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MHD Reference Materials 1: Preliminary Revised Glyph Catalog

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In this report, we provide a preliminary list of graphemes used in the Maya script, revising the codes and drawings found in previous editions of the *New Catalog of Maya Hieroglyphs* (Macri and Looper 2003; Macri and Vail 2009). The grapheme drawings appear with their corresponding codes as used in the Maya Hieroglyphic Database (MHD) online (see mayadatabase.org). As in previous publications, codical grapheme drawings are by Martha J. Macri, while all other drawings are by Matthew Looper. Appended is a list of grapheme codes with the sign numbers used by J. Eric S. Thompson in his *Catalog of Maya Hieroglyphs* (Thompson 1962).

Some grapheme codes presented here differ from those for the same signs that appeared in previous editions of the *New Catalog*, even though overall, the three-letter code system devised for the *New Catalog* remains in place. More details concerning these reclassifications will be found in the revised edition of the *New Catalog*, in preparation. Some sign designations were changed based on new



research, while others had to be reassigned because of limitations of space within the classification system.

As in previous editions of the *New Catalog*, the fundamental grapheme codes consist of three characters (letters+numbers), which encode unique graphic-functional units in the script. For example, XQ1 designates the cruciform "k'an sign." In the Catalog component of the MHD online, the field that can be queried using these three-letter codes is *catcode*. However, because many signs are polyvalent—that is, they may be used to express more than one meaning or function—we have added a fourth letter to many of the codes. In the case of XQ1, for example, this grapheme is often used to indicate the word *k'an*, meaning "yellow" or "ripe," but it is also sometimes used to indicate the word *k'ahn*, meaning "flat (stone)" or "stairway." Thus, in the MHD, a modified grapheme code XQ1a is used for the first logographic function, while XQ1b is used for the second. The fourth letter is usually arbitrary (e.g. a, b, c, etc), with the exception of the letter 's', which indicates a syllabic function. For example, AA1s is the code for the familiar fish or fish-fin grapheme when it is used as syllabic /ka/, while AA1a is used for the logographic function CHAY/KAY 'fish'. The final 's' is not added to all syllabic graphemes, but only designates a syllabic function for polyvalent signs. These modified codes are employed in the Catalog online in the field *catecodem*, and in the Texts database in two fields: *blcodes* and *graphcode*. Plain three-digit codes can also be queried in these fields as well as the Catalog field: *catcode*.

This system groups graphemes based roughly on visual appearance or form. The first digit indicates the main category, while the second gives a subcategory. The third digit of the code is usually arbitrary. For more details, see previous editions of the *New Catalog*:

A Animals (fauna except birds and humans)

subcategories: A (fish, amphibian), B (supernatural/skeletal snake), C (snake), D (serpent/reptile pattern), K (turtle), L (lizard), M (monkey), P (dog, rodent), R (rabbit), S (elongated snout), T (jaguar), V (deer), W (bat), X (unidentified)

B Birds

subcategories: M (miscellaneous), P (parrot), T (owl), V (vulture), X (unidentified)

H Body parts (body parts, except heads and hands)

subcategories: B (bound hair), E (eye), H (bone), J (jaw), L (leg, foot), M (male genitals), T (torso)

M Hands (human or monkey hands)

subcategories: A (open), B (both), R (right), Z (left)

P Human faces (faces that have human characteristics)

subcategories: A (aged), C (mixed), D ('percentage' motif), E (decoration of eye), G (droplets), H



(hidden eye), J (Ajaw-type), L ('IL' motif), M (object in mouth), N (darkening), T (headdress), X (facing right, upward, or front), Y ('xib'-type)

S Supernatural faces, skulls (faces with enlarged eyes and other exaggerated or mixed human and animal characteristics)

subcategories: B (bird), C (skull), D (skull, compound), E (skull with elaborated eye), G (God C-related), J (jawless skull), M (skull with mirror/'shiny' marking), N (human nose), R (Chahk-related), S (non-human nose), T (jaguar)

X Square symmetrical signs

subcategories: D (design or pattern), E (Imix-type), F (floral, rosette), G (droplets), H (horizontal division), N ('black'-related), Q (quadripartite), S (spiral or curved), V (vertical division)

Y Square asymmetrical signs

subcategories: G (droplets), M (mirror/'shiny'), S (spiral or curved)

Z Signs with irregular shapes

subcategories: A ('Ajaw-face'-related), B (bundle), C ('kawak'), D (design or pattern), E ('elbow' shape), F (foliation), G (droplets), H (horizontal division), K ('k'in'-related), L (Kaban-related), M (mirror/'shiny' marking), P (contrastive pair), Q (quadripartite), R (rolled/curled), S (spiral, twisted), T (gourd), U (U-shaped, crescent), V (vase, urn), W (plate), X (compound), Y (notched), Z (cartouche, multiple notches)

0 (followed by two numbers): Bar/dot numerals [000 = 'eroded']

1 Elongated, single element

subcategories: B (bundle), C ('kawak'), G (droplets), M (mirror/'shiny'), S (S-shape, curved), X (miscellaneous)

2 Elongated, two elements

subcategories: 2 (2 identical components), G (droplets), M (mixed), S (S-shape, curved)

3 Elongated, three or more elements

subcategories: 2 (2 identical components), 3 (3 identical components), M (mixed)



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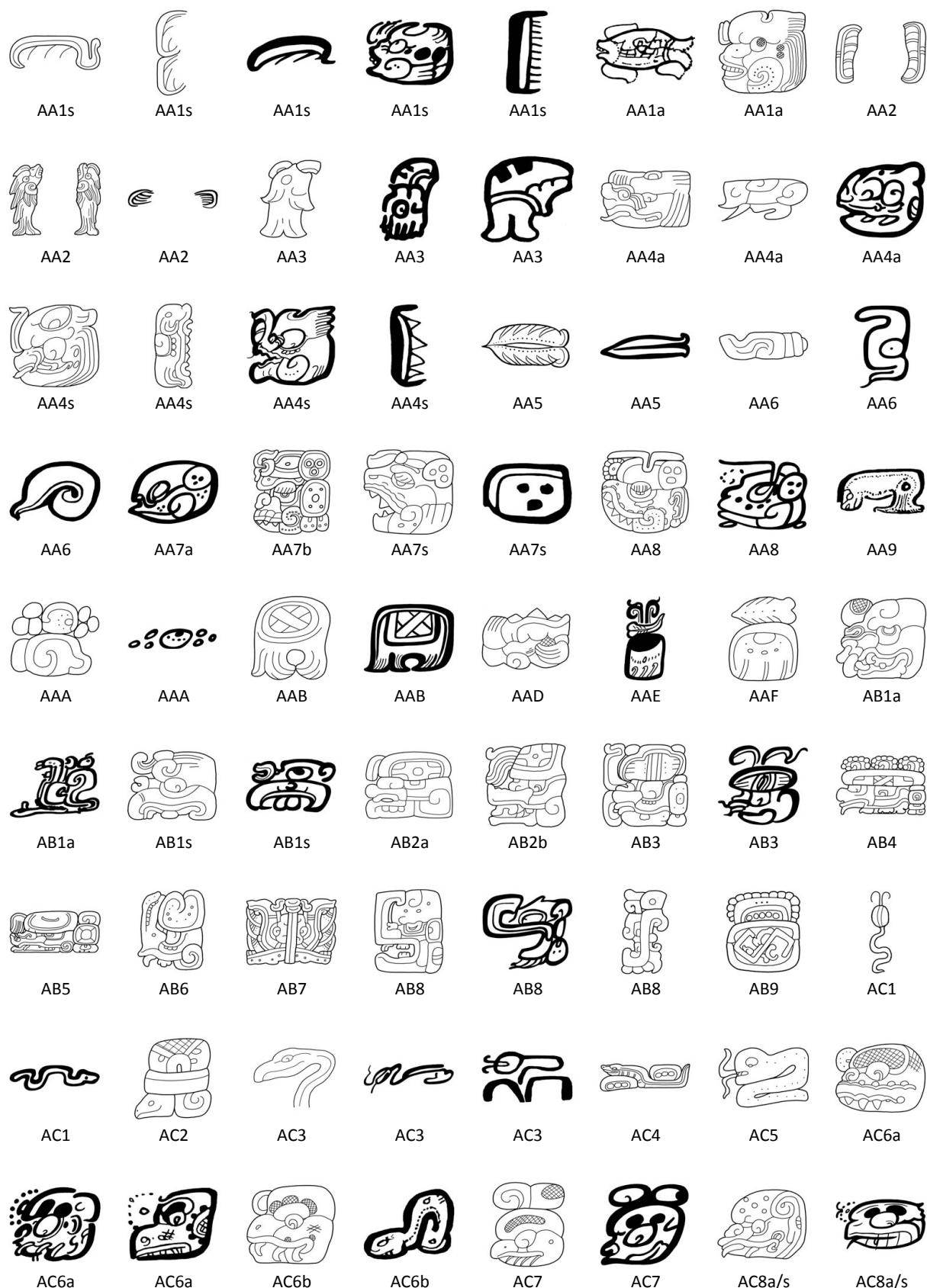
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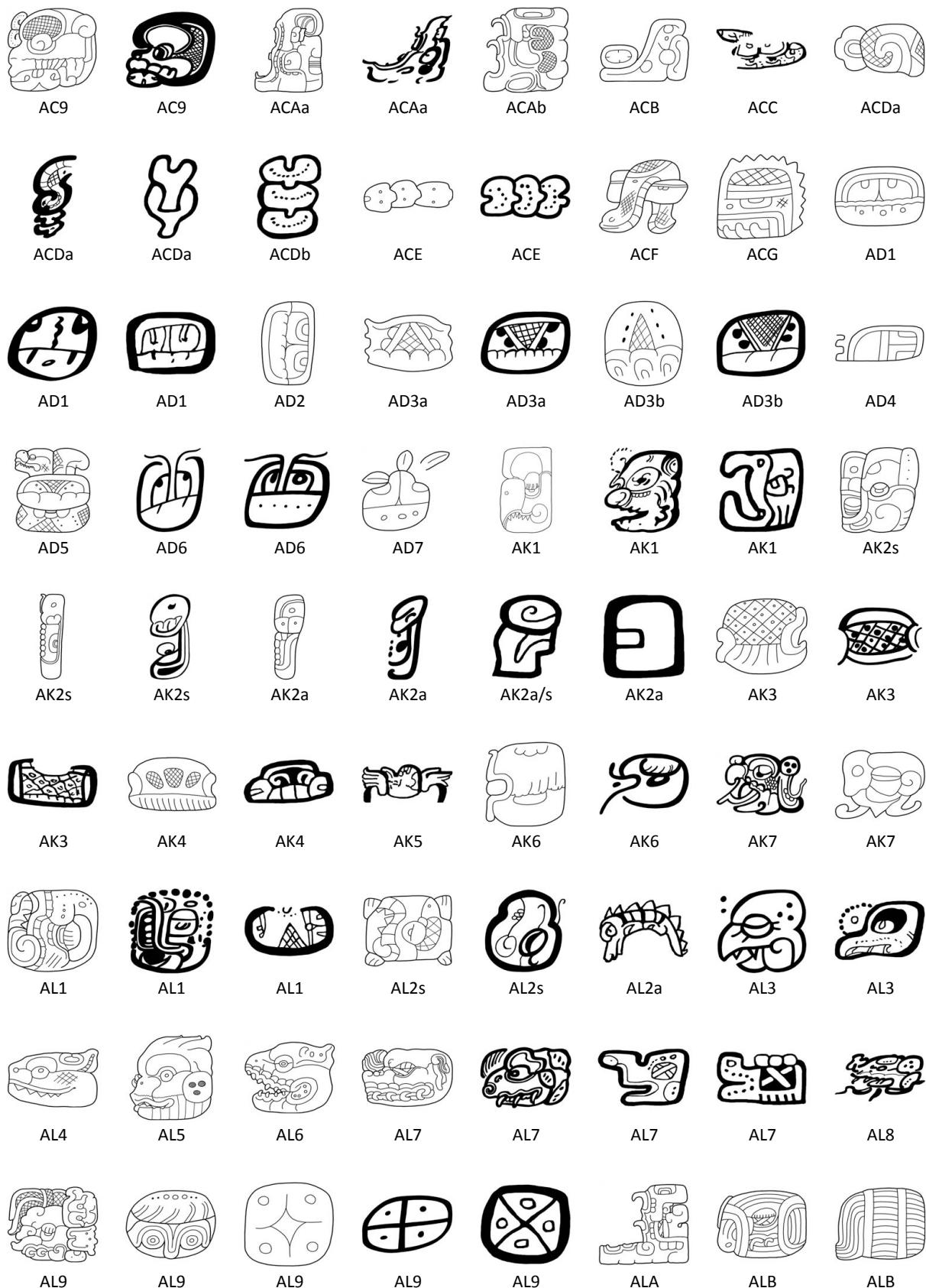
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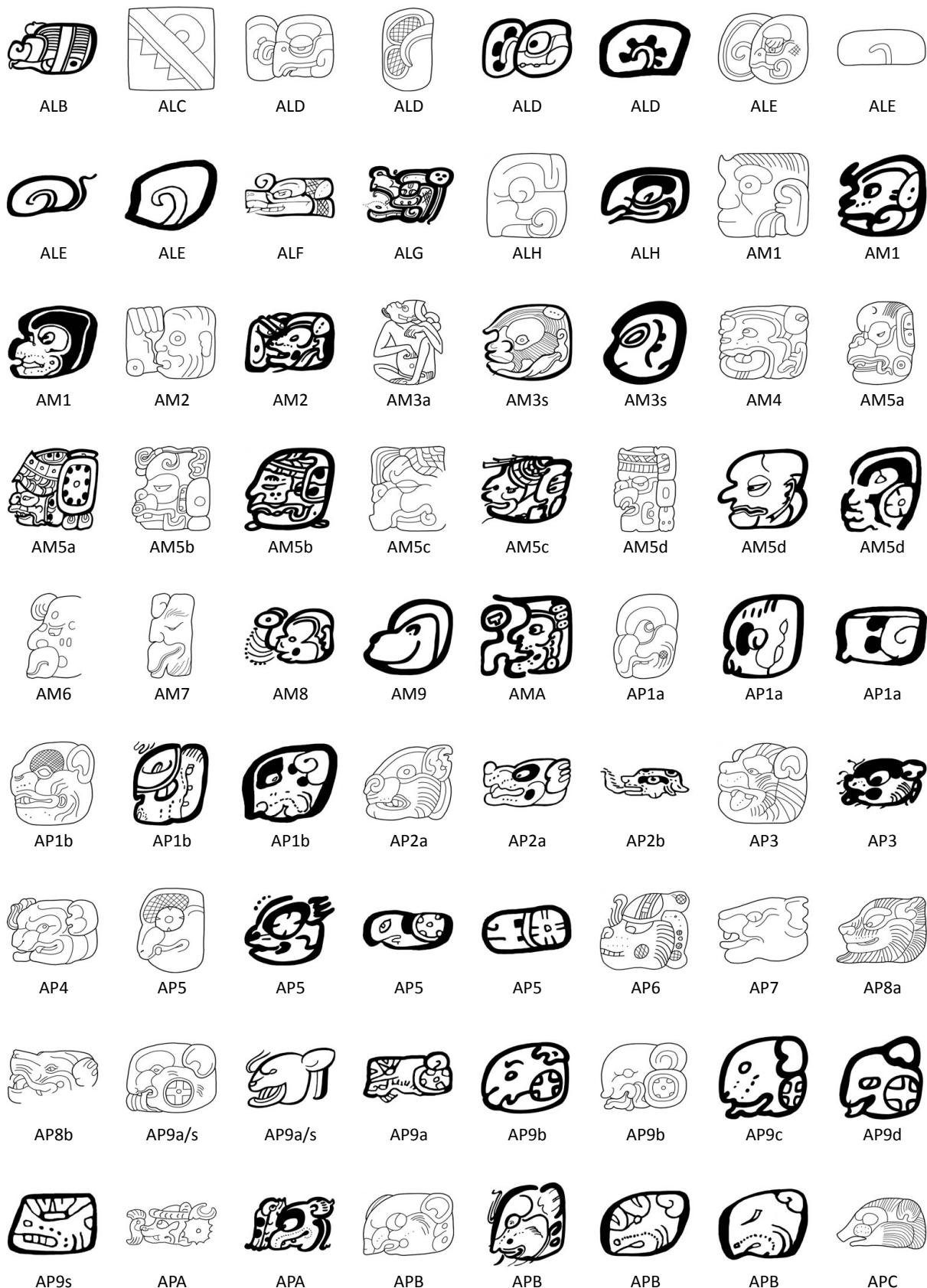
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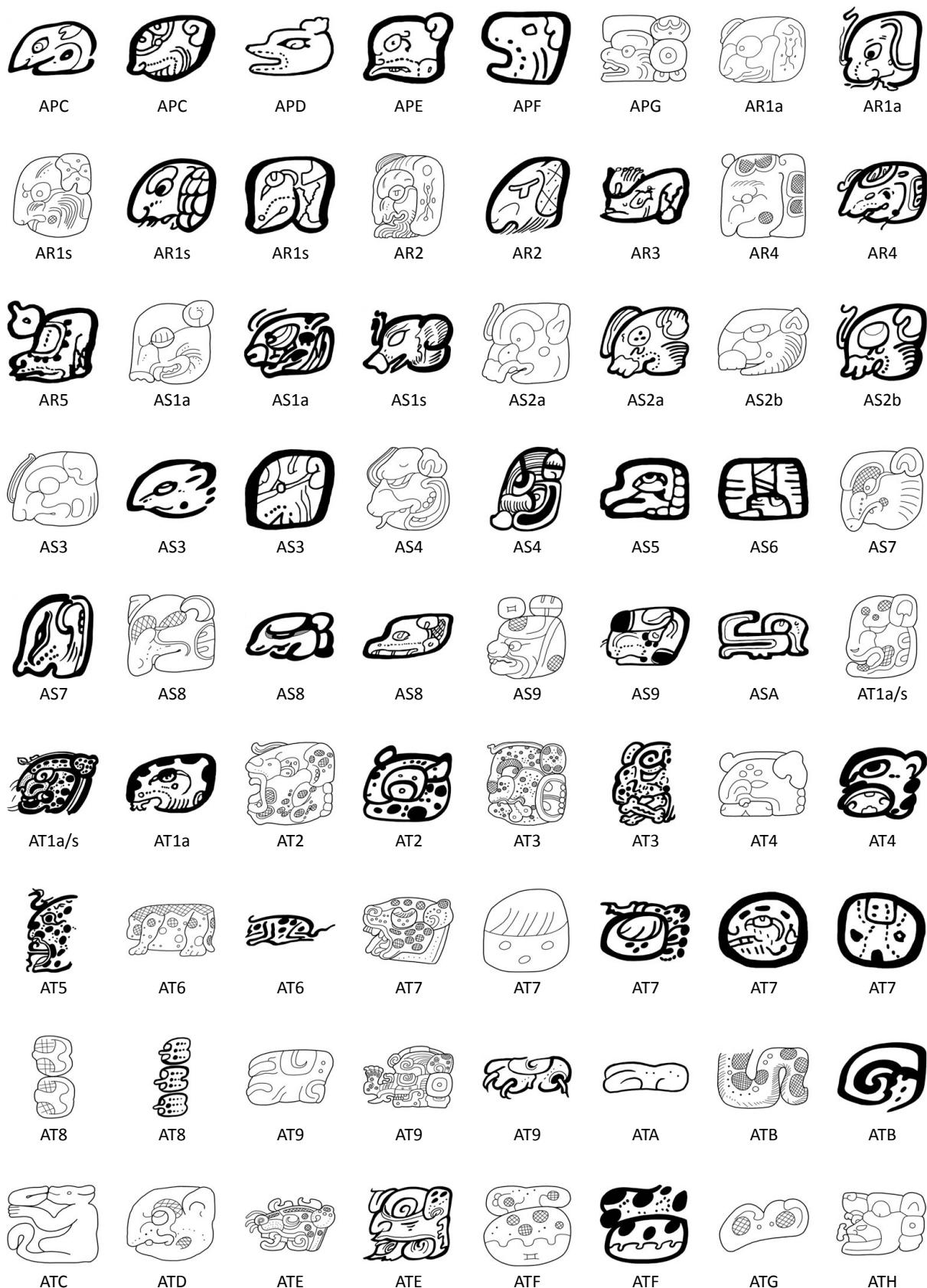
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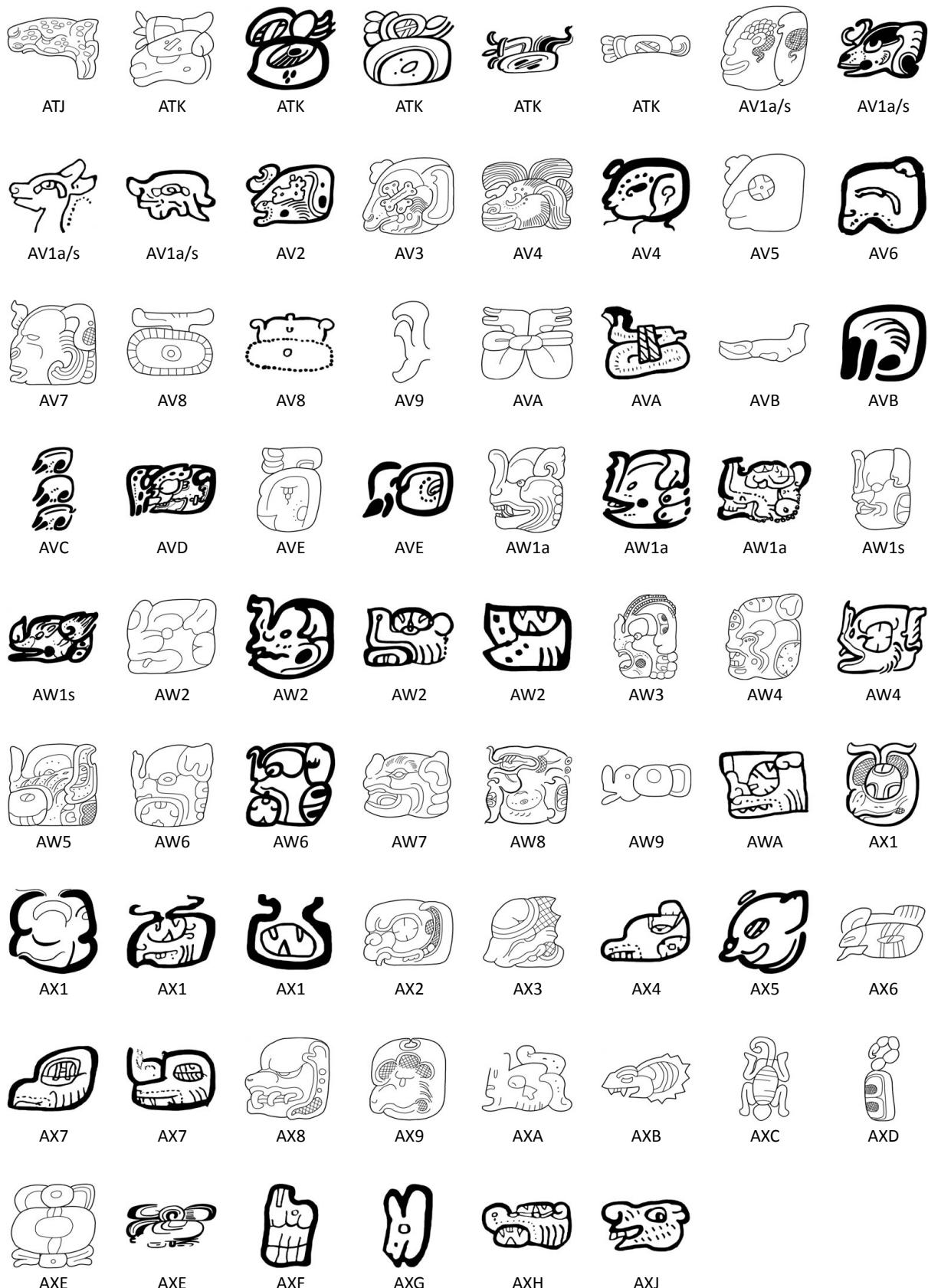
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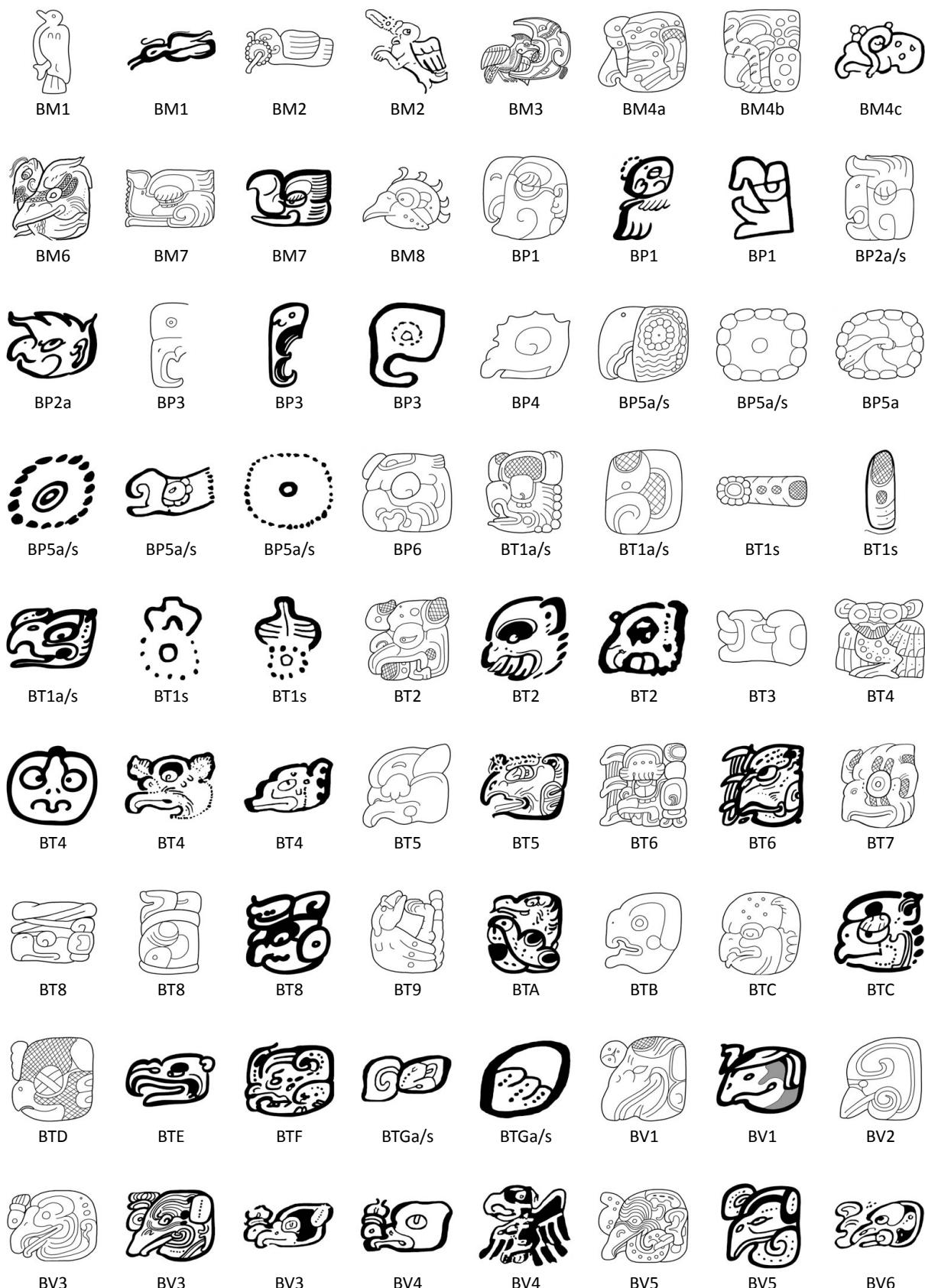
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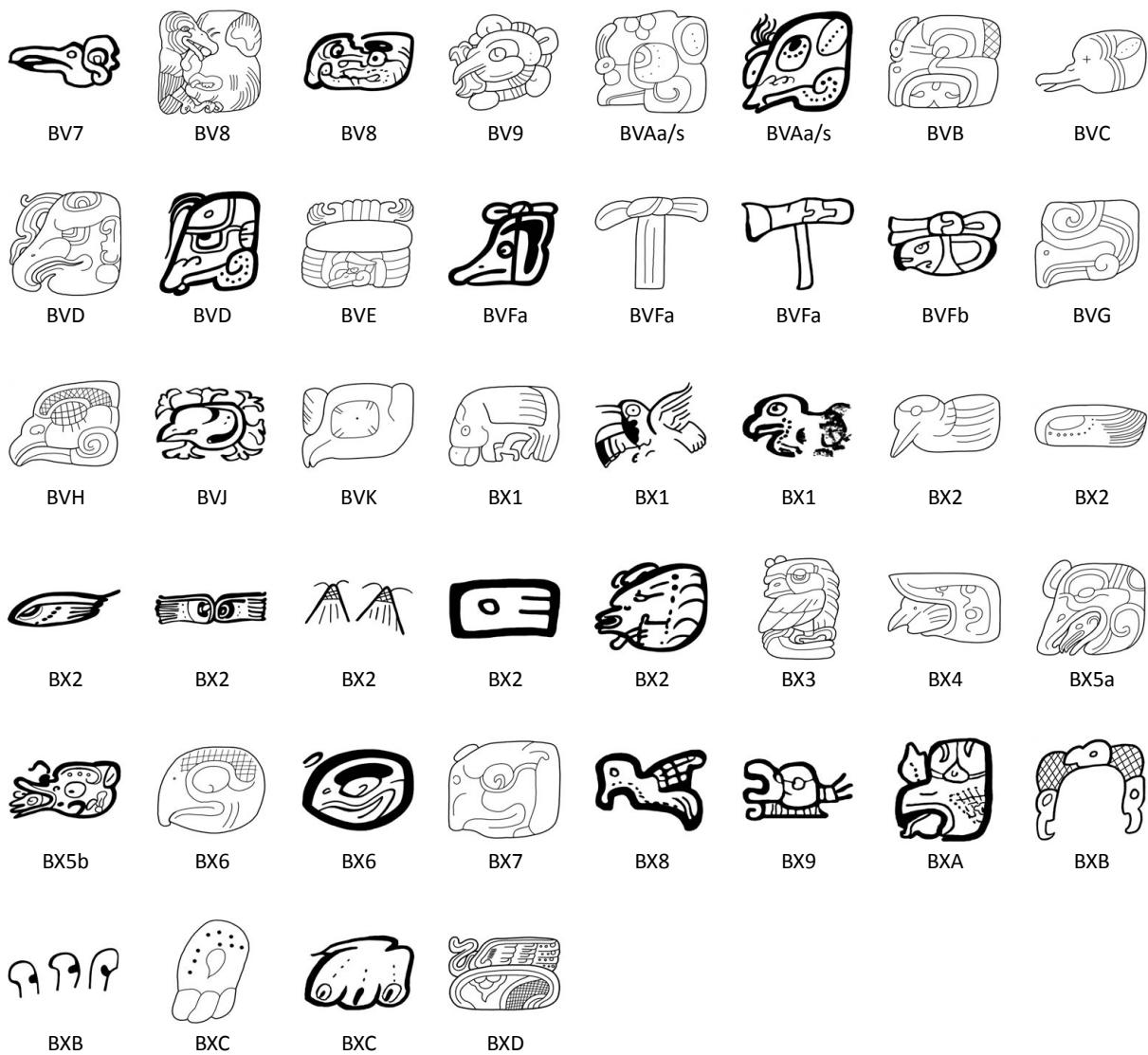
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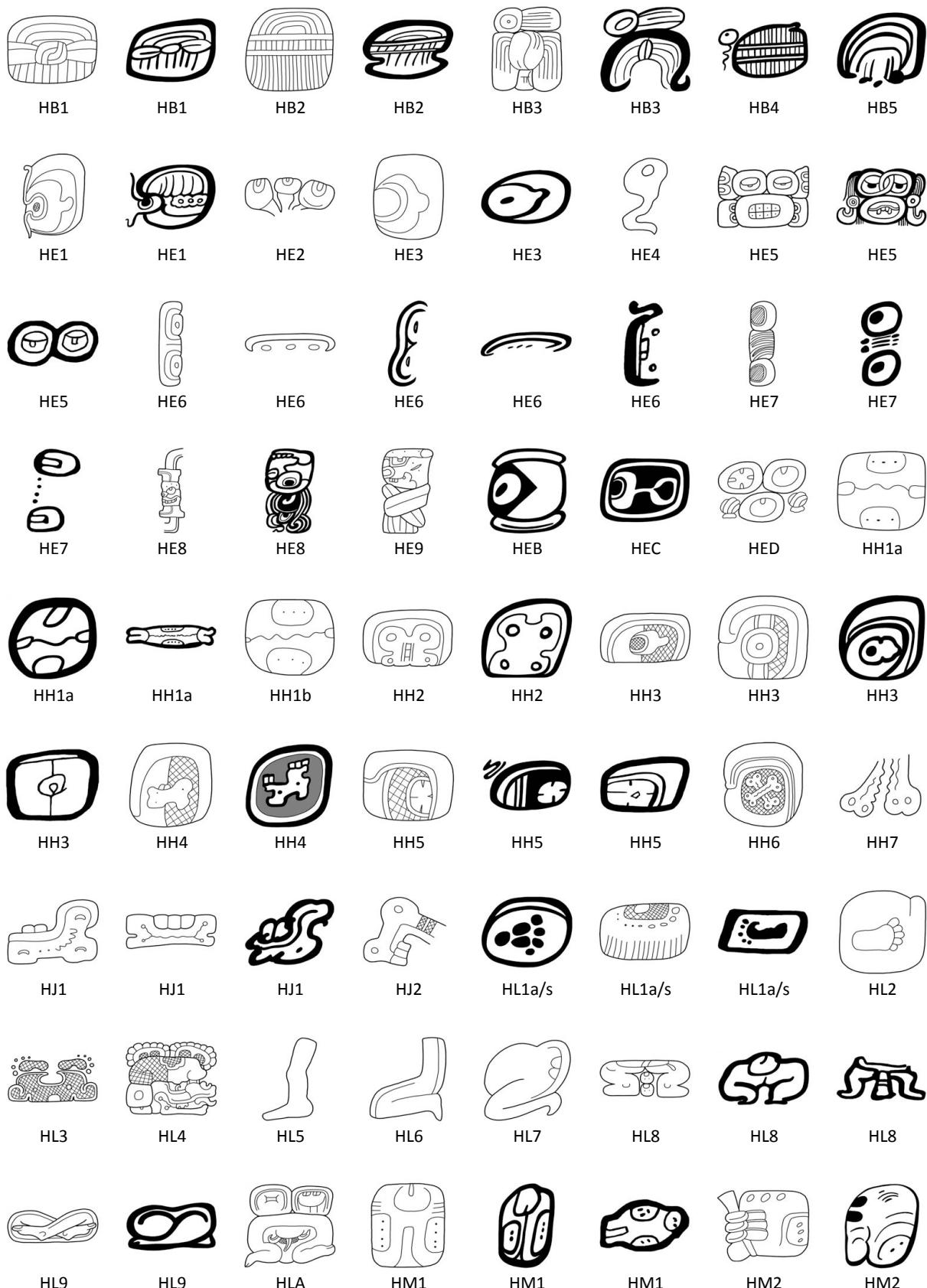
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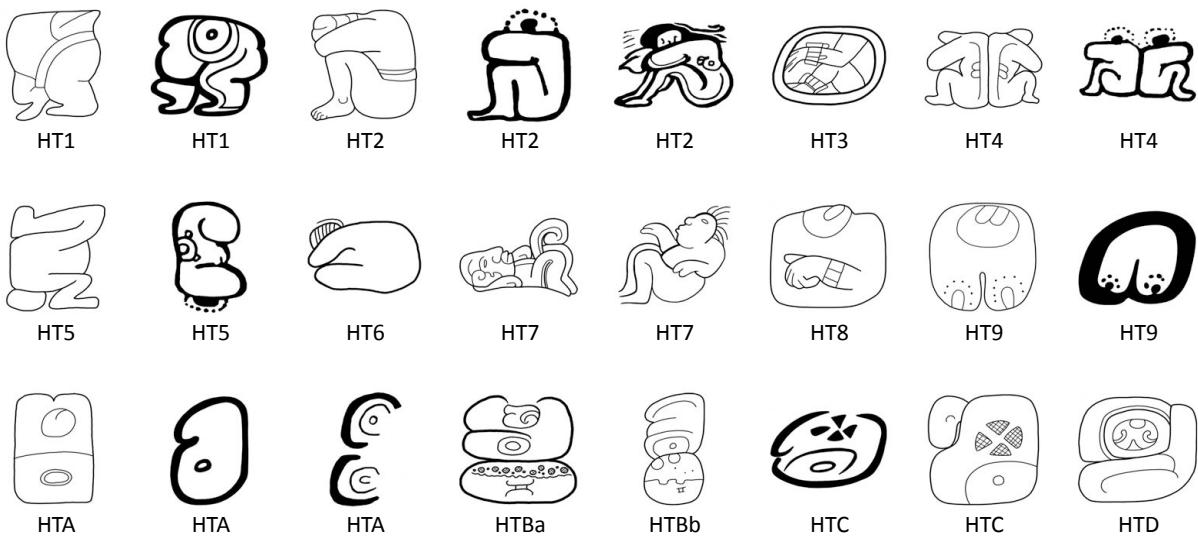
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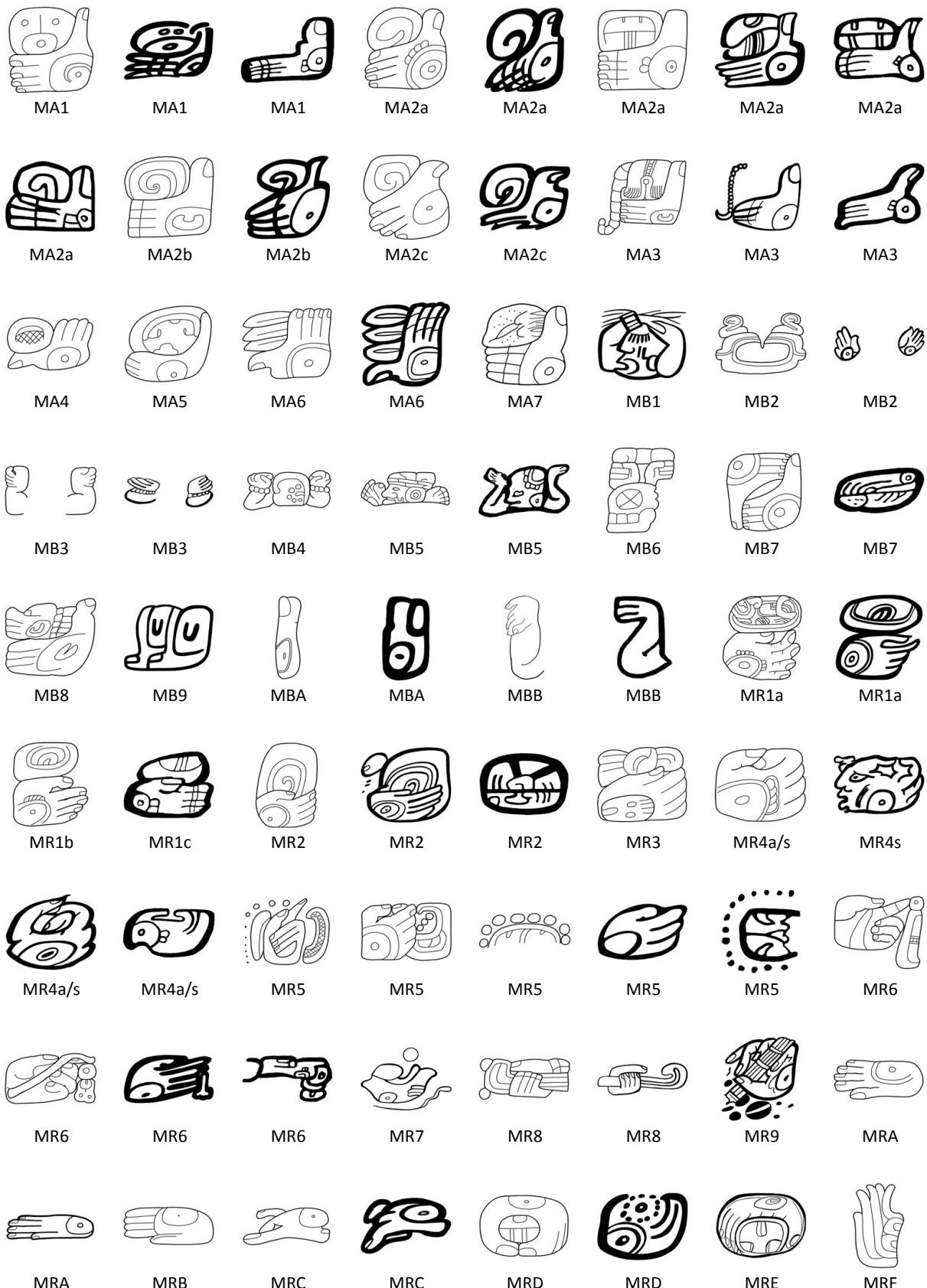
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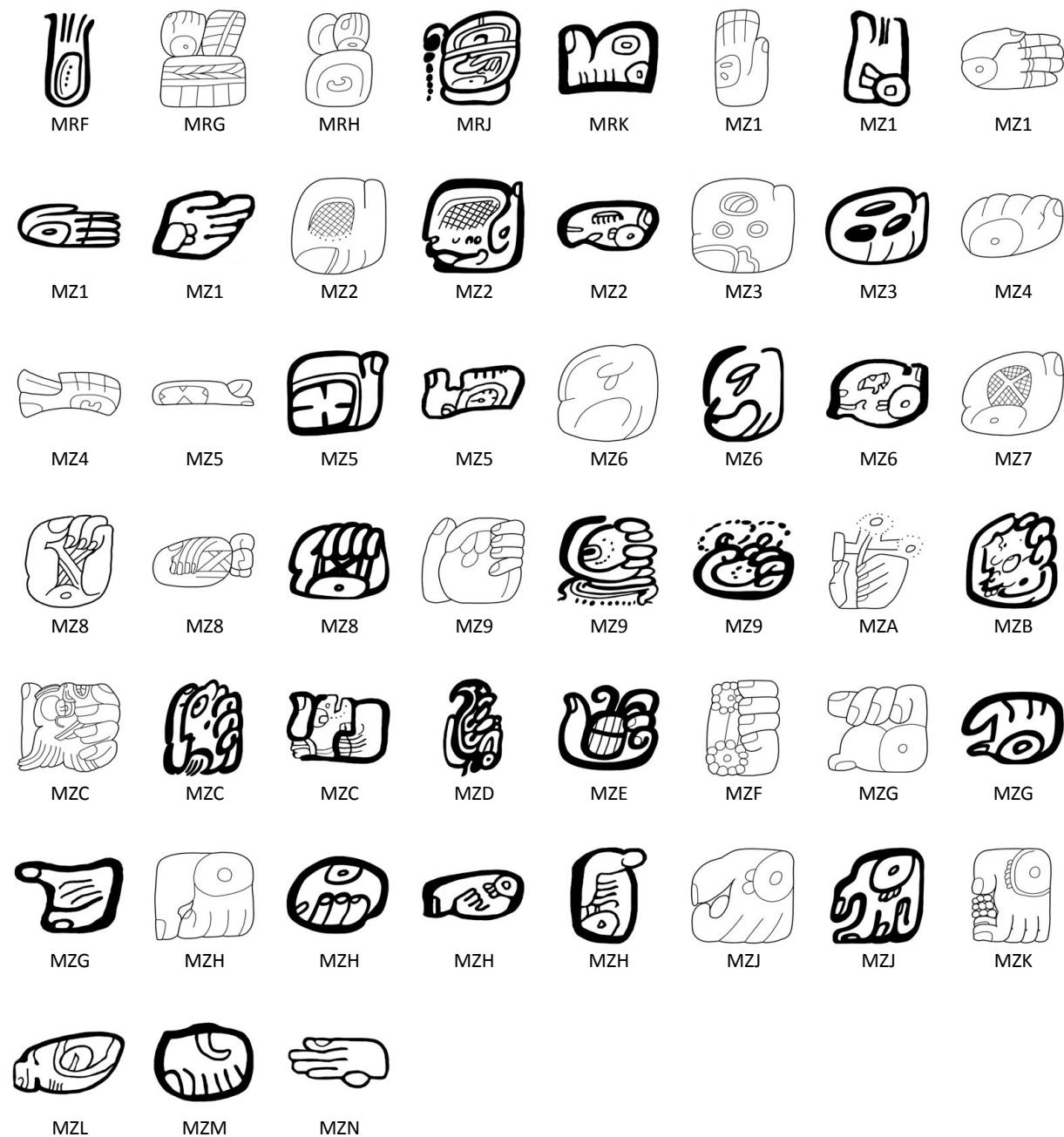
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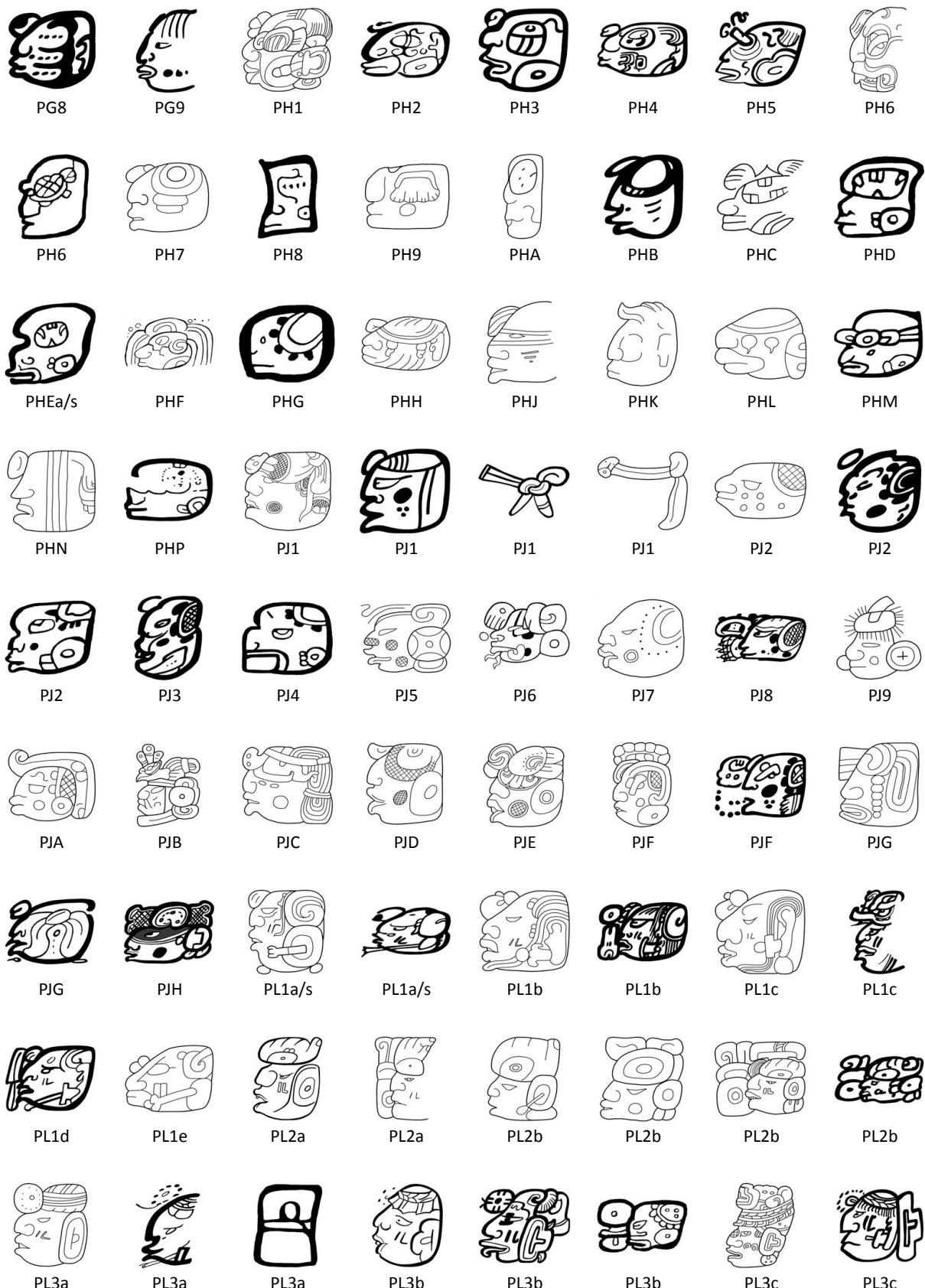
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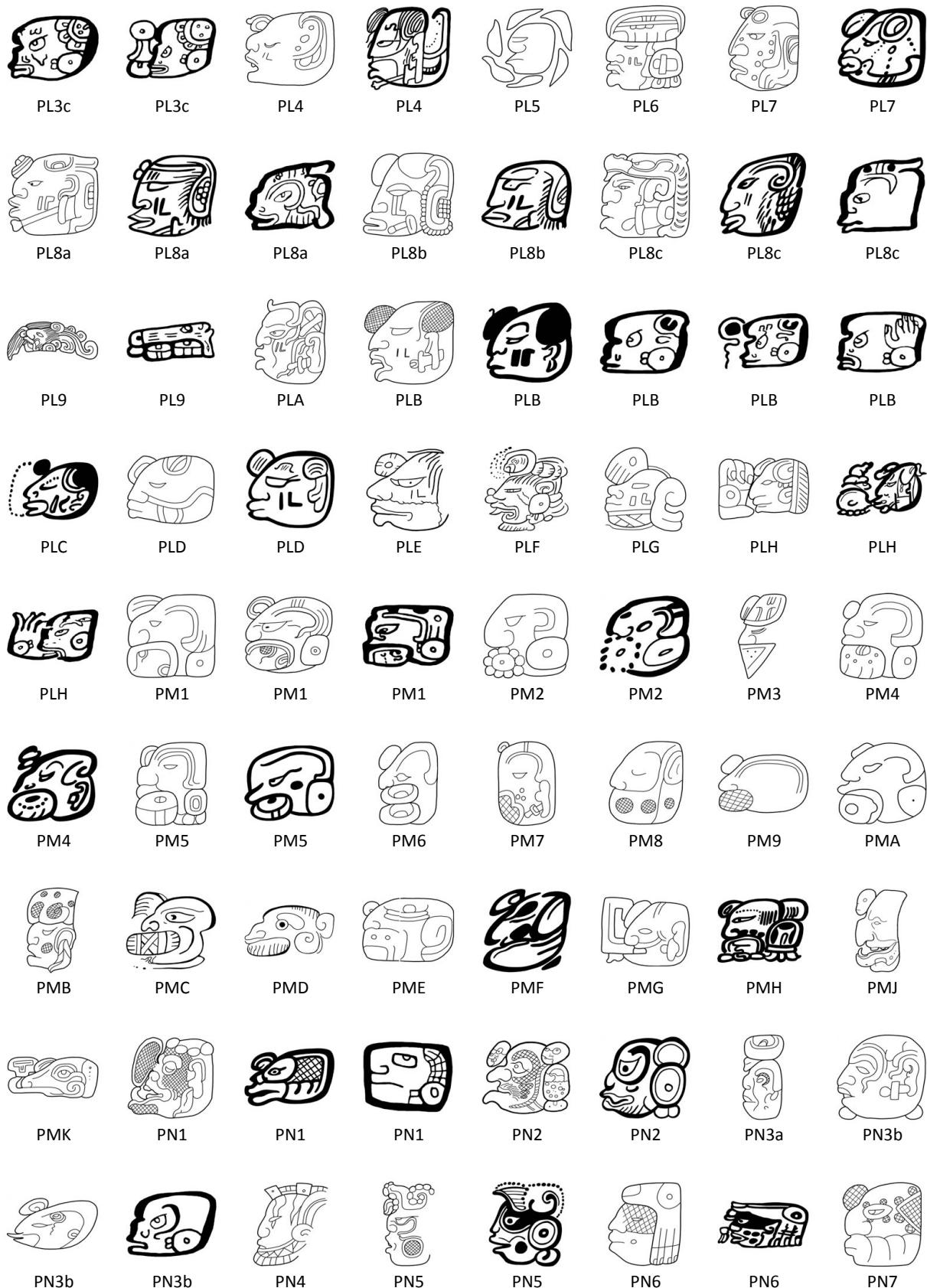
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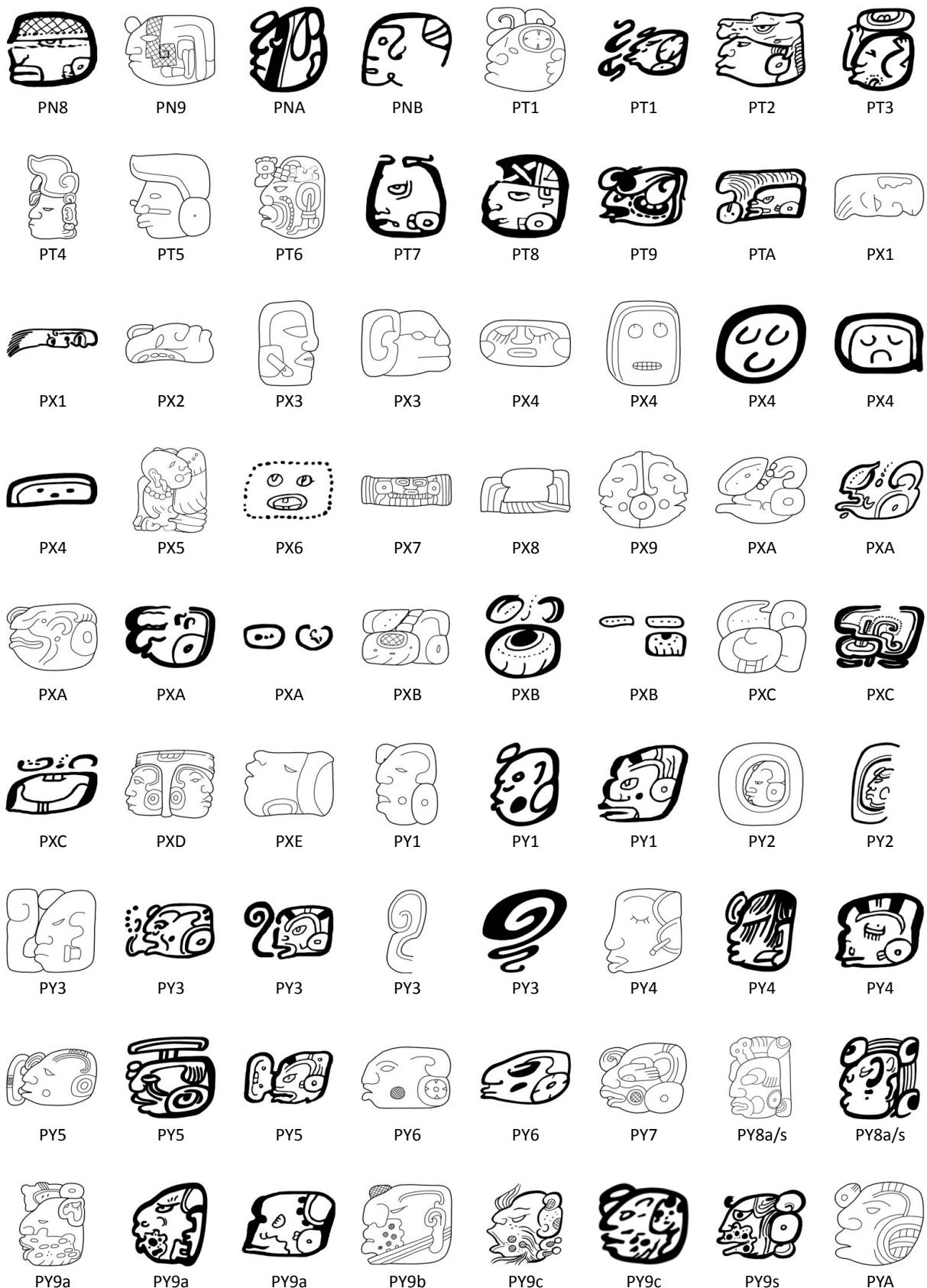
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Human faces



PYB



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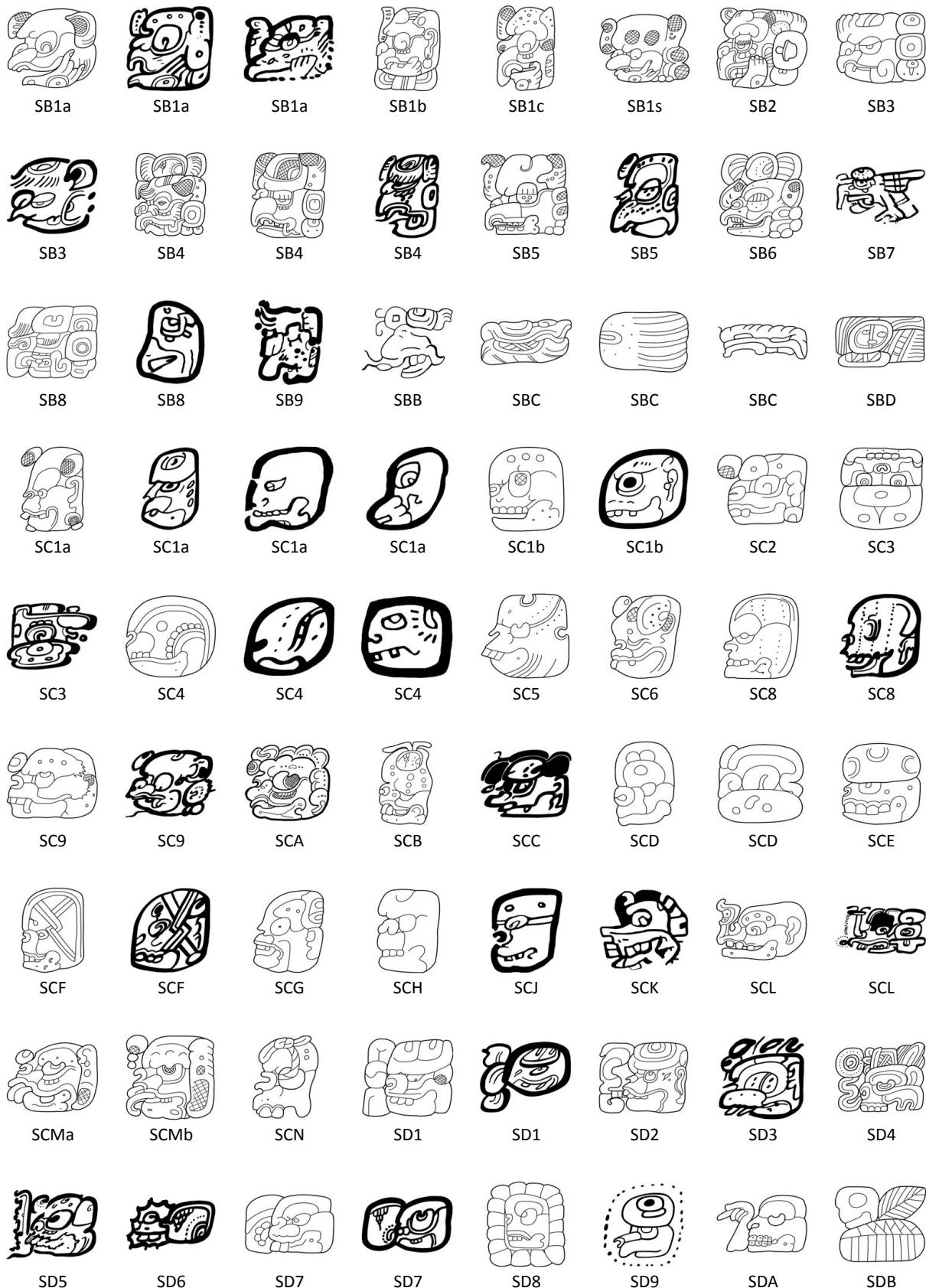


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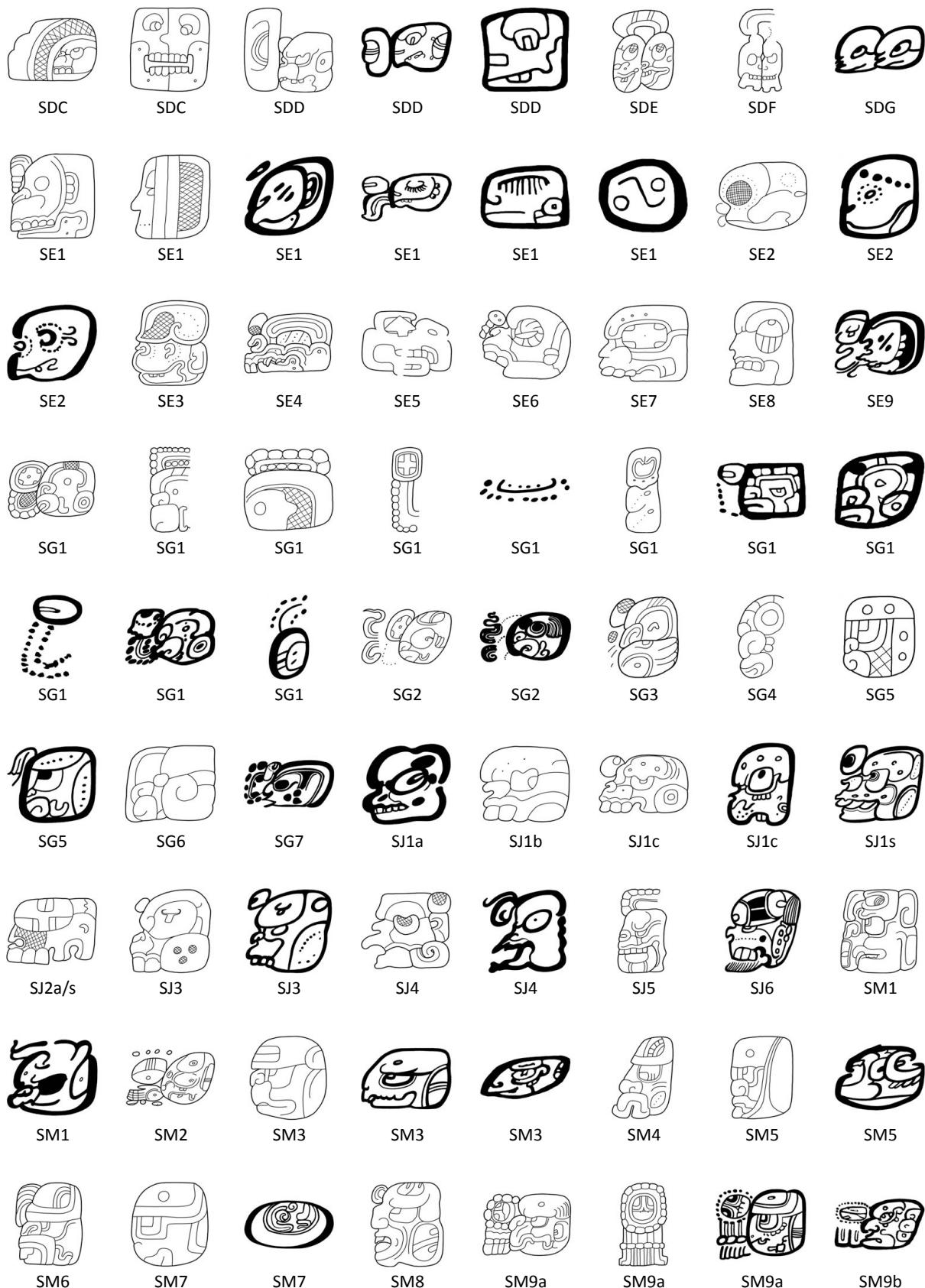


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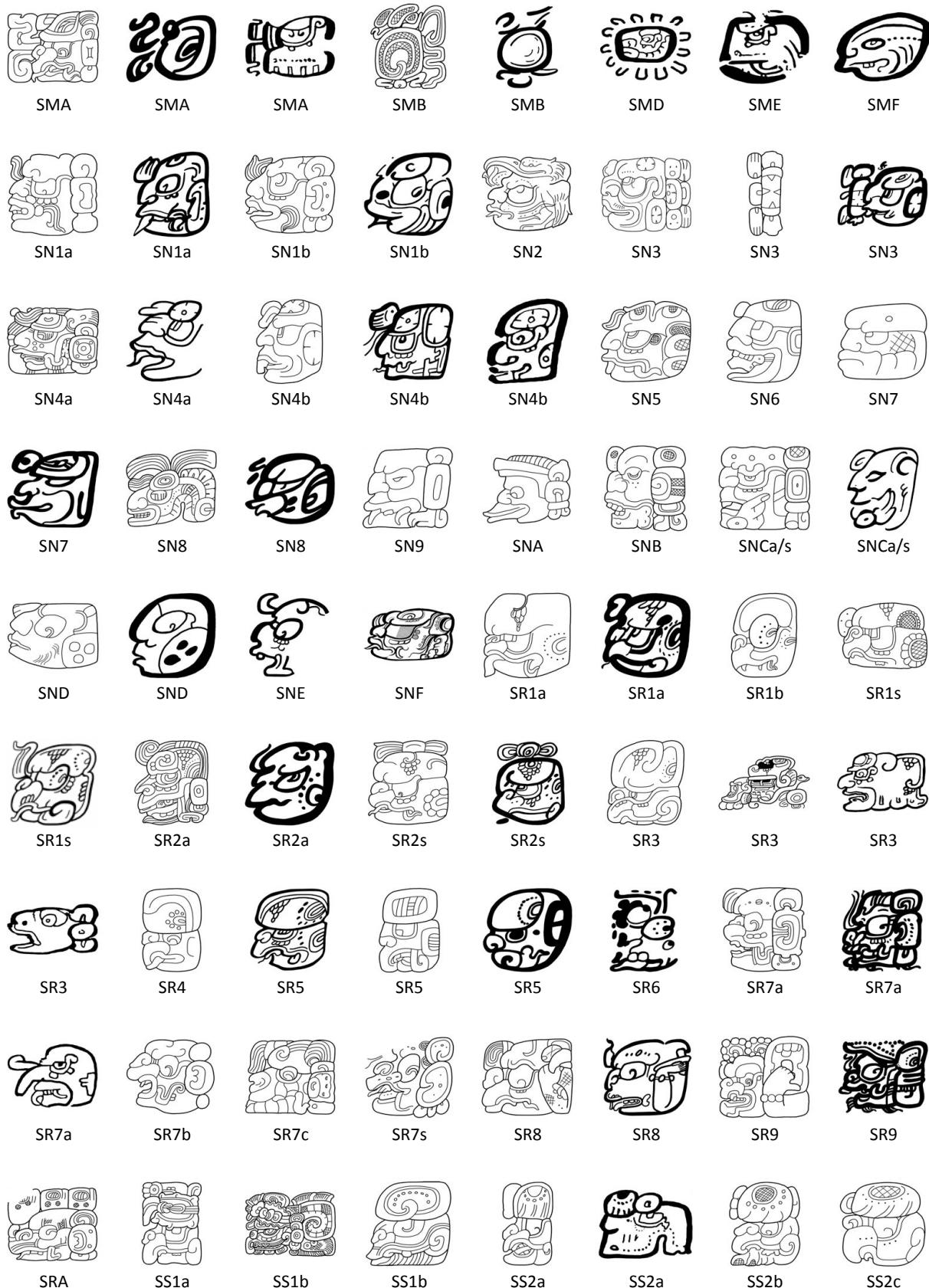
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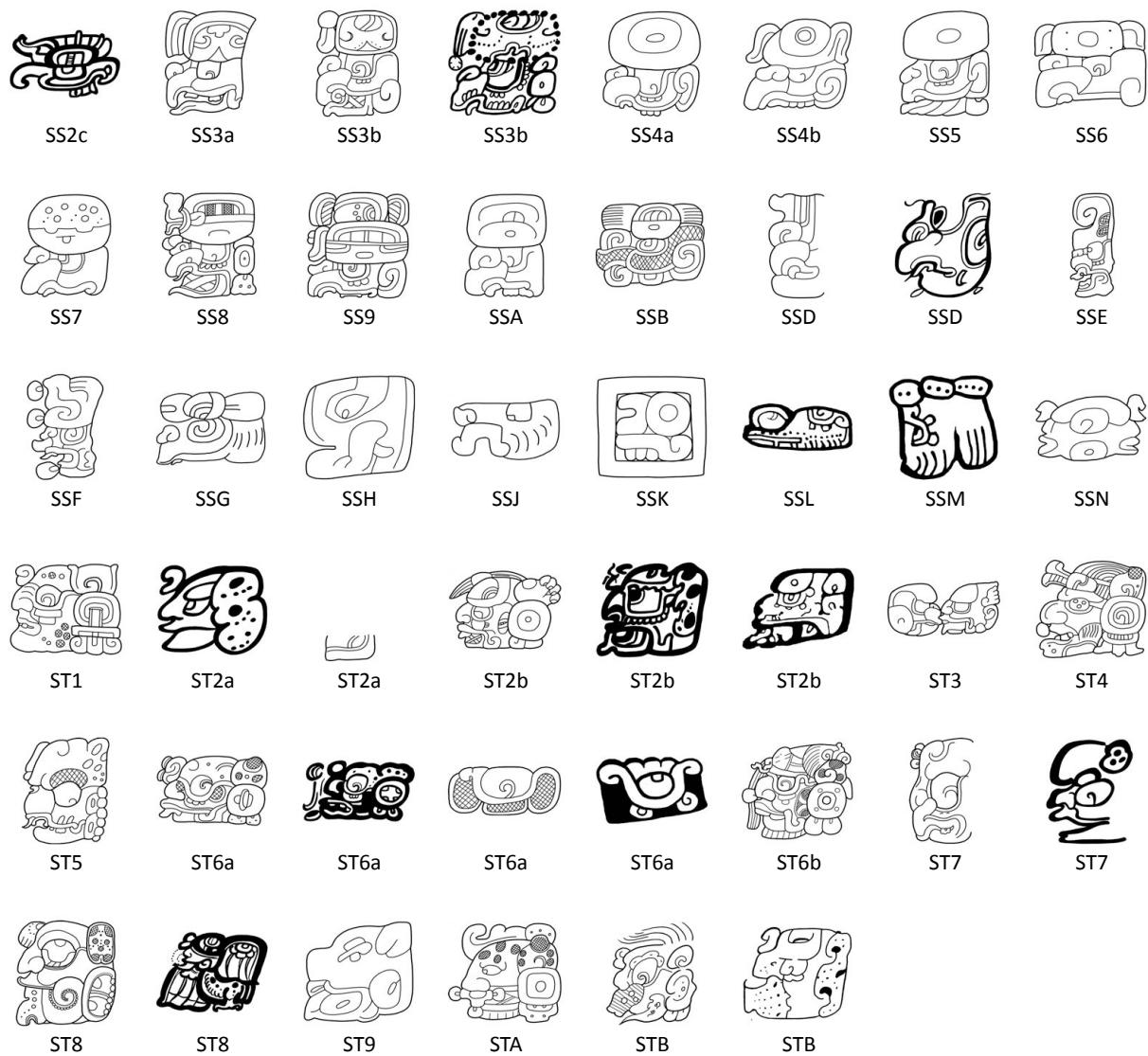
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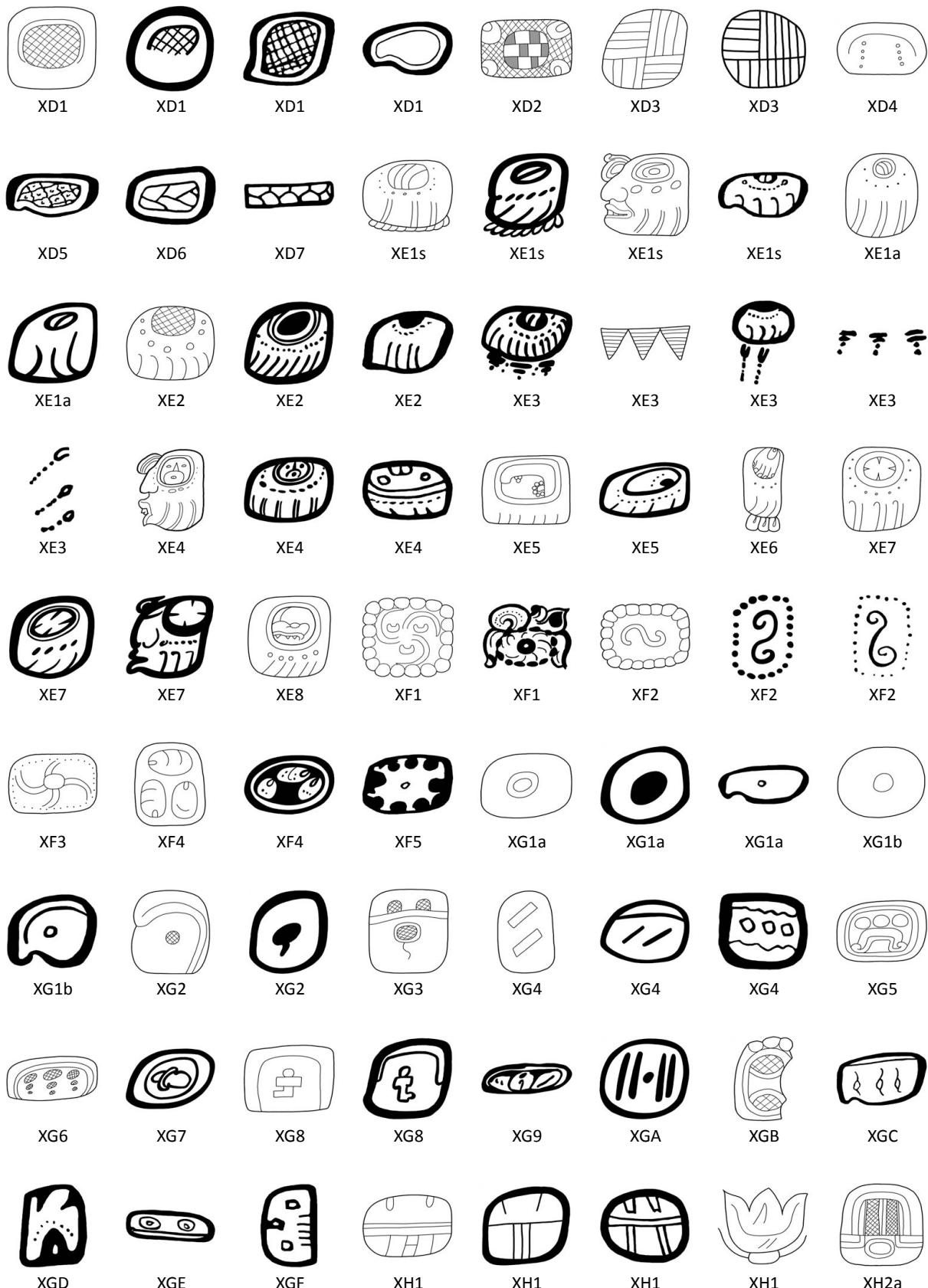
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Square and irregular signs



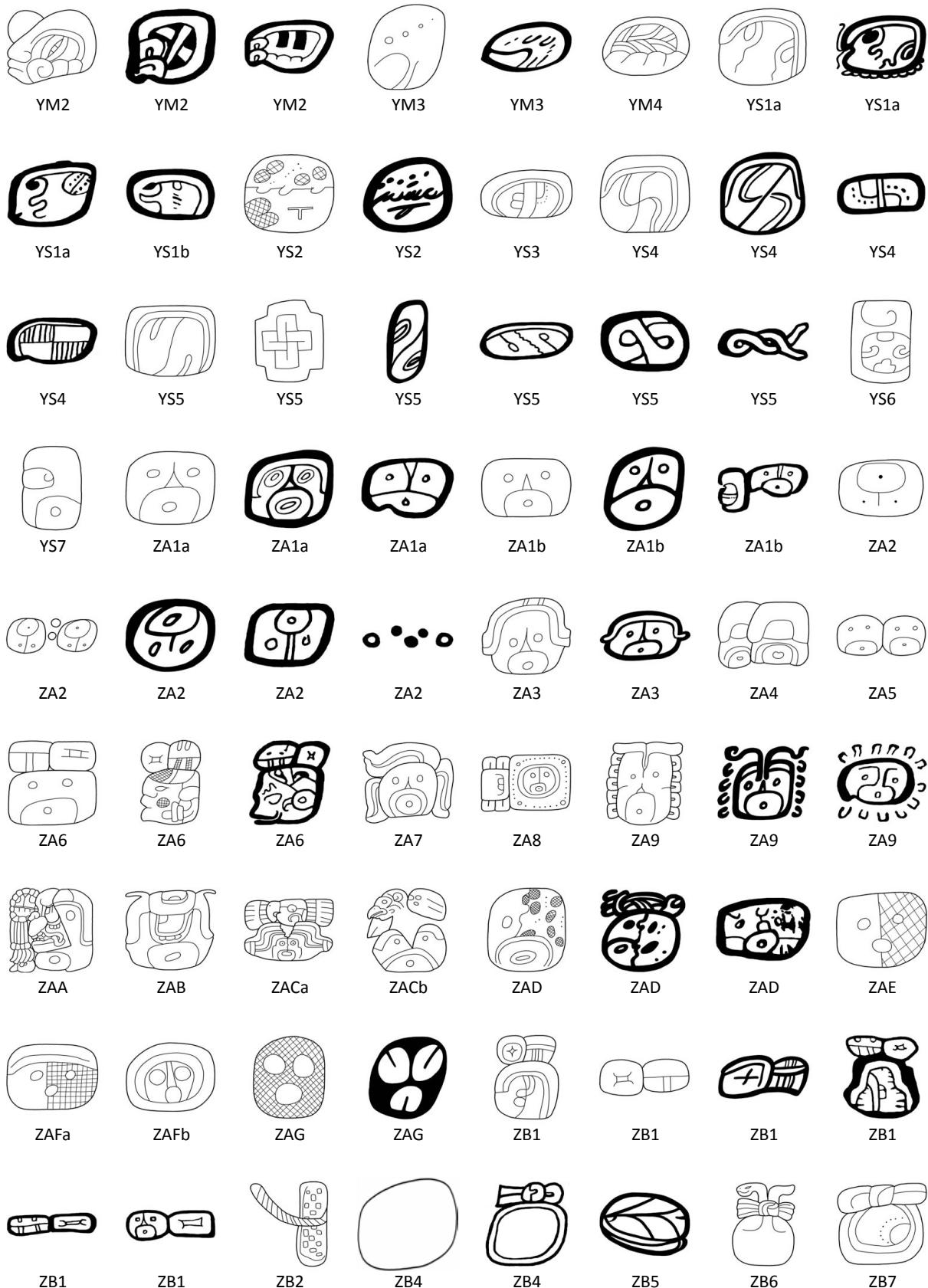
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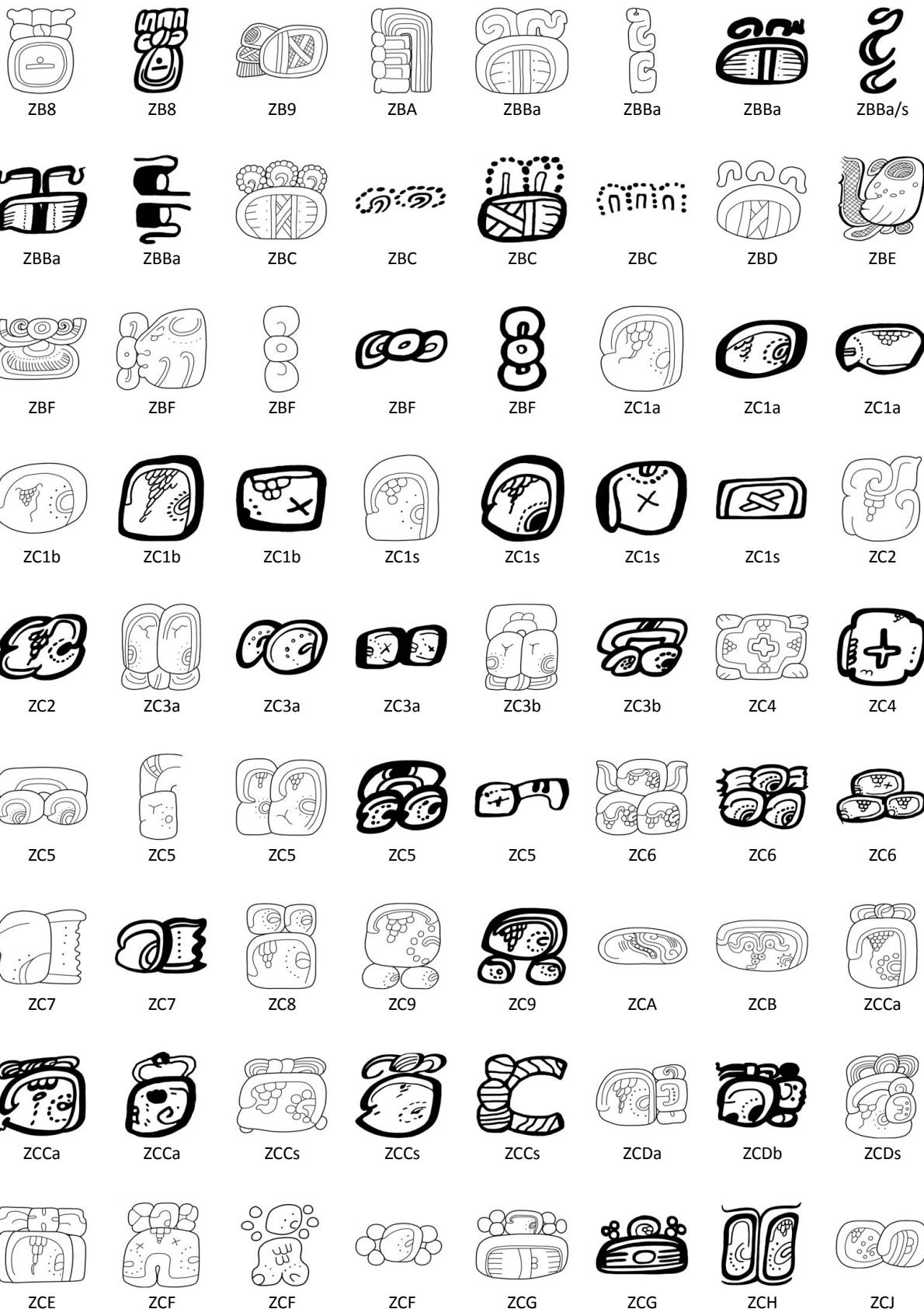
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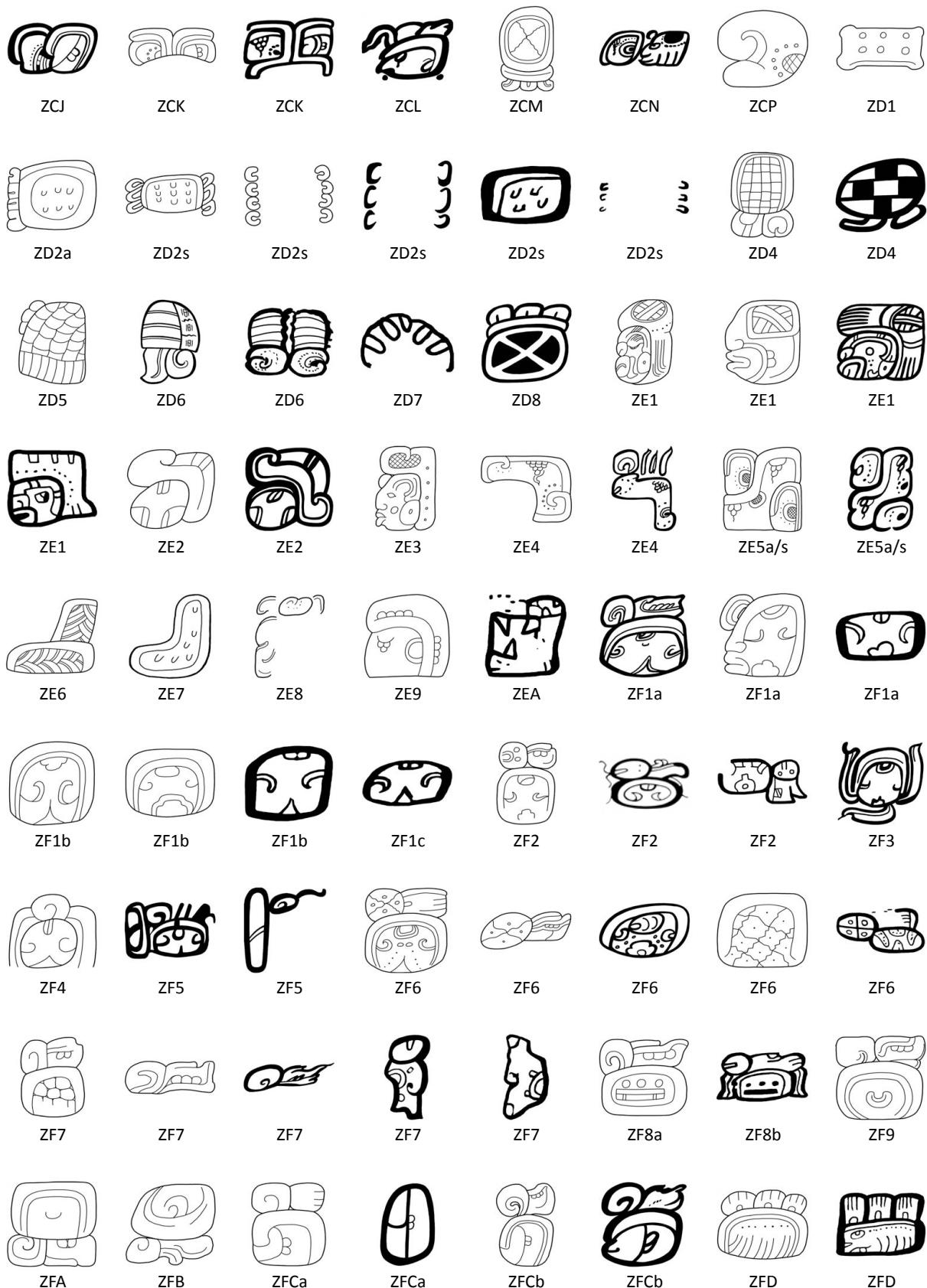
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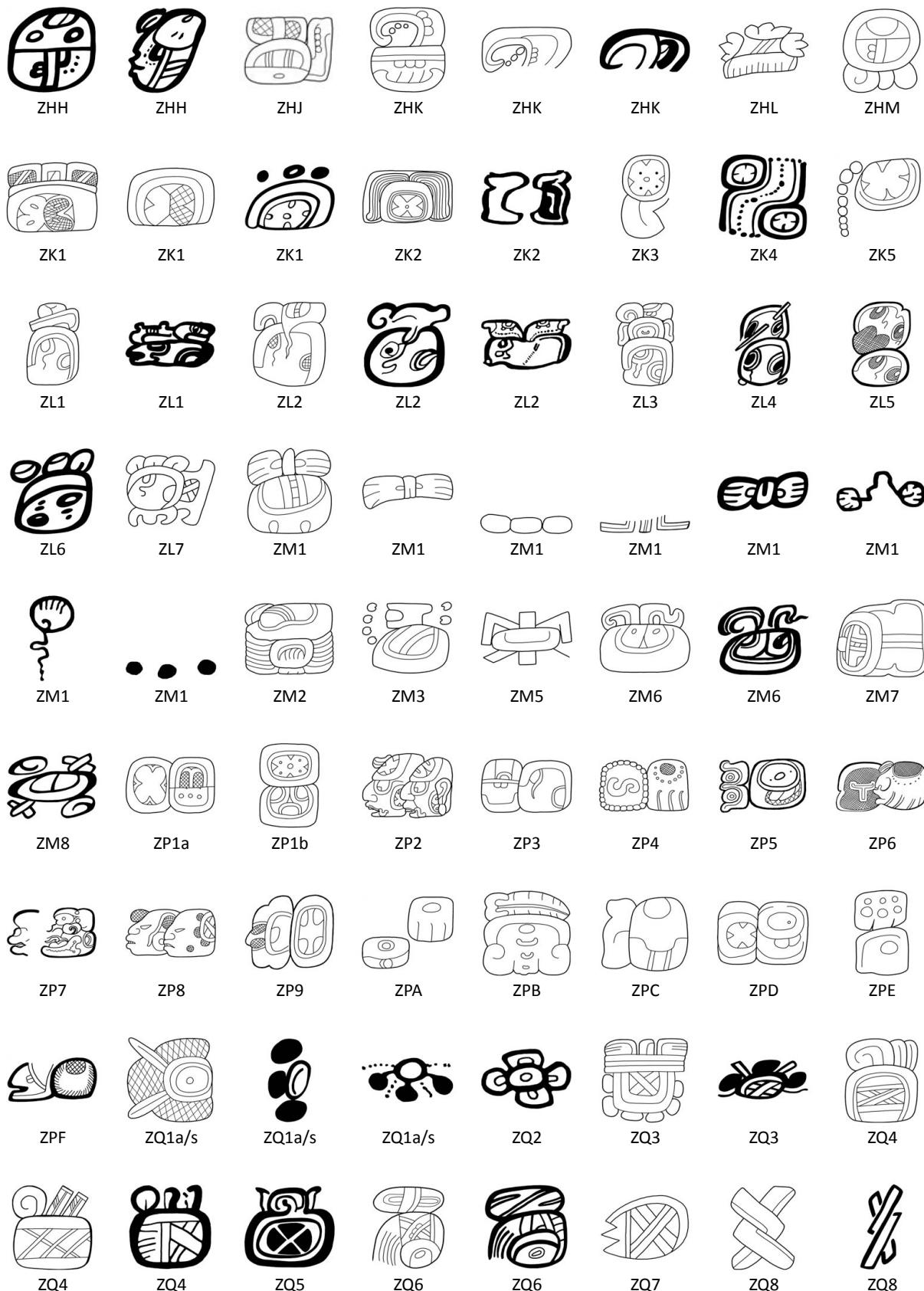
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Square and irregular signs



ZZ5



ZZ6



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ZZ9



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ZZA



ZZA



ZZB



ZZC



ZZC



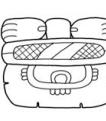
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ZZE



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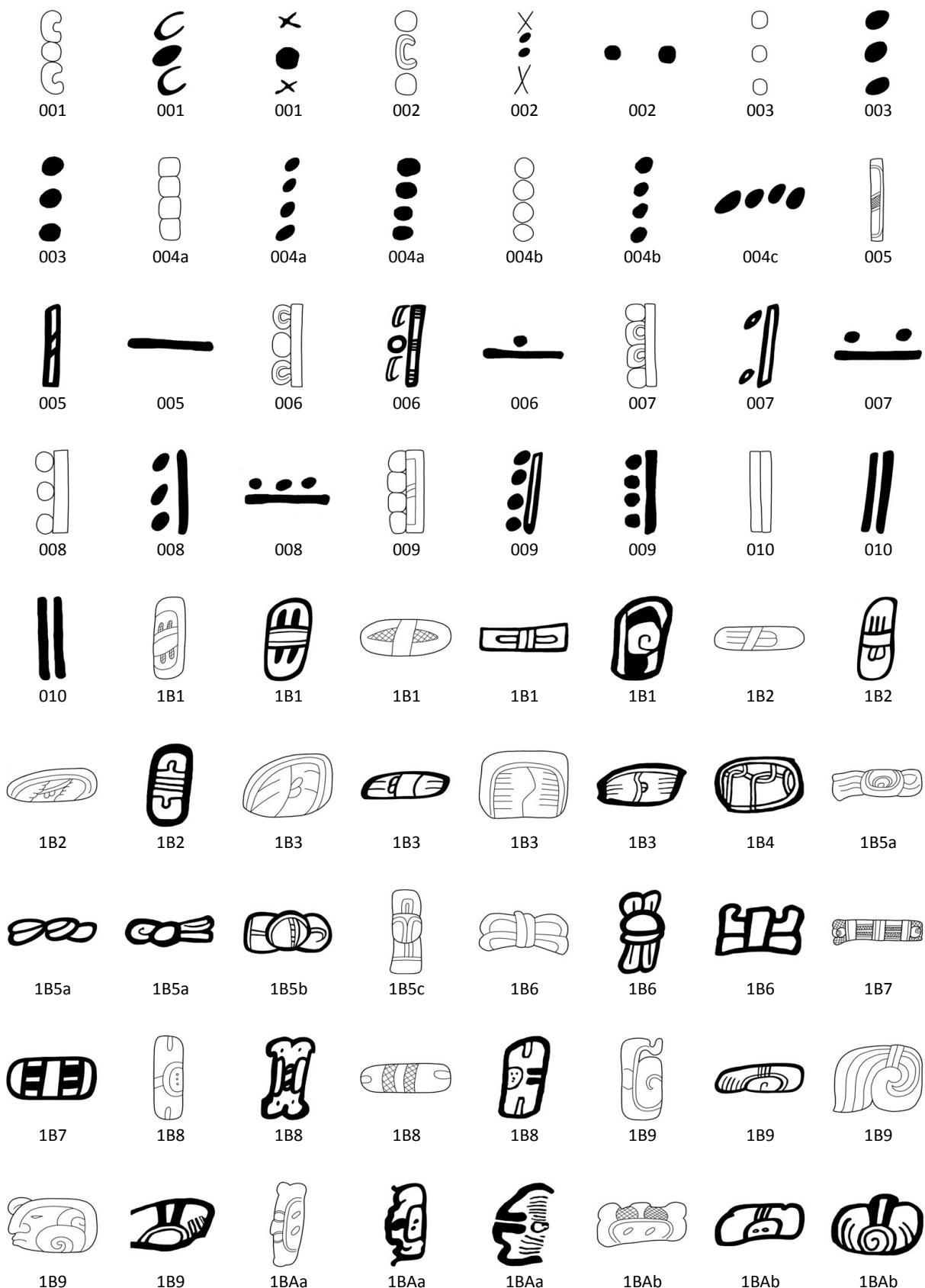


ZZF



ZZG

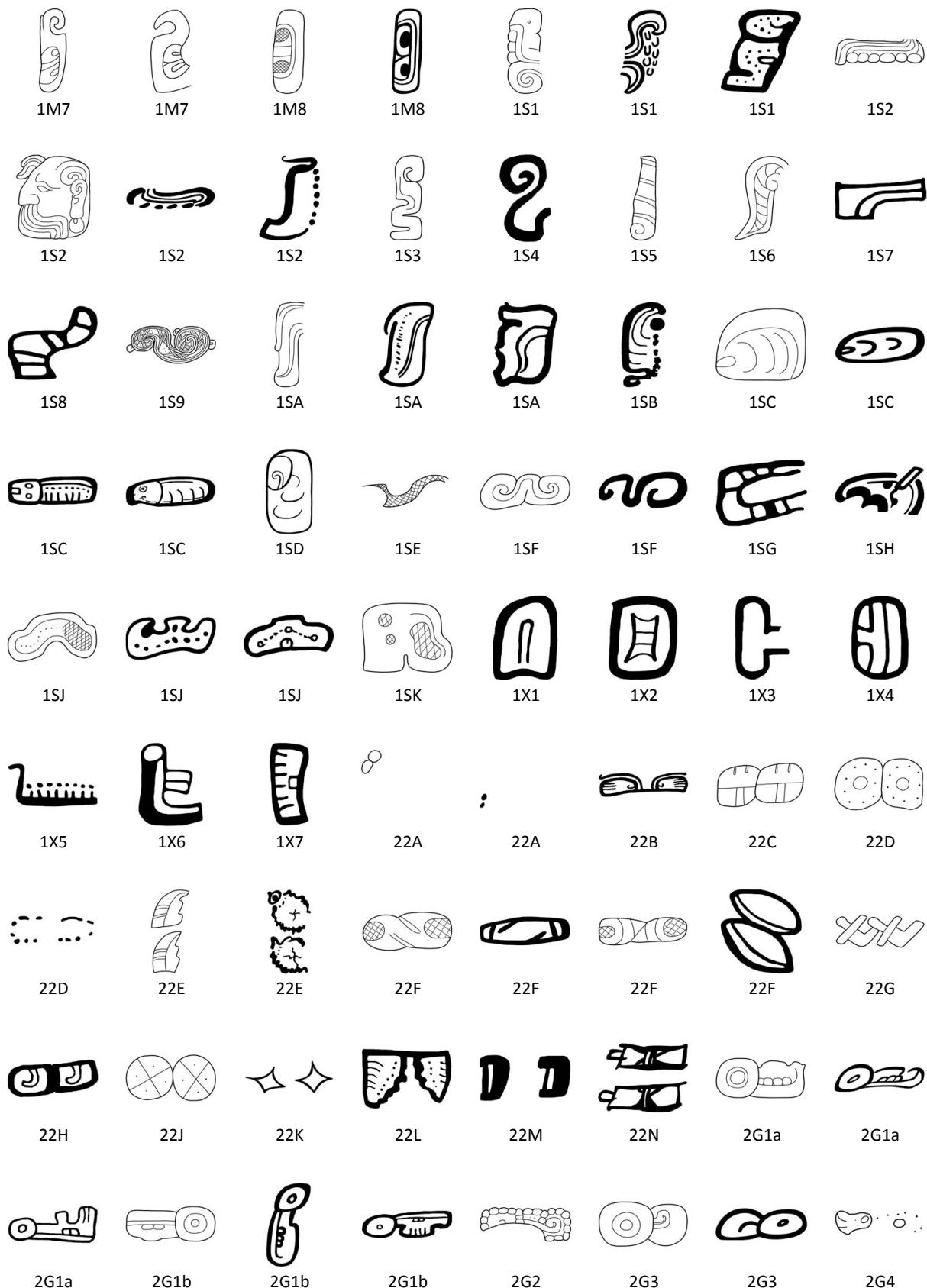
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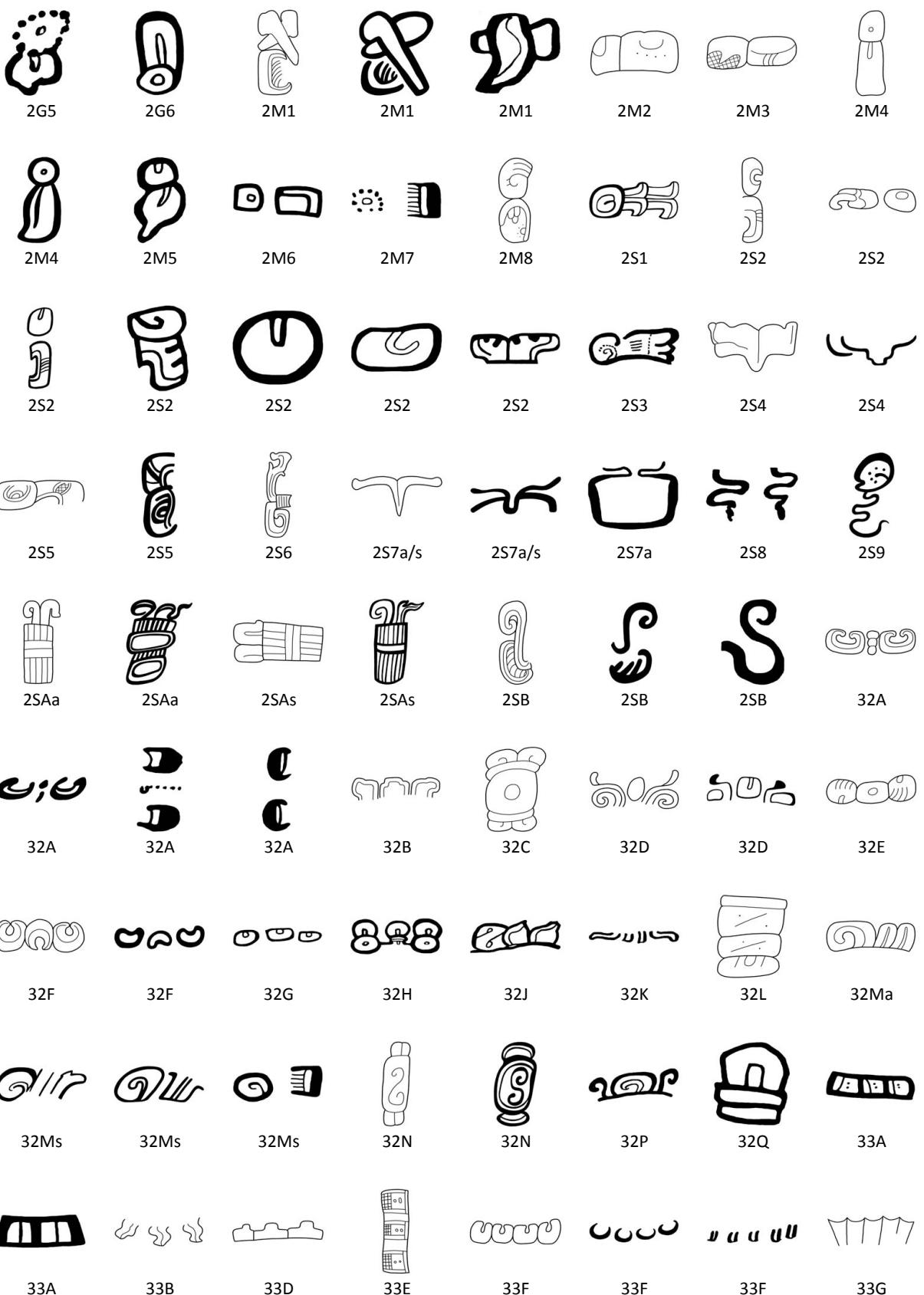
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Table 2. Thompson Number, Grapheme Code

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0008	1M4	0078d	2S3
0010	AA4	0079	ZY7
0011a	HE6	0080b	2M7
0011b	1G3	0082	1G5
0012	1G4	0083	1G5
0013	HE7	0084	ZF2
0014	SG1	0085	ZF7
0015a	AK2	0086	ZF7
0016	1BA	0087	2G1
0018	1B9	0088	1M1
0019	ALE	0089	3M4
0019v	2S2	0090	3M4
0020	32P	0091	3M4
0021	ALD	0093a-d	ZG1
0023	1G1	0095	XN1
0024	1M4	0096	1B1
0025	AA1	0097	2G6
0028	ZH1	0098	YS5
0029	ZX1	0098	ZS2
0030	3MB	0099	BT1
0031	3MB	0102	1B2
0036	SG1	0103a-f	1B1
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0038	SG1	0106	22F
0041	SG1	0108	AC7
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0062	ZBF	0126	32A
0063	PA1	0128	PXA
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Table 2. Thompson Number, Grapheme Code

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0155e	MA3	0221b	MZ4
0156	1GD	0221c	MZ5
0157b	ZUB	0222	MRG
0158	ZG3	0223	HL3
0159	AV8	0224	MBB
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0162	PXB	0227bc	HT2
0163	ZQ1	0229	AK2
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0175	MB4	0242	XHH
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0177	ZC5	0244	ZF6
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0181	ZU1	0249	ZL2
0182	ZV1	0250	1GD
0184	SN3	0251	33A
0186	ZCC	0252	33A
0187	ZE1	0255	ZM1
0188	1SC	0256	2S2
0190	2M1	0257	1C1
0192ab	XD7	0266a	1G6
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0280	BT1	0510cd	ZC4
0281	XQ1	0511	XG1
0282	3MD	0512	ZY8
0283	XV4	0513	YG2
0284	2M3	0514	ZZ7
0285	ZHA	0515	ZYA
0287	HE5	0516ab	YG3
0291ab	AV9	0516c	YG2
0291c	1S5	0518ab	ZB1
0294	AVB	0519	HM1
0295	22H	0520	XS3
0296	BT1	0521	ZF1
0297	22E	0523	XS3
0298	HTA	0524	AT7
0299	2S7	0525	XH8
0300	ZB1	0526	YS1
0301	HL1	0527	XQ8
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1030q	SR7	1084	SSG
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1031cd	SS8		
1032	SS3		
1033	SB1		