



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		To	
Period start date	Period end date	Period start date	Period end date
01 April 2020	31 March 2021		

Charity name

Read and Simonstone Village Hall

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1175675

Charity's principal address

6 East View
Read
Lancashire
Postcode
BB12 7PS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Greera Norse			Board of Trustees
2 Geoff Hodbod			Board of Trustees
3 Richard Matthews			Board of Trustees
4 Erling Mitton			Board of Trustees
5 Sally McKelvey			Board of Trustees
6 Rob McKelvey			Board of Trustees
7 Warren Eastham			Board of Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Solicitors	Houldsworths	Pullman House 2-4 Duck Street, Clitheroe BB7 1LP

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg, trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg, trust, association, company)	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 10 Nov 2017
Trustee selection methods (eg, appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

(A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY OF THE INHABITANTS OF READ AND SIMONSTONE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASHIRE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR THE OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS; (B) TO ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, A VILLAGE HALL AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS; AND (C) TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

Main activities have been the preparation of a successful bid to purchase a building for use as a village hall for the communities of Read and Simonstone. The conveyancing of this building was completed on the 12th June 2019 and the renovation and improvements started on the 24th June 2019. The doors were opened to the public on the 19th September 2019 and we have been steadily building community activities and events, in line with the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit, from that date.

Activities and events include hosting the local Scouts group, Boxercise classes, Yoga Classes, A Village Hall Café and Natter Shack Scheme, Art exhibitions, theatre performances, several performing arts groups and classes, slimming world classes, children's birthday parties and Parish Council meetings – we are currently exploring re-establishing the building as the community polling station, and we have many more ideas for further developing the use of our Village Hall which is available to all.

Indoor activities were paused in March 2020 due to the global pandemic, undeterred we immediately took our community support outside and set up Readstone Help and Assist – this was primarily aimed at helping families that were self-isolating to slow the spread of the coronavirus. We set up a team of 60 volunteers that could provide services such as picking up shopping or prescriptions and dog walking or friendly phone calls. This scheme was really appreciated by Ribble Valley Borough Council and proved very successful in consolidating the sense of community spirit in our villages. Readstone Help and Assist has continued to be a vital resource for our community. We have 550 regular users and contributors, As hoped the Help and Assistance has morphed over time from pure covid related issues to all kinds of community support. It is a joy to see the members finding innovative uses for the community network we have created.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this period our charity worked hard at bringing all the elements together that would put us in the best position to renovate improve and breathe new life into the serviceable but neglected building on East View in Read.

The trustees worked tirelessly fundraising and collecting donations, preparing and adapting plans as our circumstances developed, and communicating with our community, in person and via our Facebook page.

We worked together with Read Parish Council, Simonstone Parish Council, Ribble Valley Borough Council and many other organisations.

We made extensive use of modern technology setting up a website a Facebook page and a donations page. We had some trustees attending meetings over video conferencing when they were unable to be physically present. Our Trustees communicate with each other using an instant messaging application on our phones for speed, as well as by email.

From the April 2020 until the March 2021, the building was mostly closed to the public. We have encouraged our group leaders to continue with activities when it has been possible and safe to do so. We have seen a substantial benefit to our community over this period with the outreach arm of our Village Hall being well used and well supported for a variety of activities. We have had a very positive impact on our community and the scope of our contribution is still increasing despite the onset of a global pandemic.

We would like to thank all our supporters, volunteers and donors for their fantastic support. Together we are stronger.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have plans to extend and improve the facilities at the Village Hall. Our policy is to save and reinvest our reserves in the building itself for the benefit of our community.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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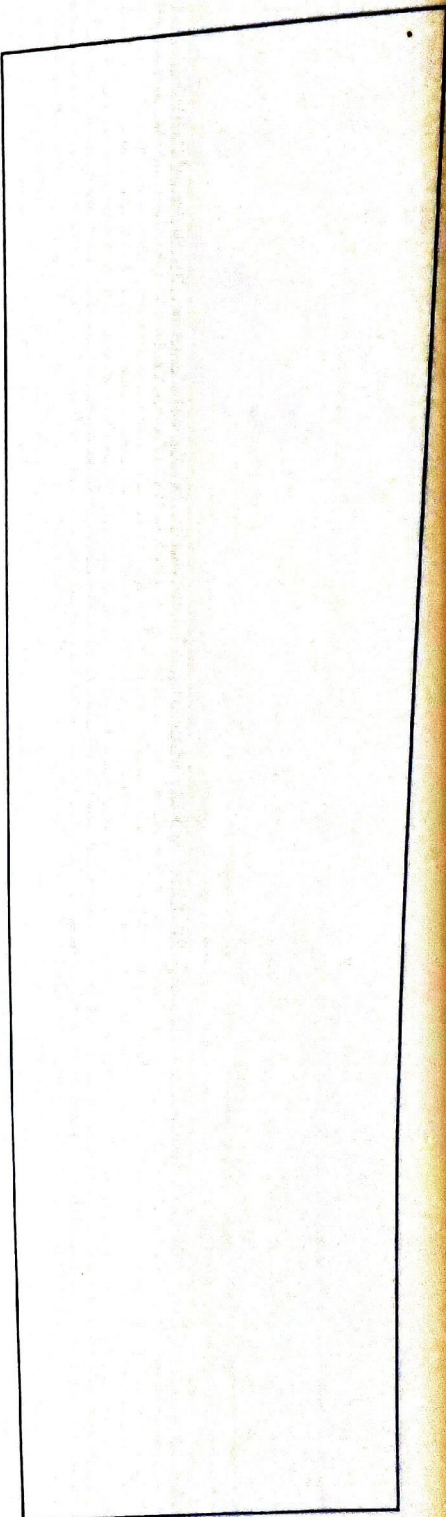
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We have received grants and donations from Community Futures for Lancashire £5,000 to replace and improve our kitchen facilities. We have received a £20,000 donation from the Wham foundation to landscape our outdoor space. We will be creating a flexible and environmentally friendly sustainable community space which will be used for fundraising and other activities.

The Corona virus crisis started in March 2020, thanks to the fabulous support of our community and the continuing microfinance put in place to purchase the building the previous year, we are able to cover our operating costs and able to take advantage of the situation in two key ways. We took our community service outside, with the establishment of a community group Readstone Help and Assist. We rallied volunteers and provided PPE so that no one in our community was without assistance when they needed it most. We also continued apace with the renovations and improvements while the building was closed.

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Other optional information



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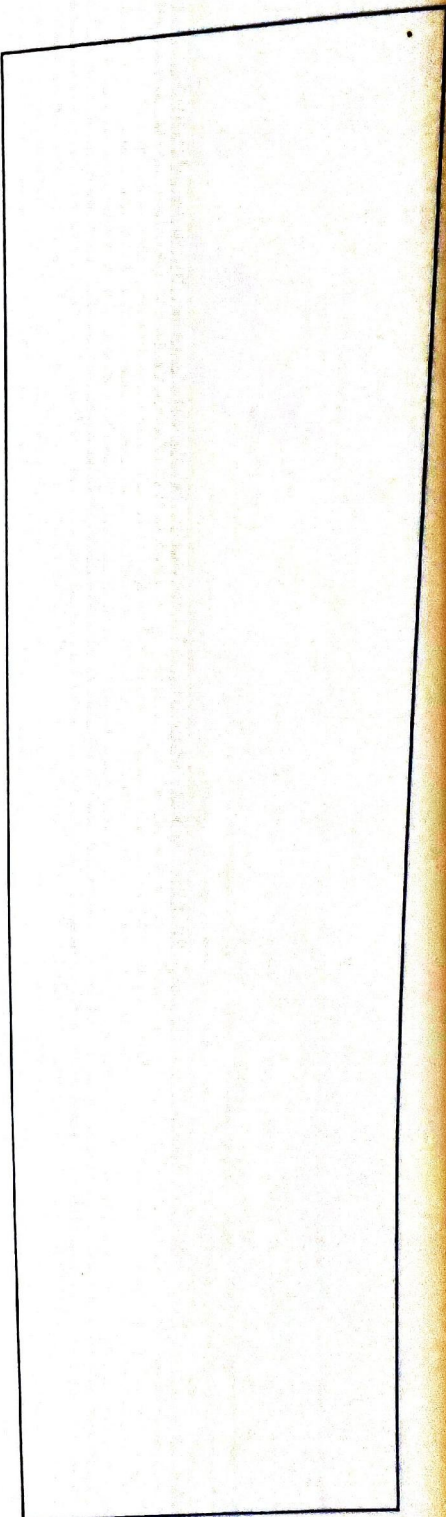
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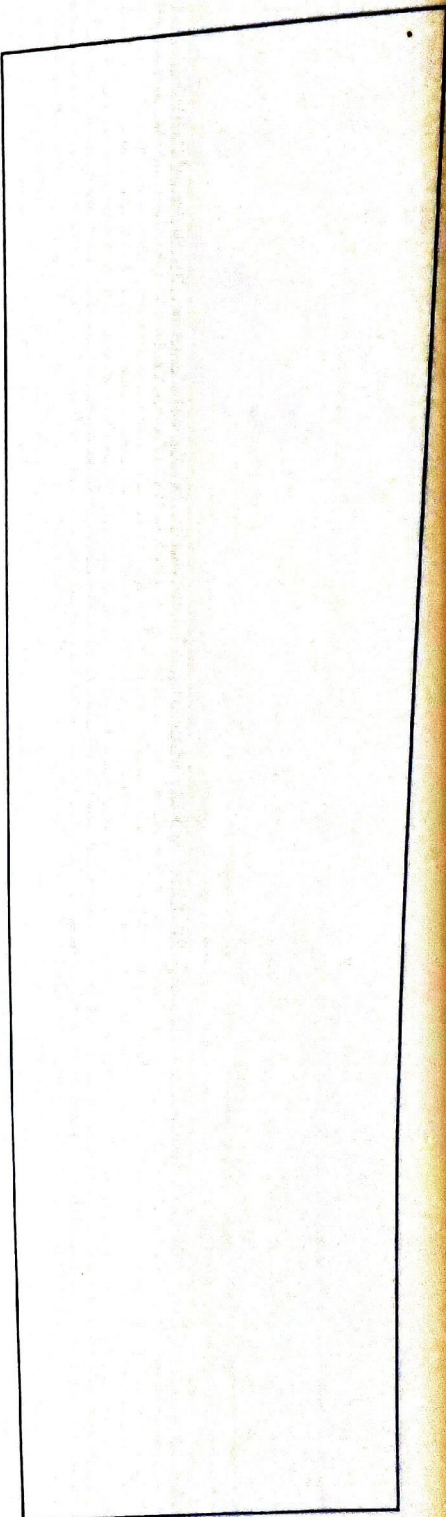
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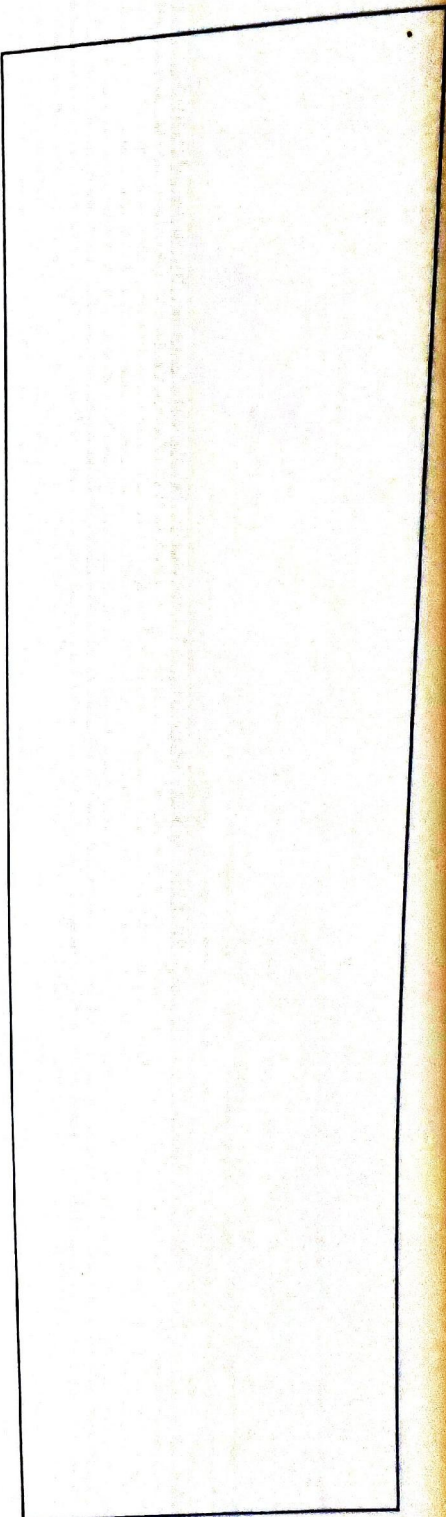
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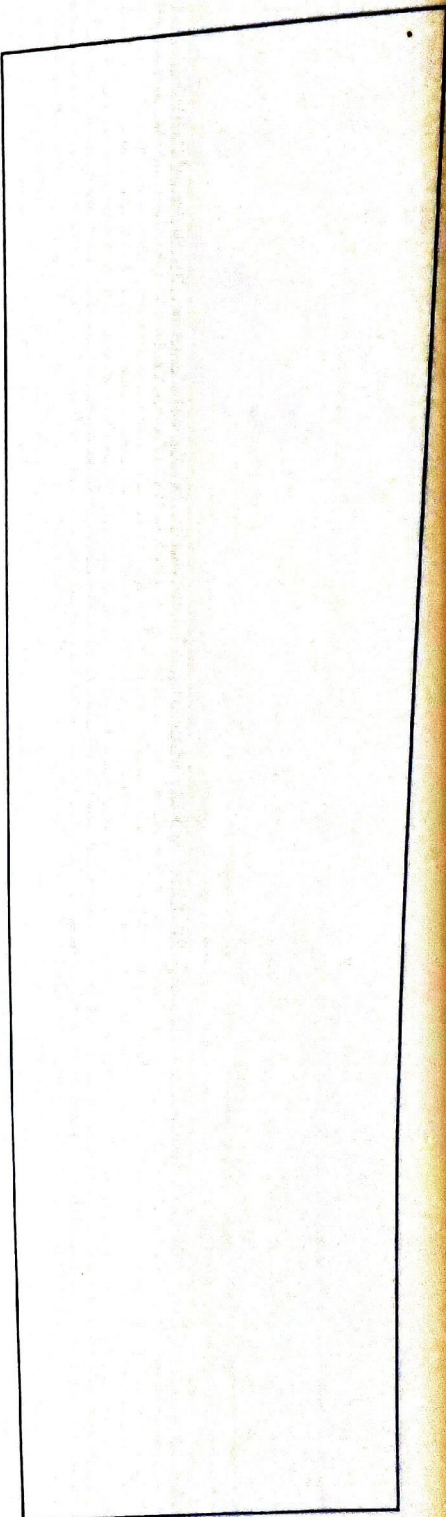
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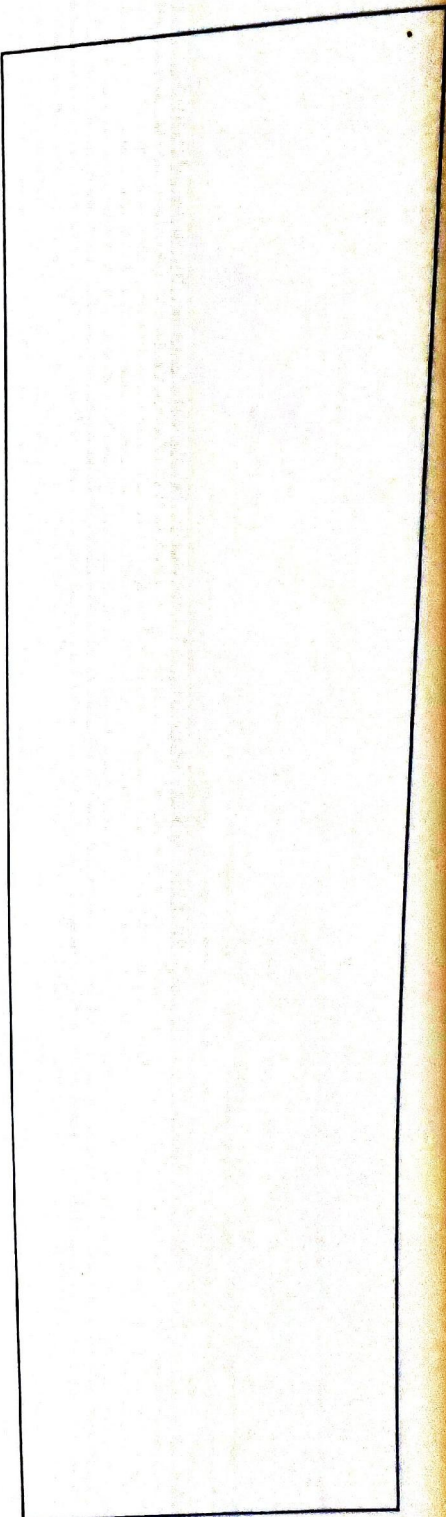
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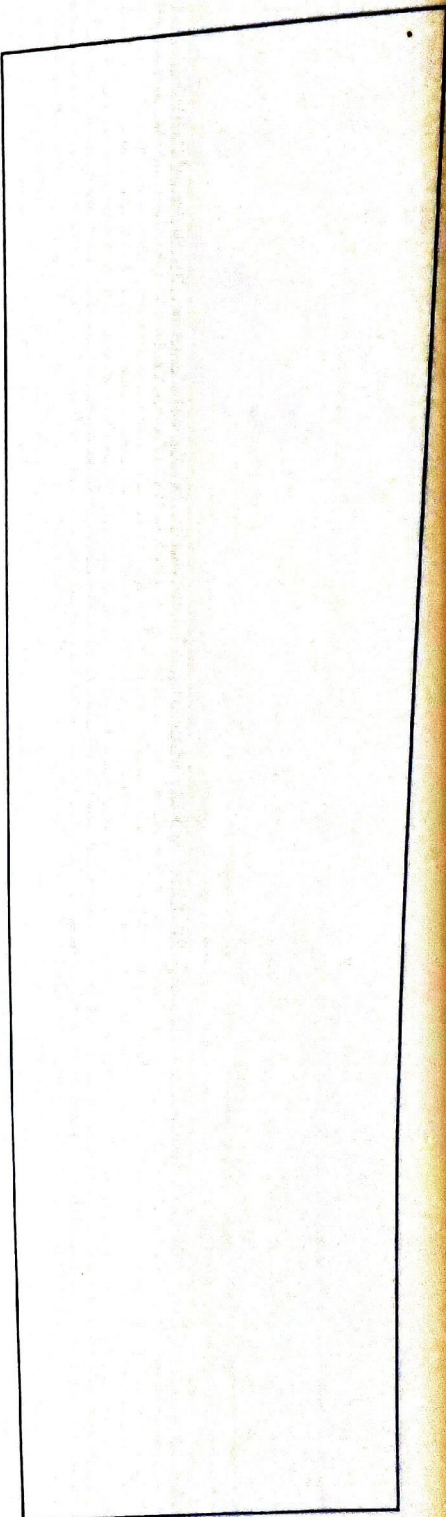
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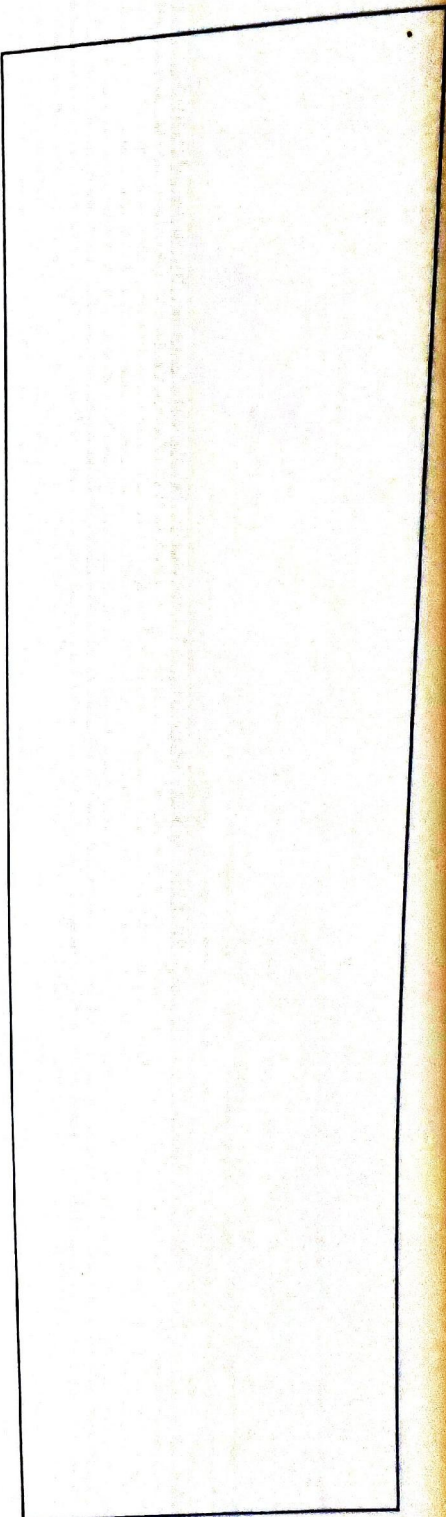
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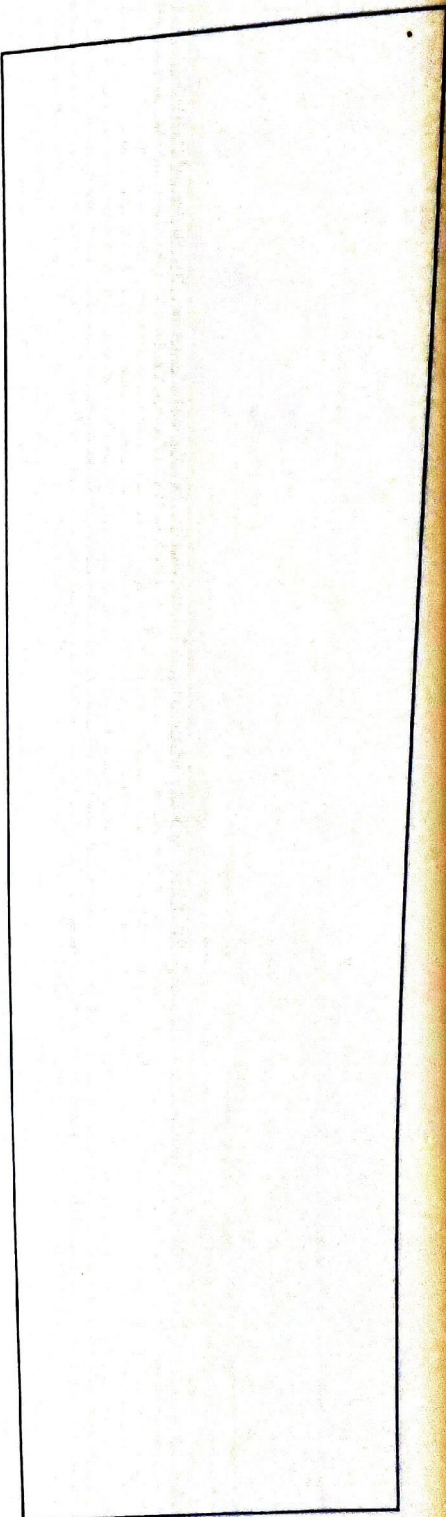
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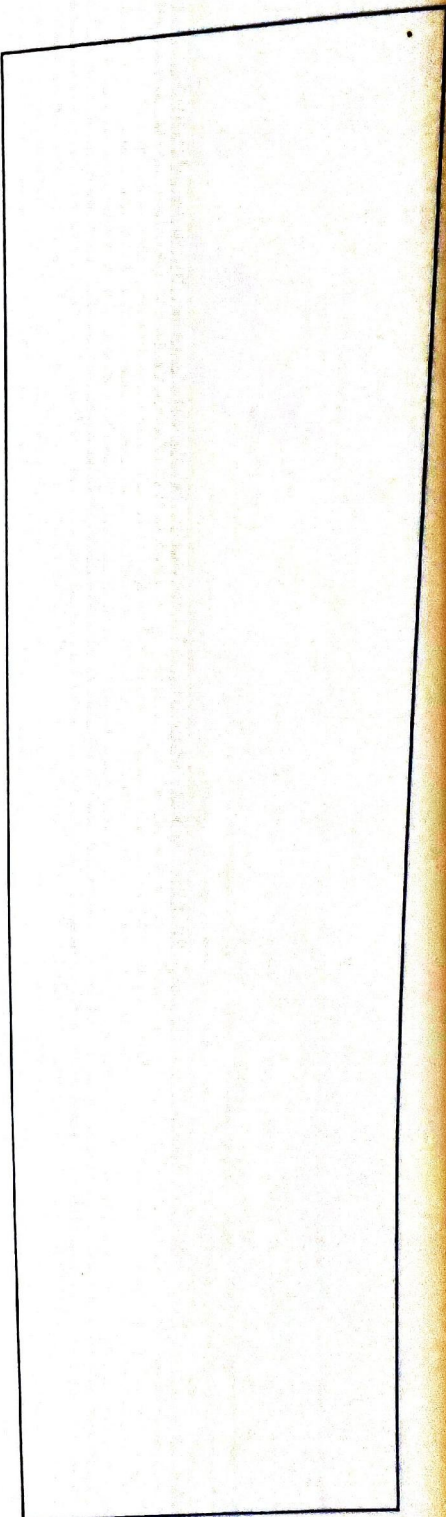
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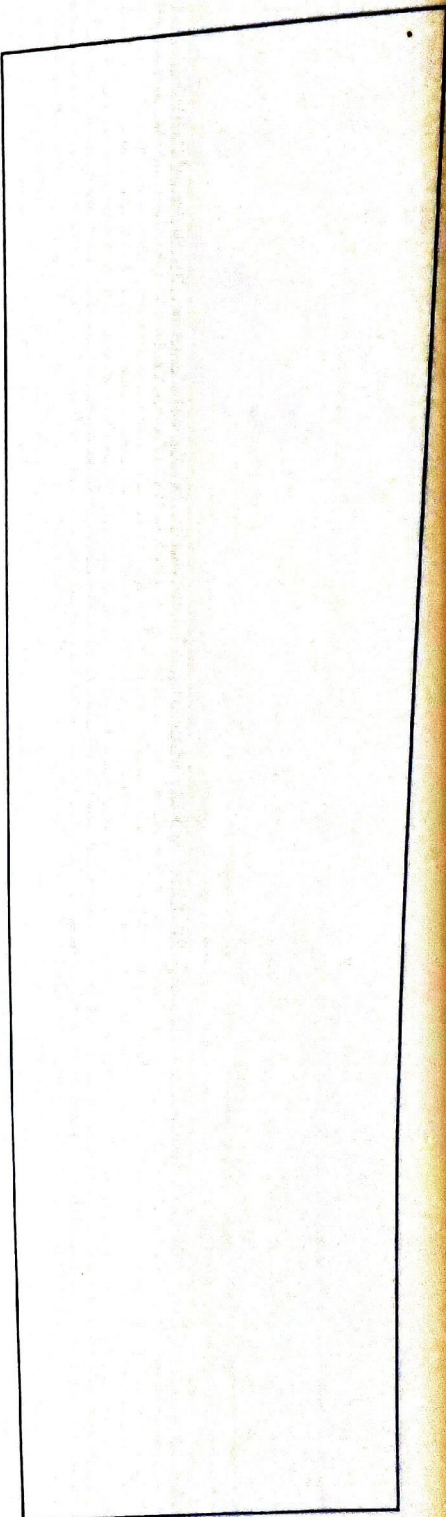
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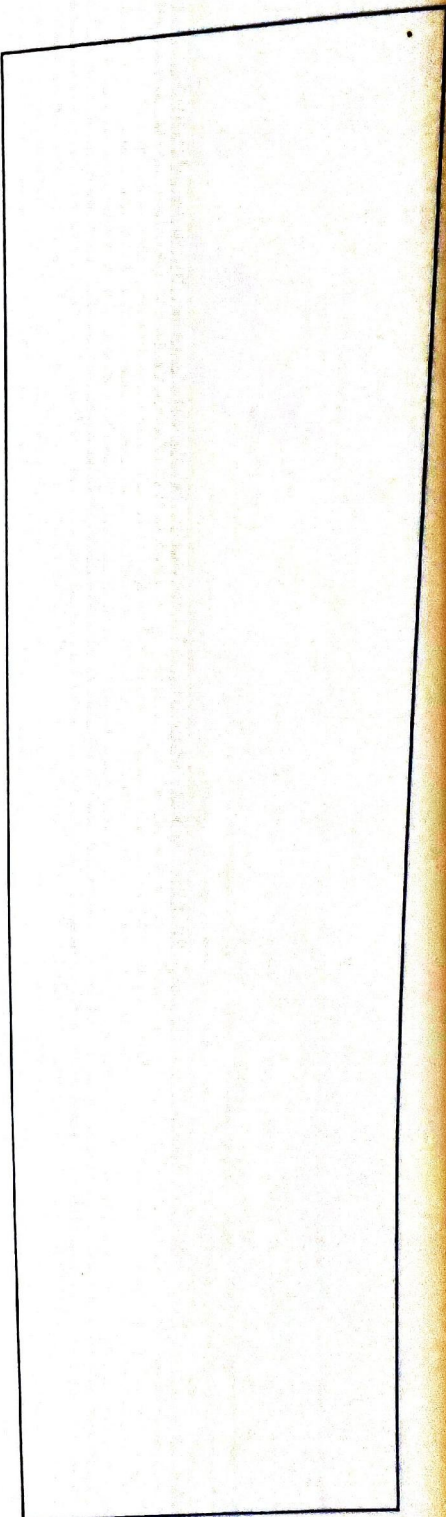
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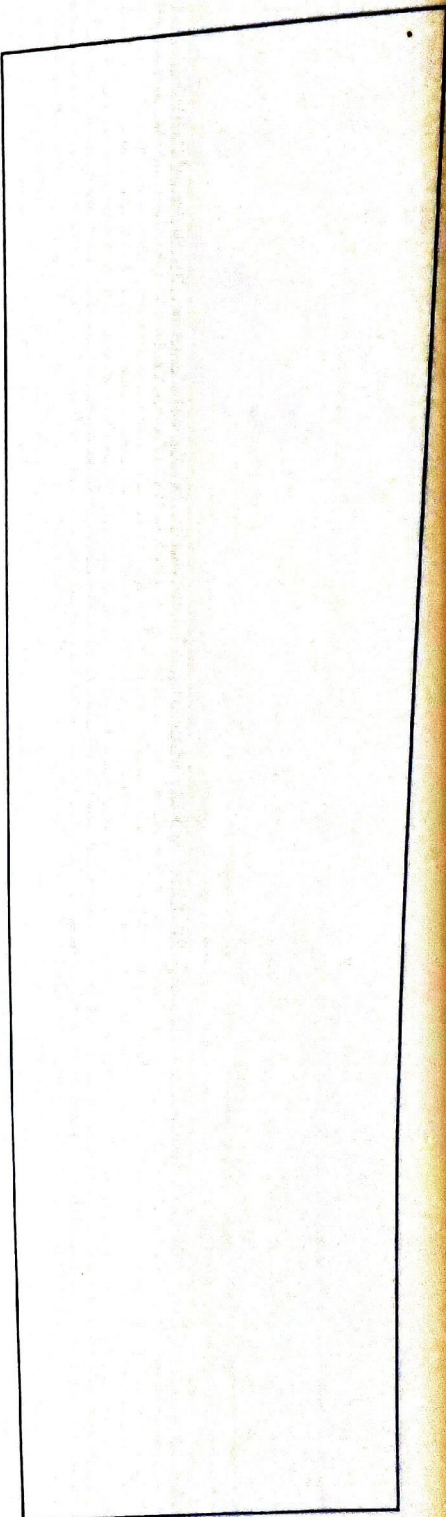
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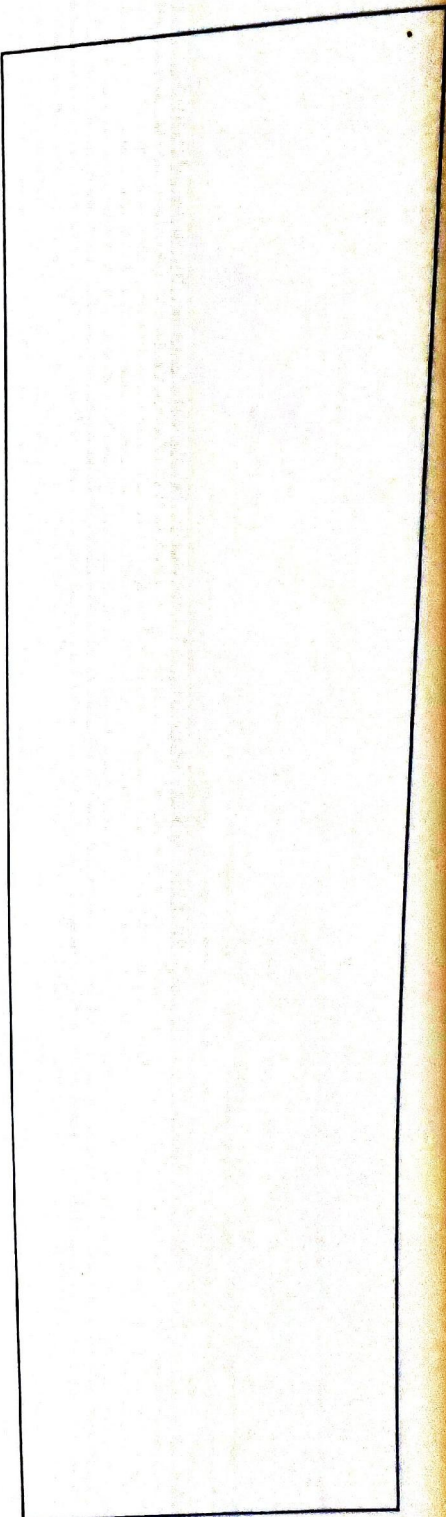
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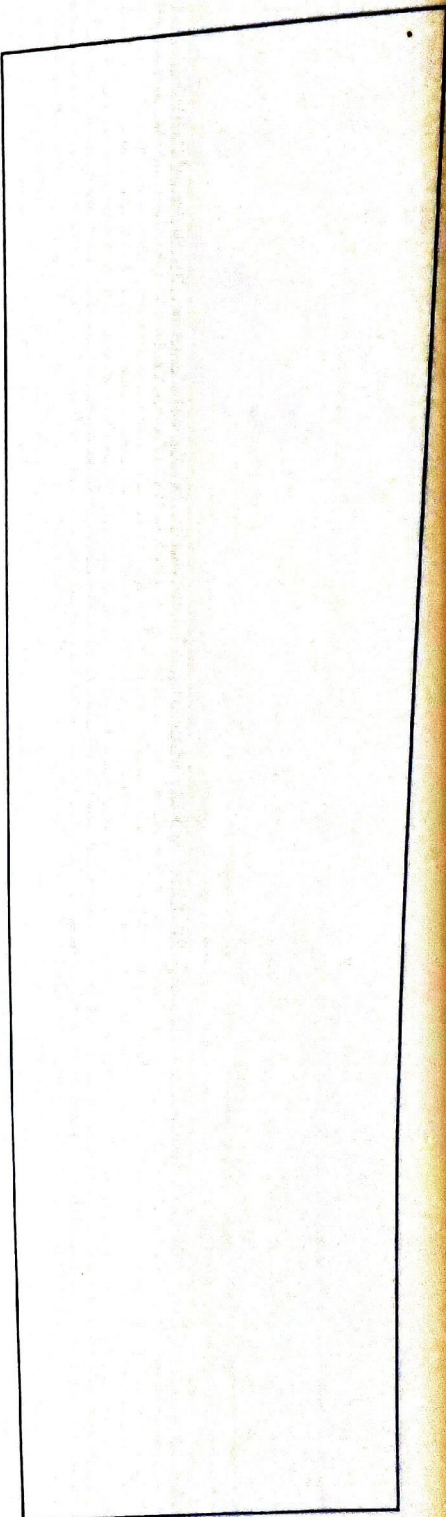
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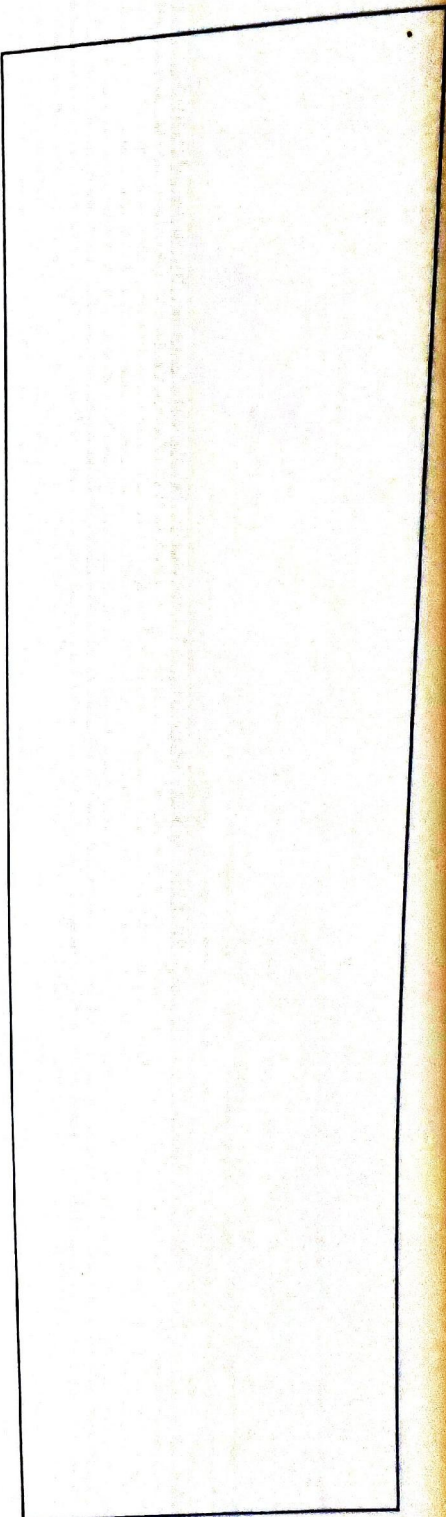
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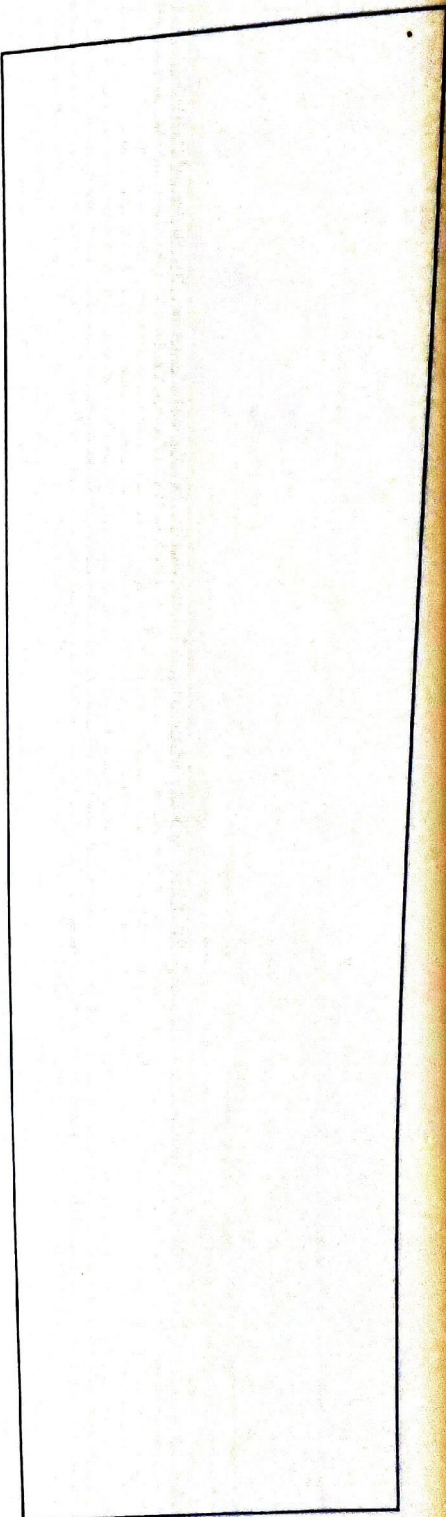
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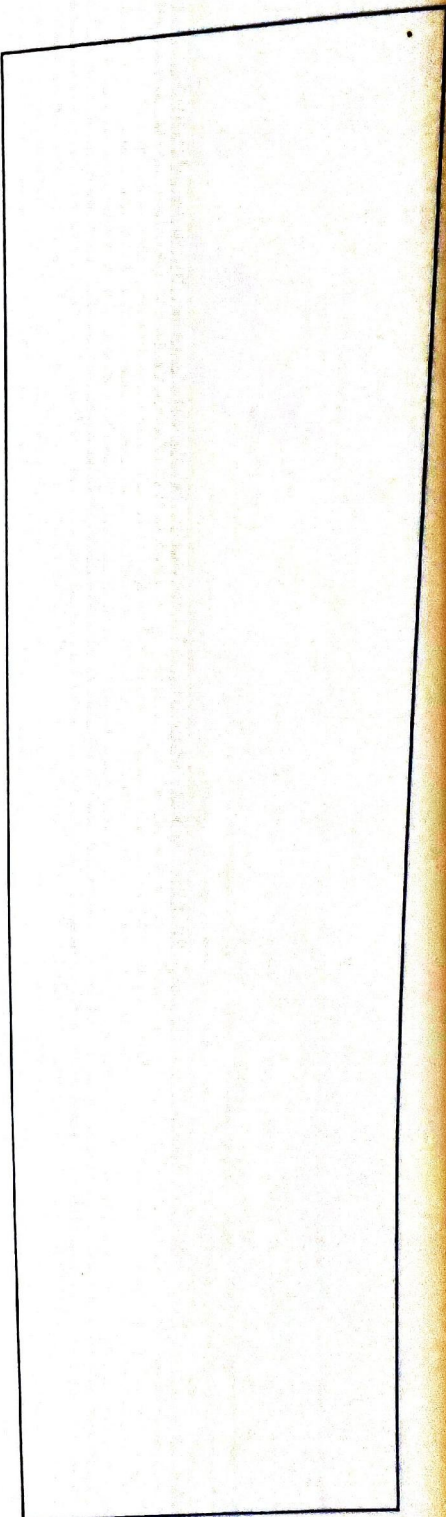
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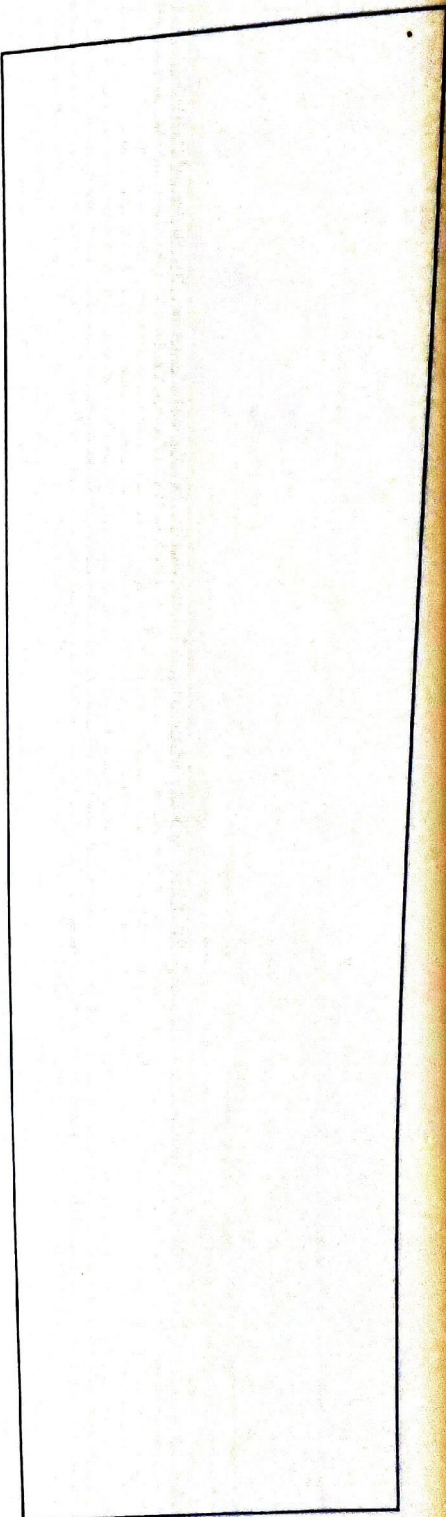
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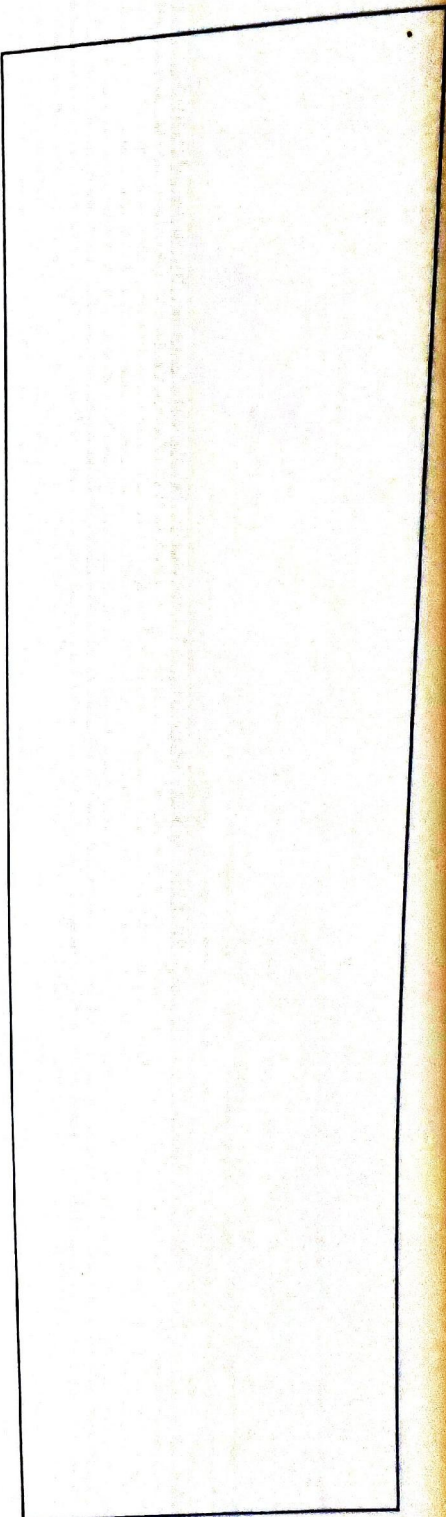
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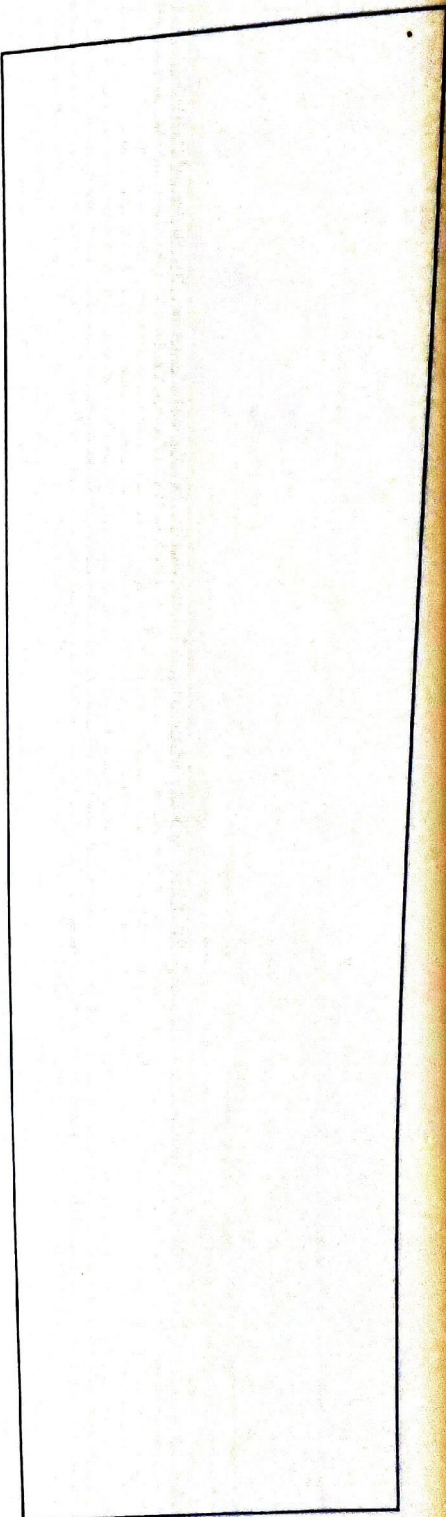
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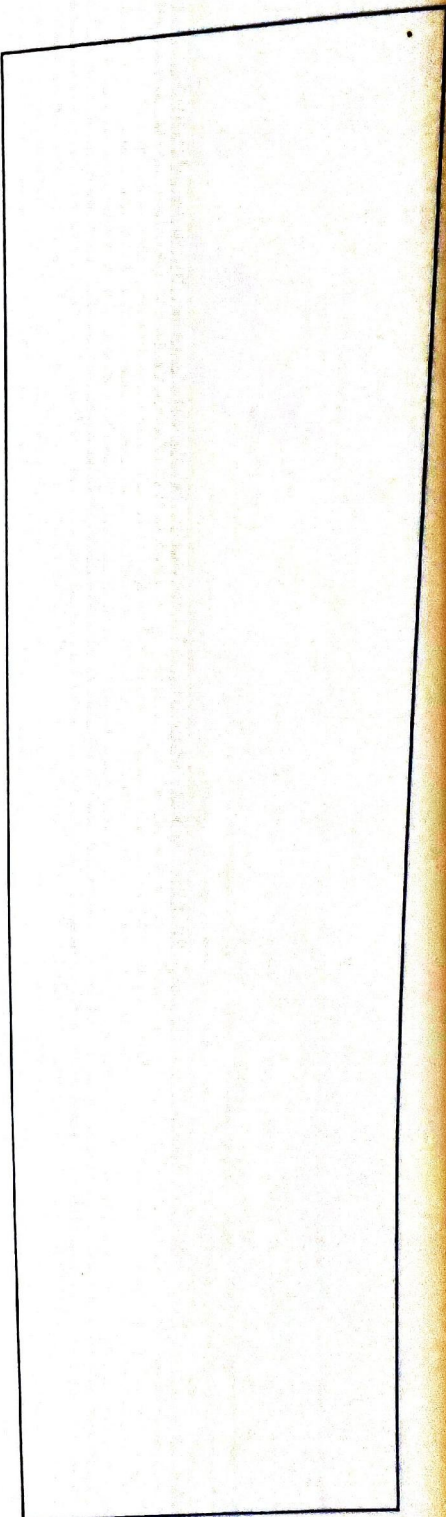
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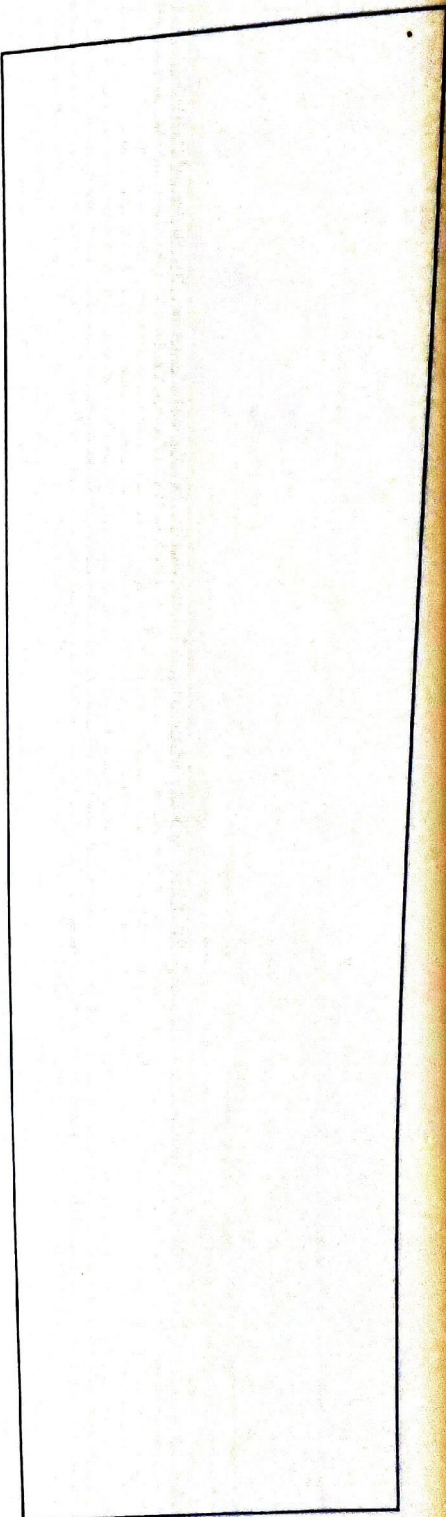
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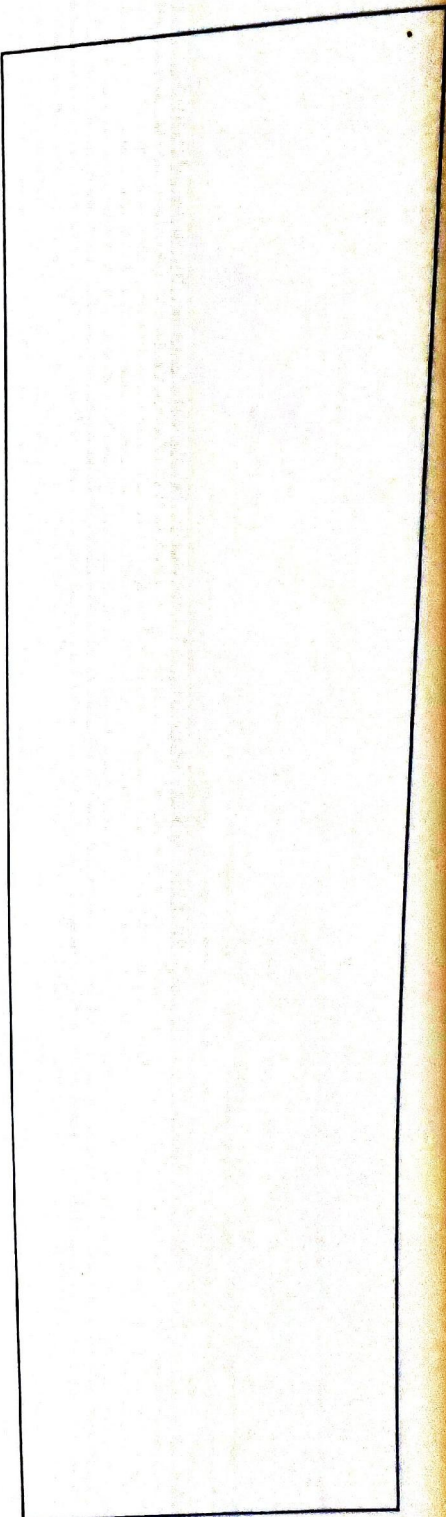
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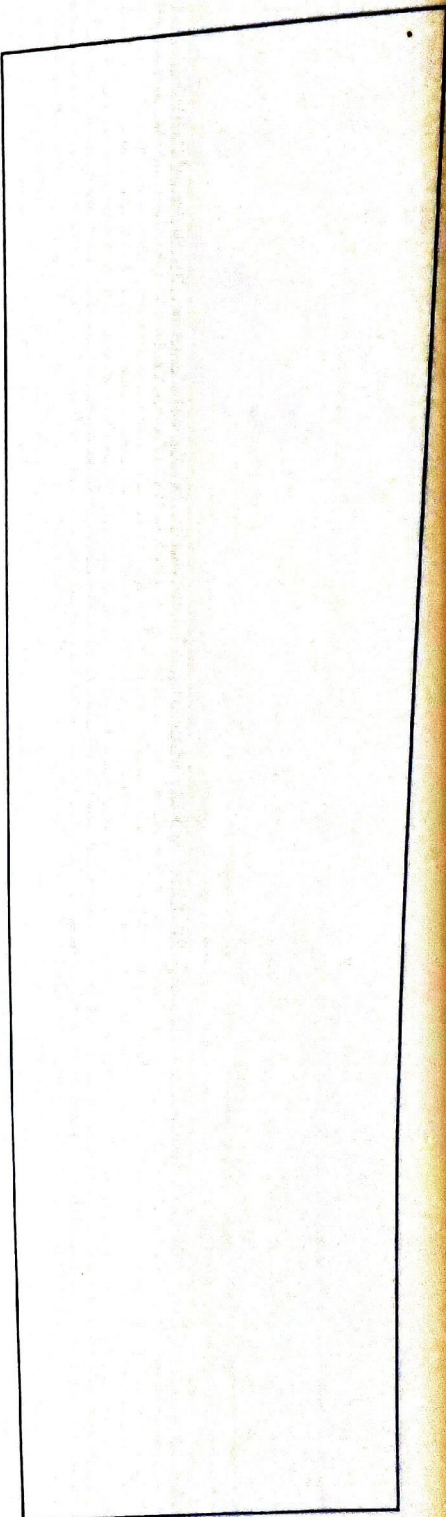
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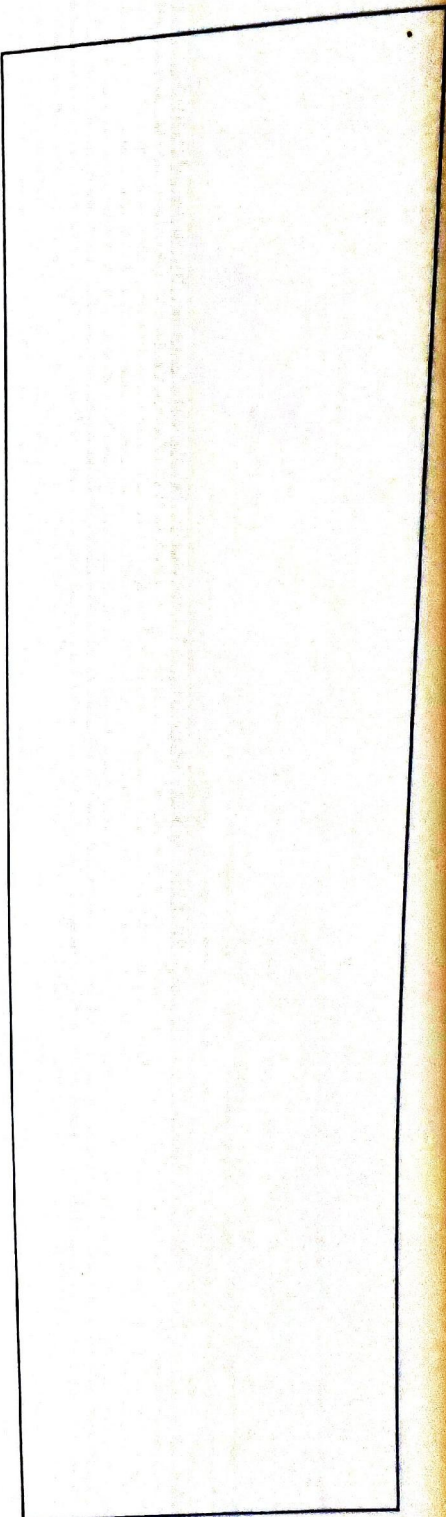
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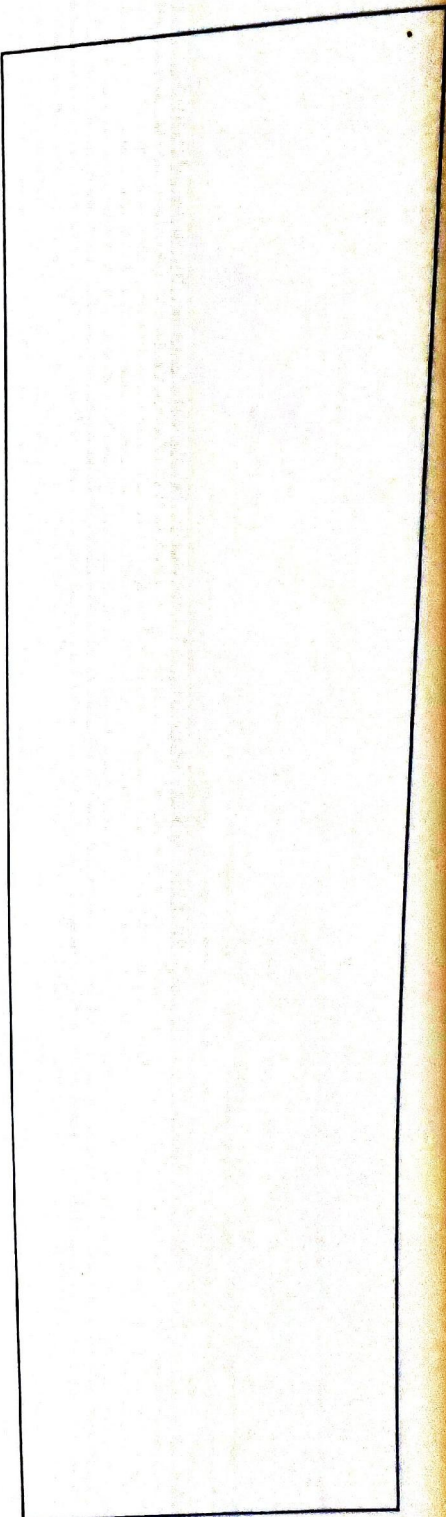
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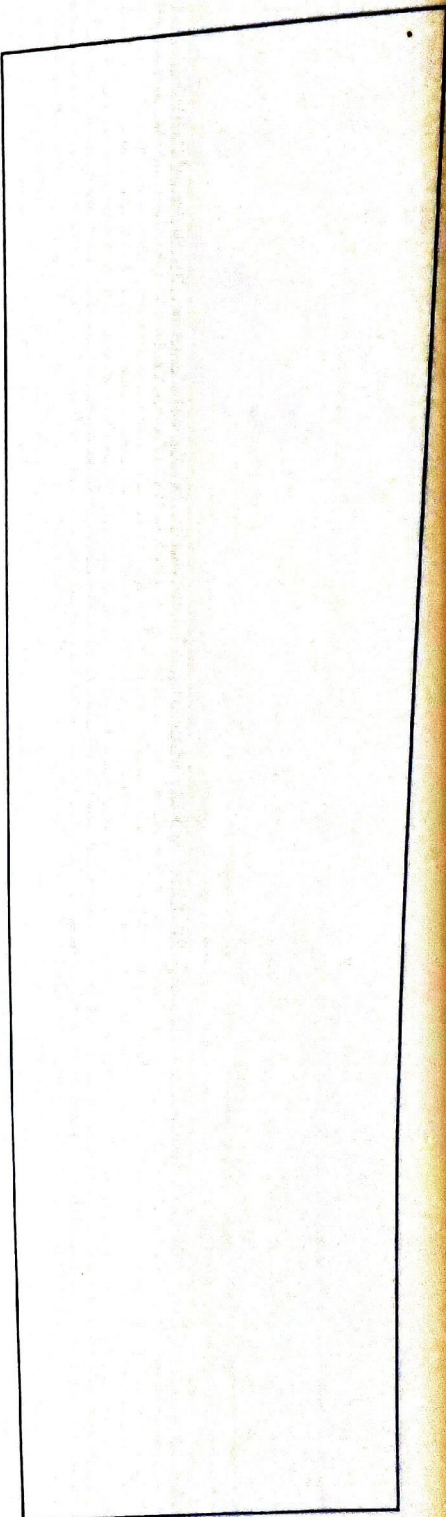
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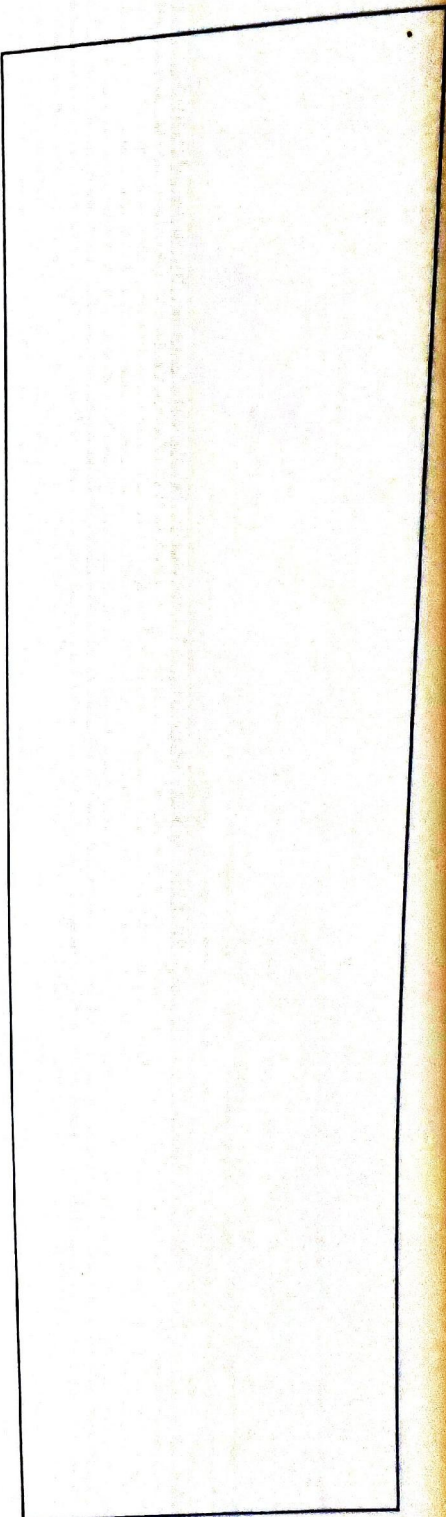
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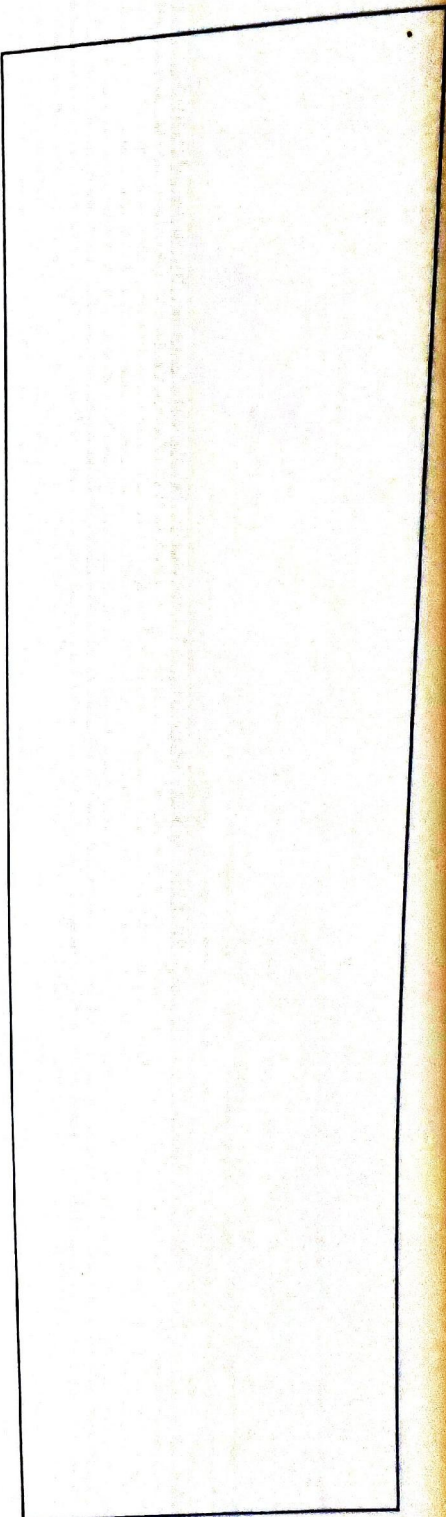
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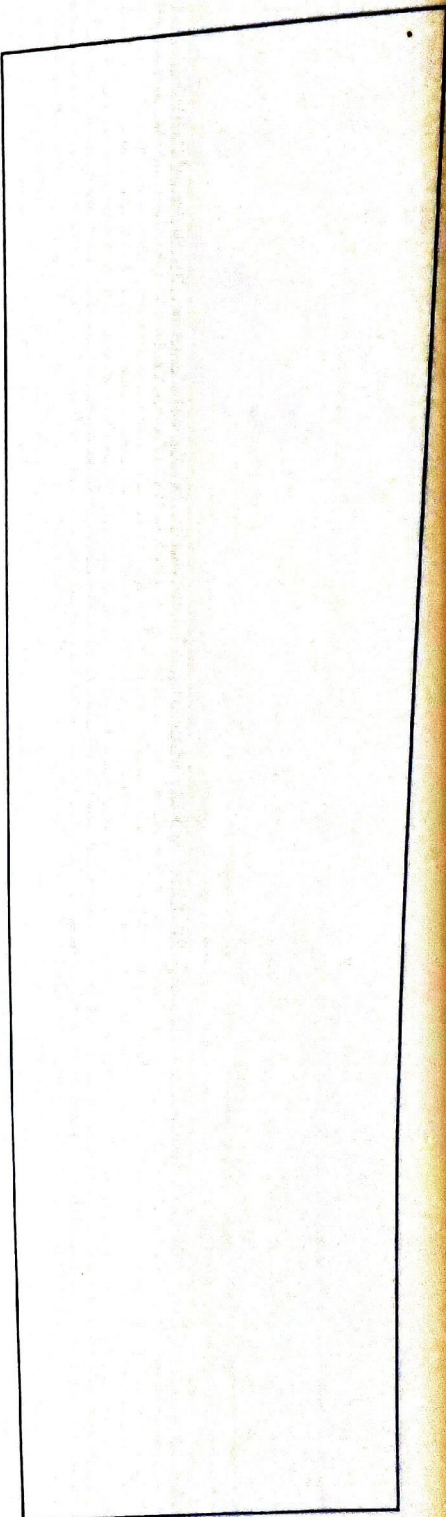
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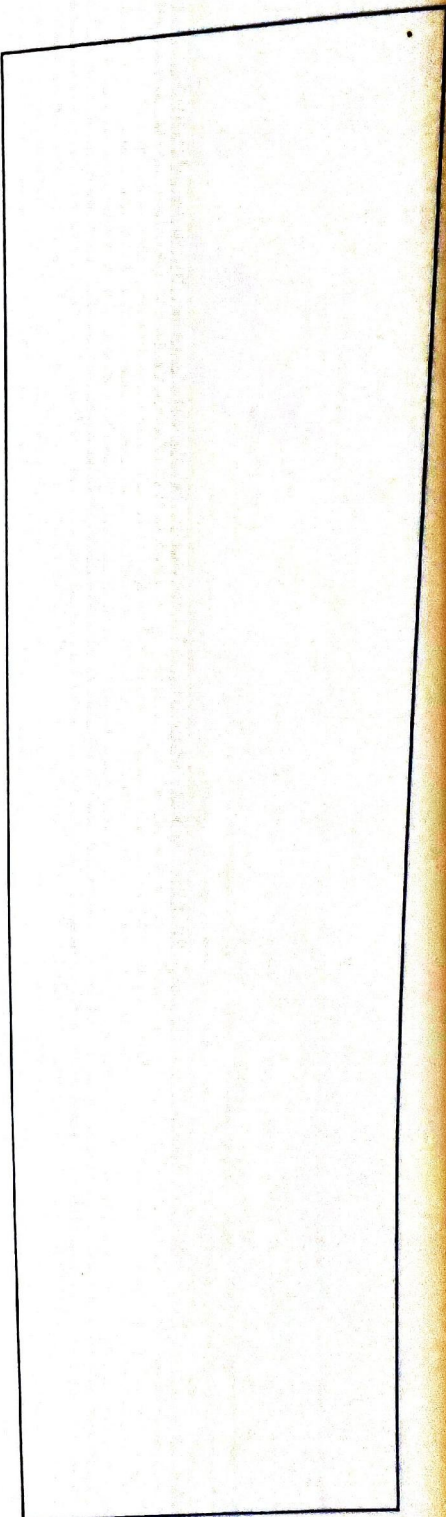
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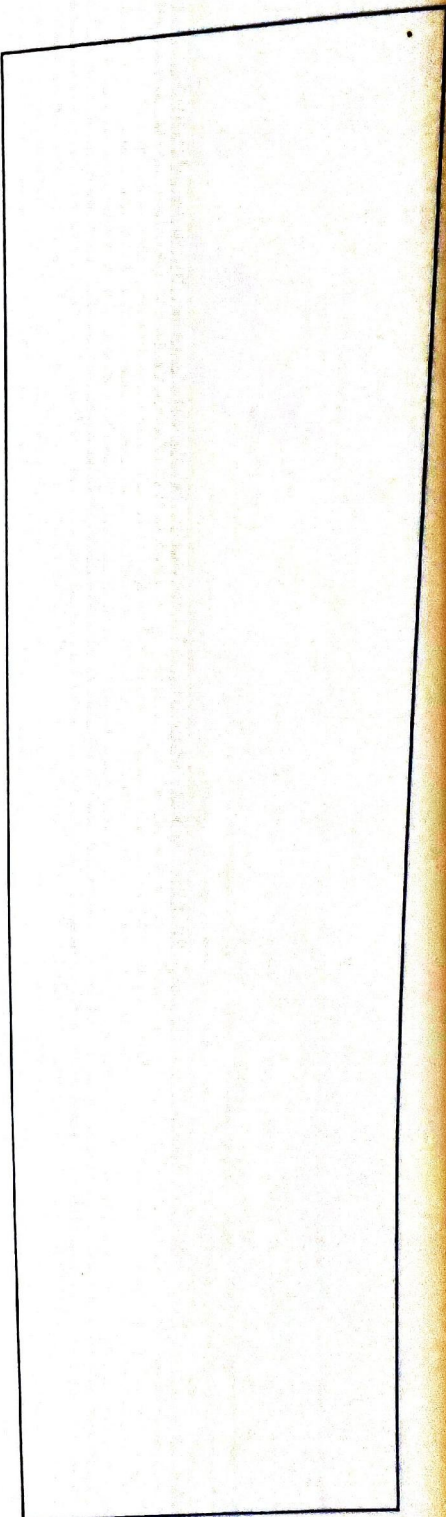
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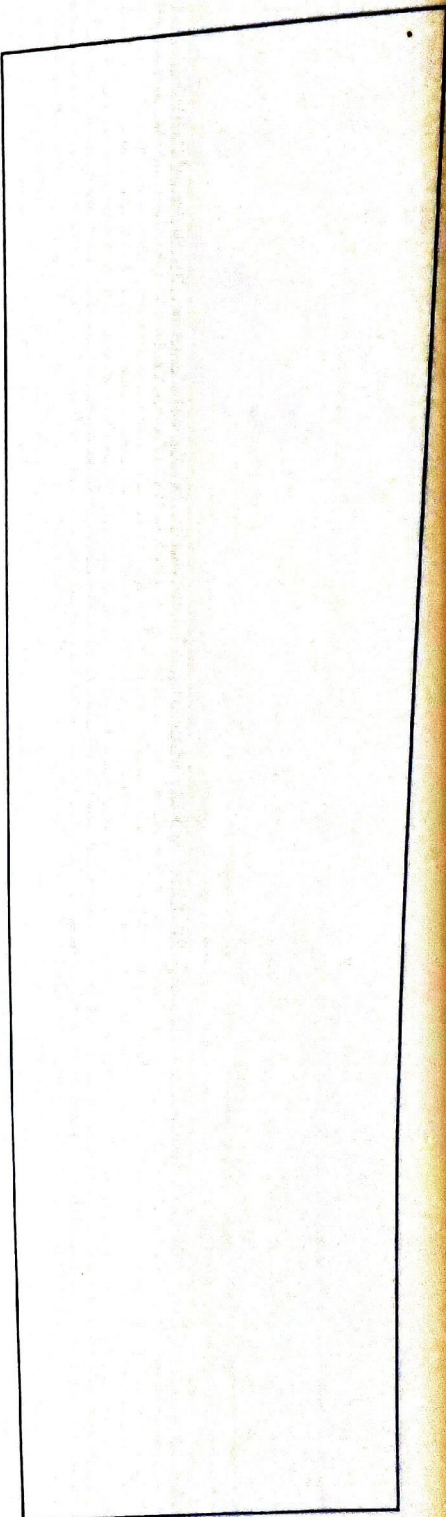
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