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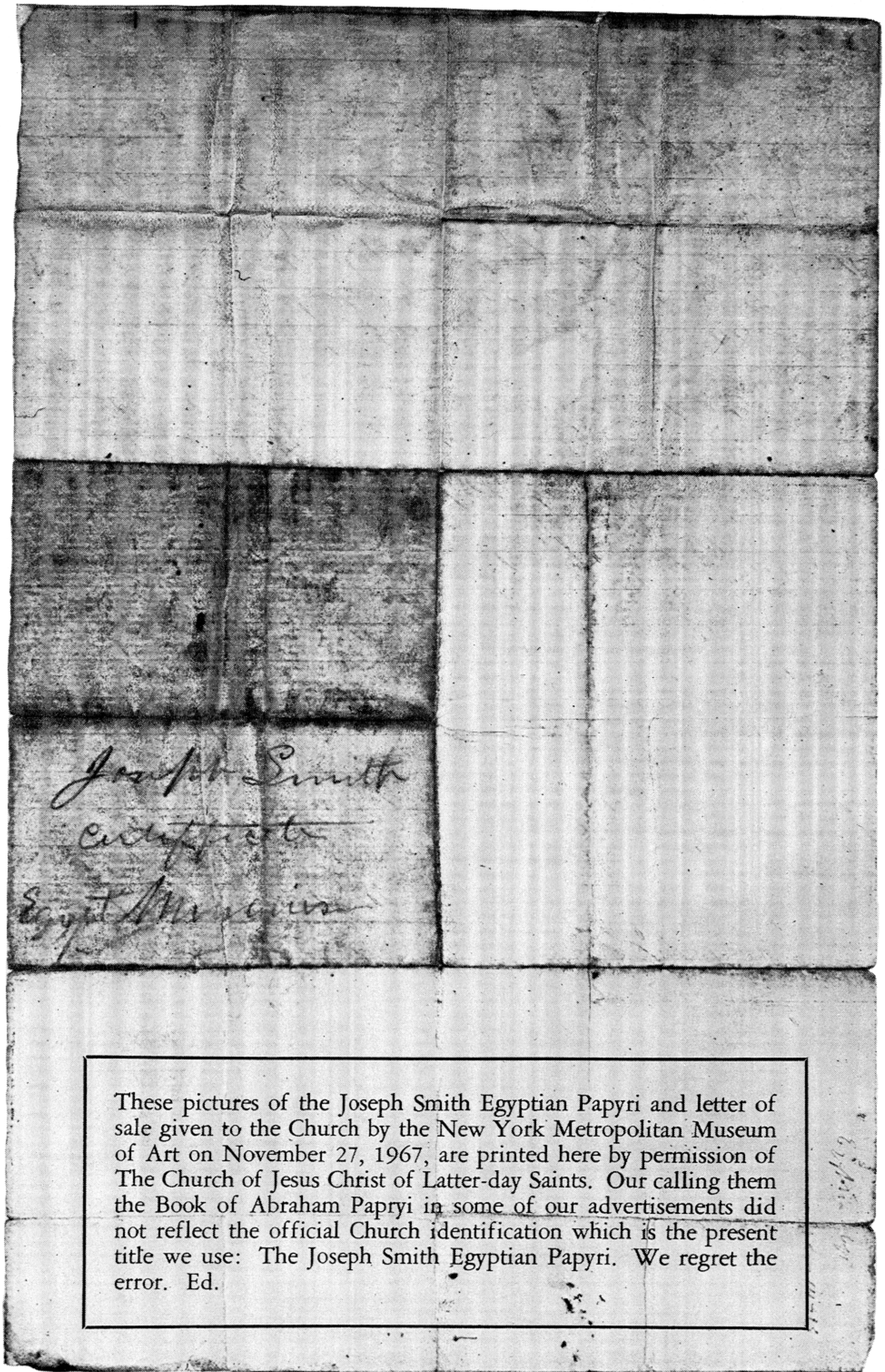
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Joseph Smith  
Certificate  
Egyptian Papyri

These pictures of the Joseph Smith Egyptian Papyri and letter of sale given to the Church by the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art on November 27, 1967, are printed here by permission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Our calling them the Book of Abraham Papyri in some of our advertisements did not reflect the official Church identification which is the present title we use: The Joseph Smith Egyptian Papyri. We regret the error. Ed.

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Cairo city May 26 1840  
 I have certifies that we have sold  
 to Mr W. C. C. from Egyptian  
 Mummies with the records of them  
 These Mummies were obtained from  
 the catacombs of Egypt six feet  
 below the surface of the Earth by  
 the Antiquarian Society of Paris  
 & forwarded to New York & purchased  
 by the Missioner Prophet Joseph  
 Smith at the price of twenty four  
 hundred dollars in the year eighteen  
 hundred thirty five they were highly  
 prized by Mr Smith on account  
 of the importance of the record  
 which attached to <sup>the</sup> heart of  
 which was found enclosed <sup>in</sup> one  
 of the Mummies from translations  
 by Mr Smith of the Records these Mumm-  
 ies were found to be the family of  
 Pharo King of Egypt they were  
 kept exclusively by Mr Smith  
 until his death & since by  
 the Mother of Mr Smith notwithstanding  
 sundry we have had repeated  
 offers to purchase which have  
 invariably been refused until her  
 death which occurred on the  
 fourth day of ~~May~~ last this month  
 of 1840  
 L. C. Bidamon  
 Hancock & Co 315 N. 2nd St. Emma Bidamon <sup>wife of</sup>  
 Joseph Smith <sup>son of</sup>



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Nauvoo city May 26th/56

This certifies that we have sold  
to; Mr A Combs four Egyptian  
Mummies with the records of them  
Thes Mummies were obtained from  
the catacoms of Egypt sixty feet  
below the surface of the Earth. by  
the antiquarian society of Paris  
& forwarded to New York & purchased  
by the Mormon Prophet Joseph  
Smith at the price of twenty four  
hundred dollars in the year Eighteen  
hundred thirty five they were highly  
prized by Mr Smith on account

which attached ~~to~~  
of the importance ^ of the record  
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which were ^ found enclosed in ^ one  
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kept exclusively by Mr Smith  
until his death & since by  
the Mother of Mr Smith notwiths-  
tanding we have had repeated  
offers to purchase which have  
invariably been refused until her  
death which occured on the  
fourteenth day of ~~May last~~ this month

Nauvoo

L. C. Bidamon

Hancock

co Ills may 26 Emma Bidamon (former wife  
of Jos. Smith)  
Joseph Smith (Son of Jos  
Smith)

(Type in parentheses was written in pencil. The rest of the letter was written in ink.)



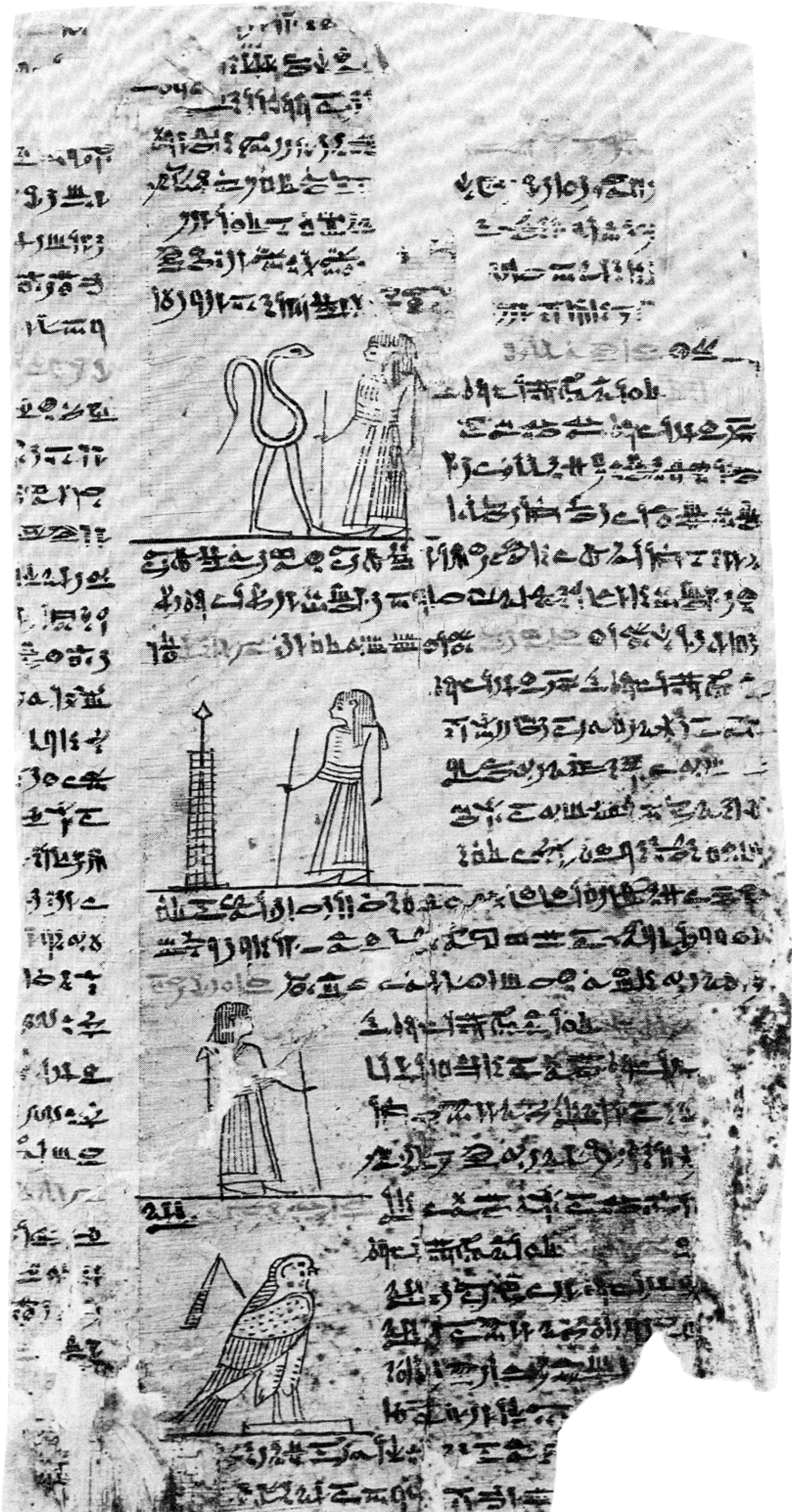






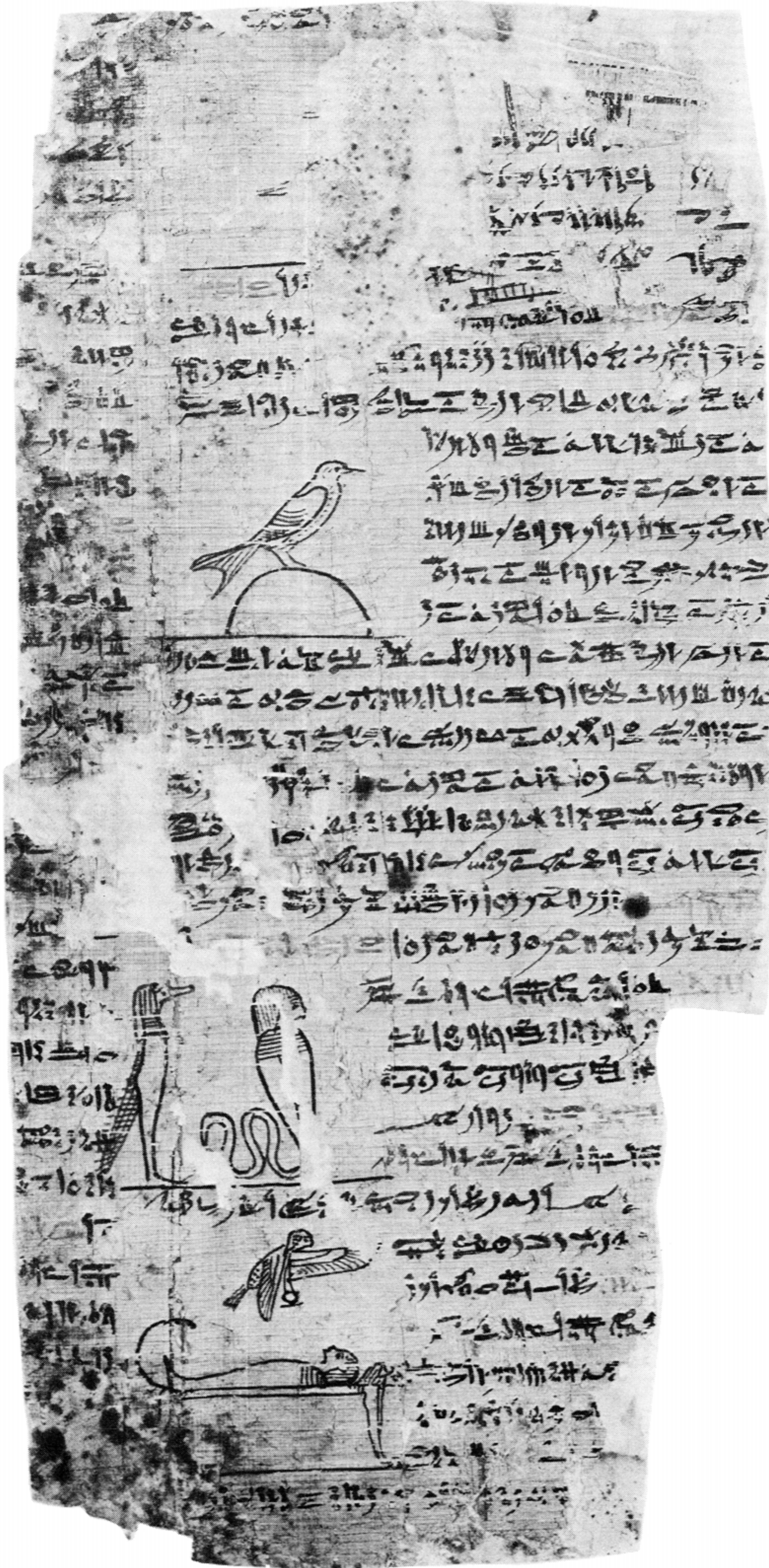
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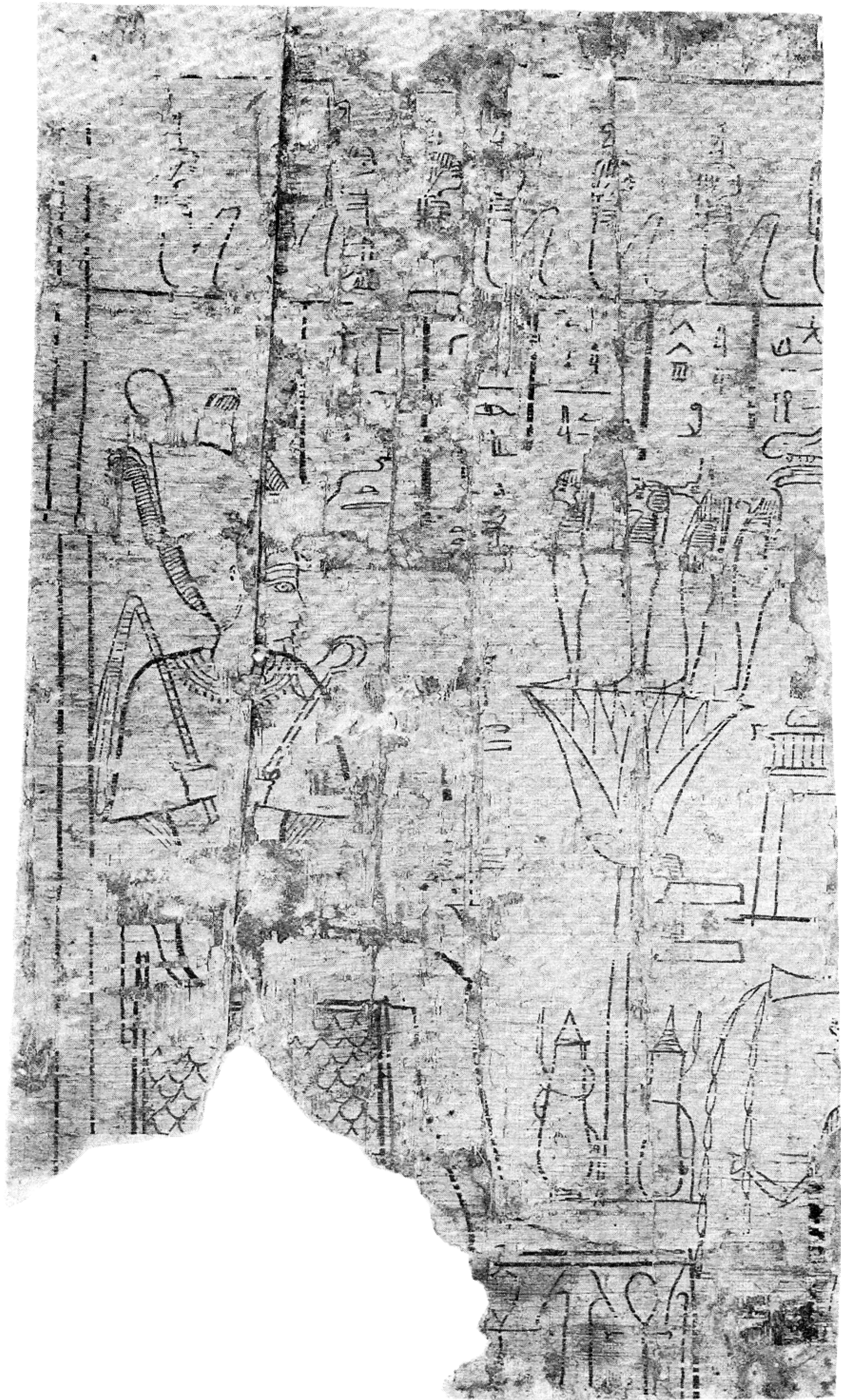
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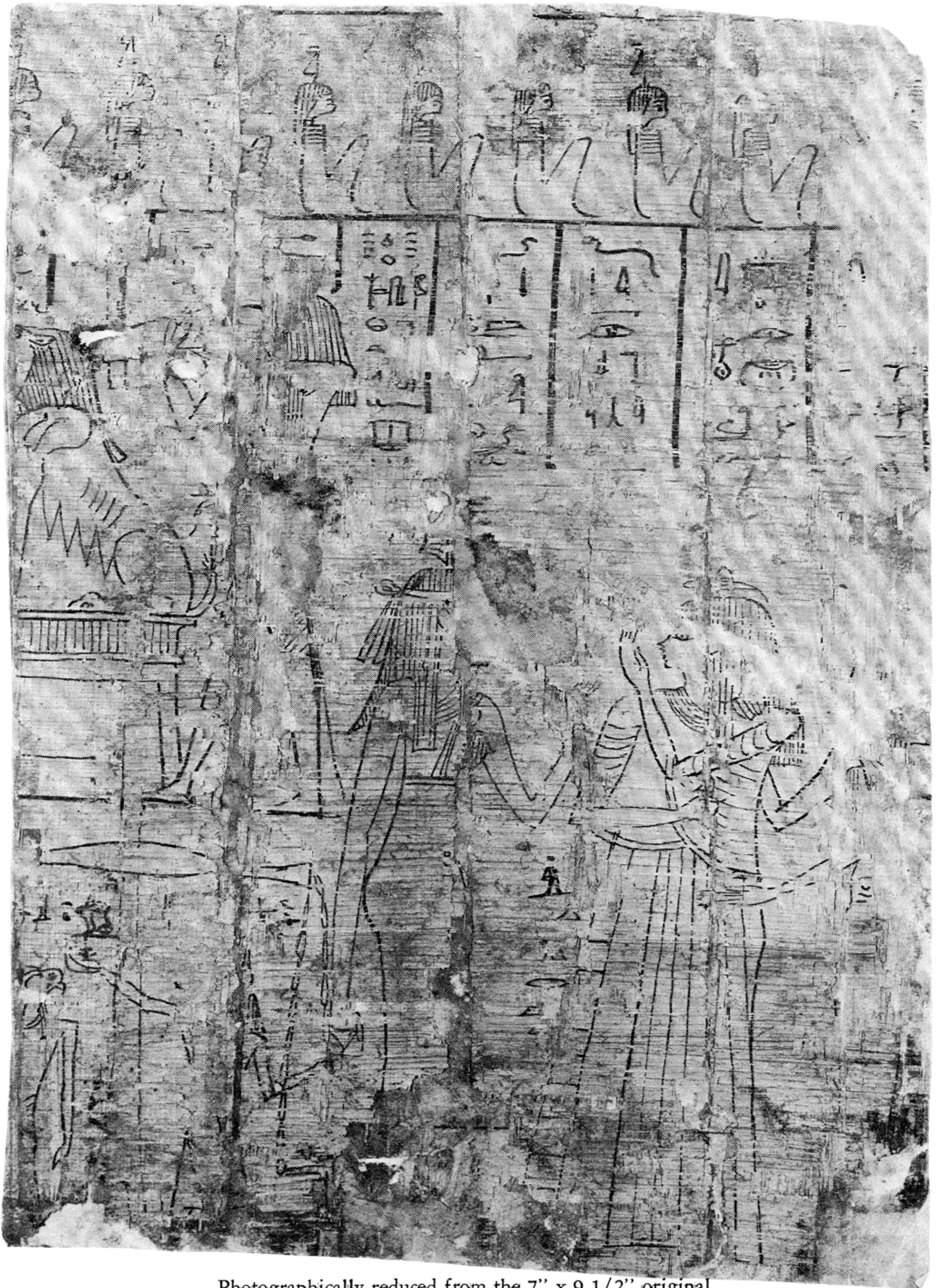
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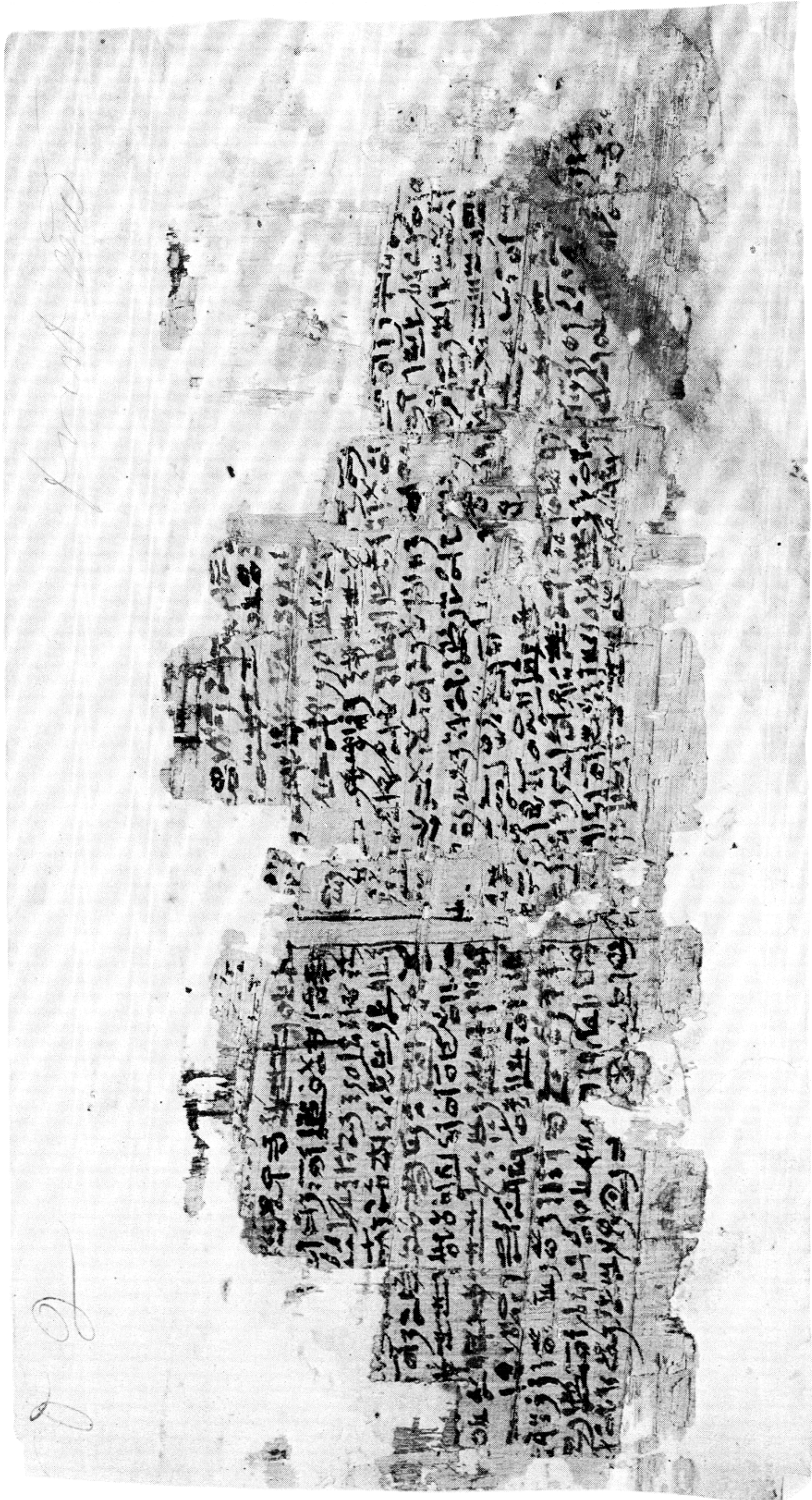
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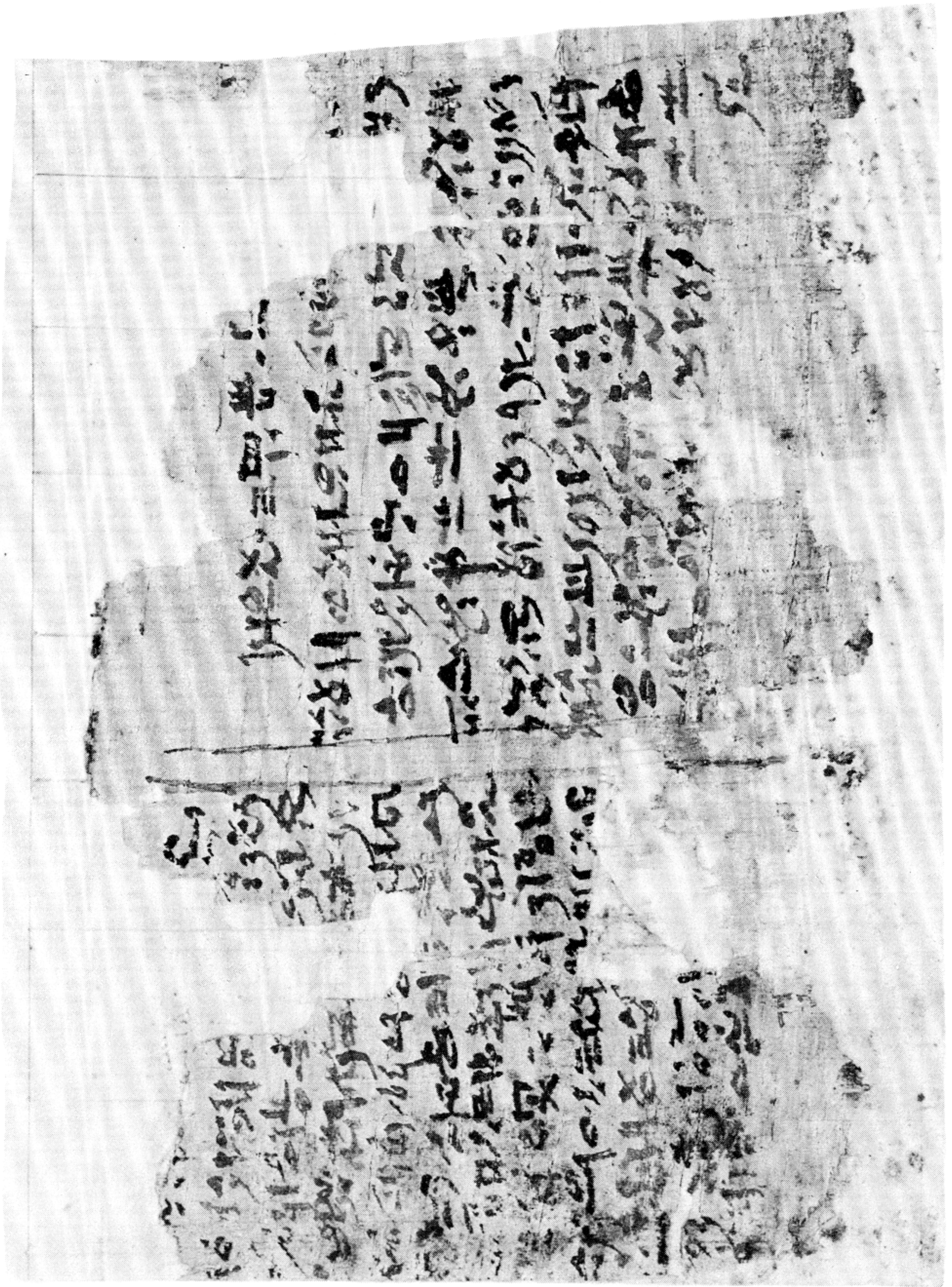


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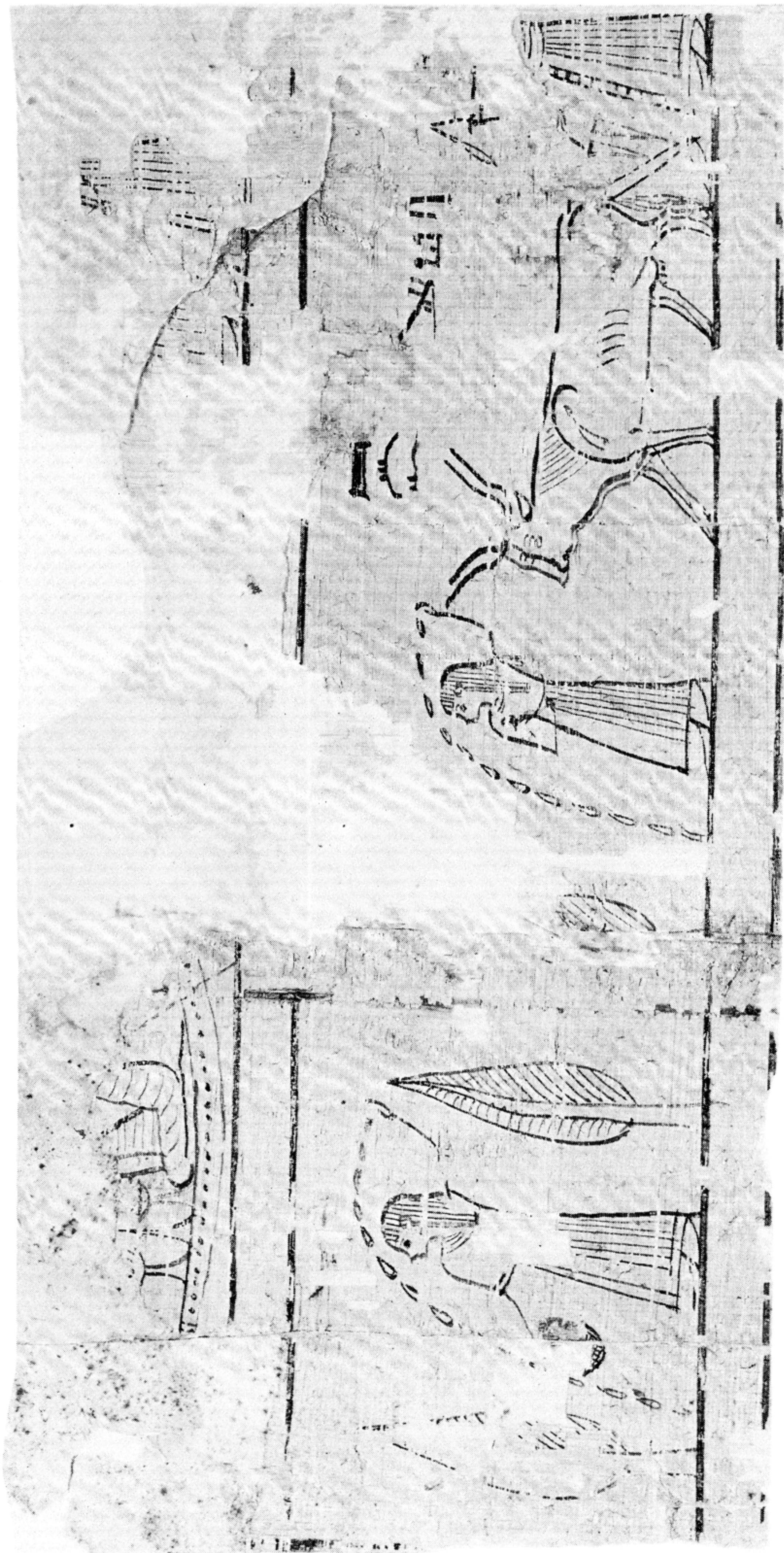


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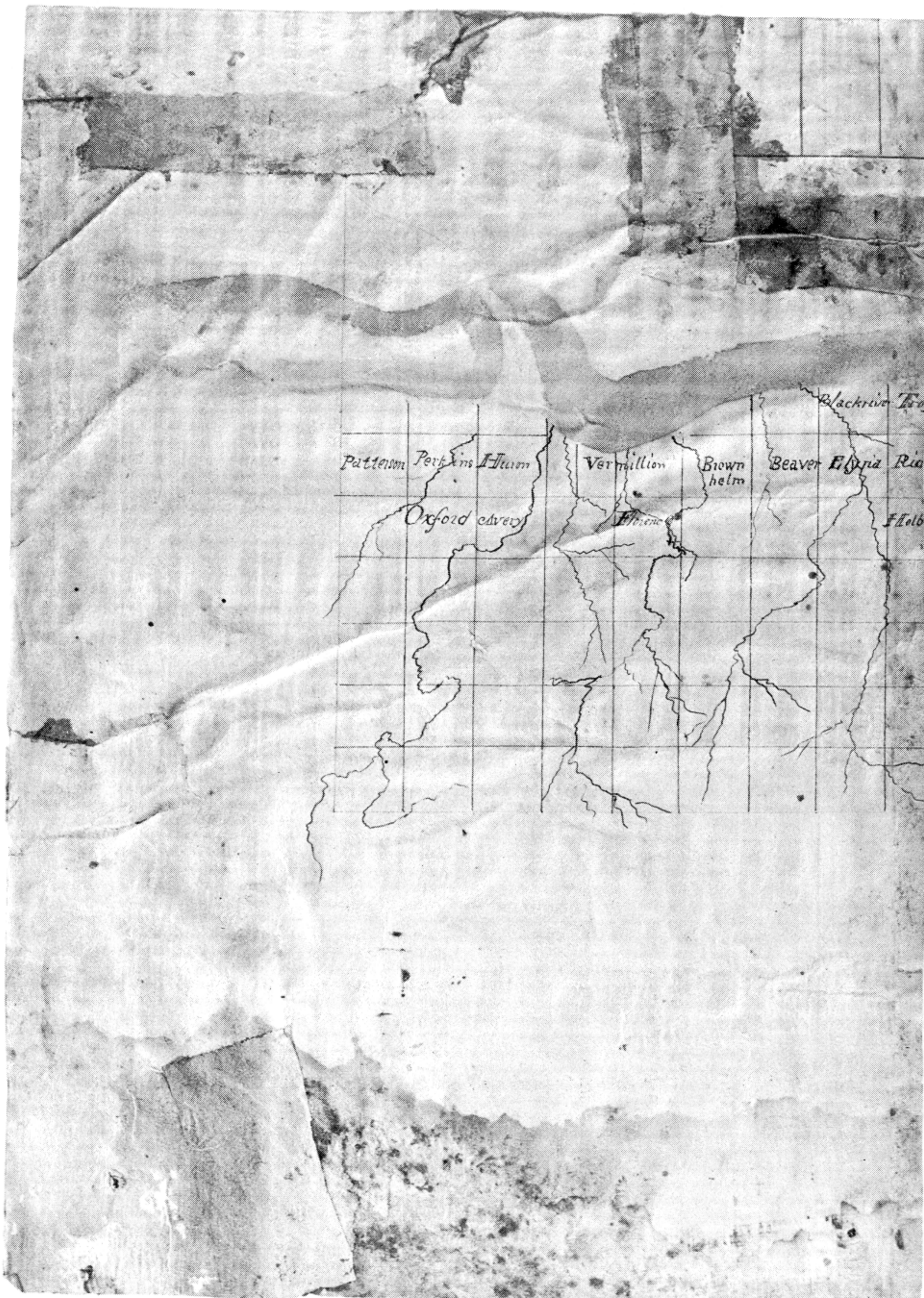






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