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every single human being
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Today's featured article


 **Robert Falcon Scott** (1868–1912) was a Royal Navy officer and explorer who led two expeditions to the Antarctic regions: the *Discovery Expedition*, 1901–04, and the ill-fated *Terra Nova Expedition*, 1910–13. During this second venture, Scott led a party of five which reached the *South Pole* on 17 January 1912, only to find that they had been preceded by *Roald Amundsen's* Norwegian expedition. On their return journey, Scott and his four comrades all perished from a combination of exhaustion, starvation and extreme cold. Following the news of his death, Scott became an iconic British hero, a status maintained for more than 50 years and reflected by the many permanent memorials erected across the nation. In the closing decades of the 20th century, however, in a more sceptical age, the legend was reassessed as attention focused on the causes of the disaster and the extent of Scott's personal culpability. From a previously unassailable position, Scott became a figure of controversy, with questions raised about his competence and character. Commentators in the 21st century have on the whole regarded Scott more positively, emphasising his personal bravery and stoicism while acknowledging his errors, but ascribing his expedition's fate primarily to misfortune. [\(more...\)](#)

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Did you know...

From Wikipedia's *newest articles*:

- ... that the *extinct stingray* *Heliobatis* (pictured) has been found with up to three stings on its tail?
- ... that *Oneida I*, by allowing *aboriginal title* claimants into federal court, "overturned *one hundred forty-three years of American law*"?
- ... that geneticist *Piotr Stonimski* joined with colleagues to organize support for scientists repressed during 1982–1983, the time of *martial law in Poland*?
- ... that *Taylor Swift's* song "*Speak Now*" was inspired by one of Swift's friends, whose high school sweetheart married another person?
- ... that *Biessensee* was the host *venue* for the *1936 Winter Olympics* for *speed skating* and some *ice hockey* matches, while the *bobsleigh* was located just south of the lake?



In the news


- The *Prime Minister* of *Barbados*, *David Thompson* (pictured), dies in office and is succeeded by *Freundel Stuart*.
- A collection of *391,832 classified field reports* from the *Iraq War* is released by *WikiLeaks*.
- The *government* of *Burma* announces the *adoption of a new national flag*.
- The discovery of the *galaxy* *UDFy-38135539*, the *most remote object* ever observed from *Earth*, is announced.
- The *United Kingdom coalition government* announces *£81 billion* of cuts following a *Comprehensive Spending* and *Defence Review*.
- The *Indian government* releases a *report* on the *2008 Mumbai attacks*, concluding that *Lashkar-e-Taiba* was supported by the *Pakistani intelligence service*.
- An *attack* on the *Chechen* parliament in *Grozny, Russia*, results in at least six deaths, leaving a further seventeen injured.
- Typhoon Megi*, one of the *strongest storms ever recorded*, makes landfall in the *Philippines*, killing at least 40 people and causing at least *\$195 million* worth of damage.

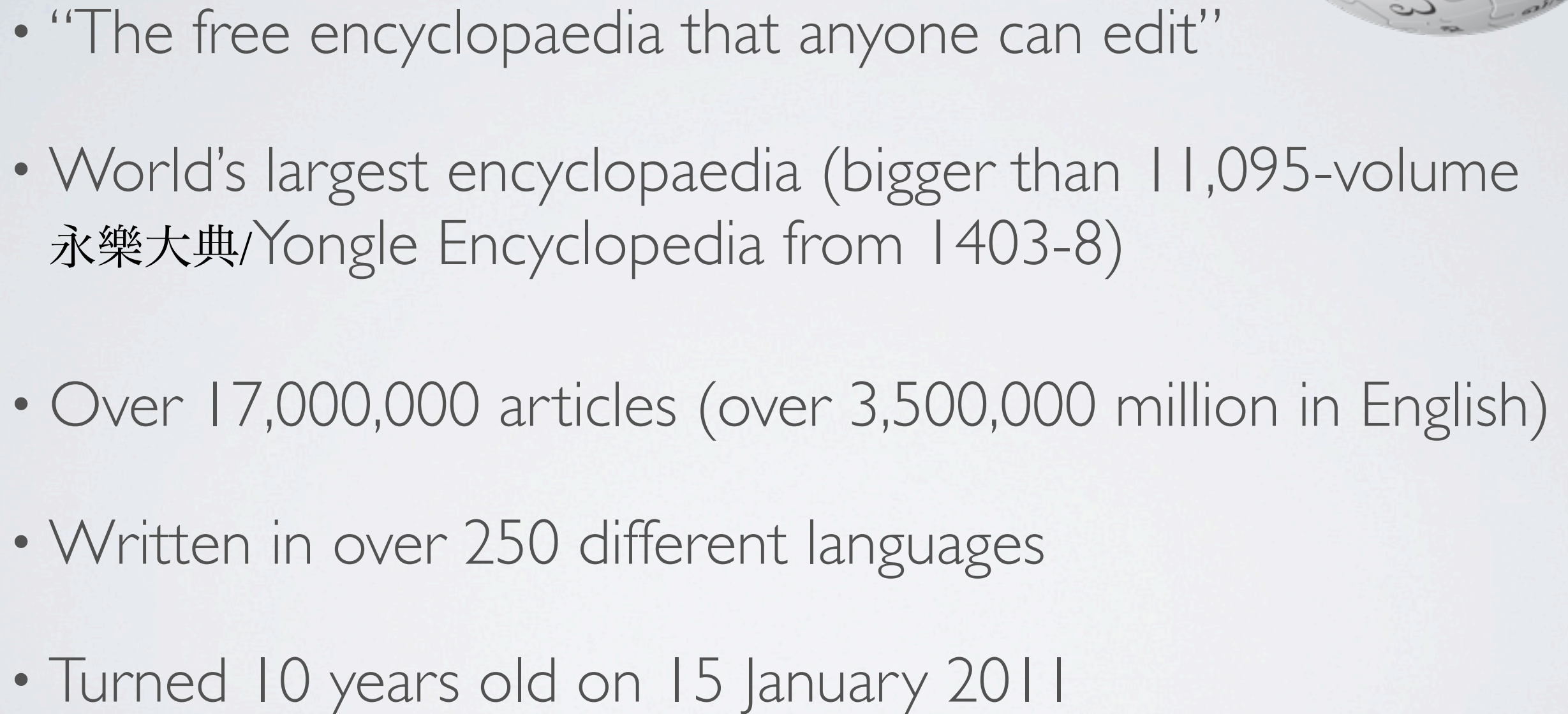
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On this day...

24 October: *United Nations Day* (1945); *Independence Day* in *Zambia* (1964)

- 1260** – The *Chartres Cathedral* (pictured) in *Chartres, France*, was dedicated in the presence of *King Louis IX*.
- 1260** – According to both modern and medieval *Muslim* historians, *Qutuz*, *Mamluk* sultan of *Egypt*, was assassinated by a fellow Mamluk leader, *Baibars*, who then seized power for himself.
- 1912** – *First Balkan War*: *Serbian* forces defeated the *Ottoman* army at







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WHAT IS WIKIMEDIA?

- Wikipedia and its sister projects
- Run by the Wikimedia Foundation - 501 (c)(3) US charity, budget ~\$20 million, ~60 staff members.
- Outreach by independent non-profit Wikimedia chapters, inc. Wikimedia UK
- Volunteer driven



WHAT IS WIKIMEDIA UK?

- One of ~30 chapters around the world
- Aim is to support freely licensed material in UK; making knowledge available to anyone, anywhere, for free.
- Founded November 2008; growing rapidly.
- Membership based (150+ members), volunteer run
- £500k donor-sourced budget (5x 2010; 1000x 2009 budget)
- Just 1 part time staff member (more staff soon)



WIKIMEDIA'S REACH

- 373,000,000 unique visitors (411 million in Nov10)
13,400,000,000 page requests/month (14 billion in Nov10)
- 5th largest web property
- 35,000,000 articles and images on all projects
7,300,000 million freely licensed images (now over 8.2 million)
- 9,437 new Wikipedia articles each day
- 17,026 new editors each month,
85,643 active registered editors total (5+ edits/month),
11,419 very active registered editors (100+ /month)

Stats as of August 2010 - see <http://stats.wikimedia.org/reportcard/>

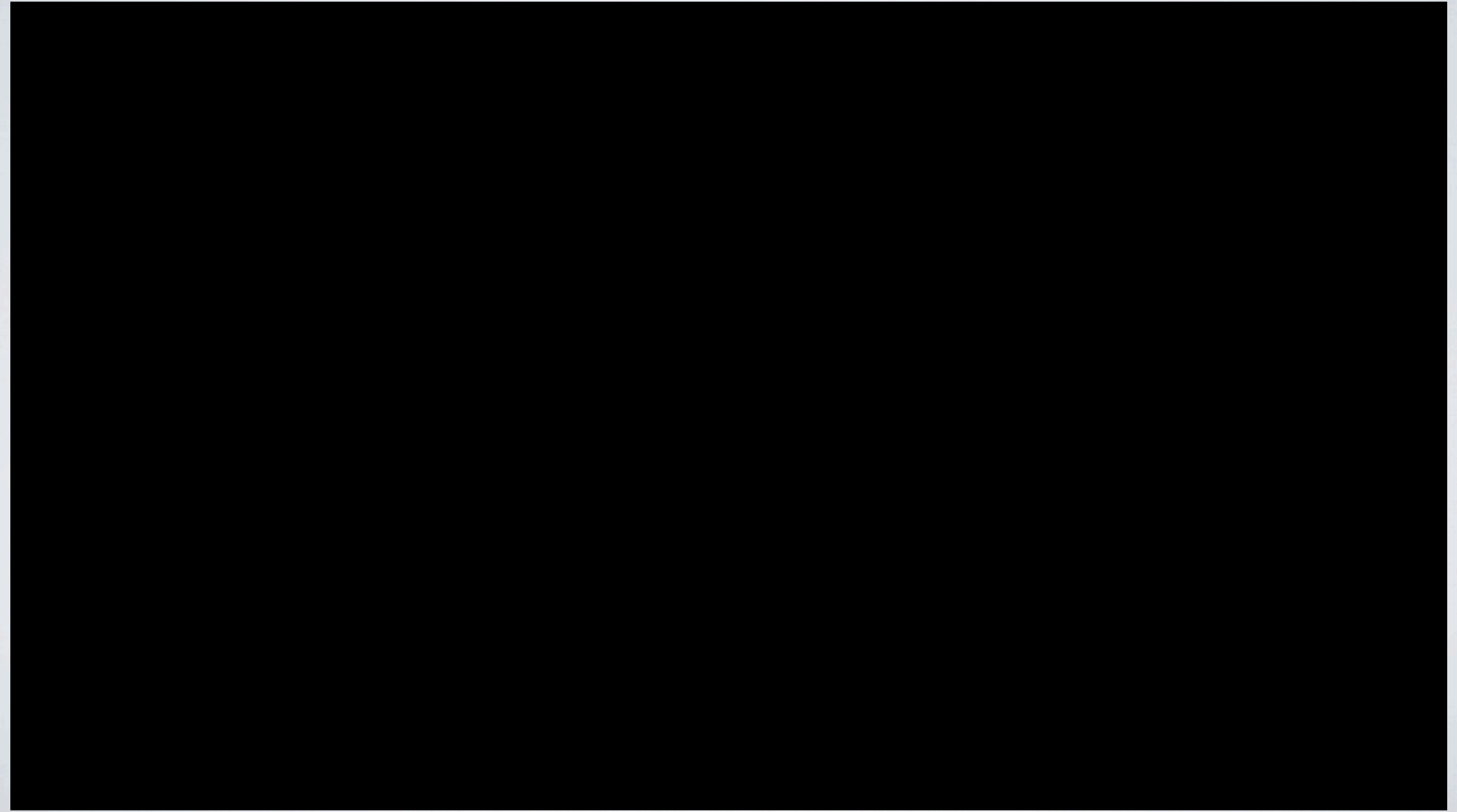


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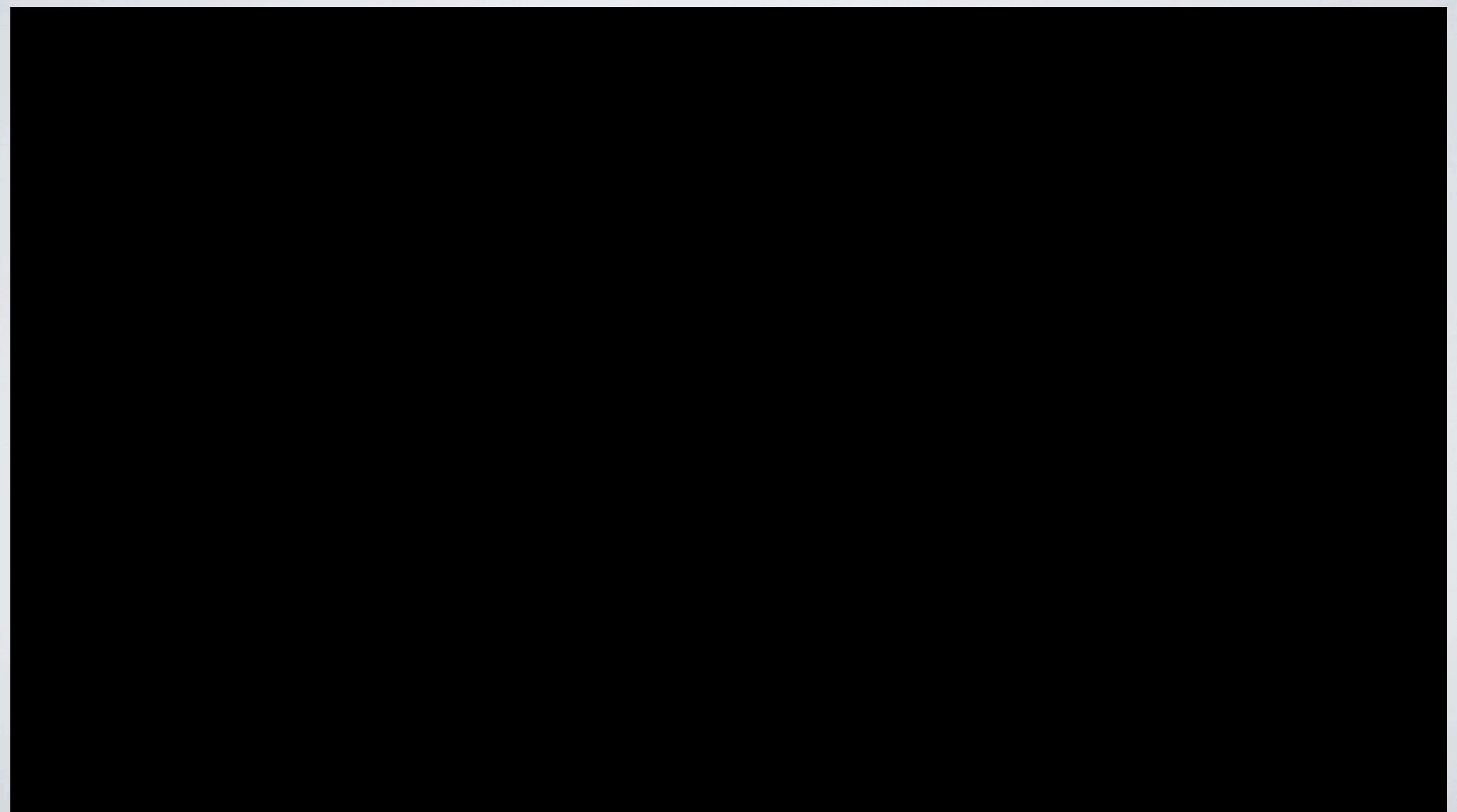


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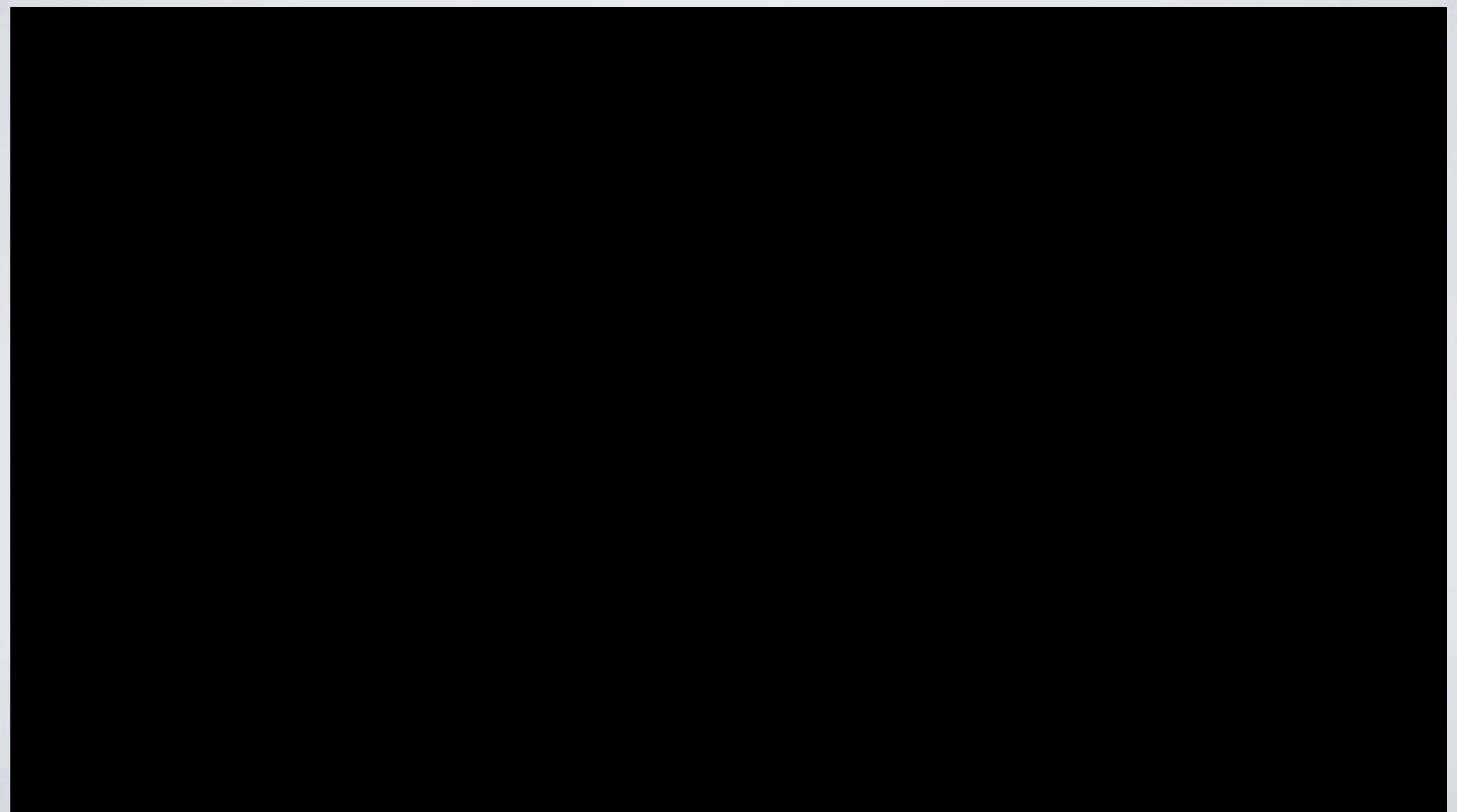


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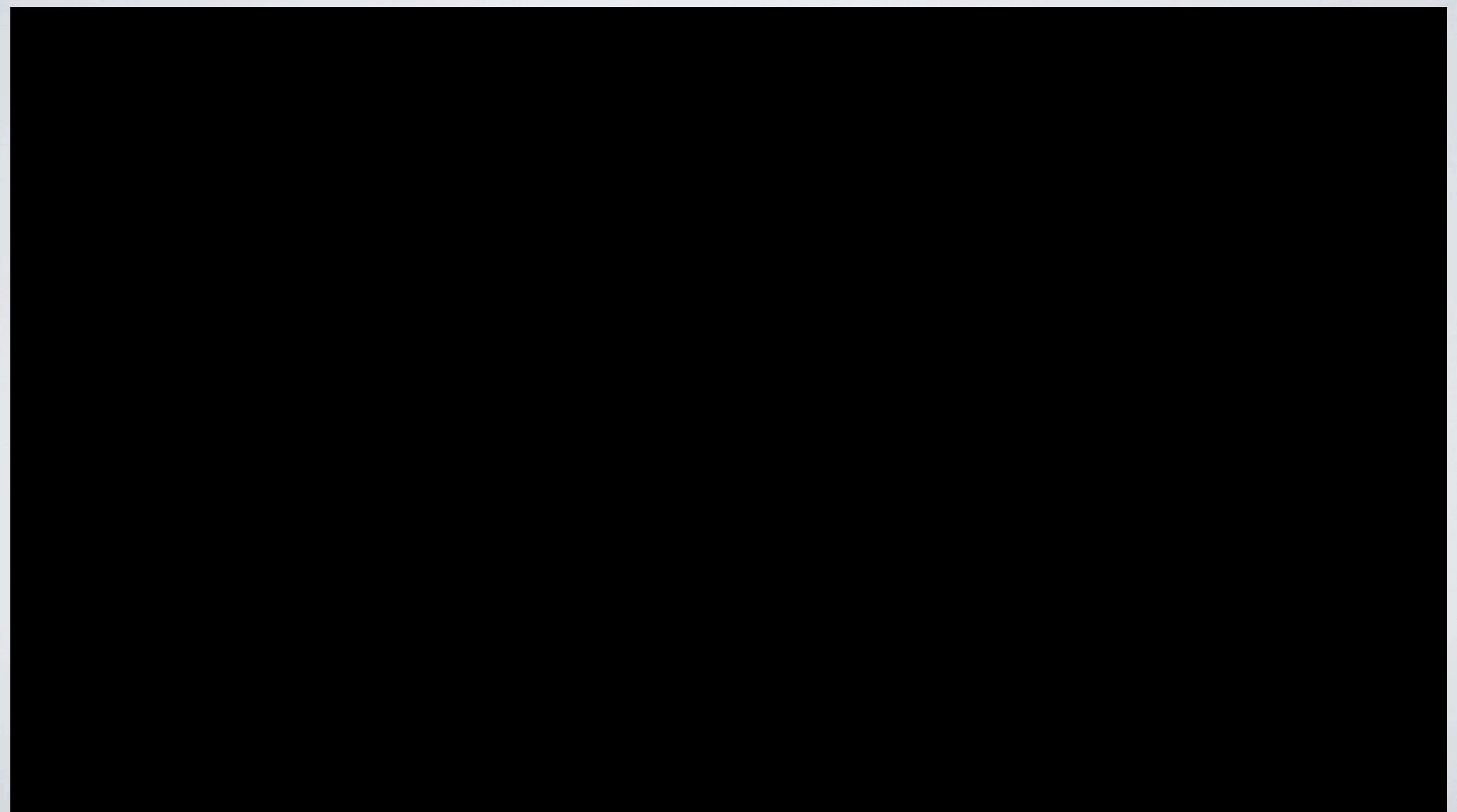


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