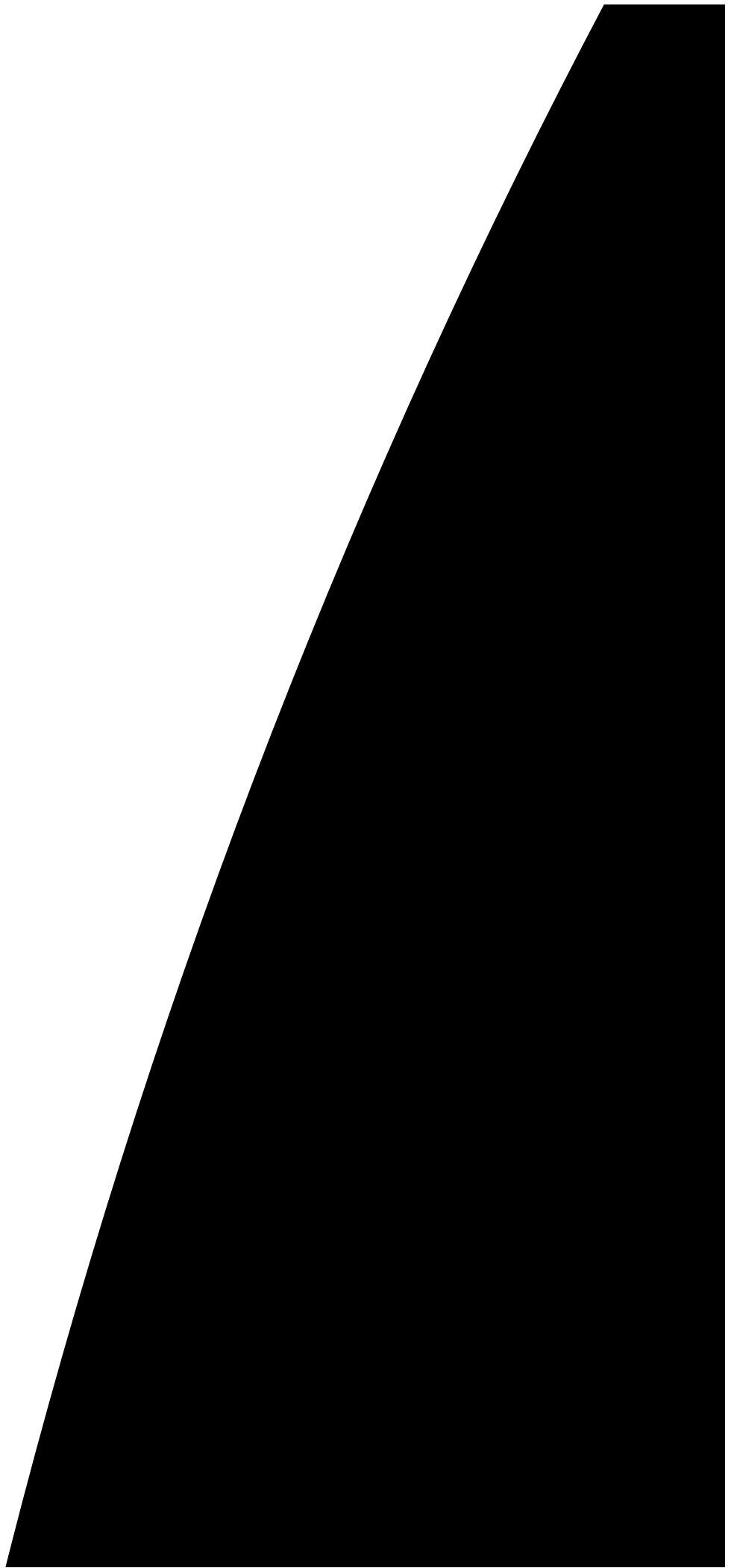
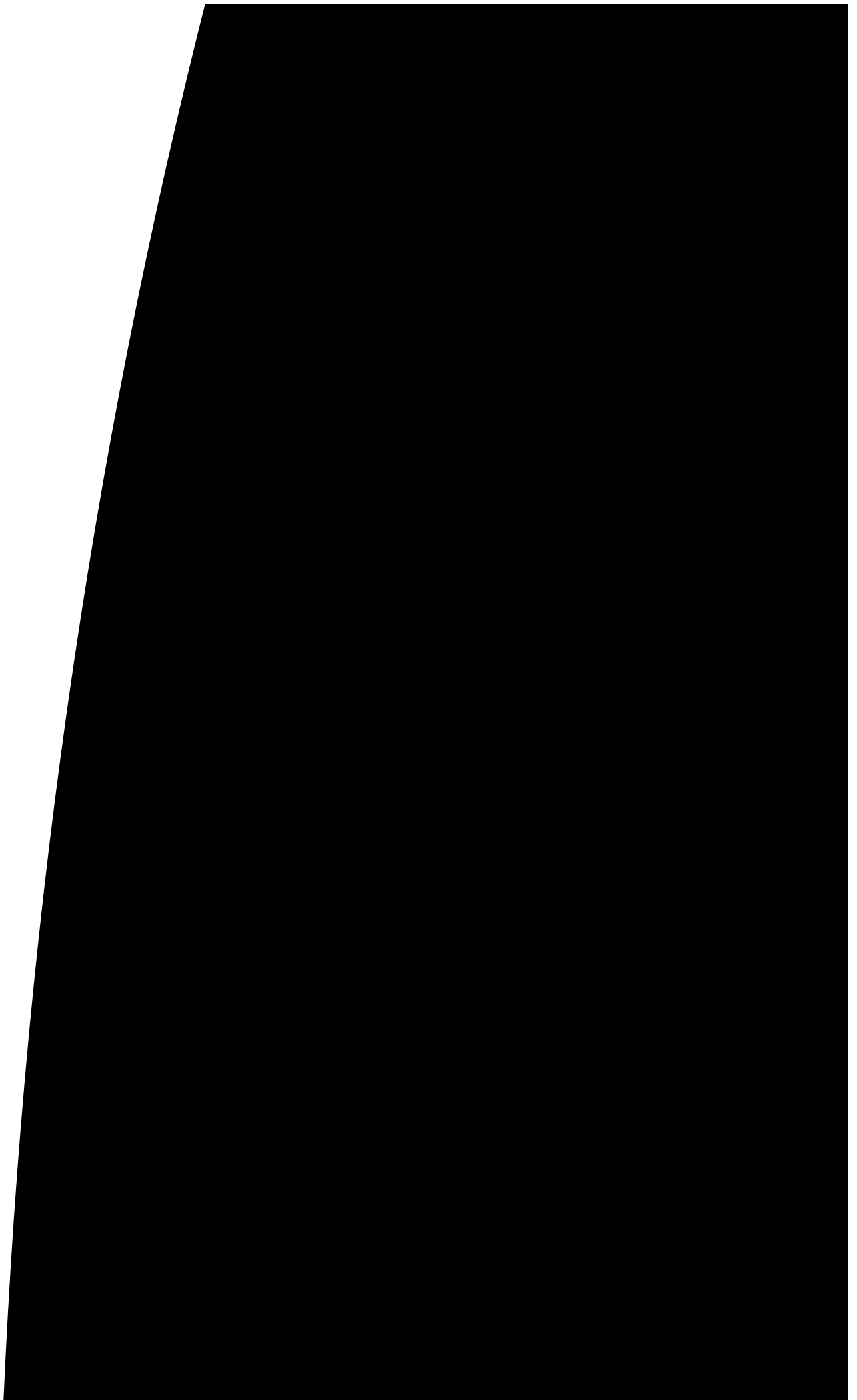


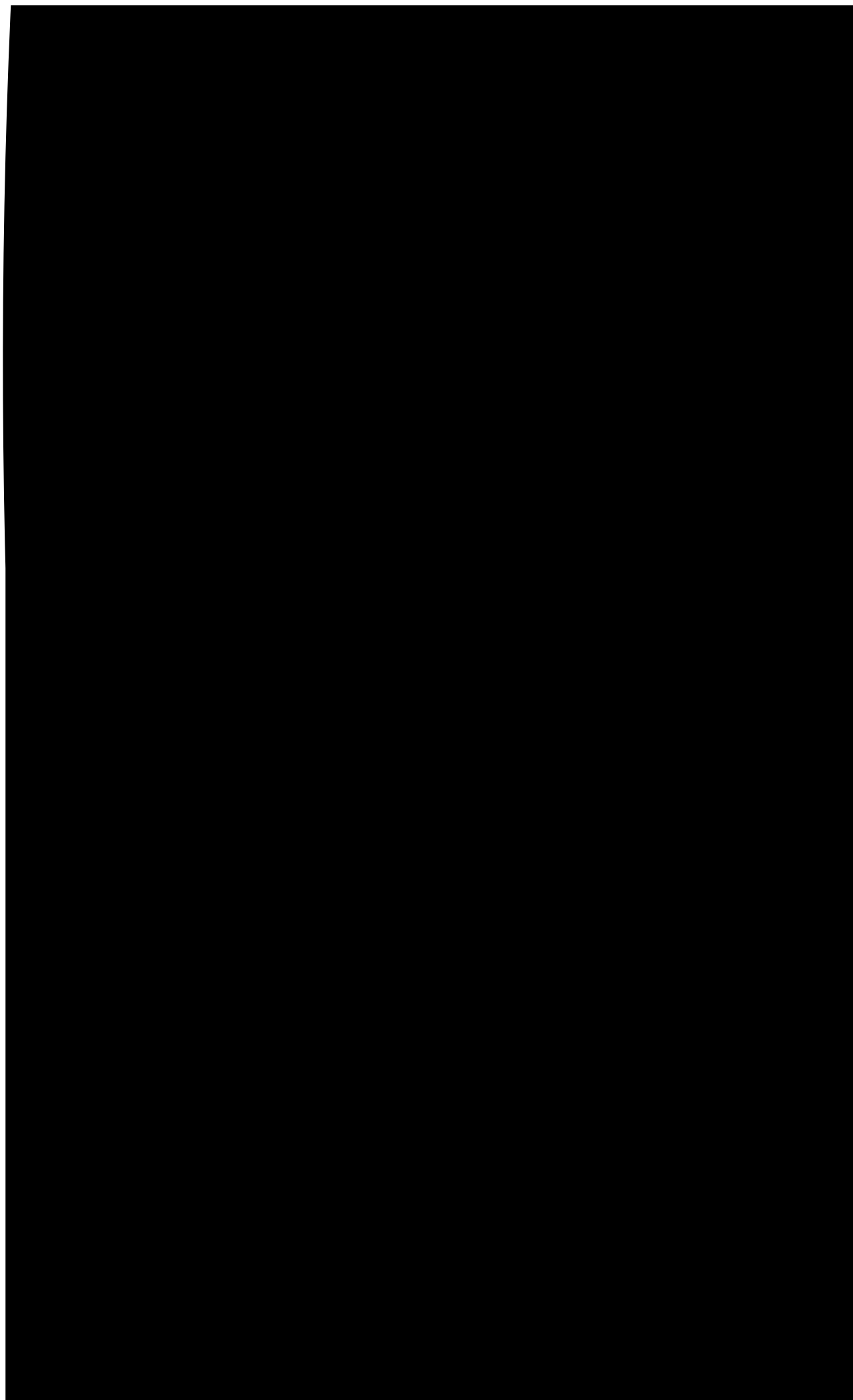
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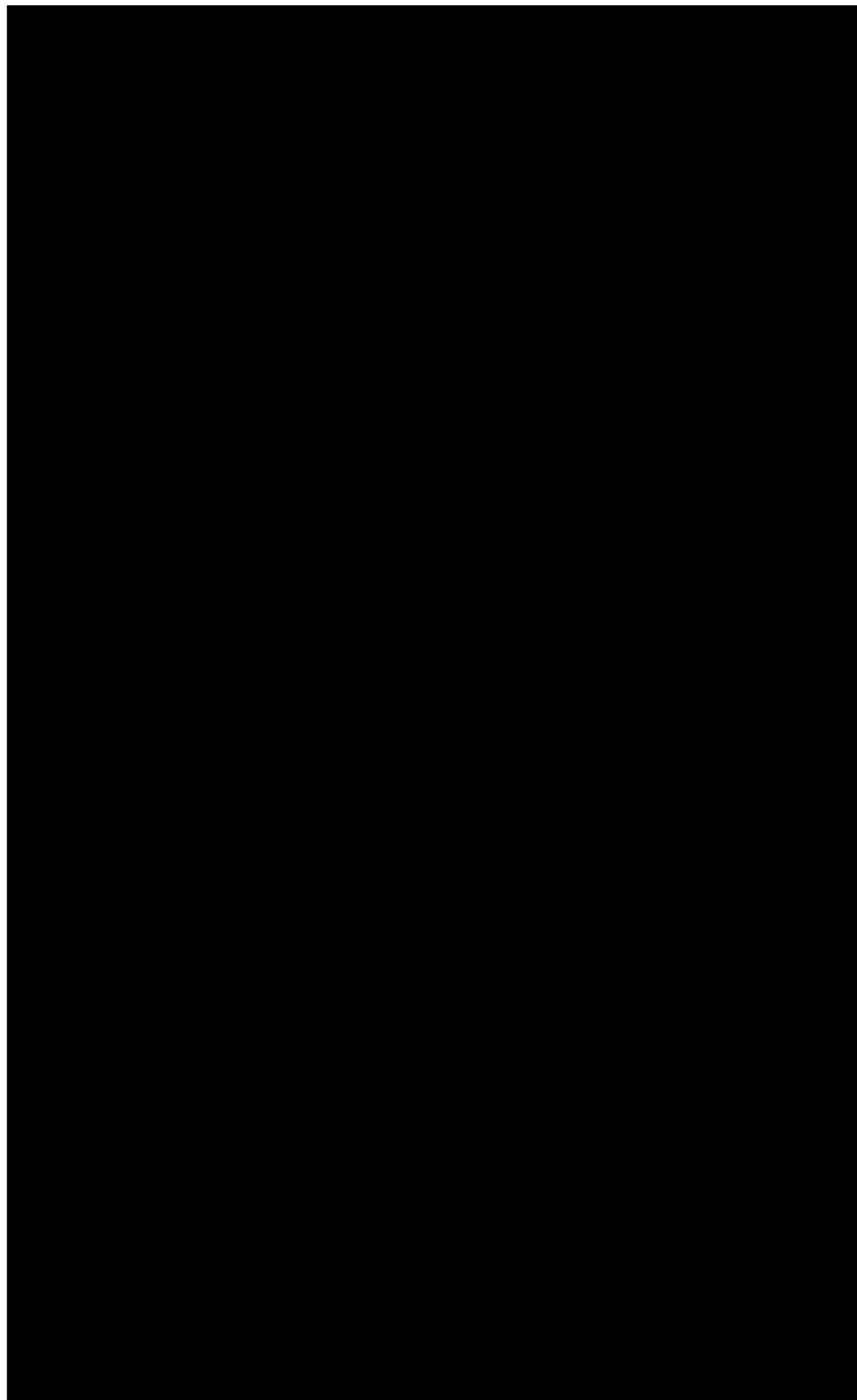
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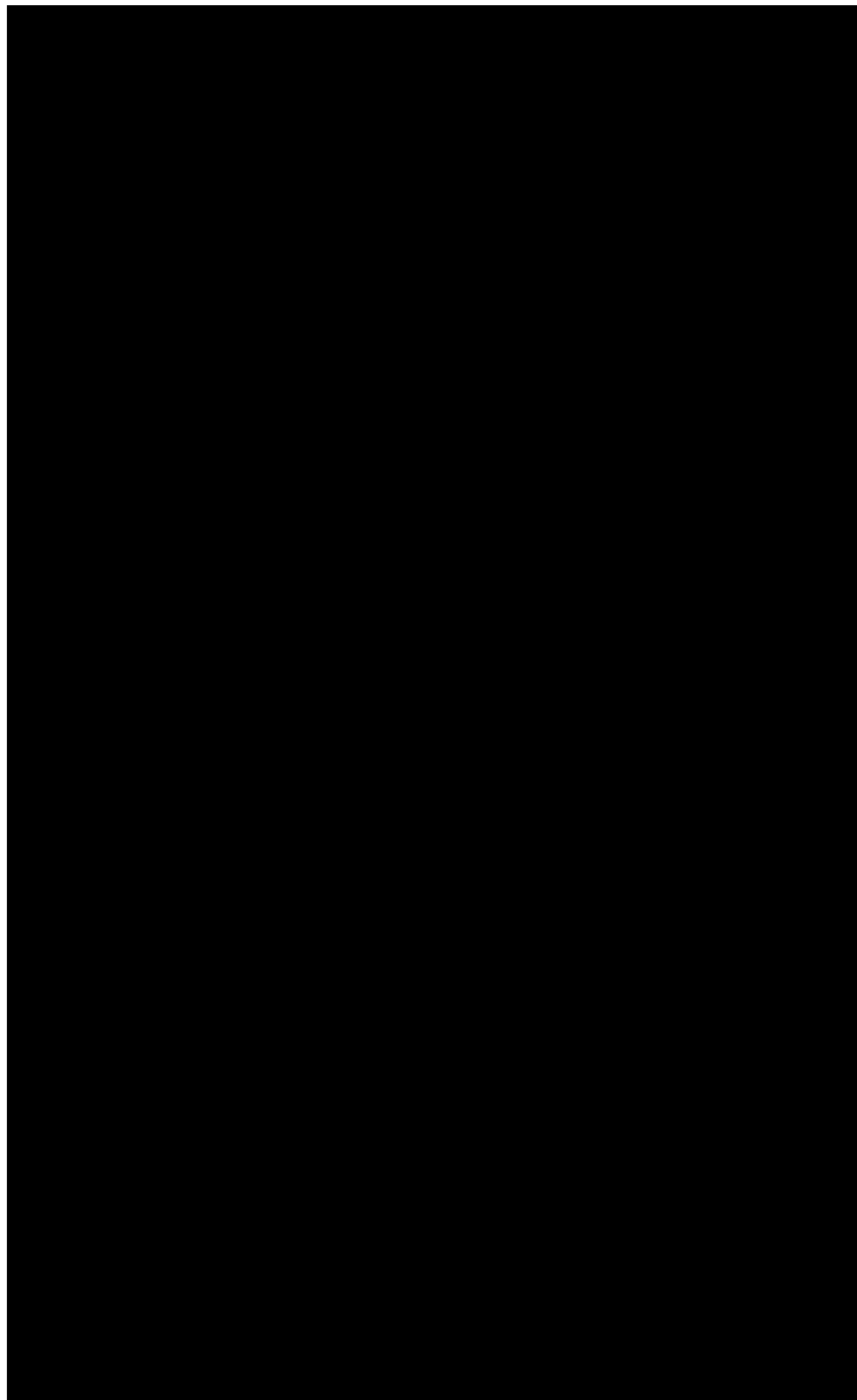


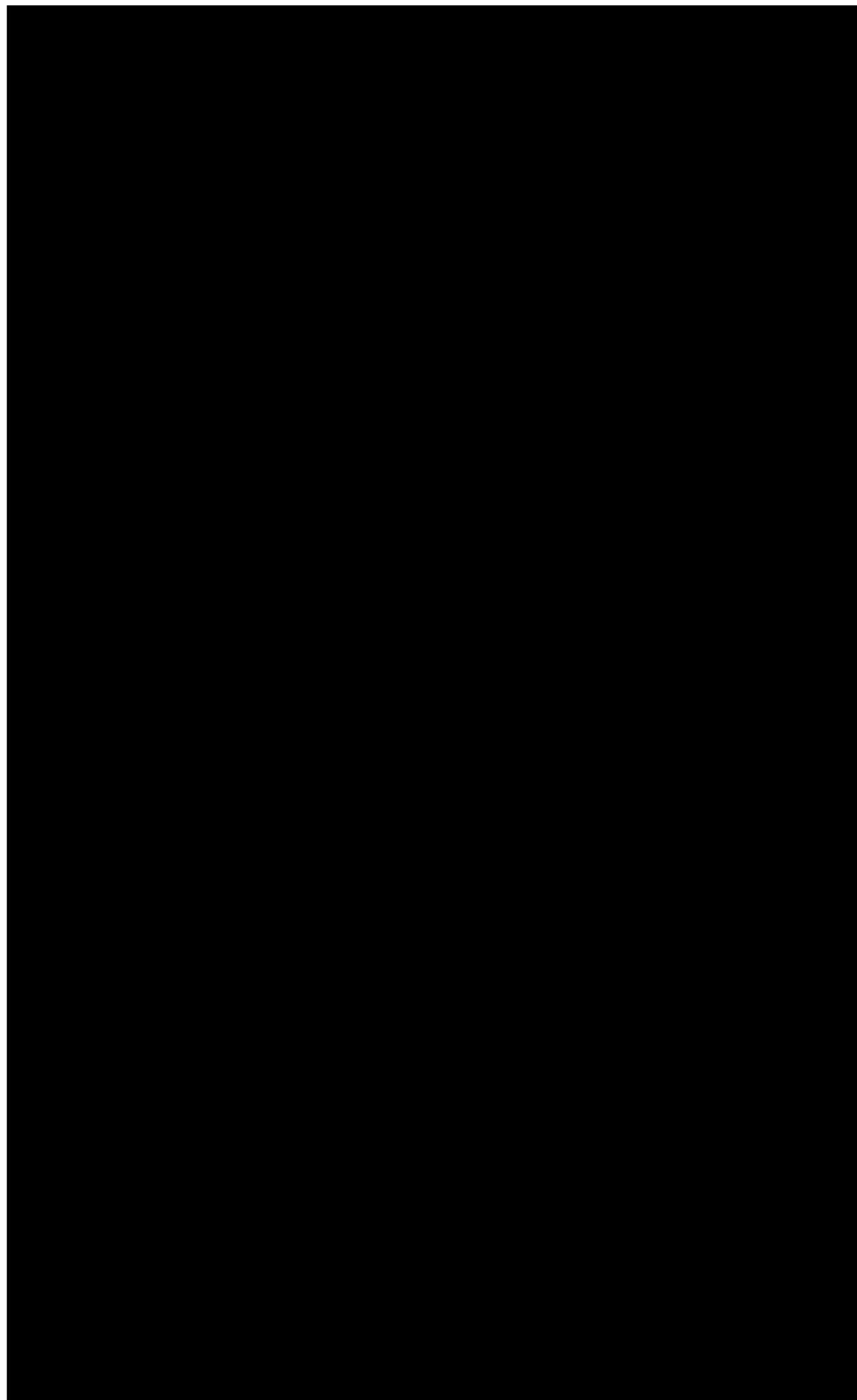


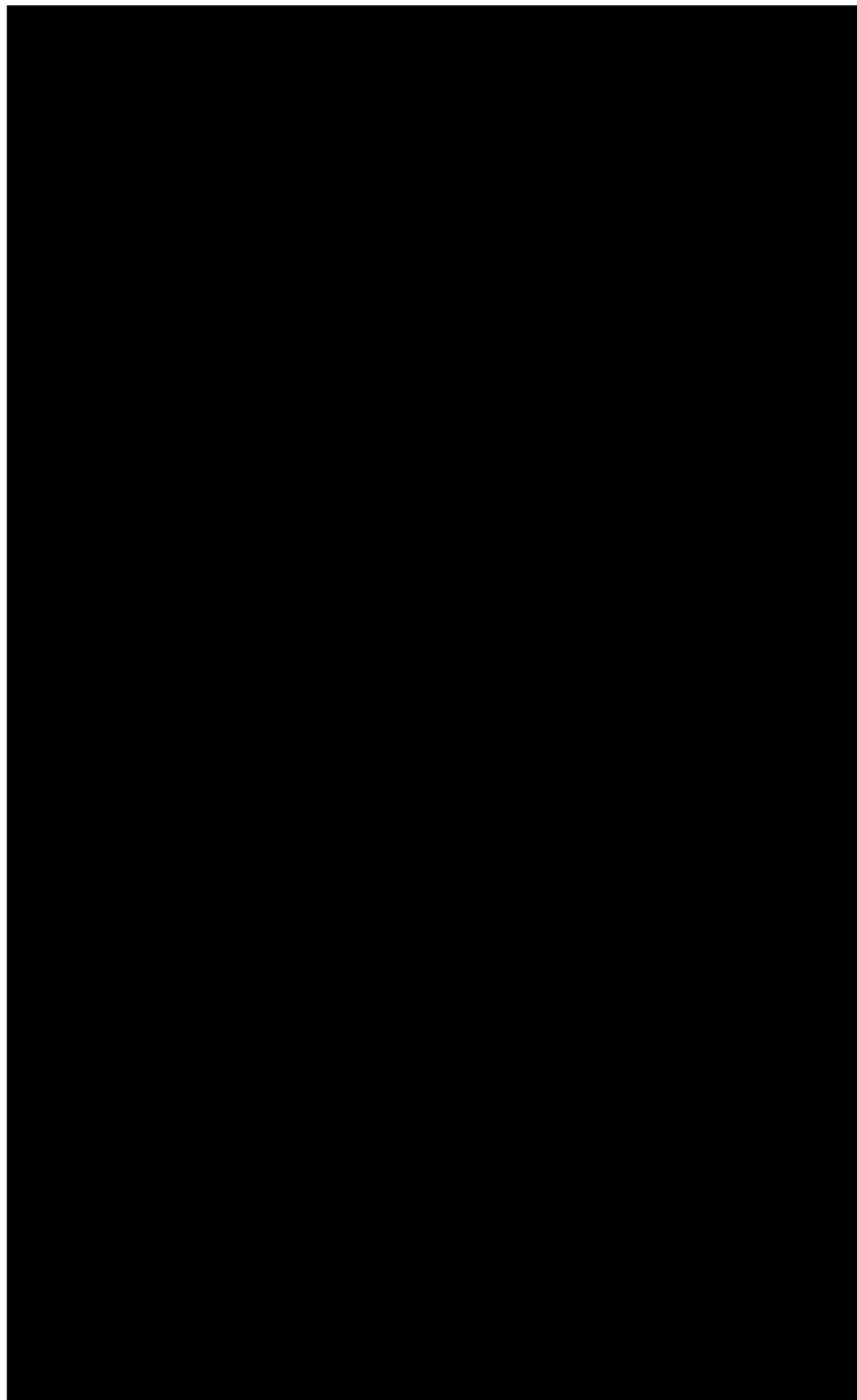


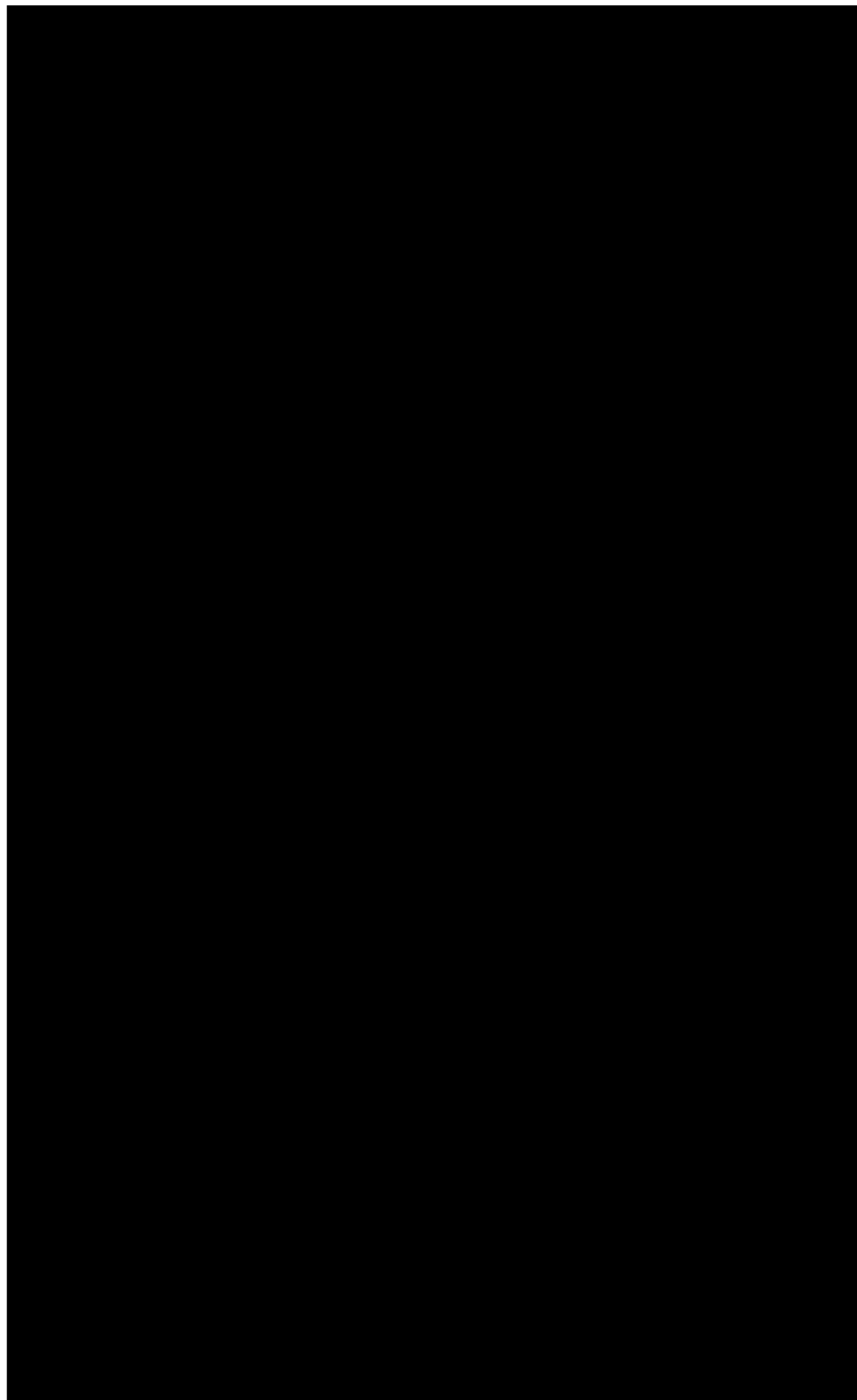


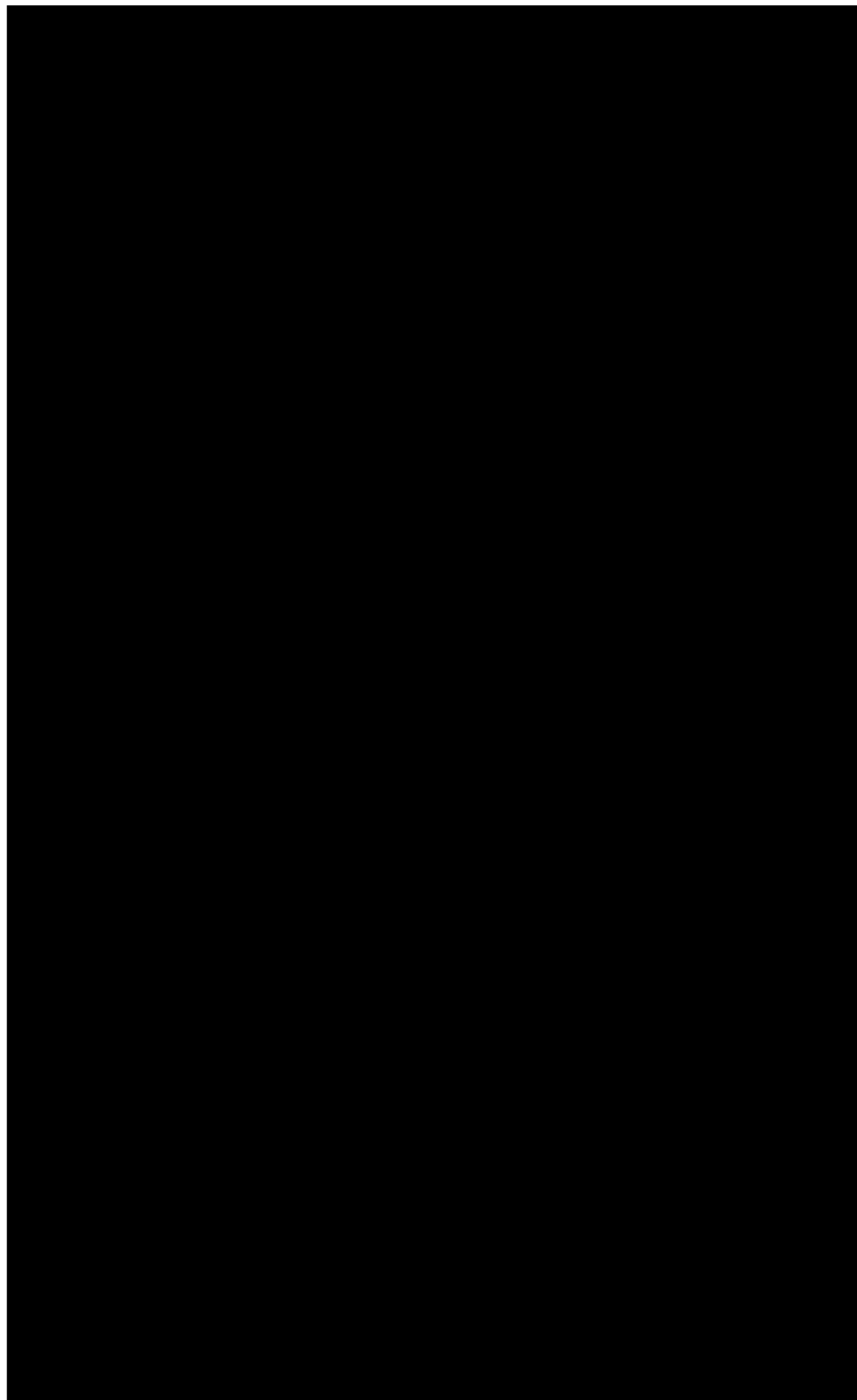


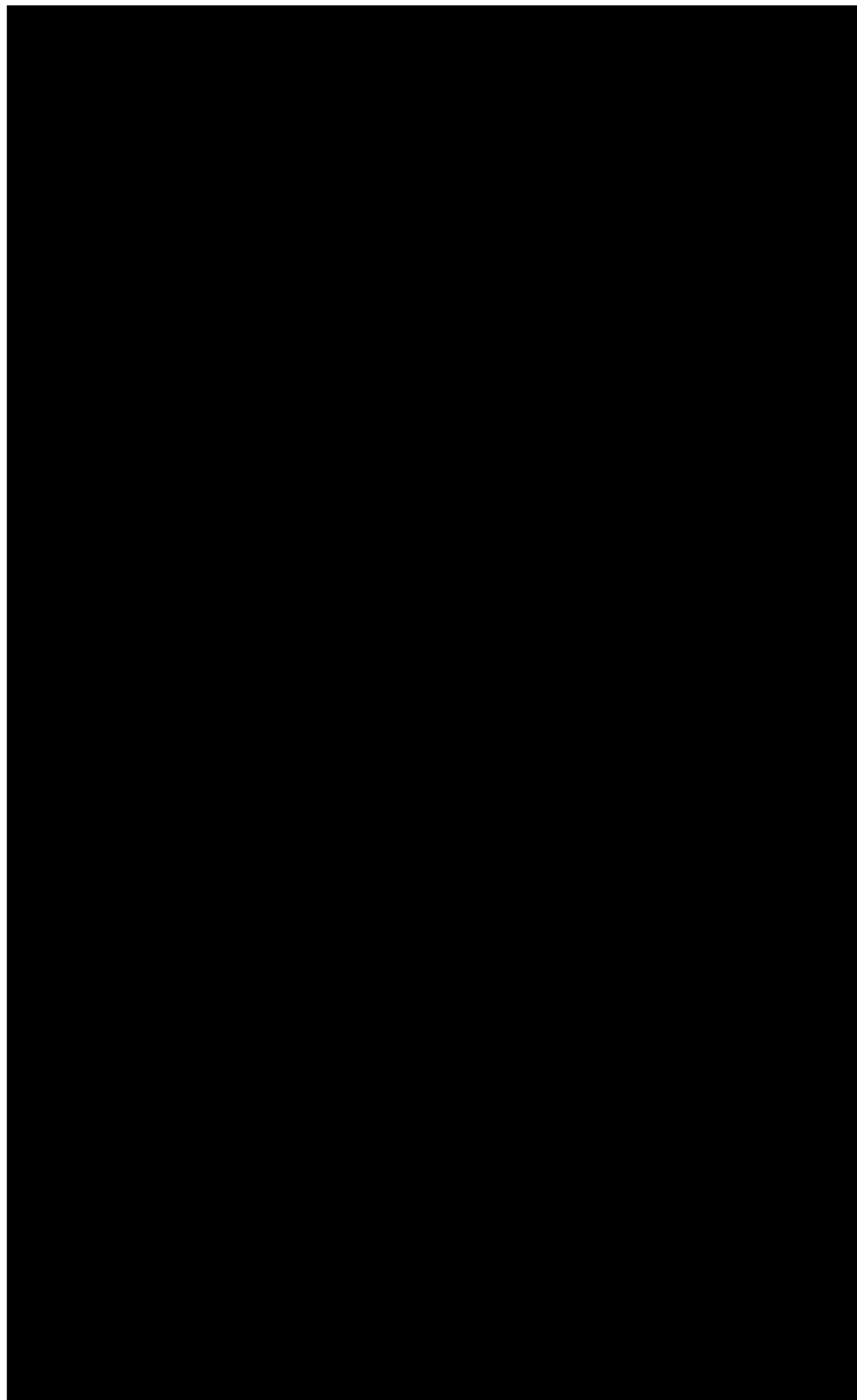


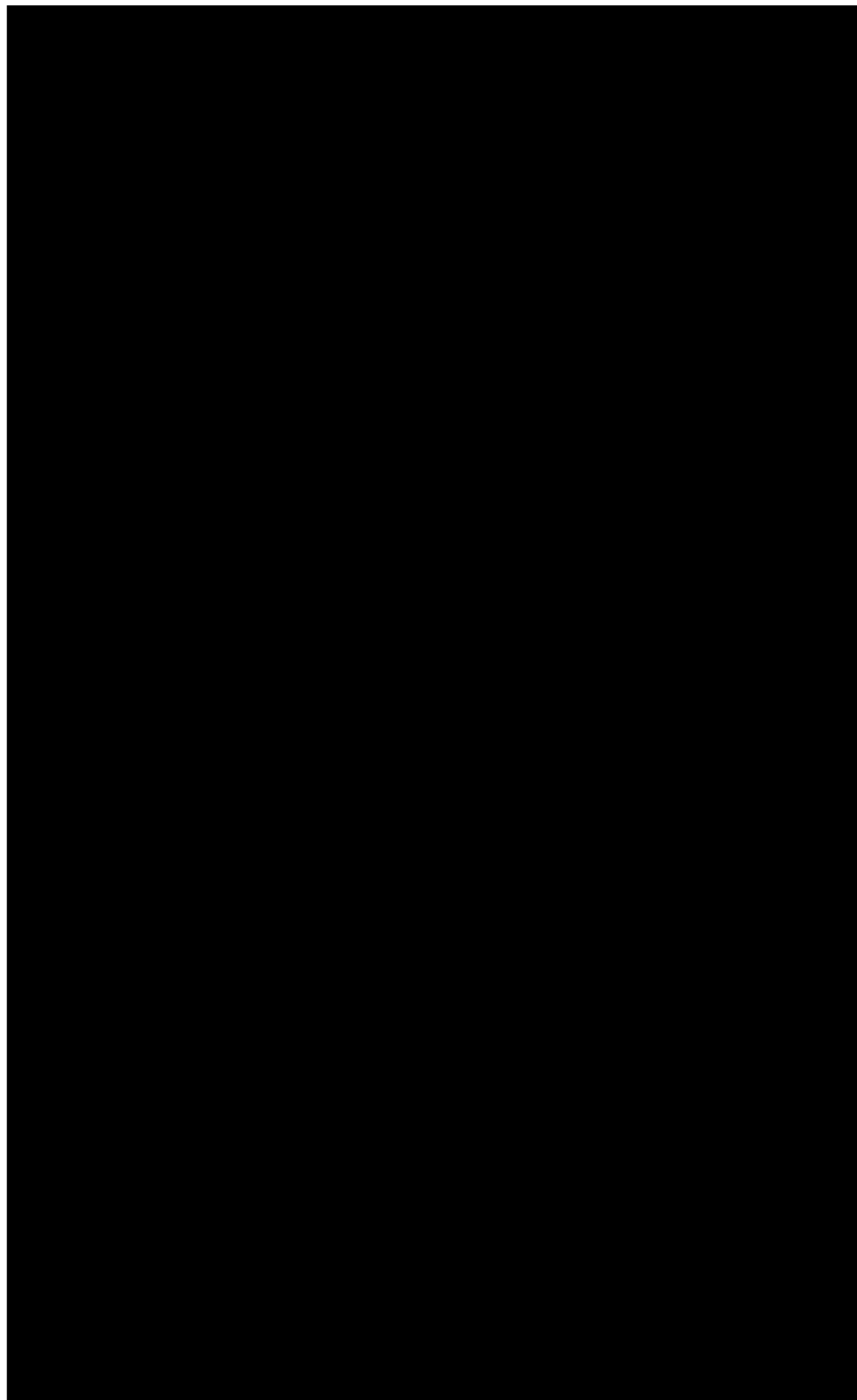


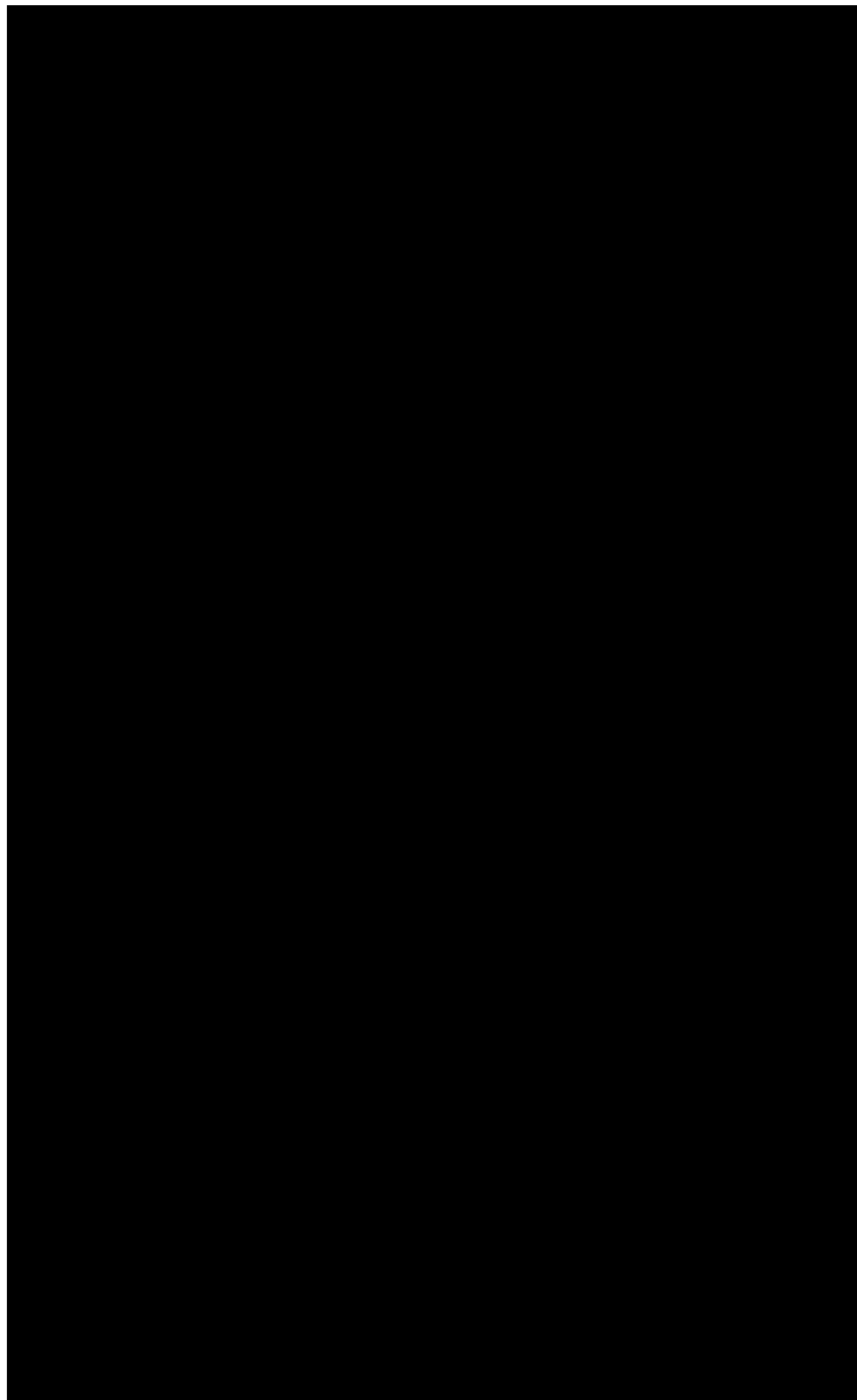


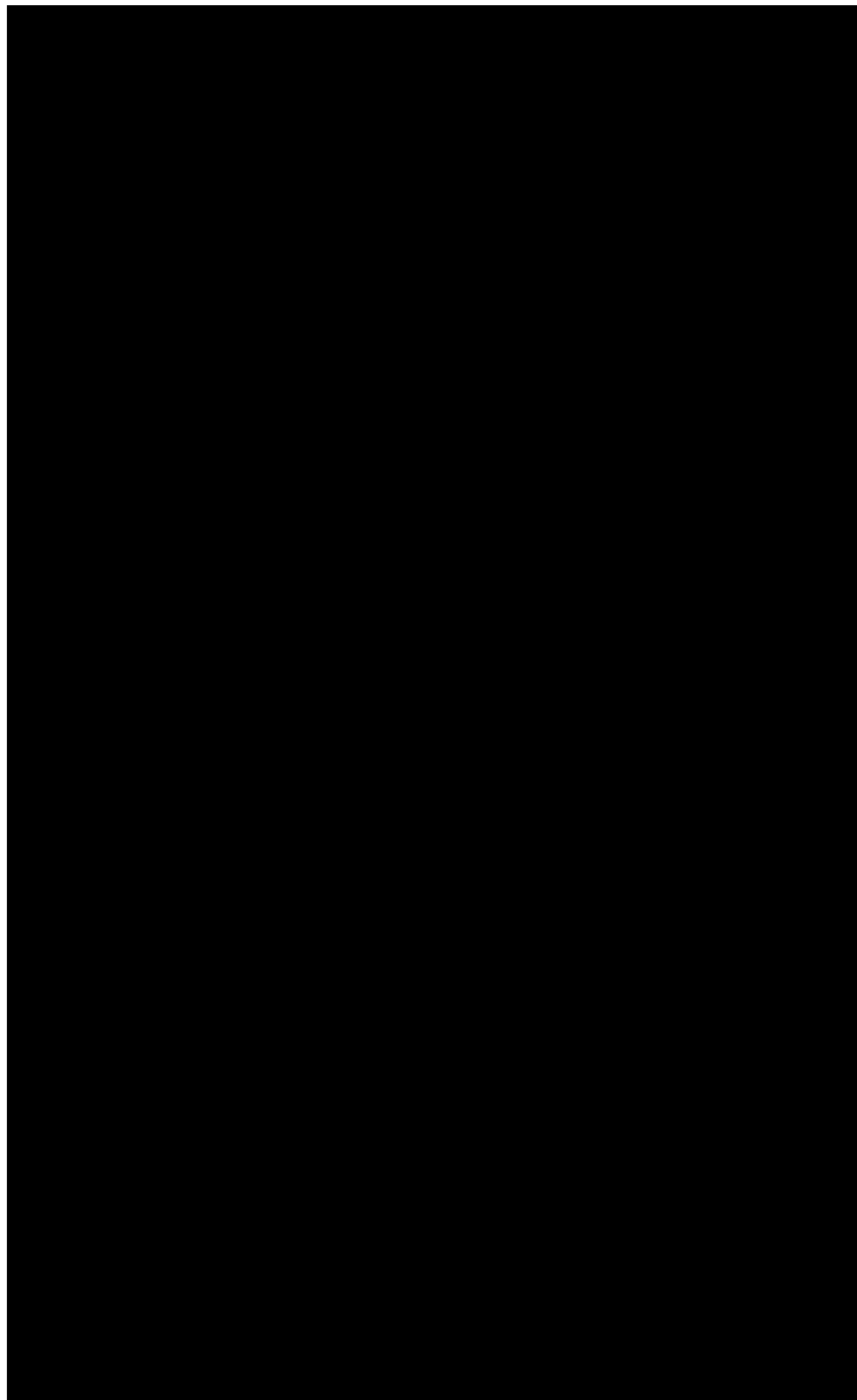


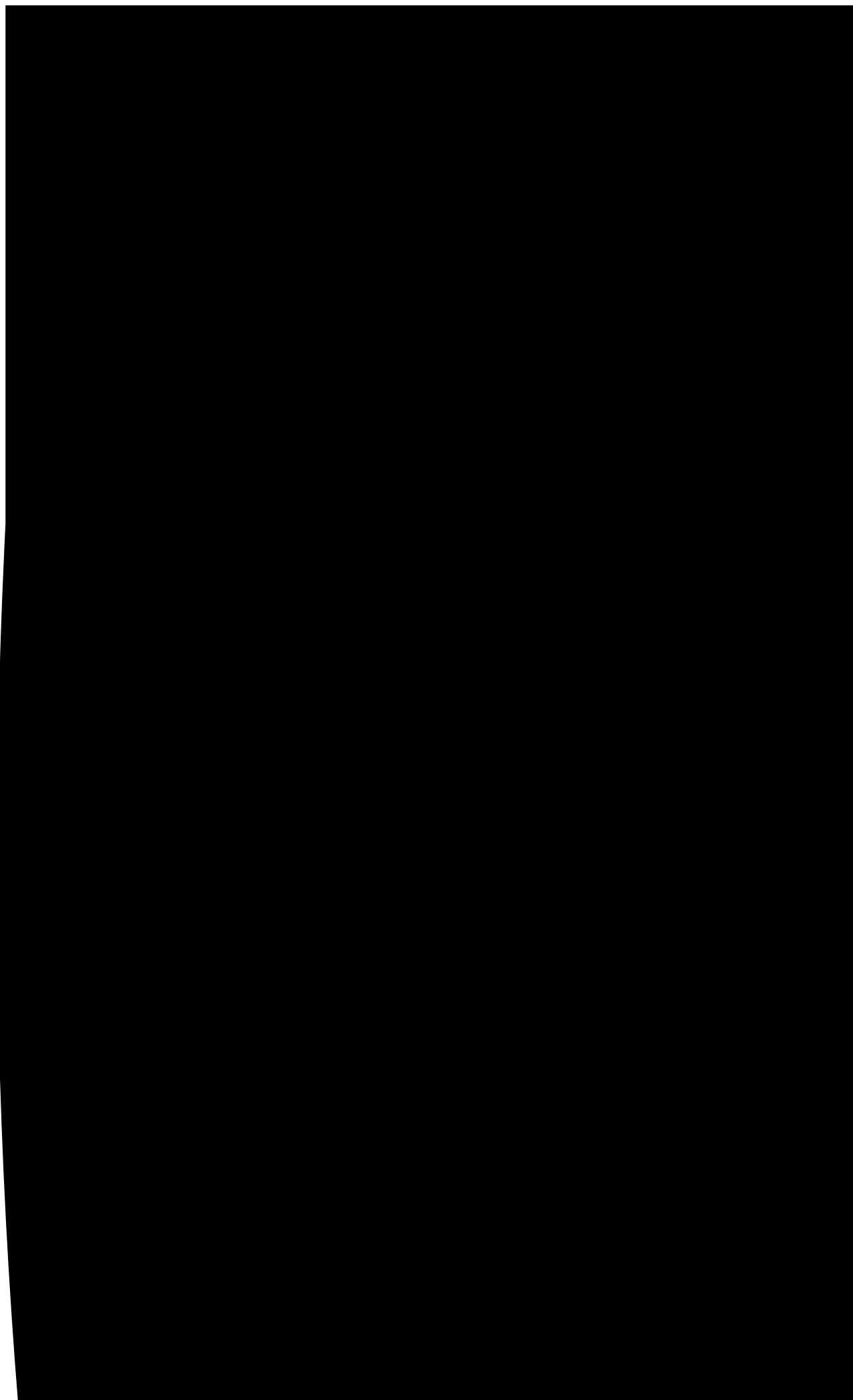










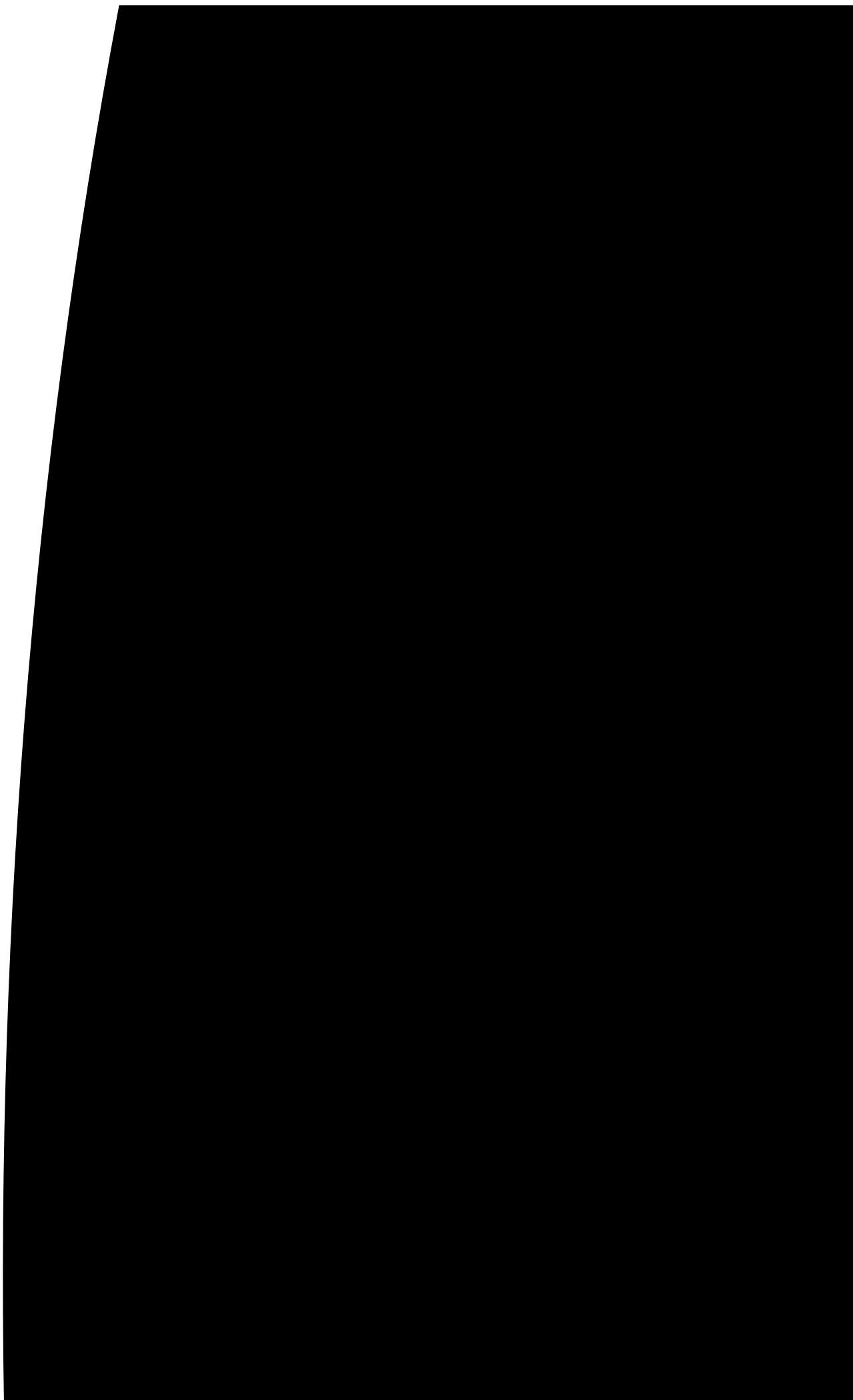


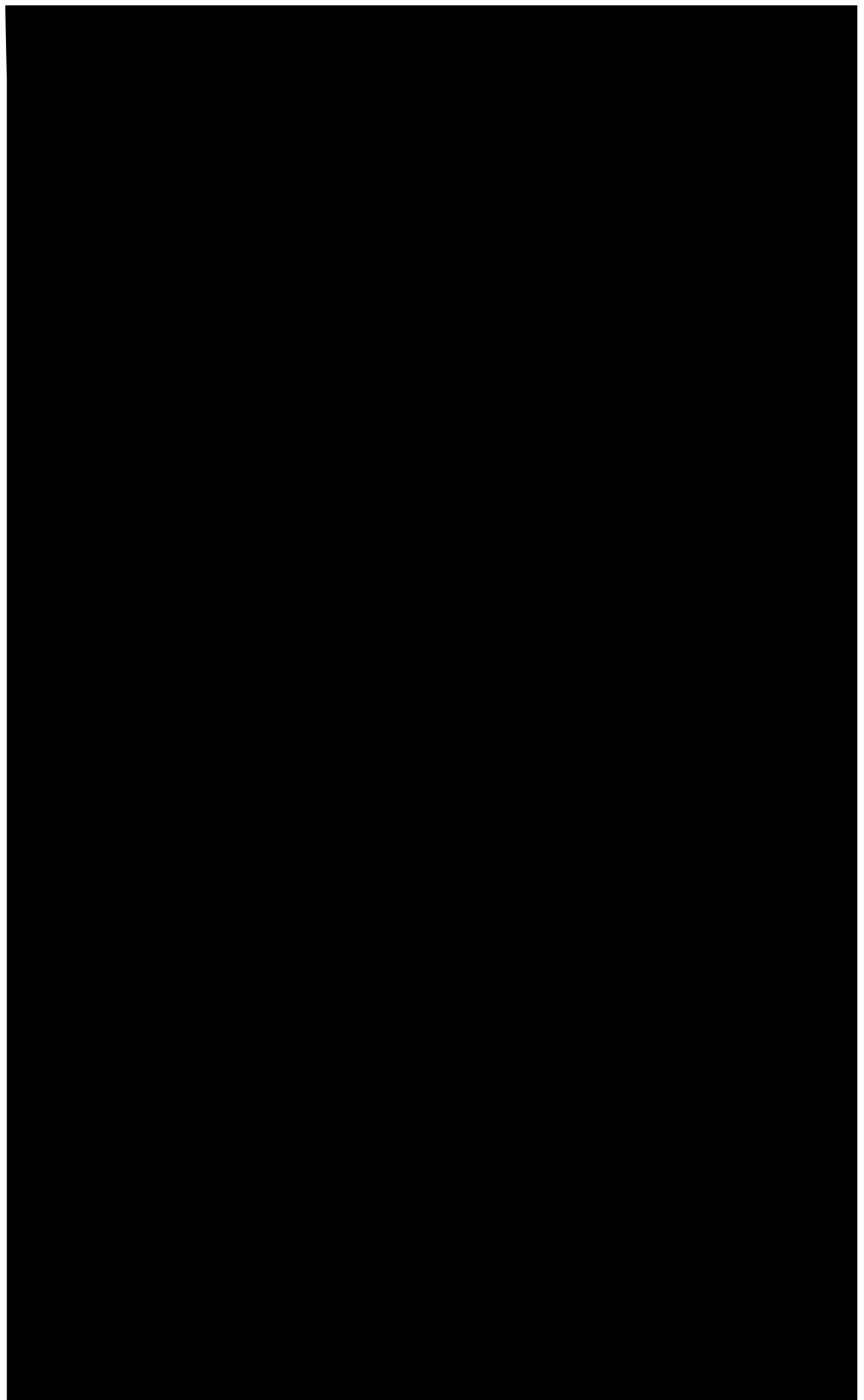


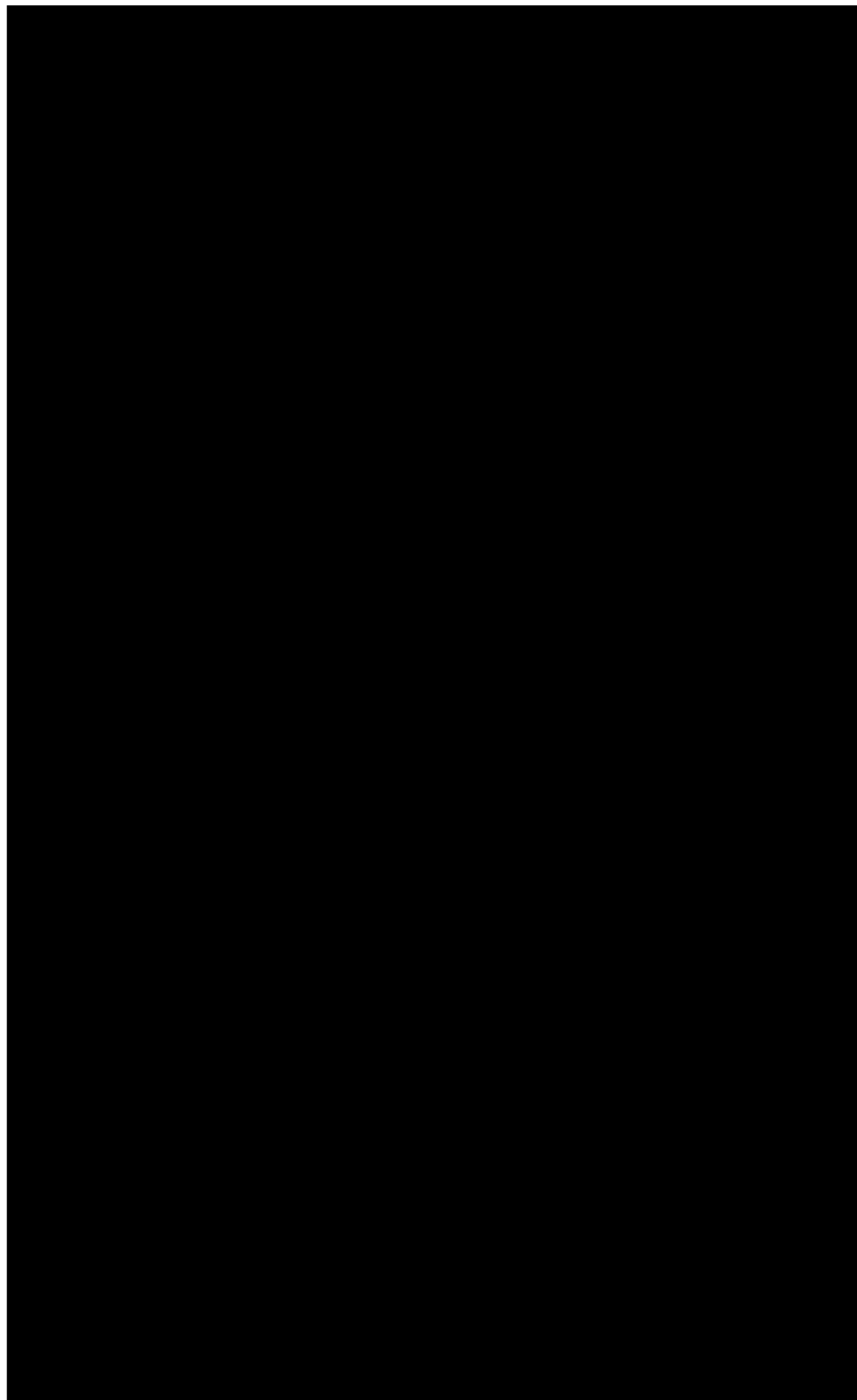


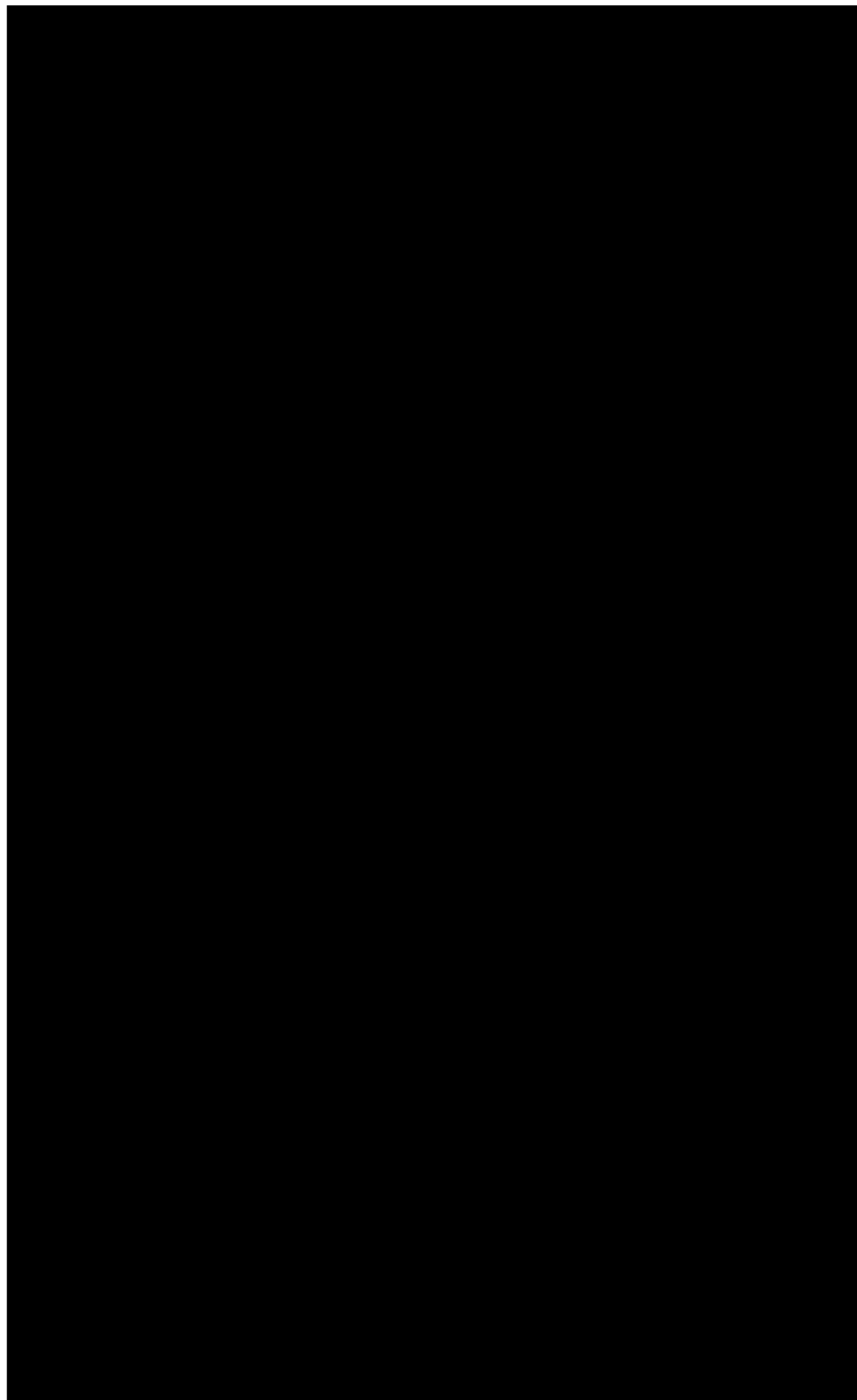


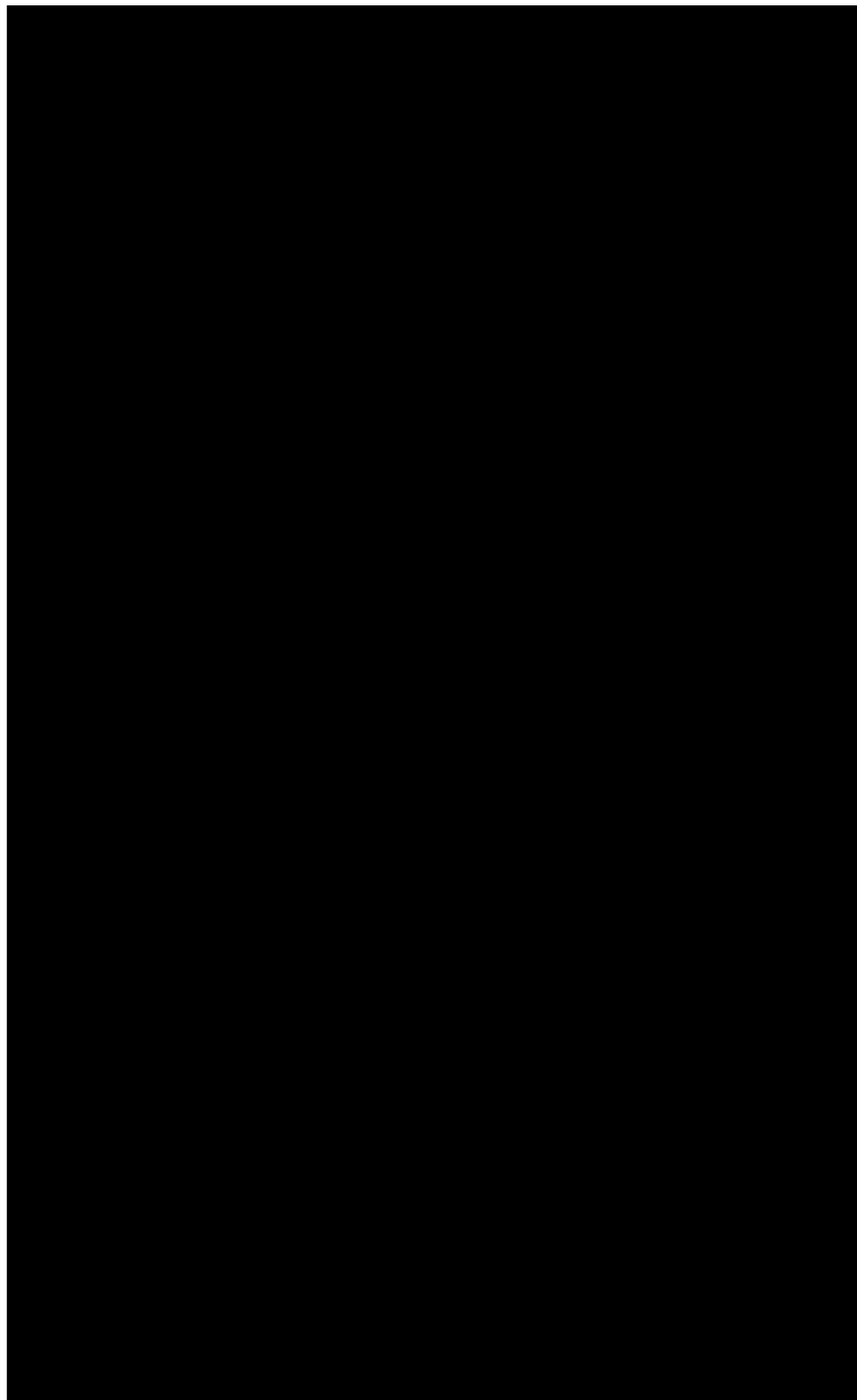


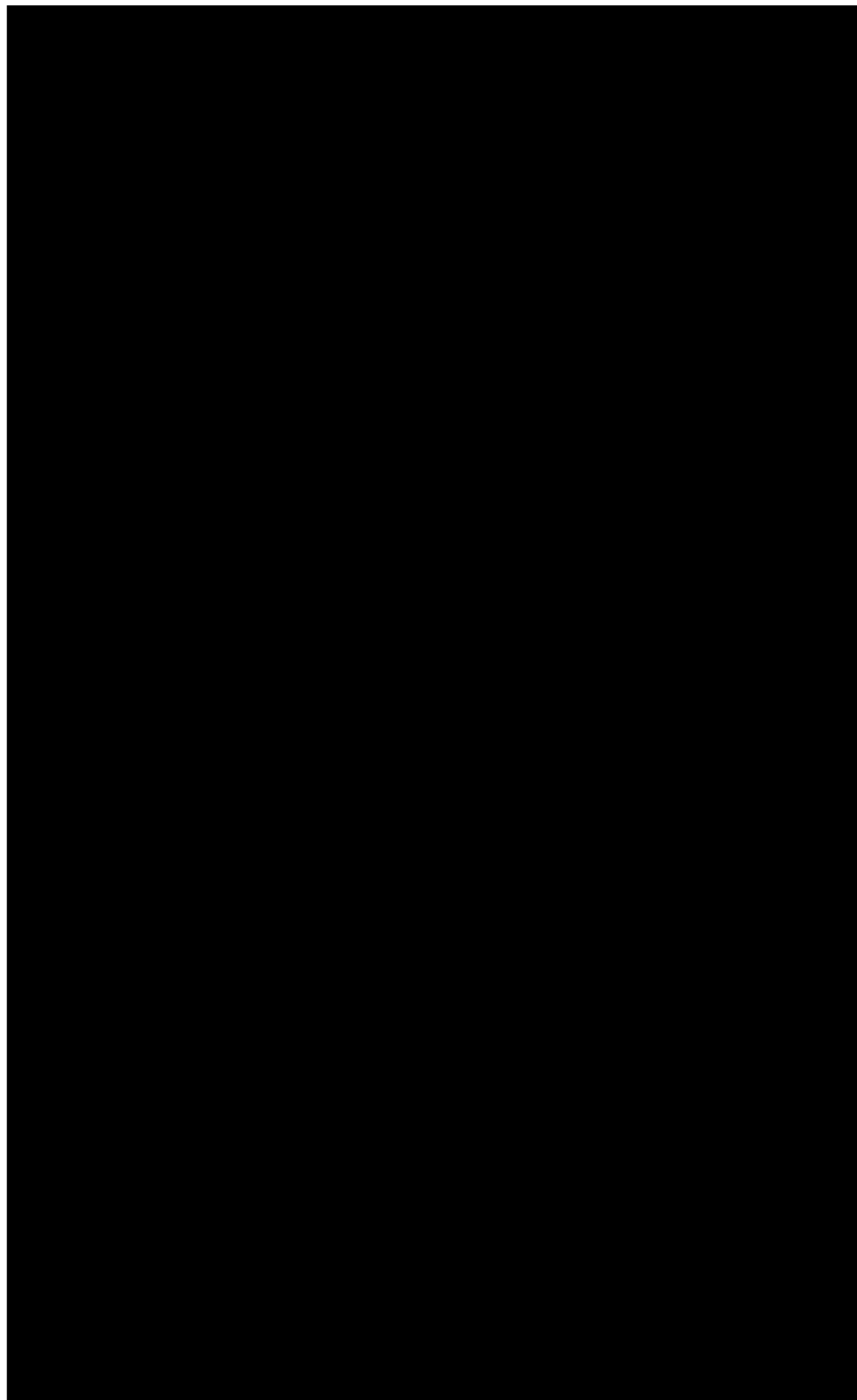


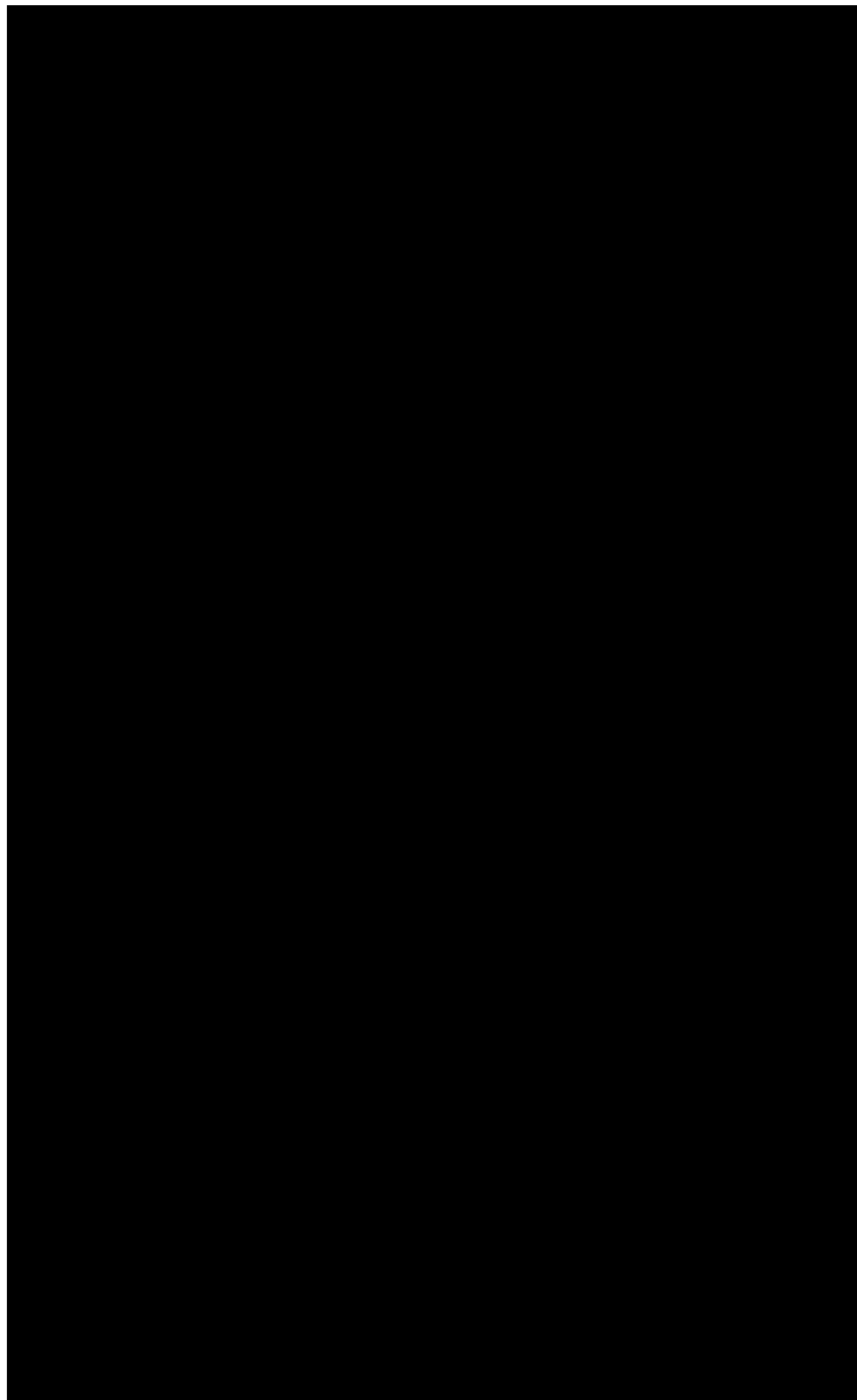


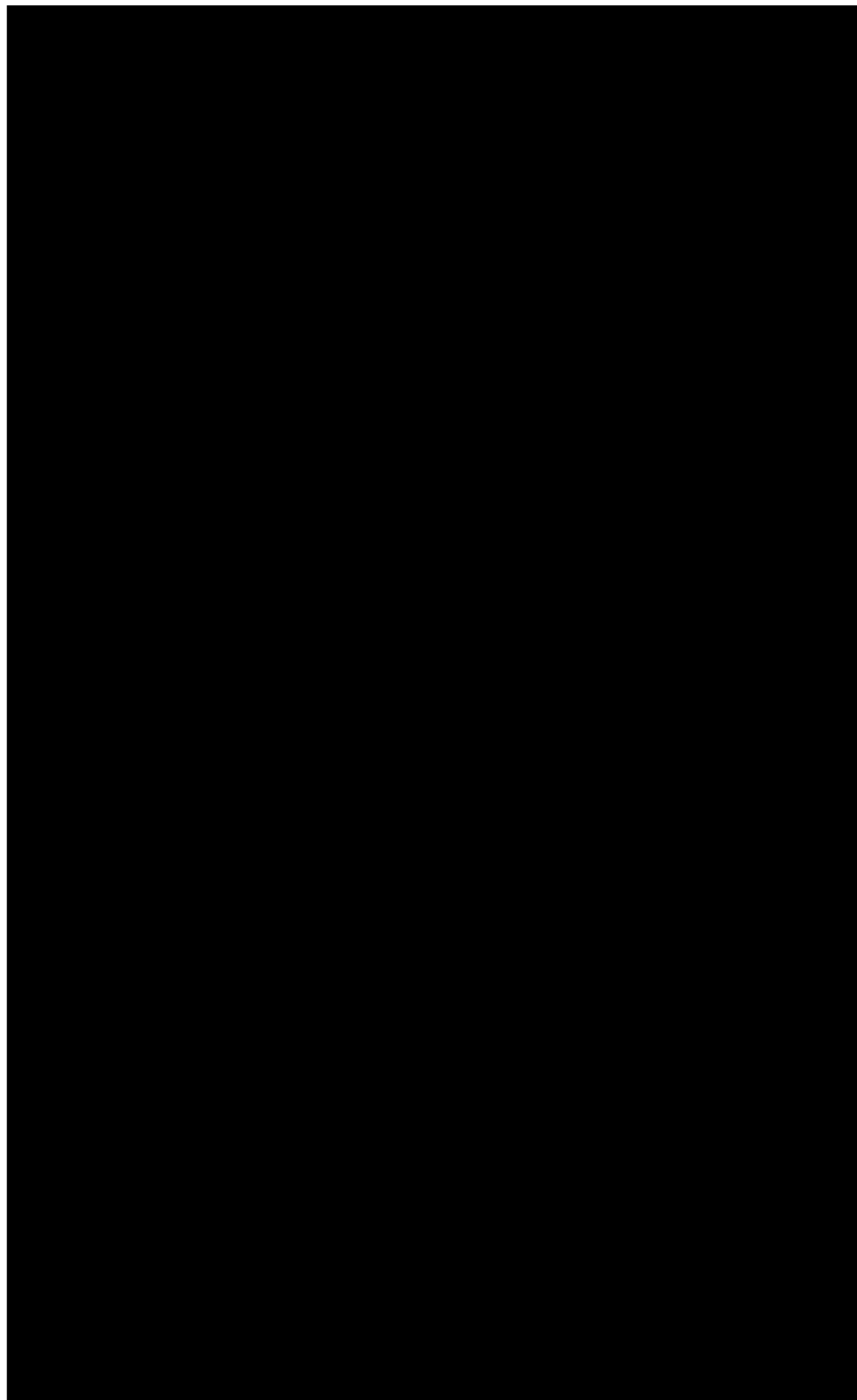


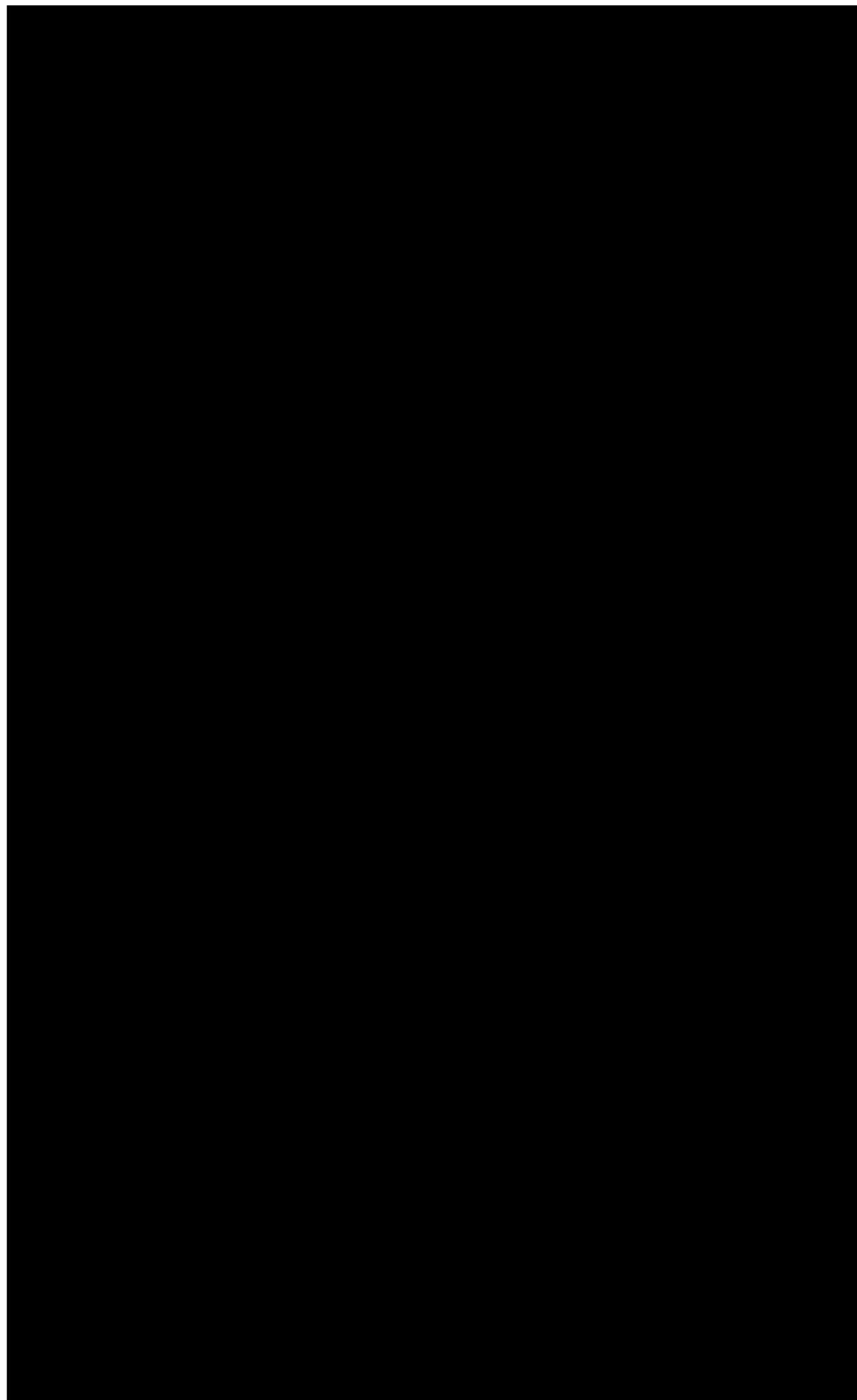


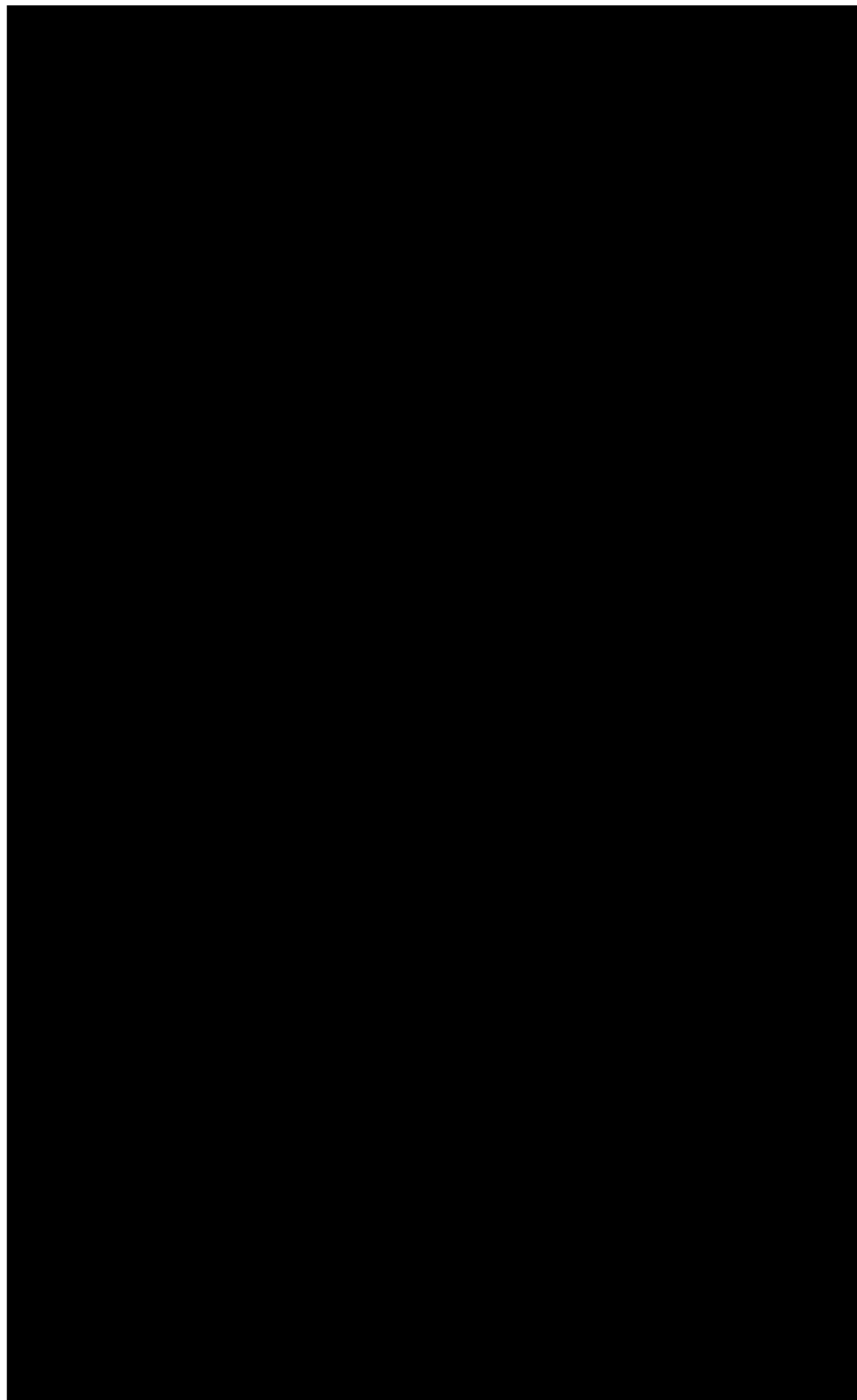


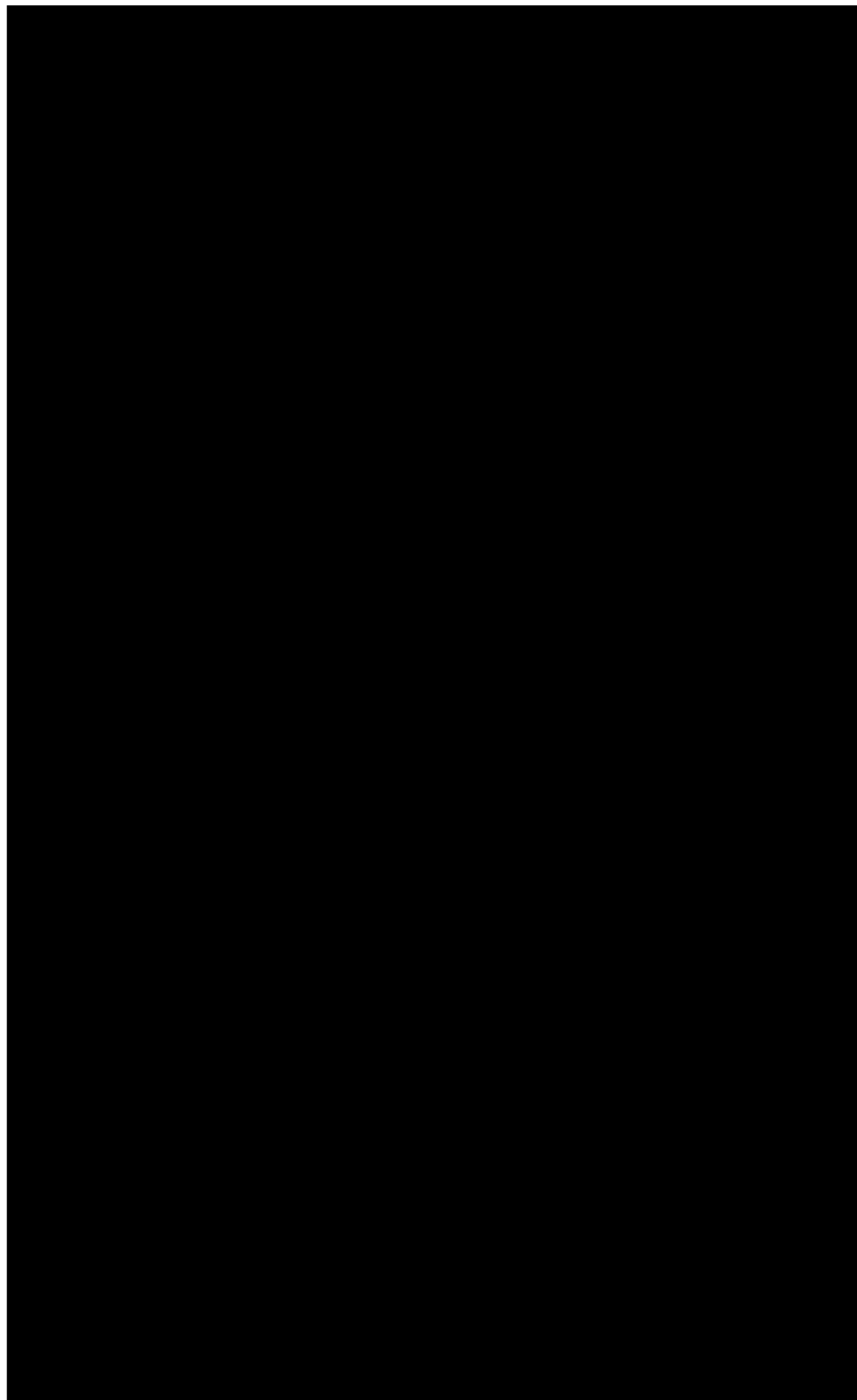


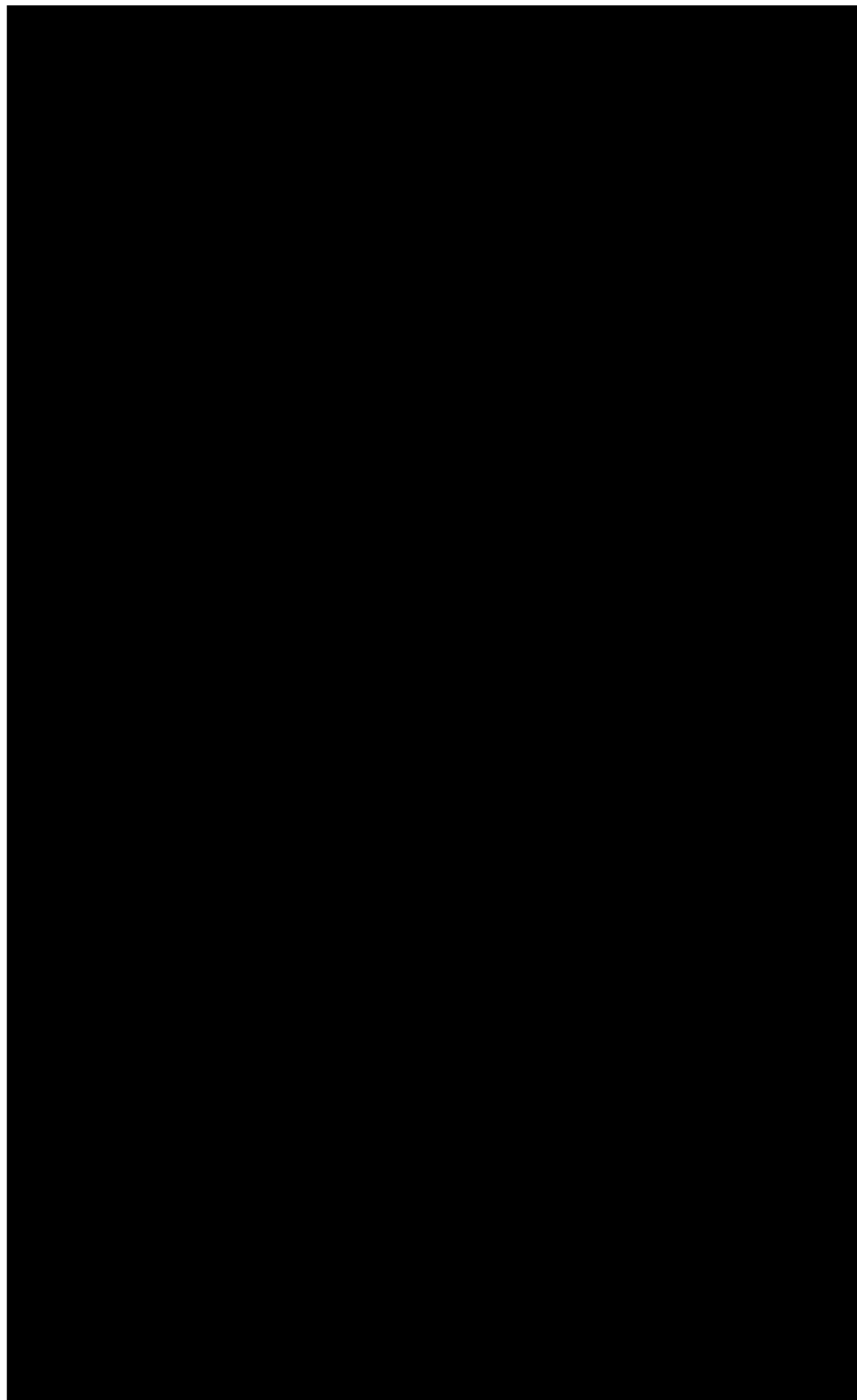




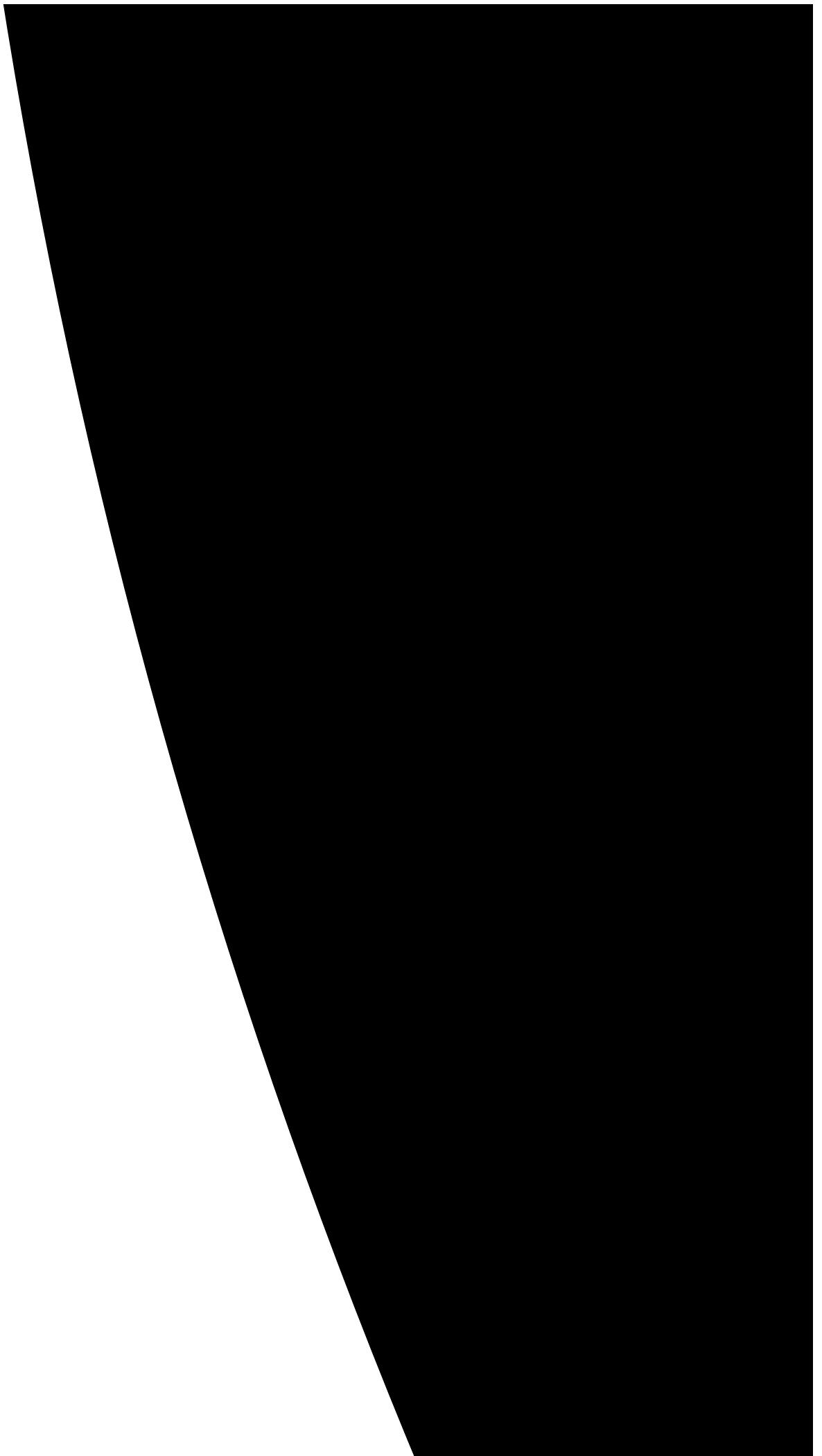








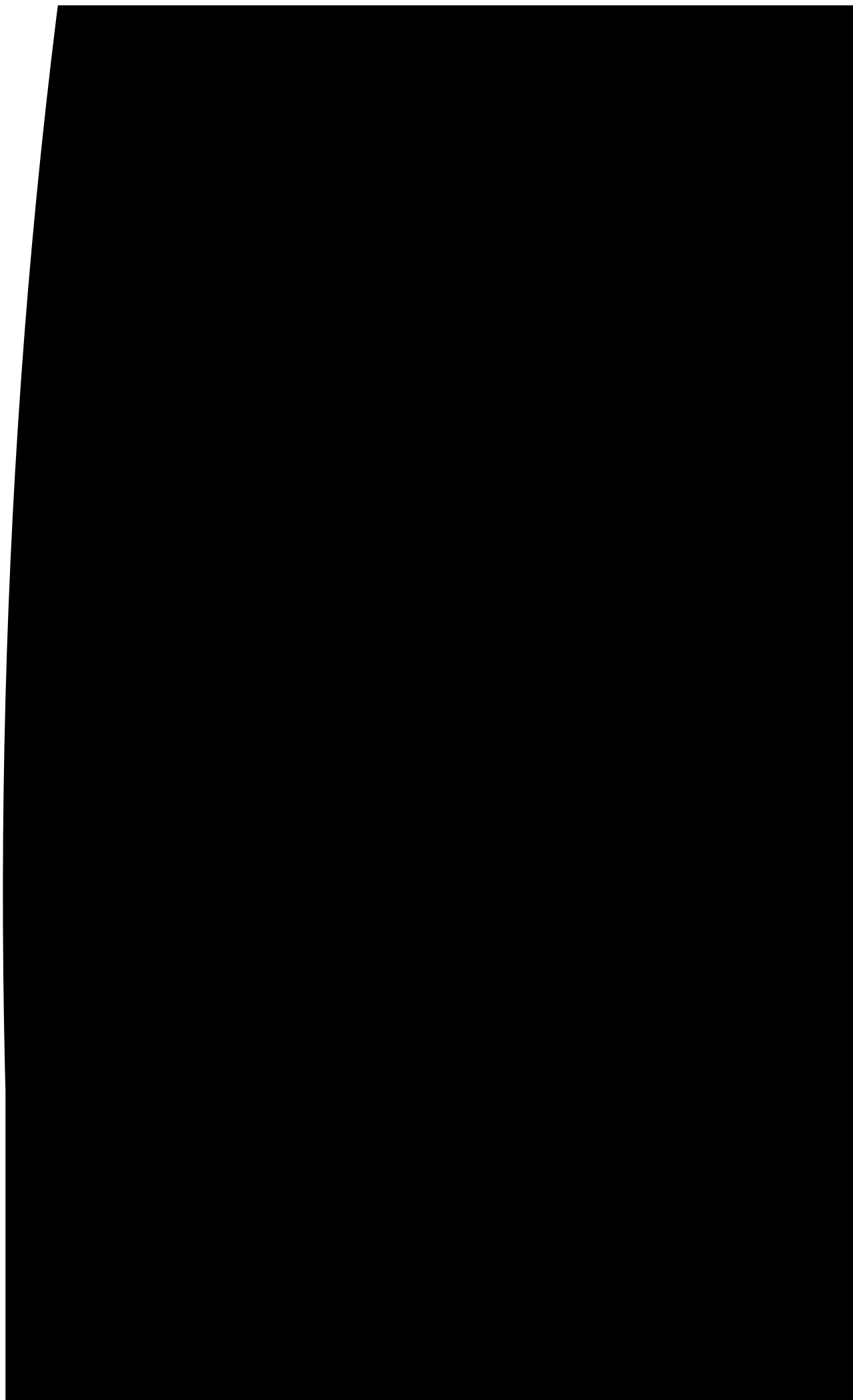


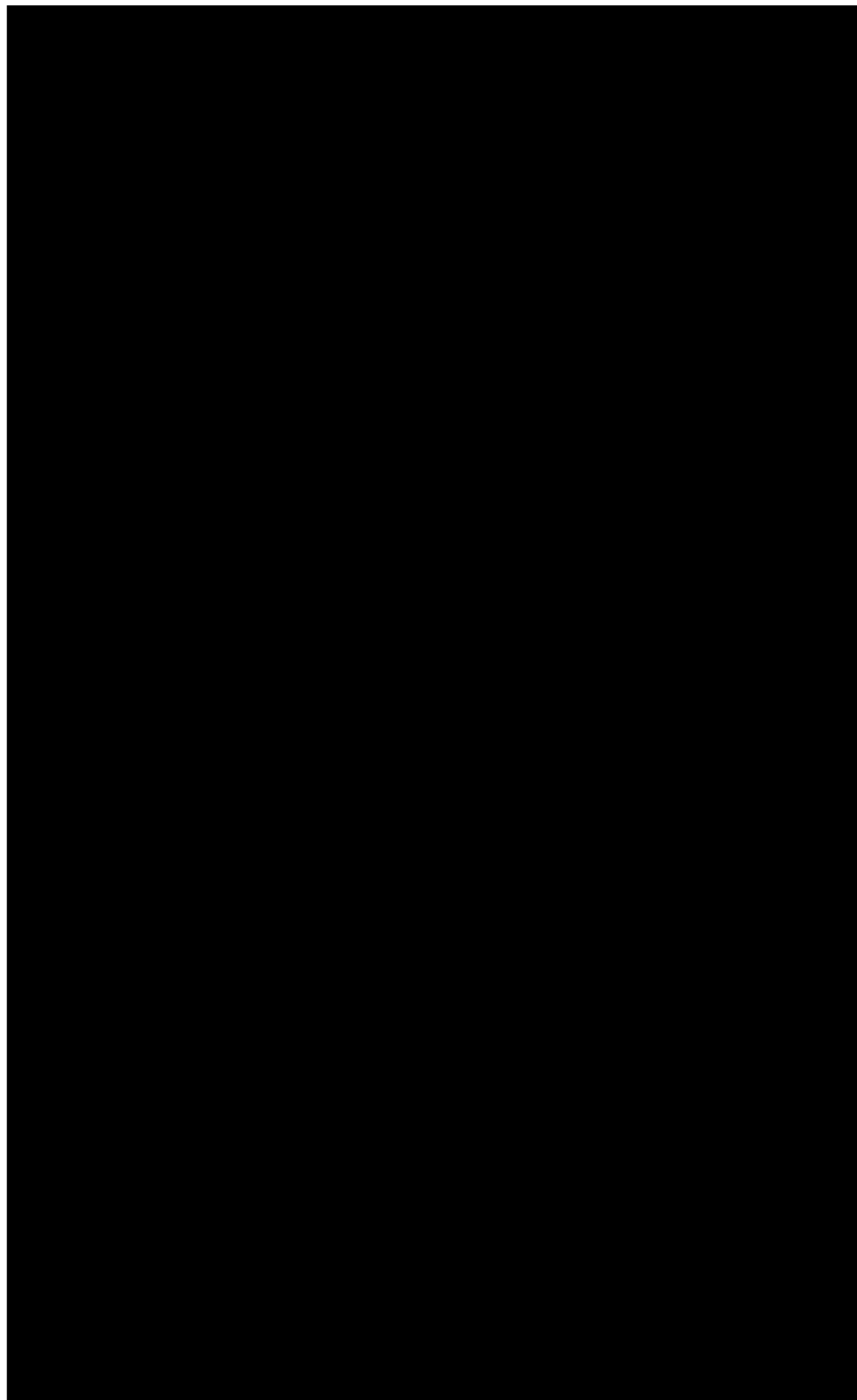


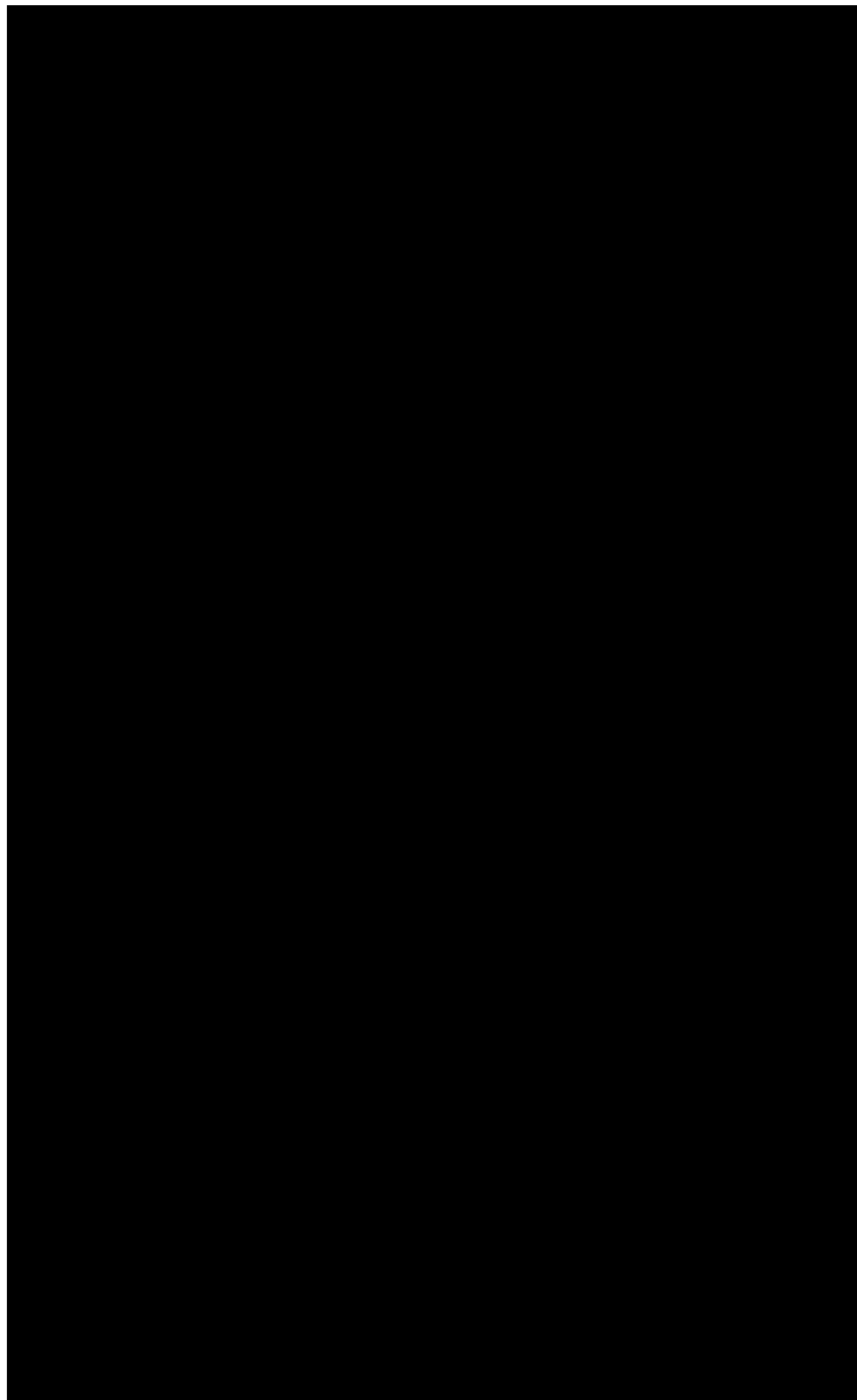


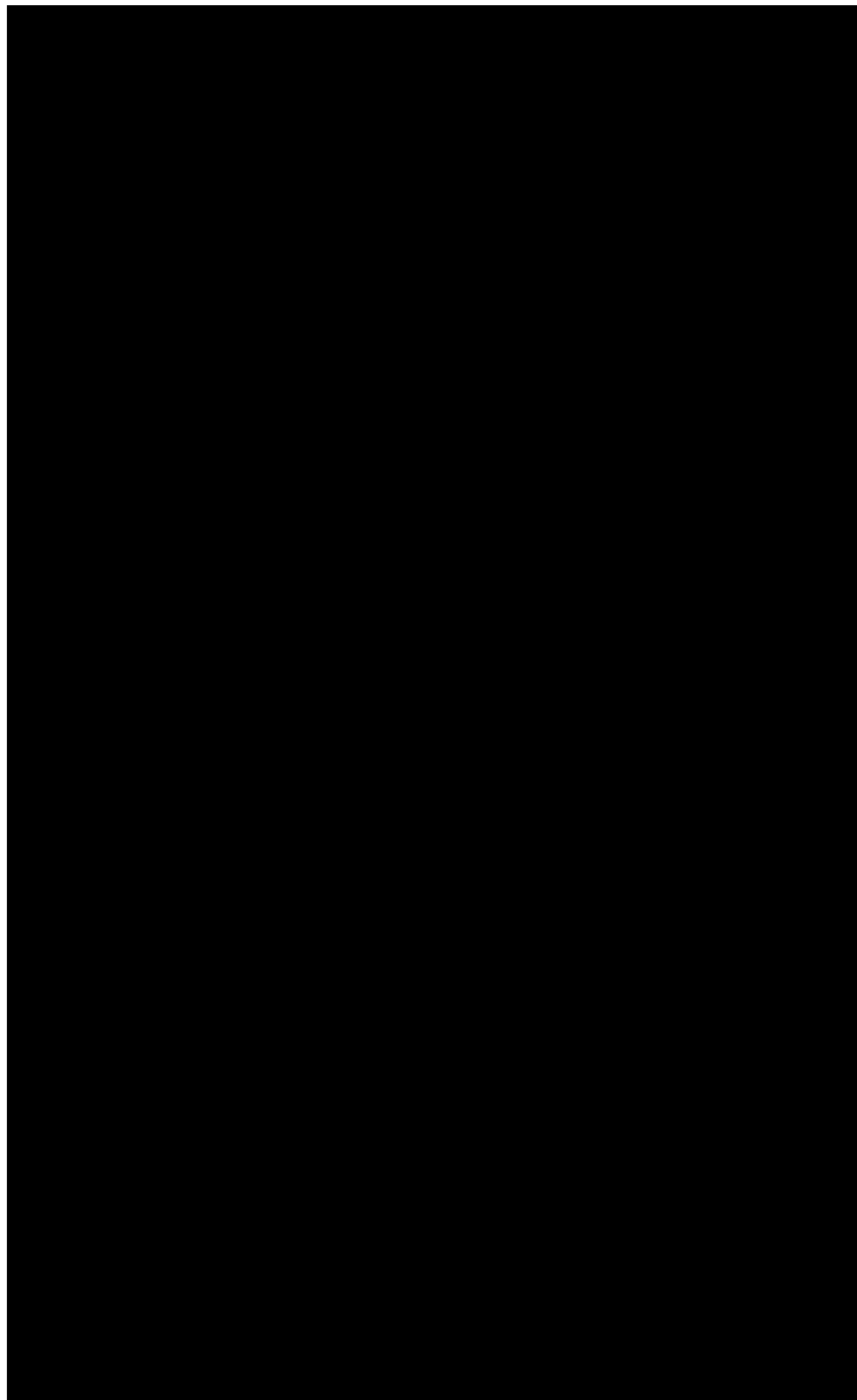


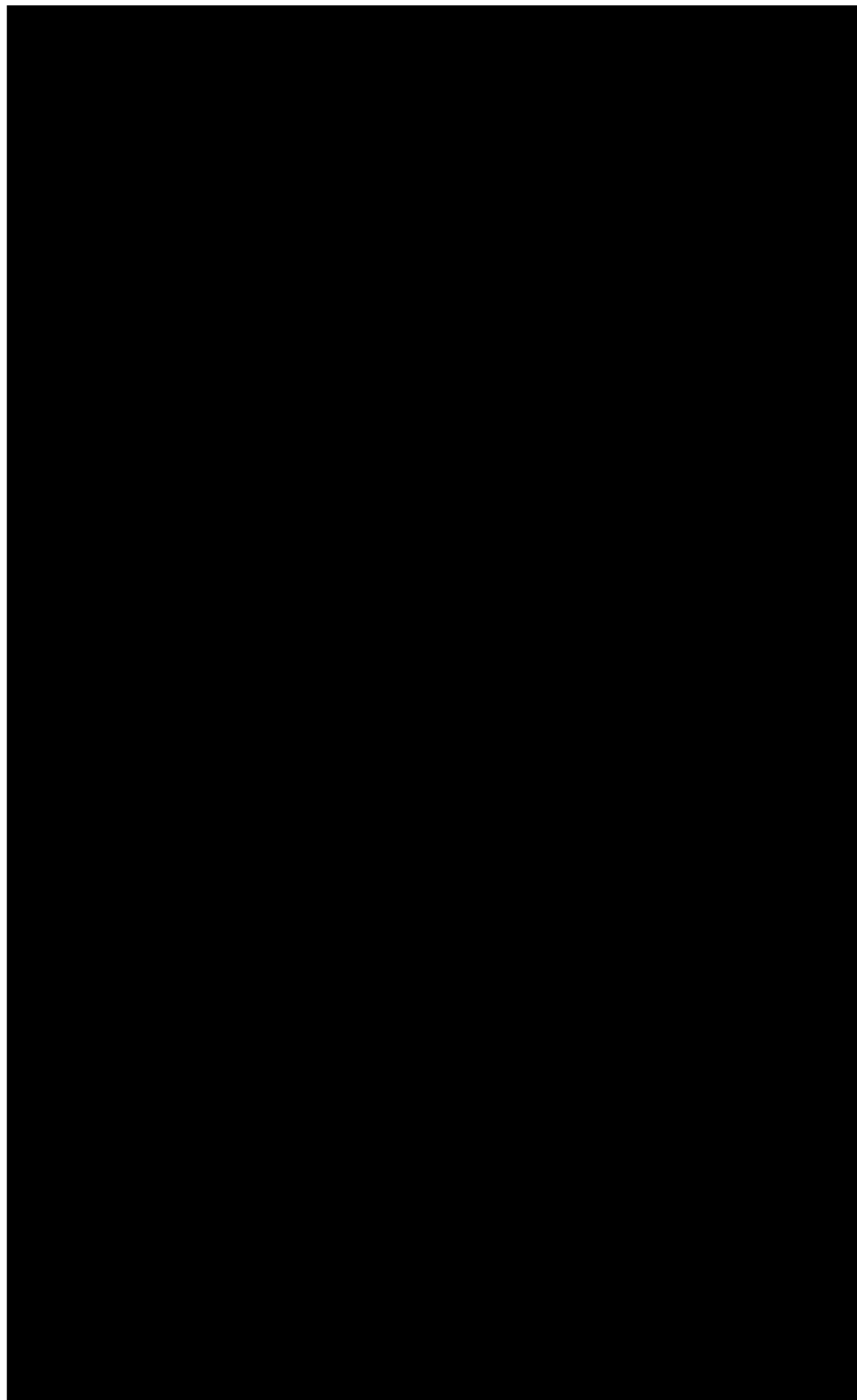


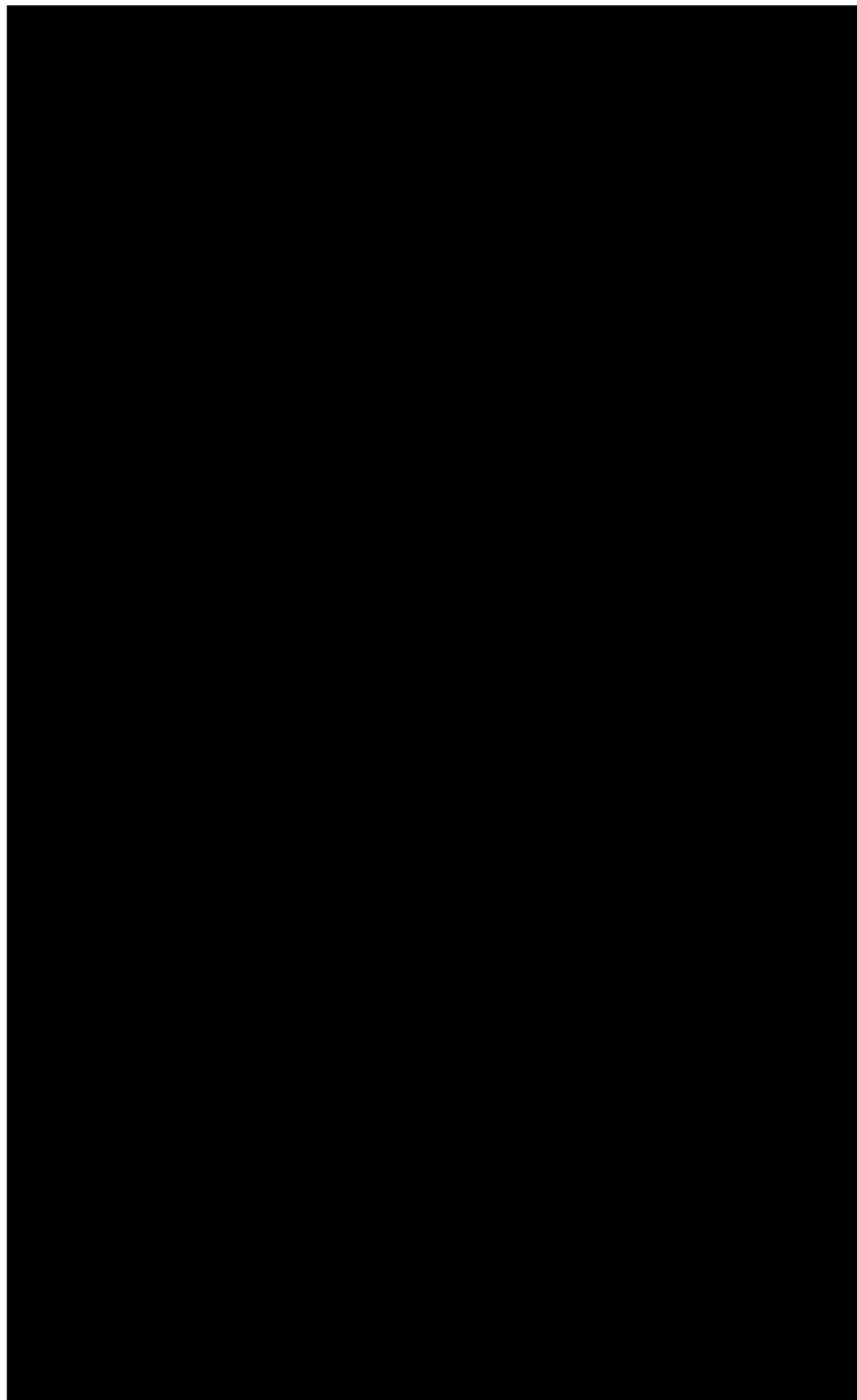


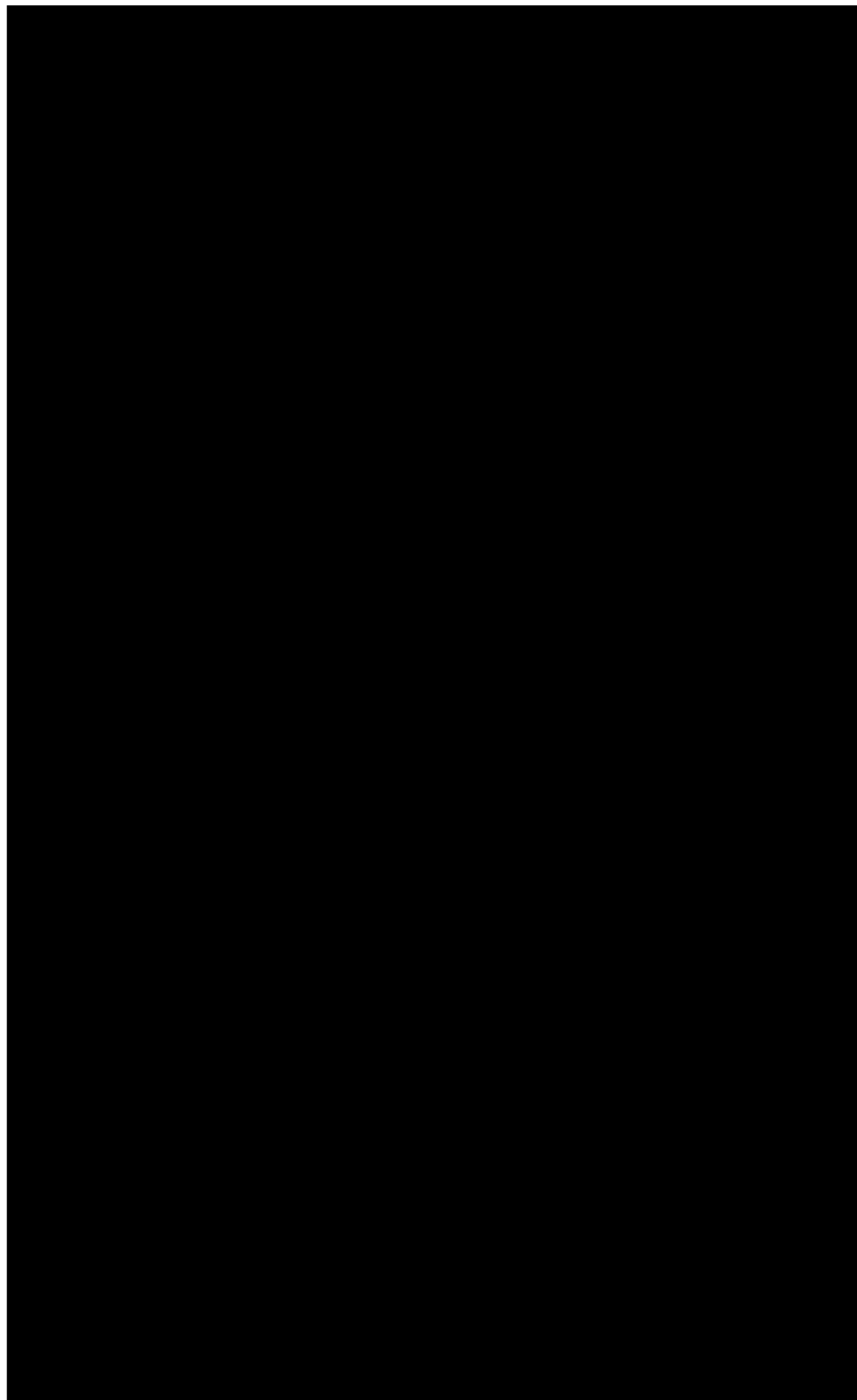


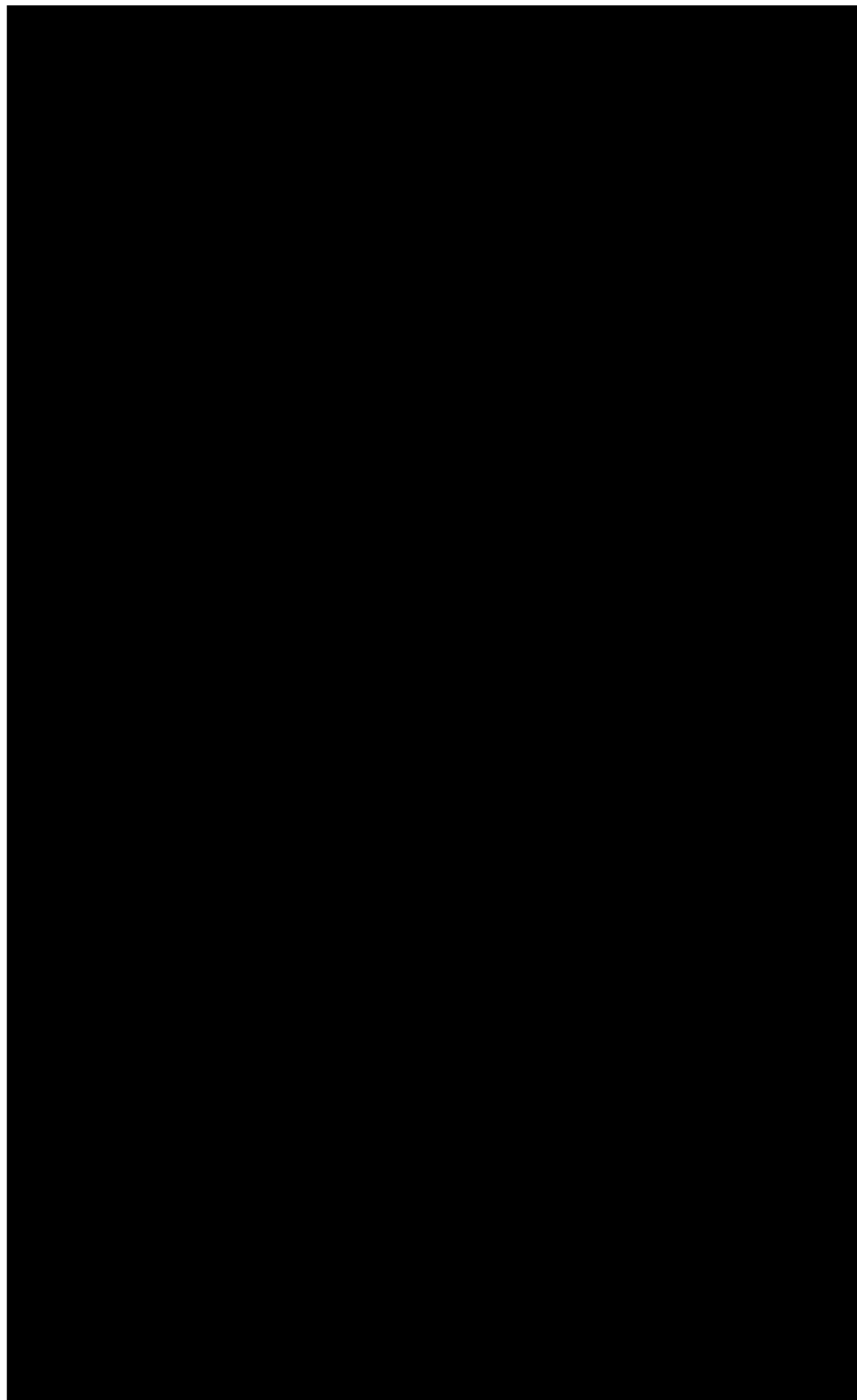


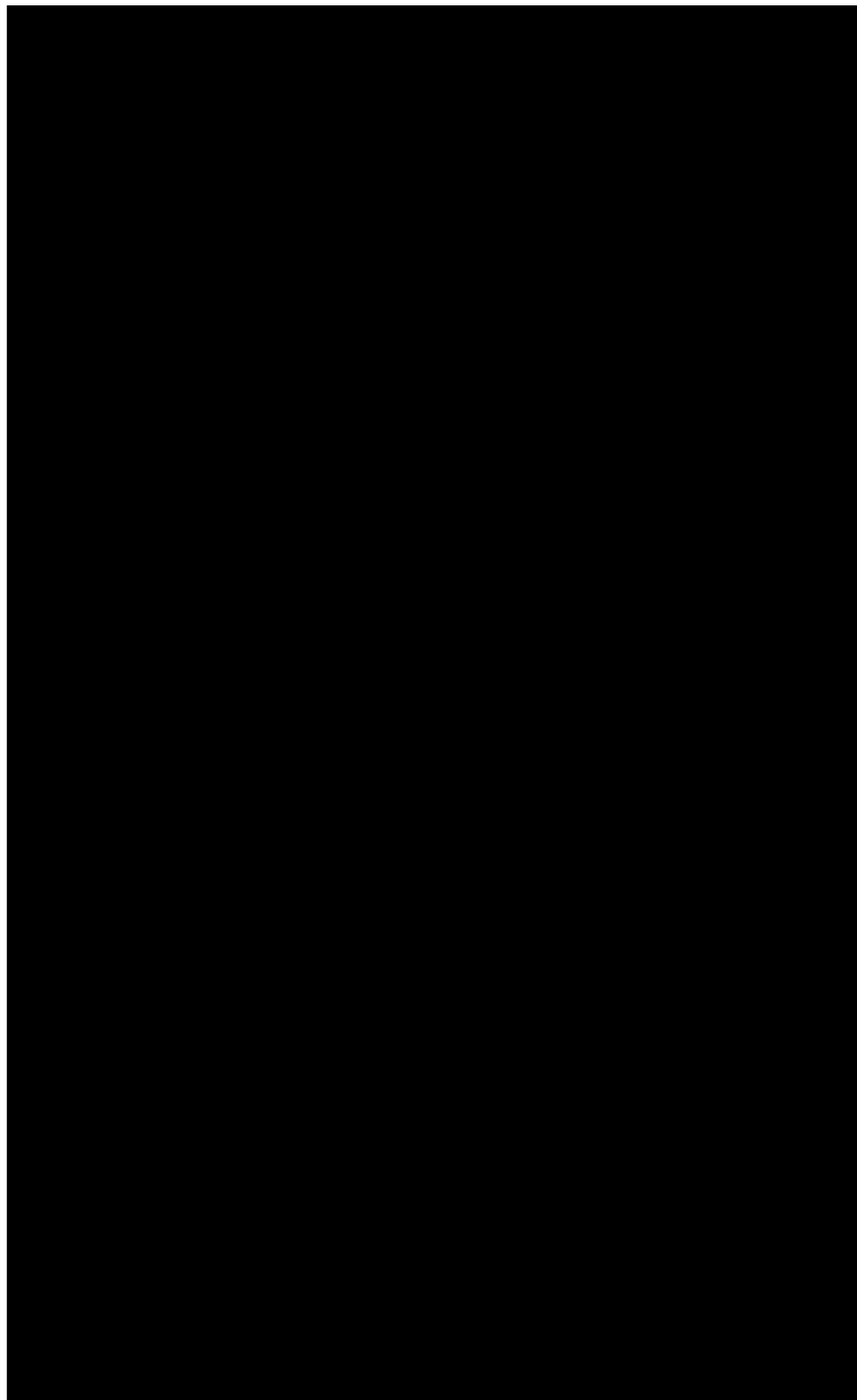


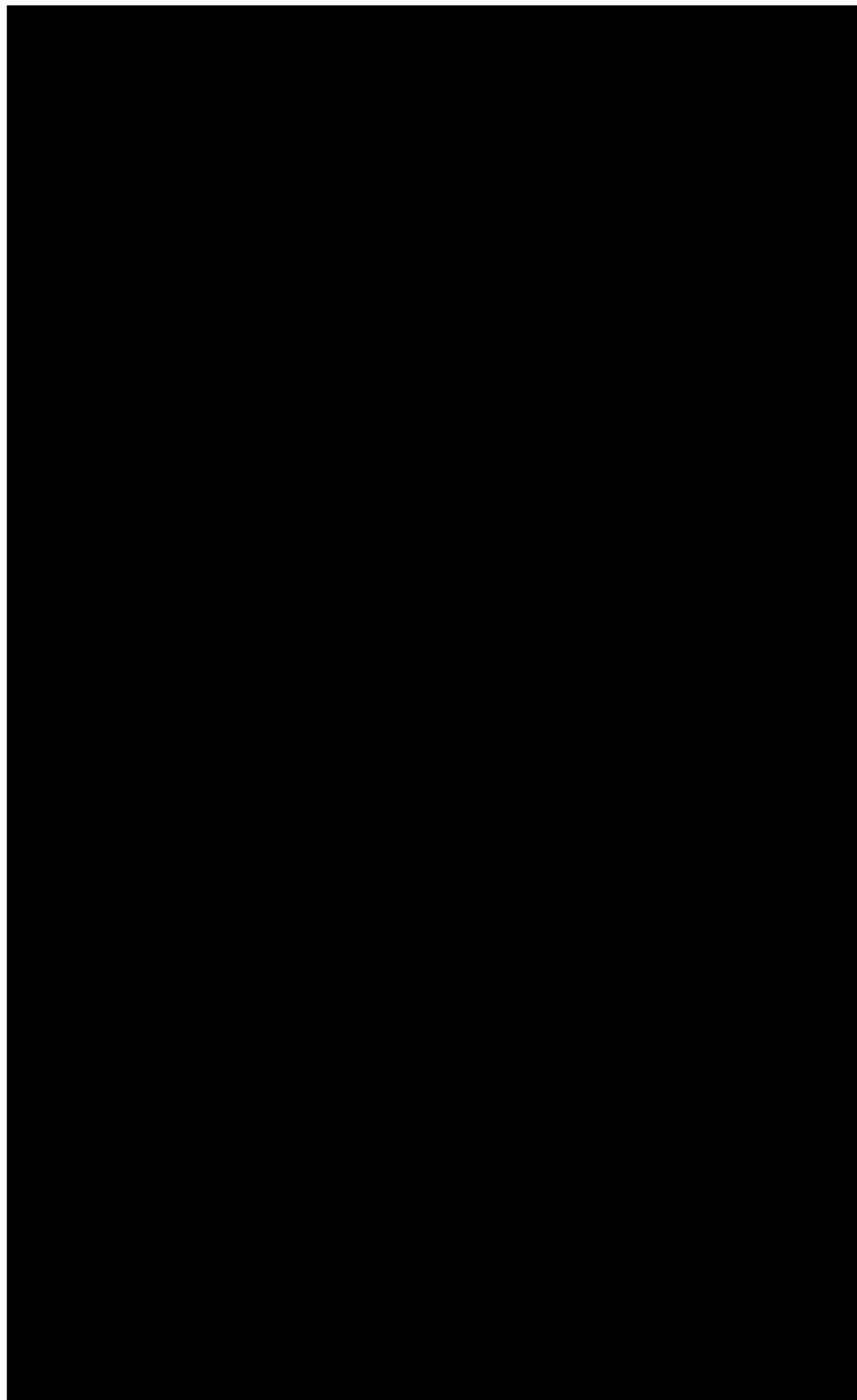


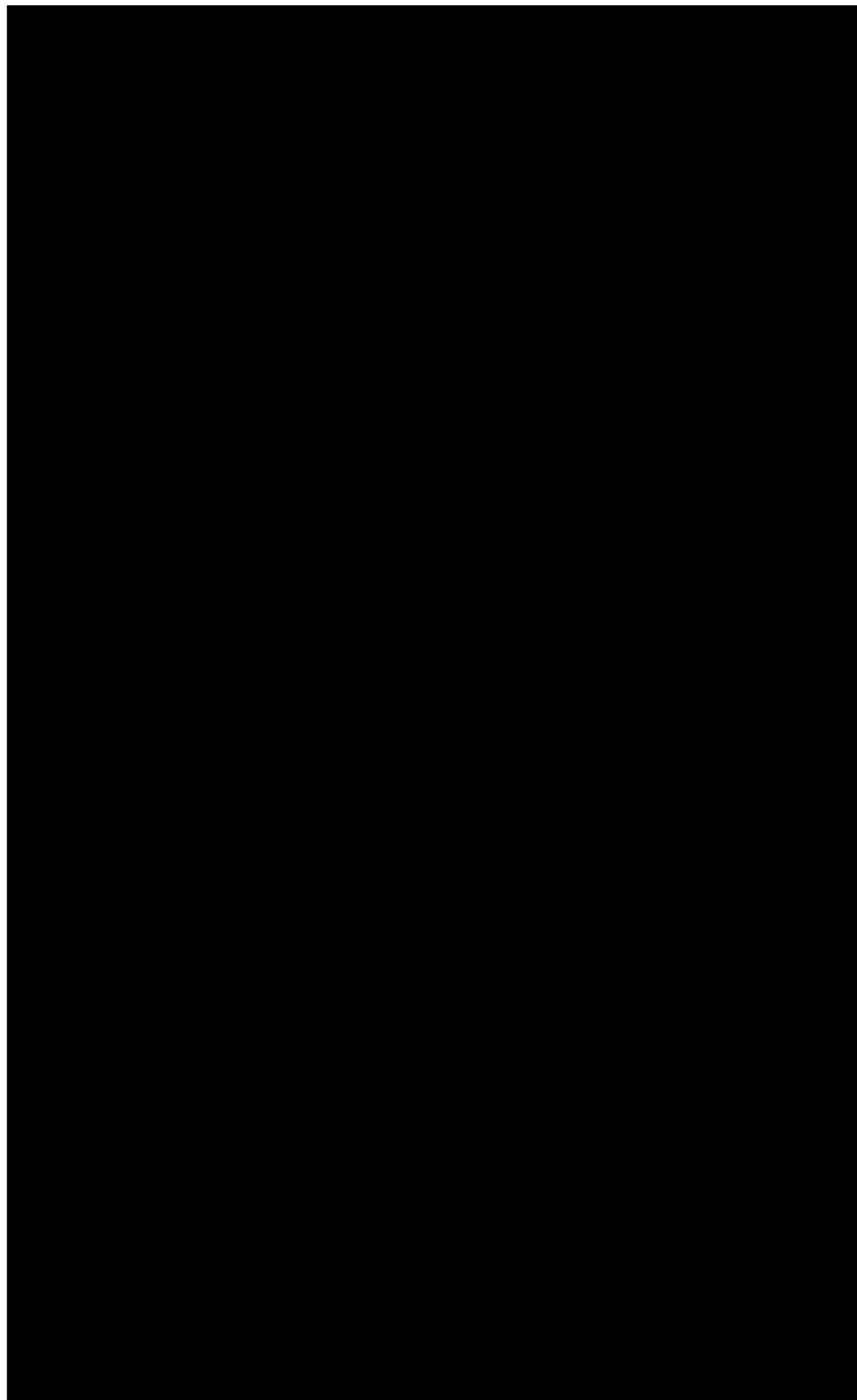


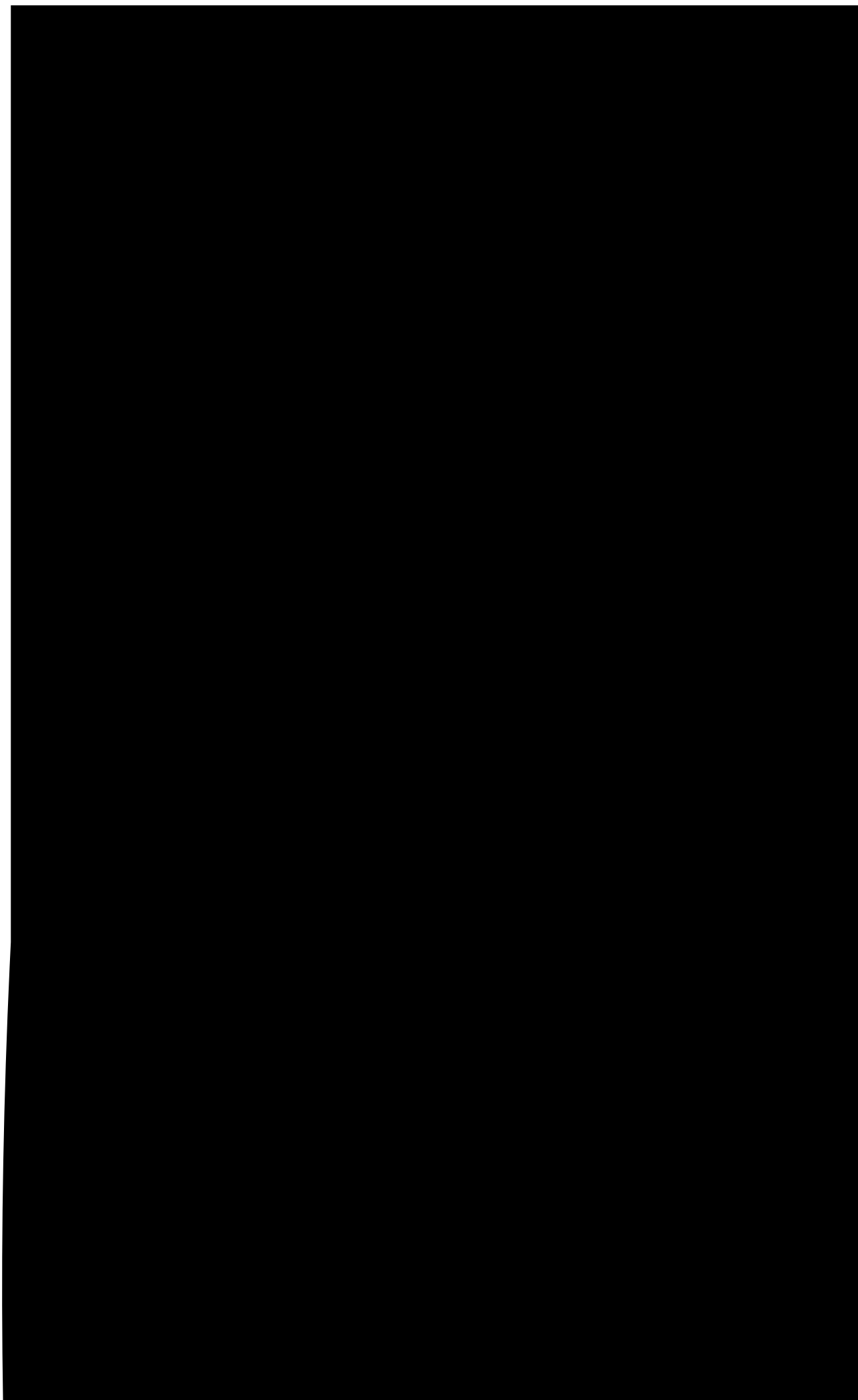


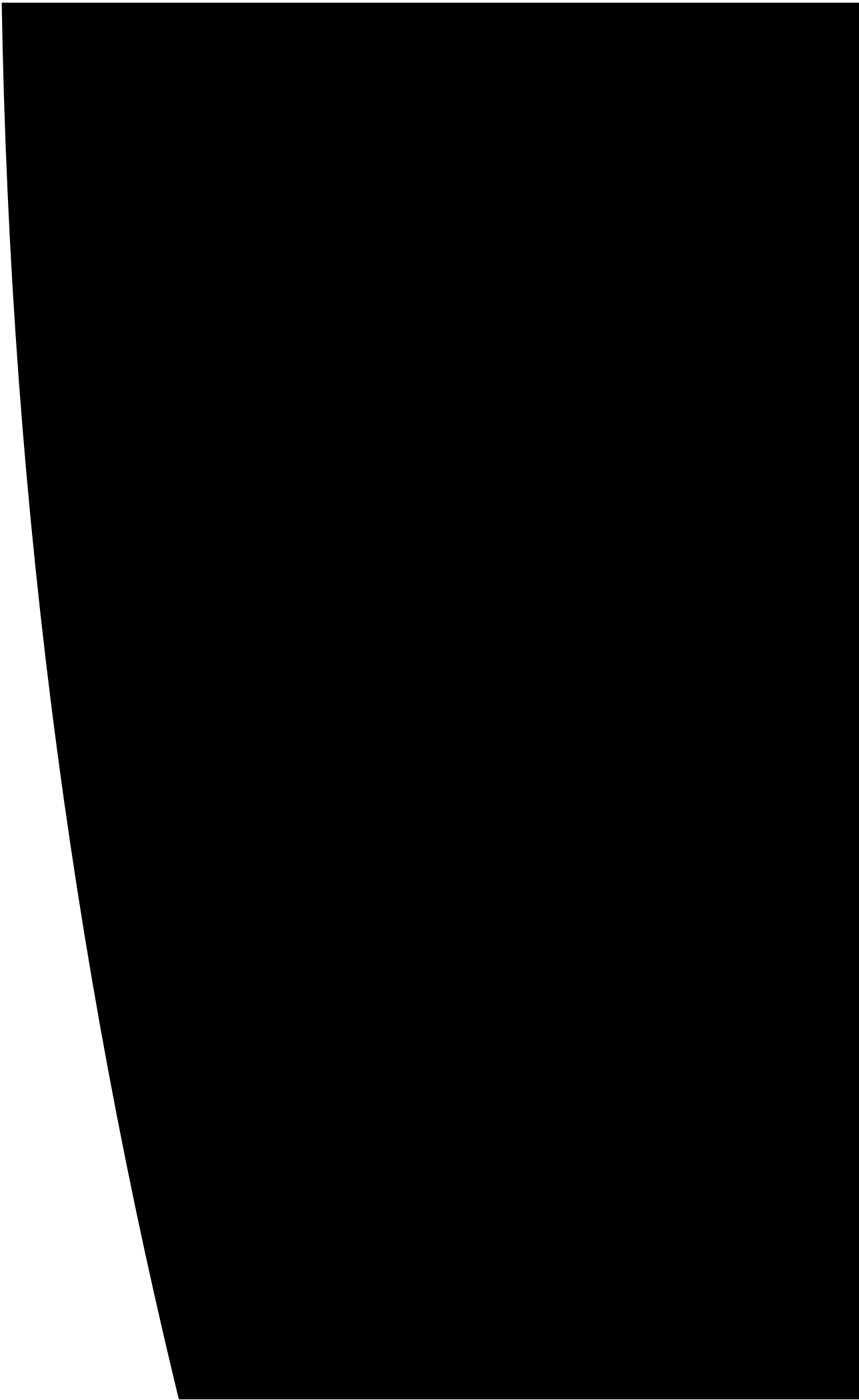


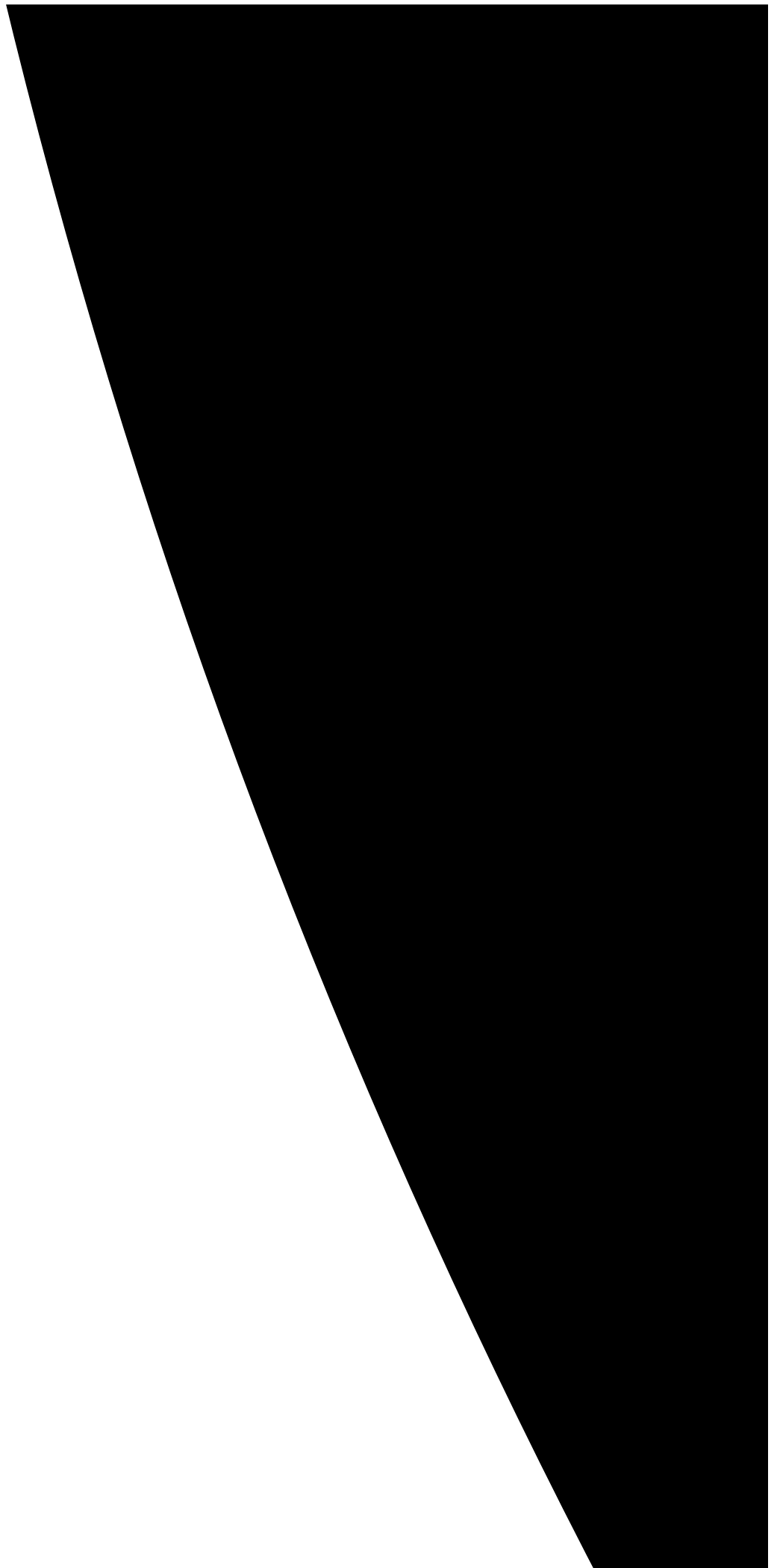














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ExxonMobil resumes quake-hit PNG LNG production ahead of schedule

APRIL 13, 2018 10:46 pm - 108Production at the PNG LNG project was halted after a 7.5 magnitude earthquake hit Papua New Guinea's energy-rich province on Feb. 28, causing landslides, damaging buildings and killing 100 people. Initially, US-based Enbridge and its partner, ExxonMobil, had been scheduled to resume operations at the PNG plant under the PNG LNG project. But the earthquake and the resulting damage to the plant has delayed the start of operations. The PNG LNG project, which was expected to resume shortly, will resume ahead of schedule and may pay premium on spot LNG prices, traders said. ExxonMobil Corp had earlier said that the production would resume in May 2018. "The commencement of operations at the PNG LNG Project, ahead of ExxonMobil's previously guided eight week timeframe, is a major achievement by the operators," said US-based Managing Director Peter Berman. ExxonMobil was able to restart production earlier than expected because damage to facilities of subsidiaries of pipelines that run through the mountains between gas export facilities and the LNG terminal was much less than initially feared, a source involved with the project told Reuters. Enbridge's subsidiary Enbridge Energy Services Co (EESC) has a 20% stake in the PNG LNG project. ExxonMobil declared force majeure on exports from PNG in March and the resulting uncertainty over supply drained liquidity from Asia's spot LNG markets, traders said. "In the time the project was halted in late February, it was a time in the year when LNG prices were in generally still driven as demand eased," said one industry source in Tokyo. "The fact that we were impacted by that is a risk factor for Asian buyers and prices to fall, but the impact was offset because demand was weak at the time," he said. Asian spot LNG prices have lost about 70% from their 2014 peak to around US\$7 per million British thermal units (mmbtu), down from a global supply overhang that developed as new production came online, especially in Australia and the United States. Worry about the region has been tempered somewhat by unexpectedly strong demand out of China, India and Southeast Asia, especially since this past winter. Before the quake, the PNG LNG project had been producing at around 20% above its rated capacity of 4.6 million tonnes a year. Another trader said that although the commencement would likely trigger a price rise, any lift "will be limited by summer demand expansion seen from Asia."

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