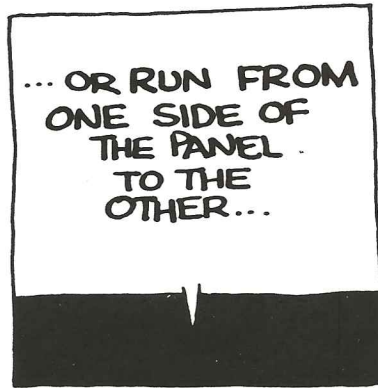
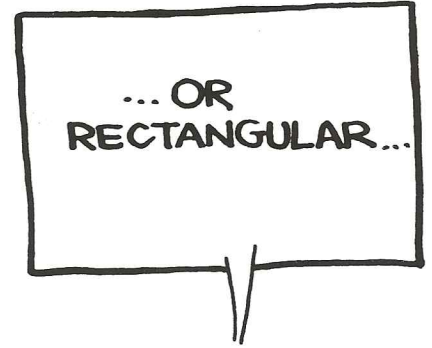
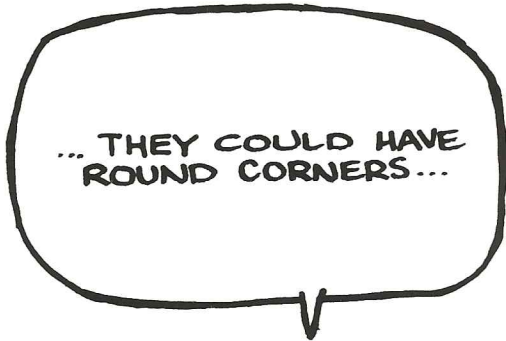


Comic-strip characters communicate with each other through **speech balloons.**

Like the panels, these can take many shapes.



...AND SOMETIMES HAVE NO SHAPE AT ALL!



Unlike the panels, mixing up balloons within a strip can create an interesting effect.

Cartoons, caricatures and comic strips all have one thing in common,
expression.

So that's where we'll start.

Simple dots can say
heaps in cartoons.

Like this they are just dots.

But add a line or two and they can be:



angry



worried



pensive



looking right



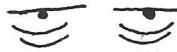
looking left



stunned



suspicious



tired

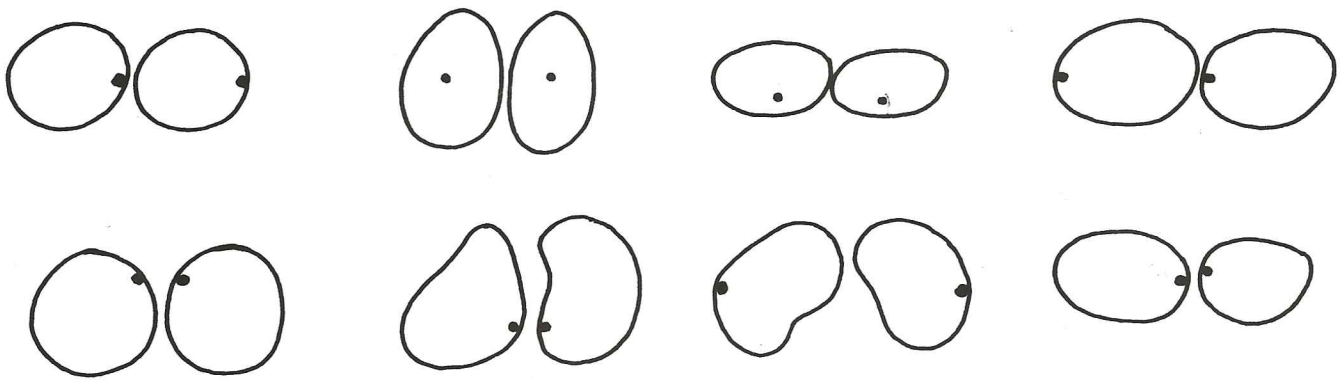


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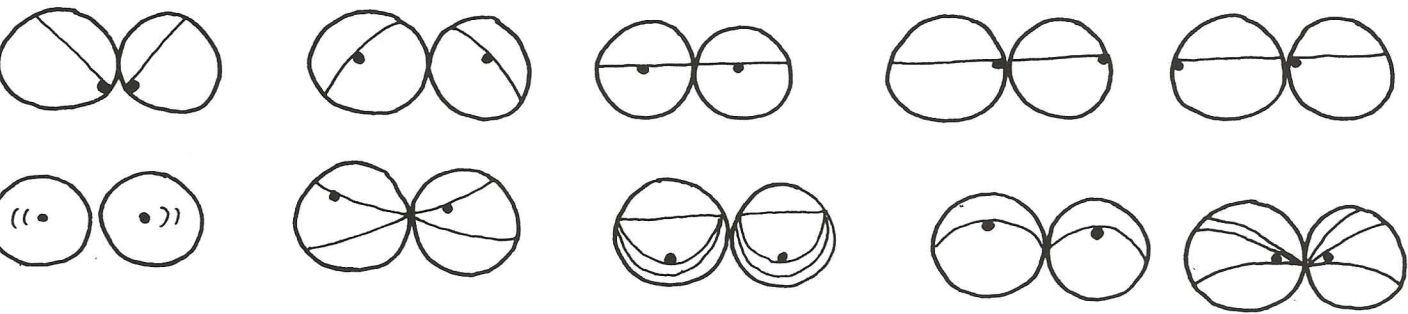


evil

**The dot can also say a lot when popped inside a circle,
or an egg shape.**

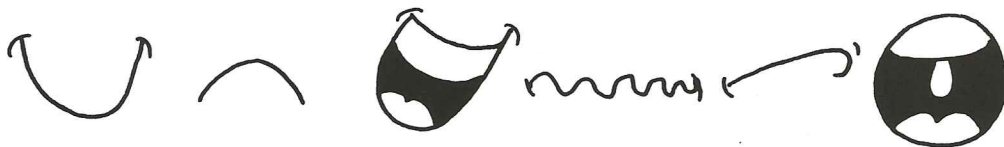


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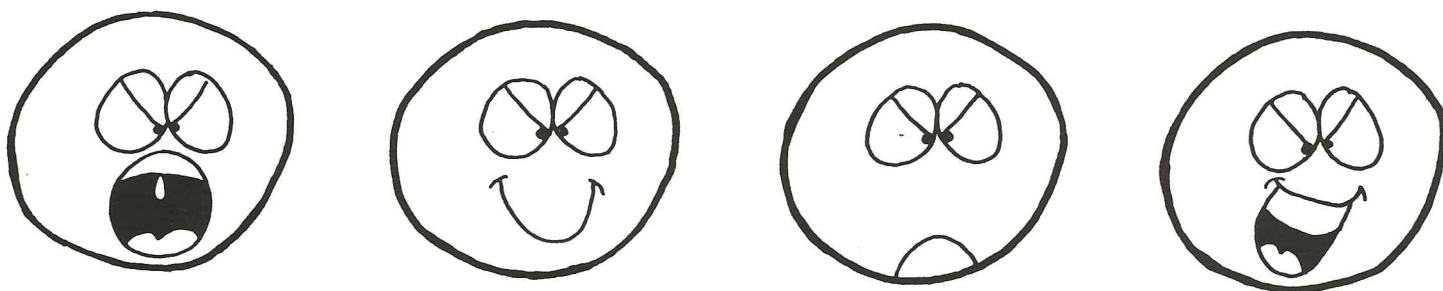
They become very talkative, don't they?

The **mouth** is equally as important to a character's expression as the eyes.

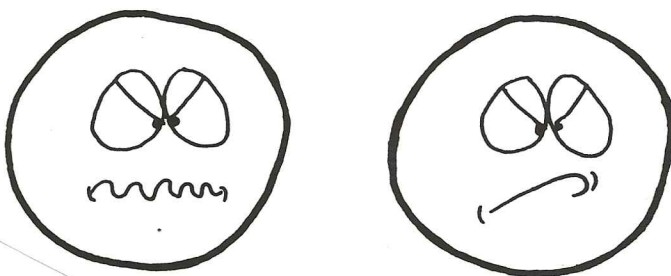


The mood of a character and therefore the eyes usually determine the type of mouth that should go with them.

By matching unlikely pairs you can end up with a character in quite a different mood. Take our angry sketch as an example.

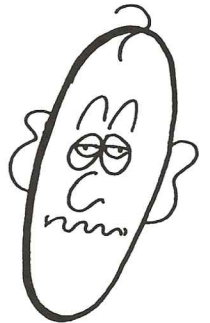
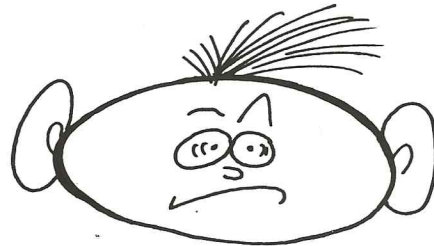
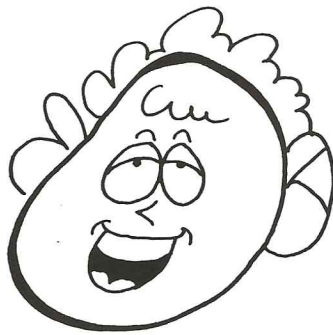
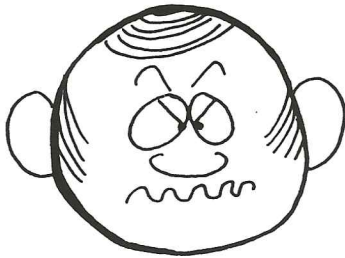
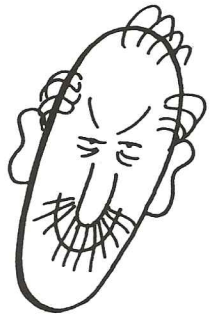
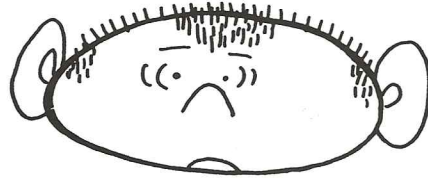
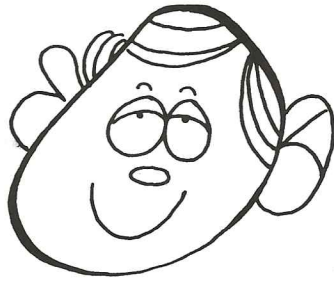
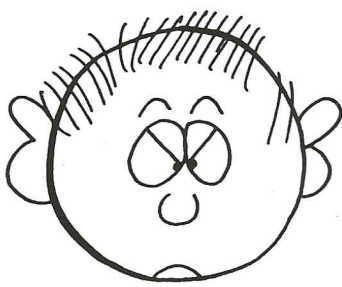


Experiment with various combinations and see what you can invent.

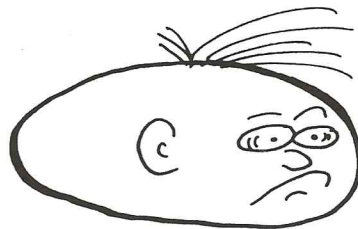
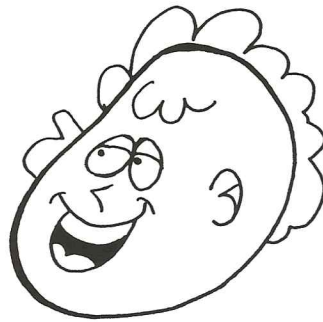


Noses, eyes, eyebrows and hair

come in an endless variety and are easy to add.

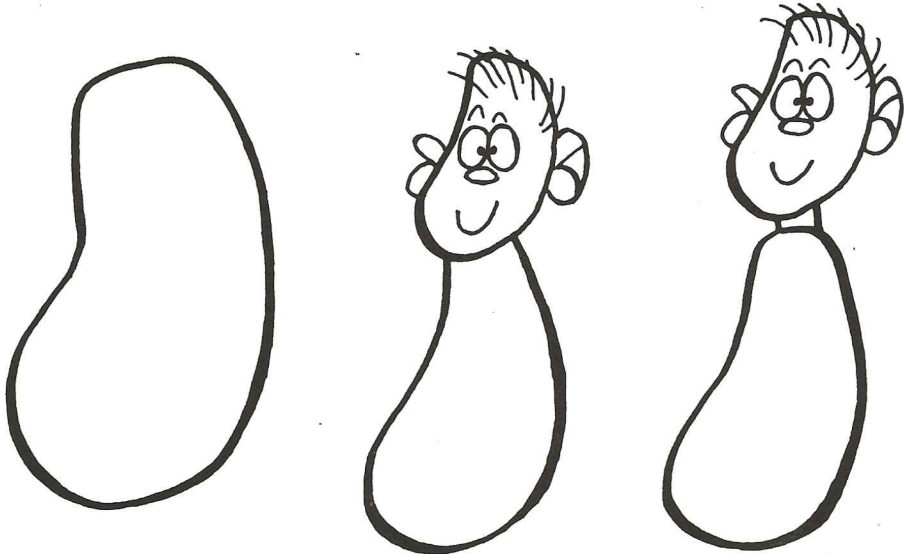
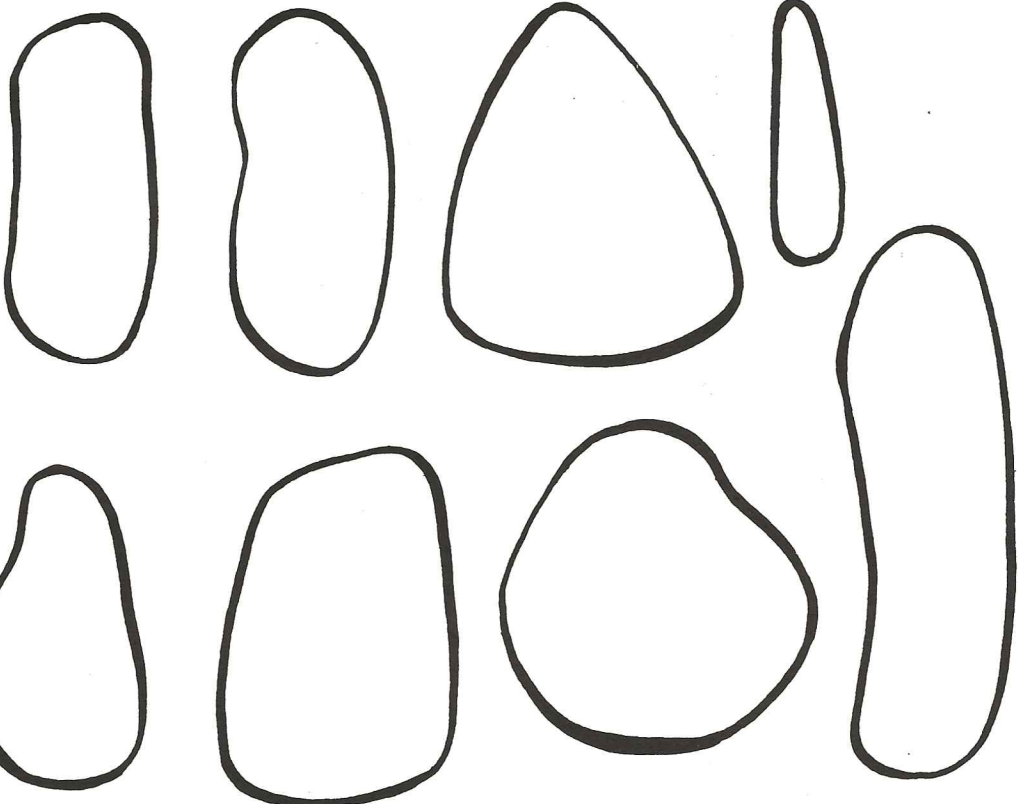


By using the original shape but putting the features to left or right we get a side-on view, a profile, of the character.



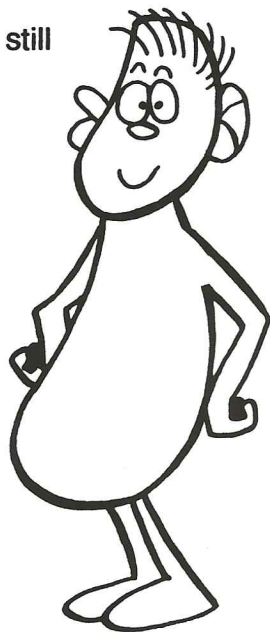
As they do in reality, cartoon **bodies** also come in all shapes and sizes.

Once you've decided on the one you like pop on the head, with or without neck, it doesn't matter!

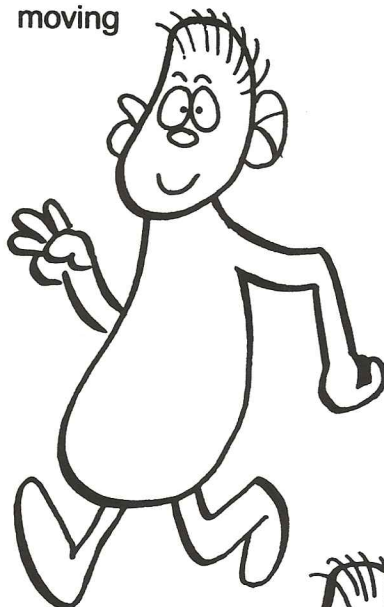


Where you put your character's **arms and legs** depends on whether you want it . . .

standing still



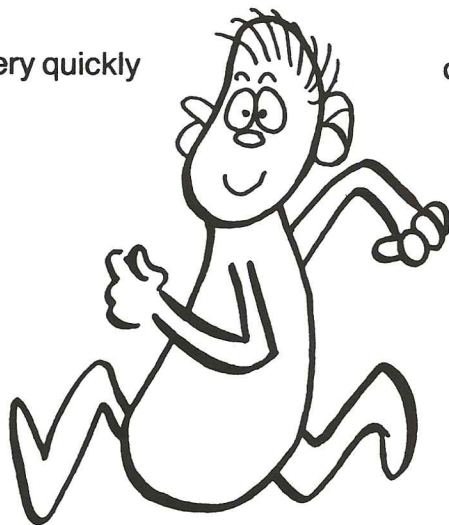
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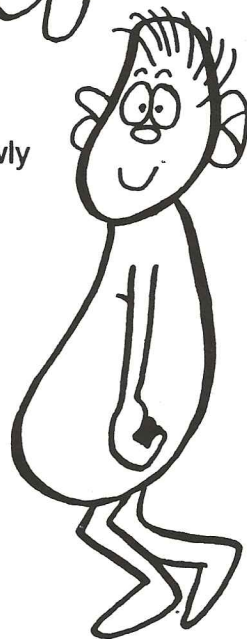
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moving very quickly



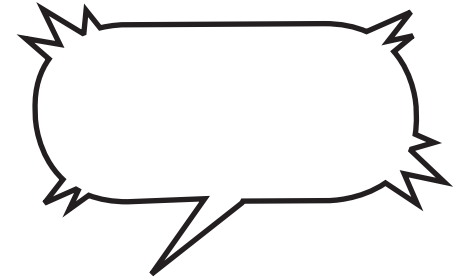
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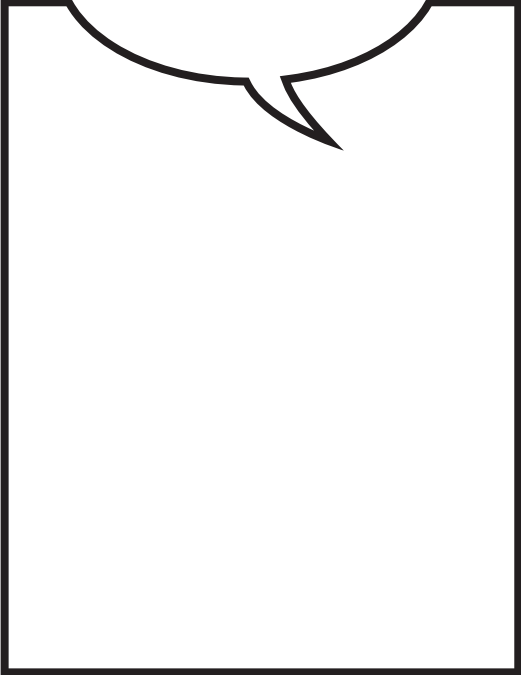
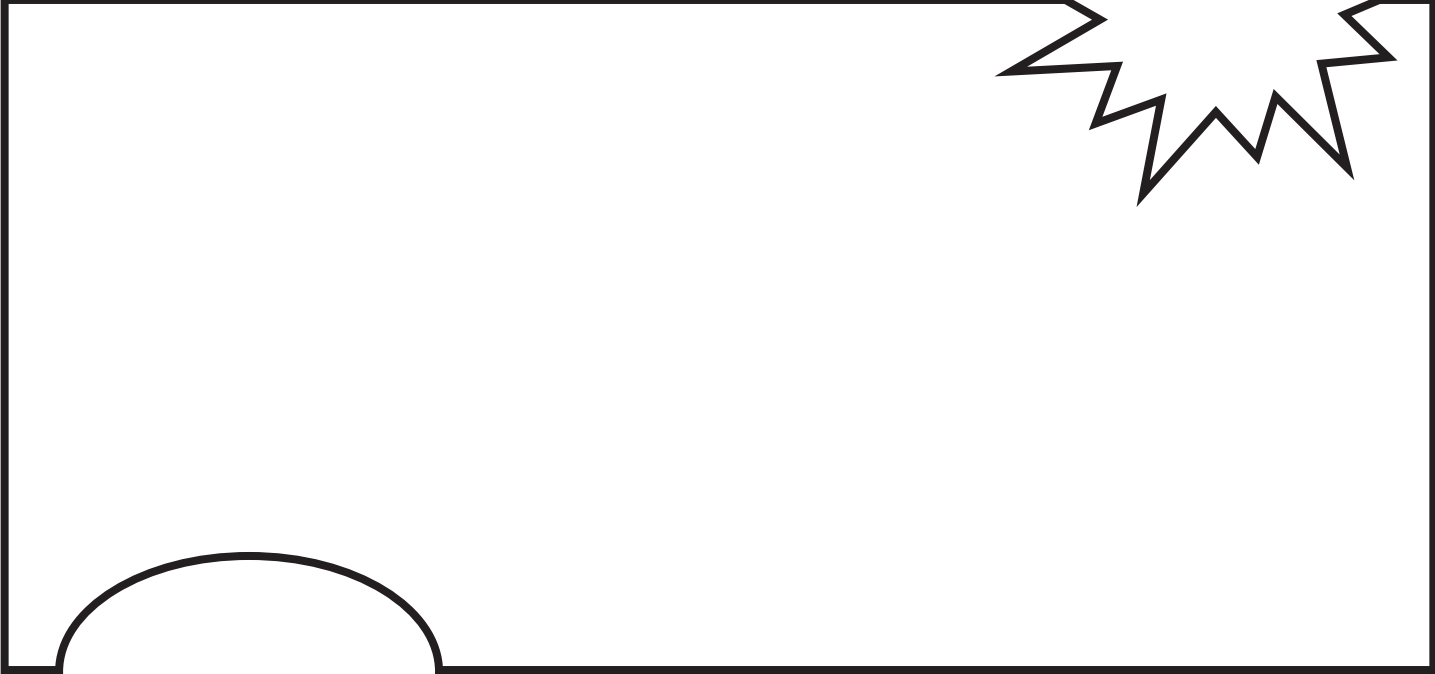
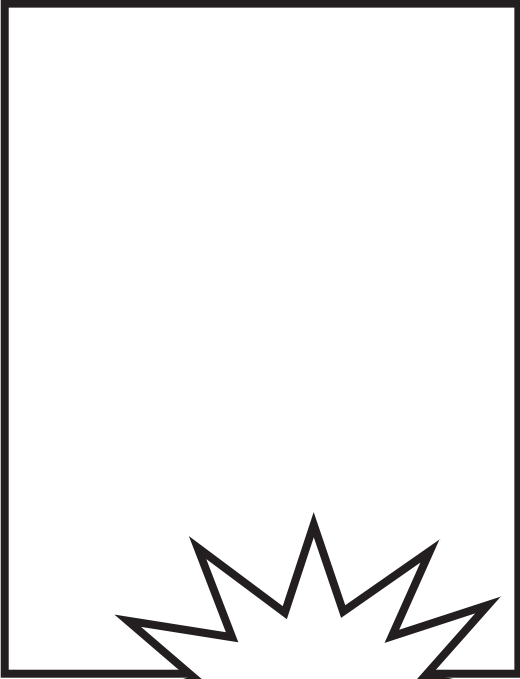
or jumping
or flying
or throwing
or whatever!

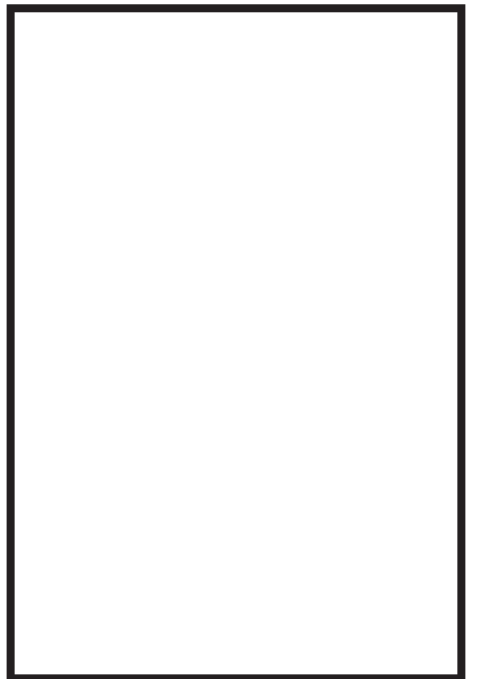
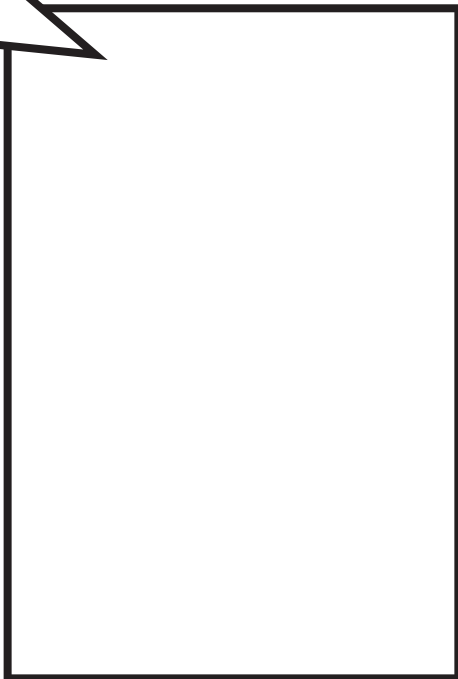
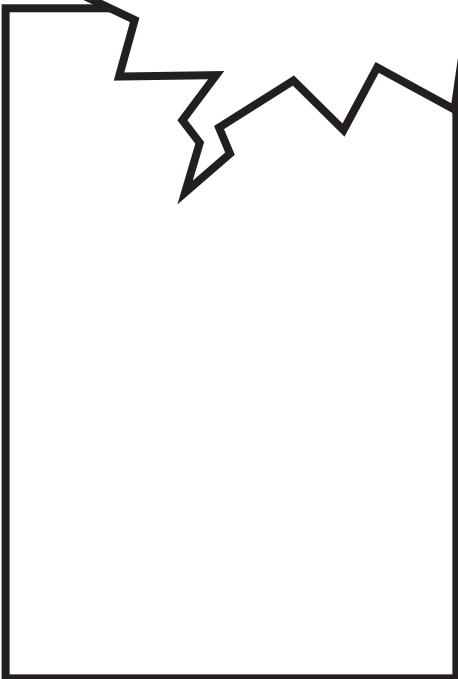
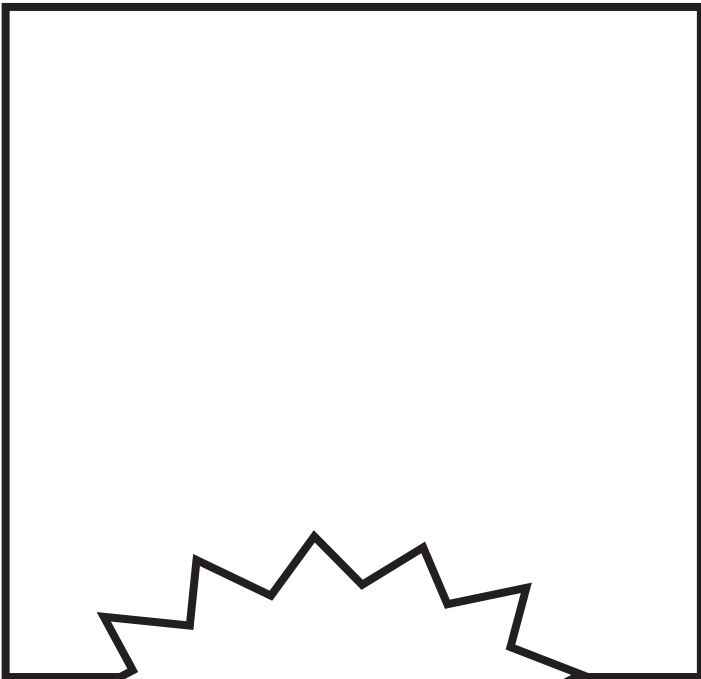
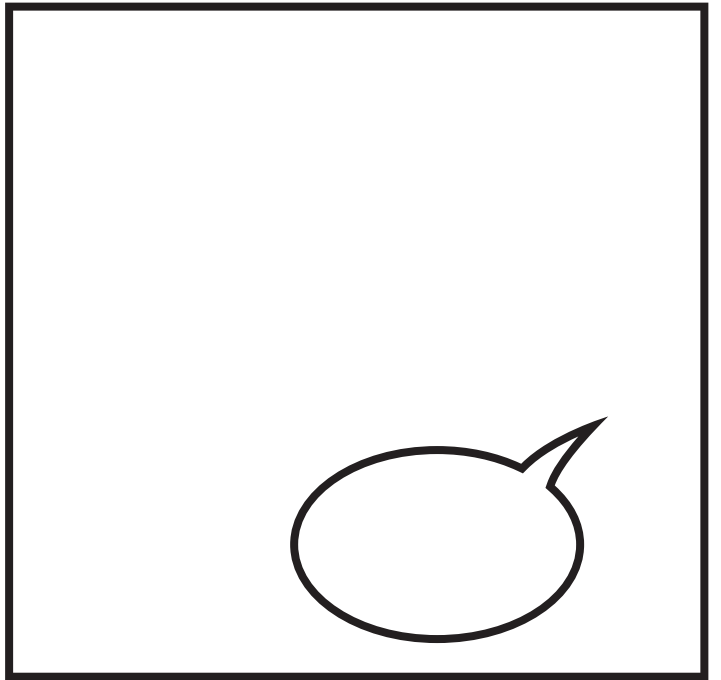
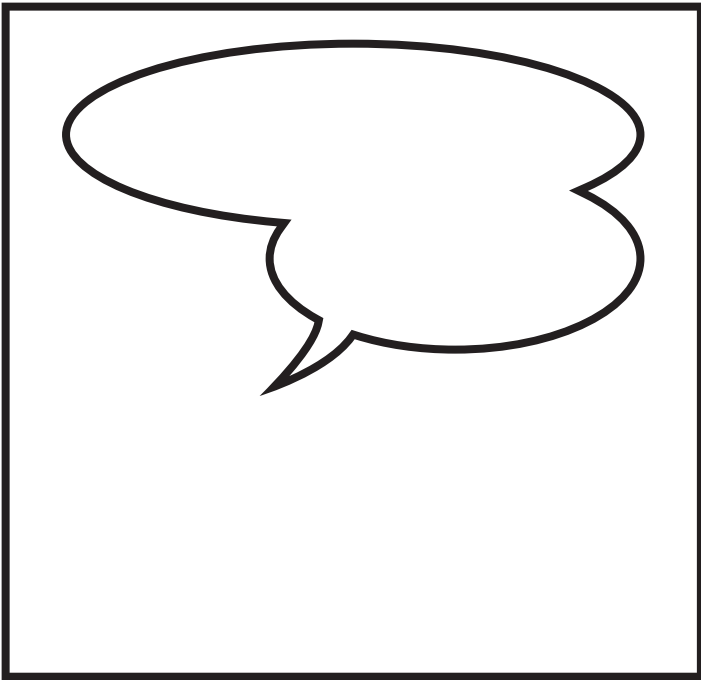
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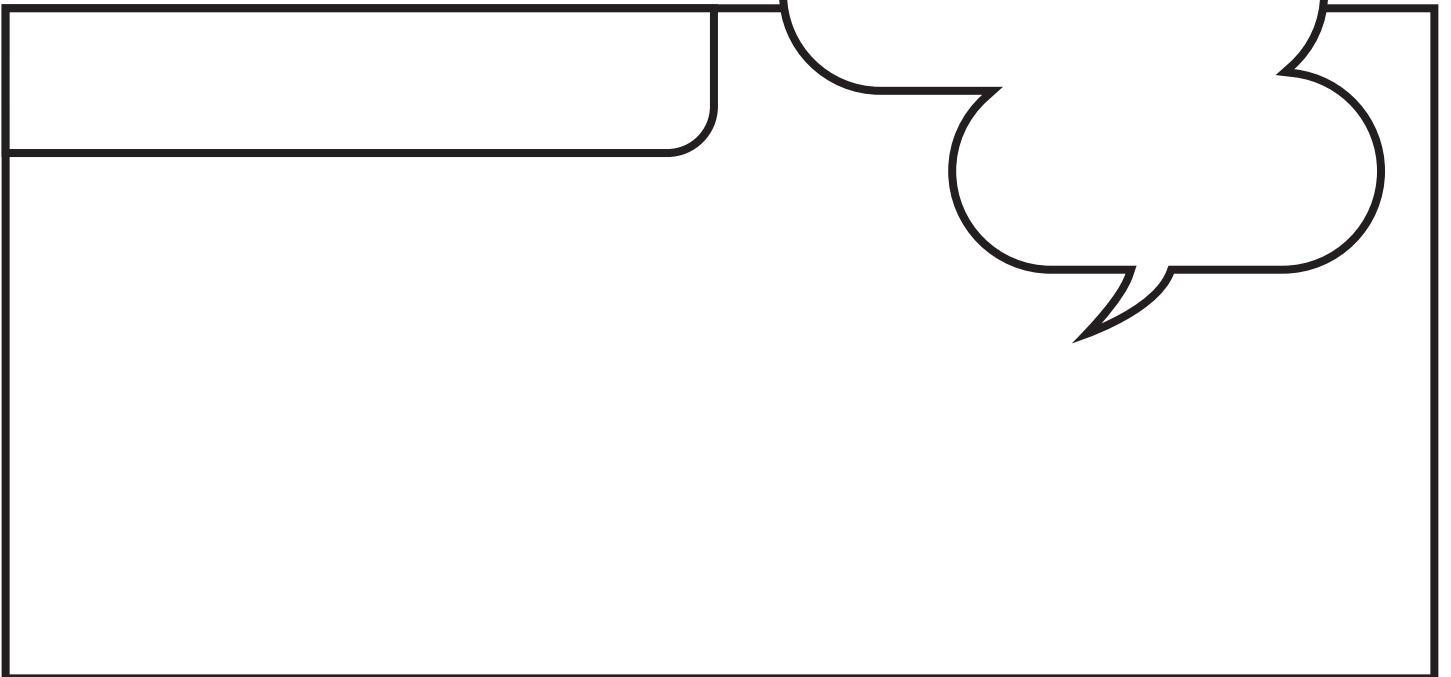
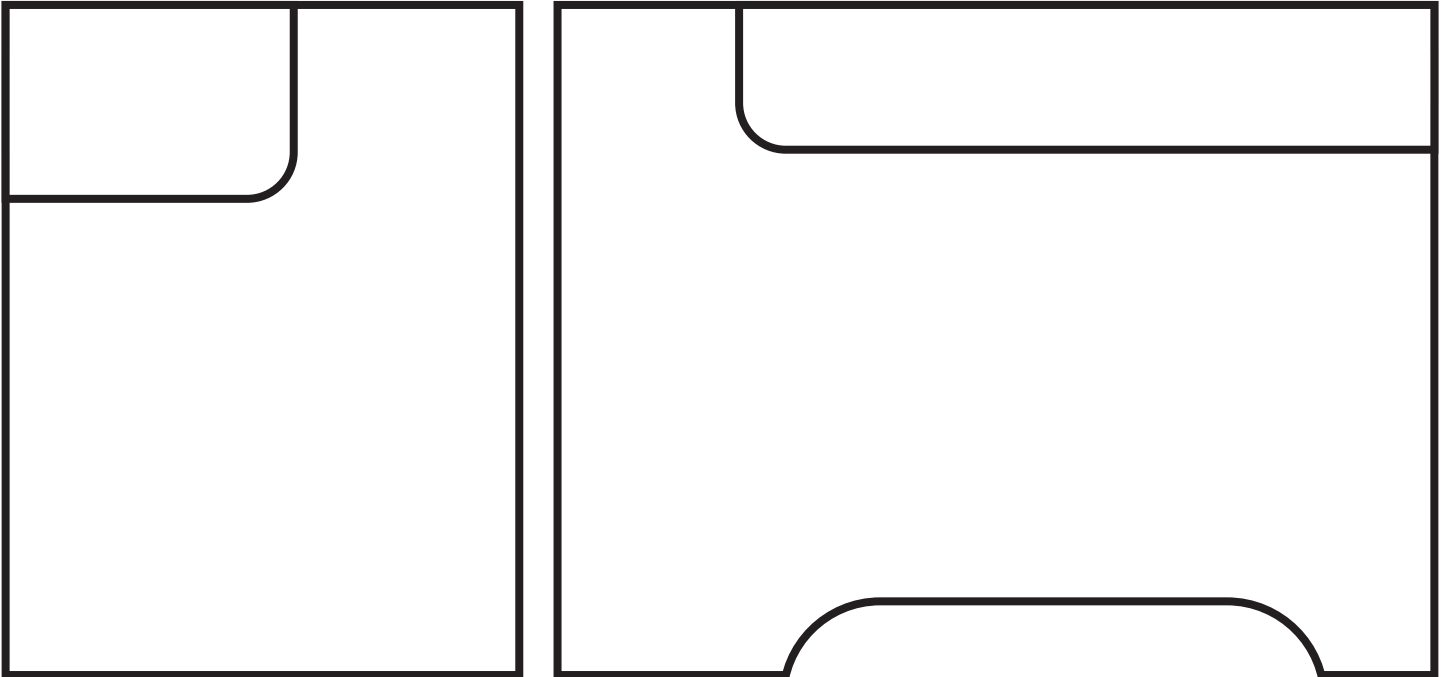
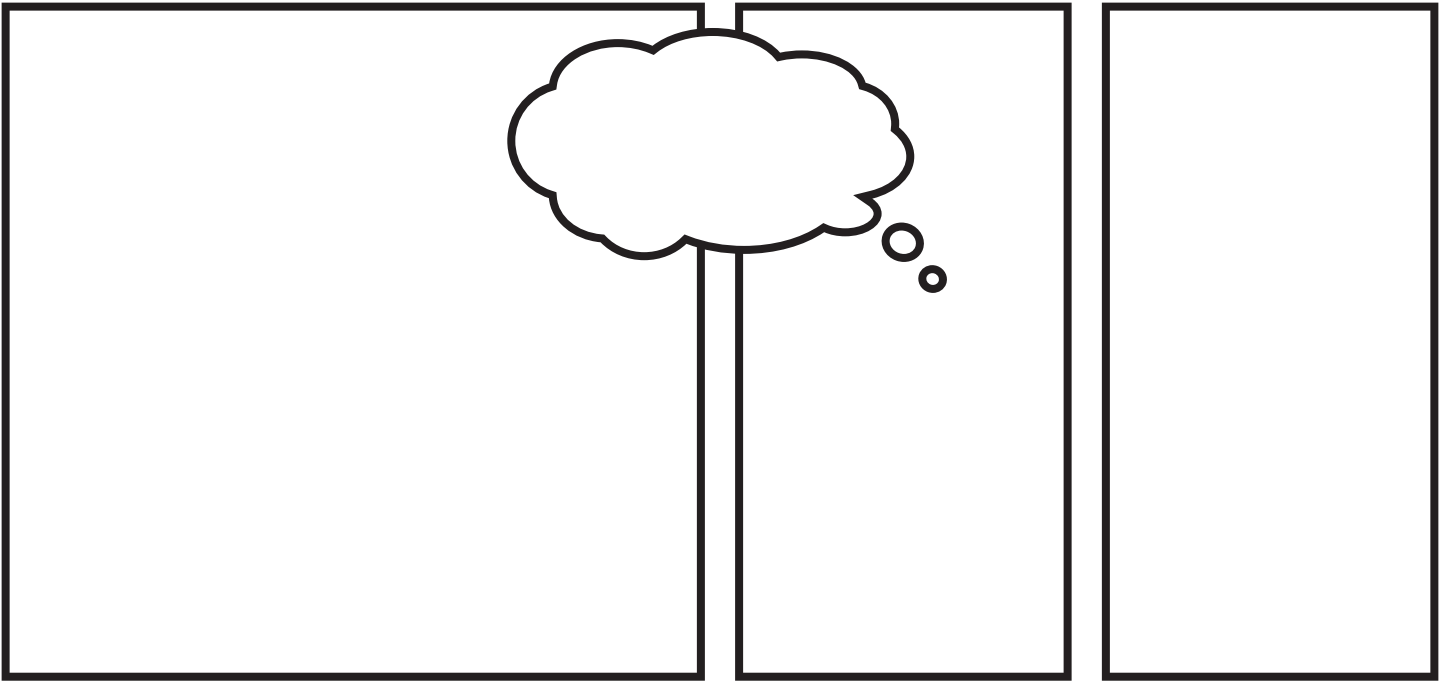
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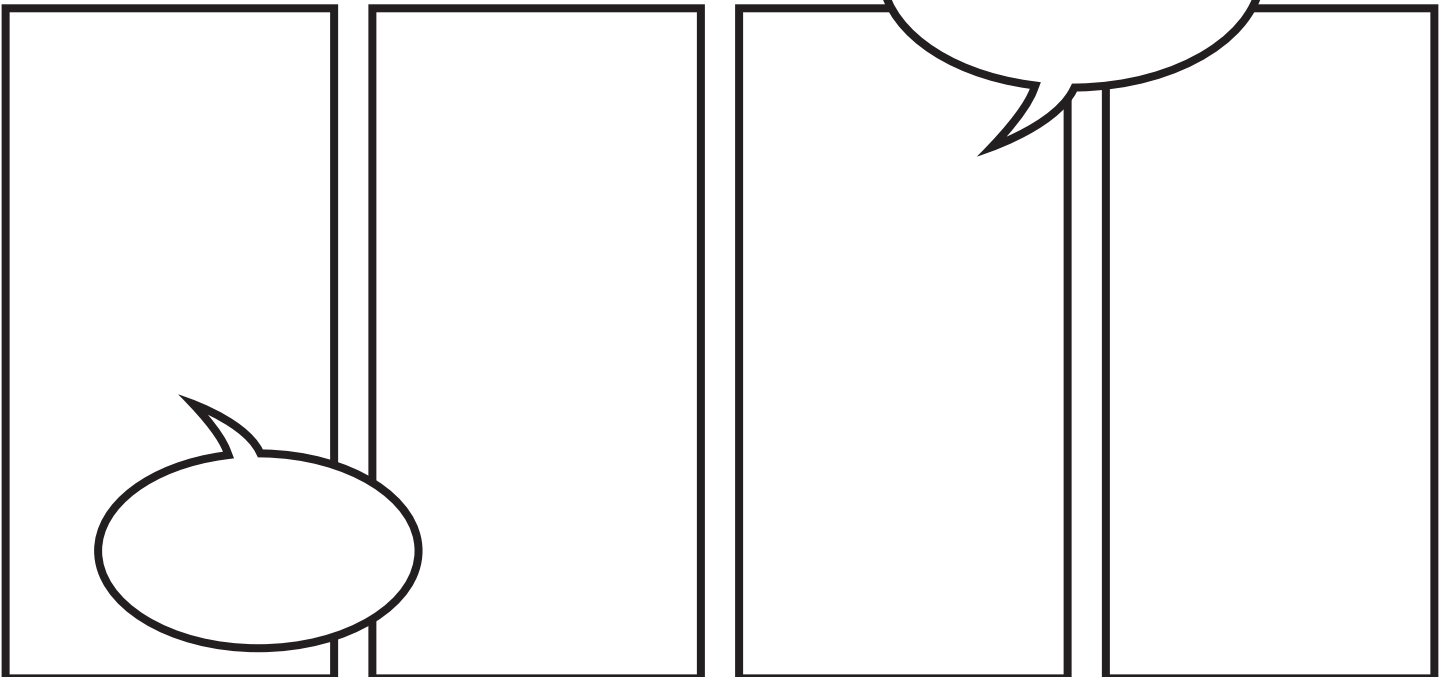
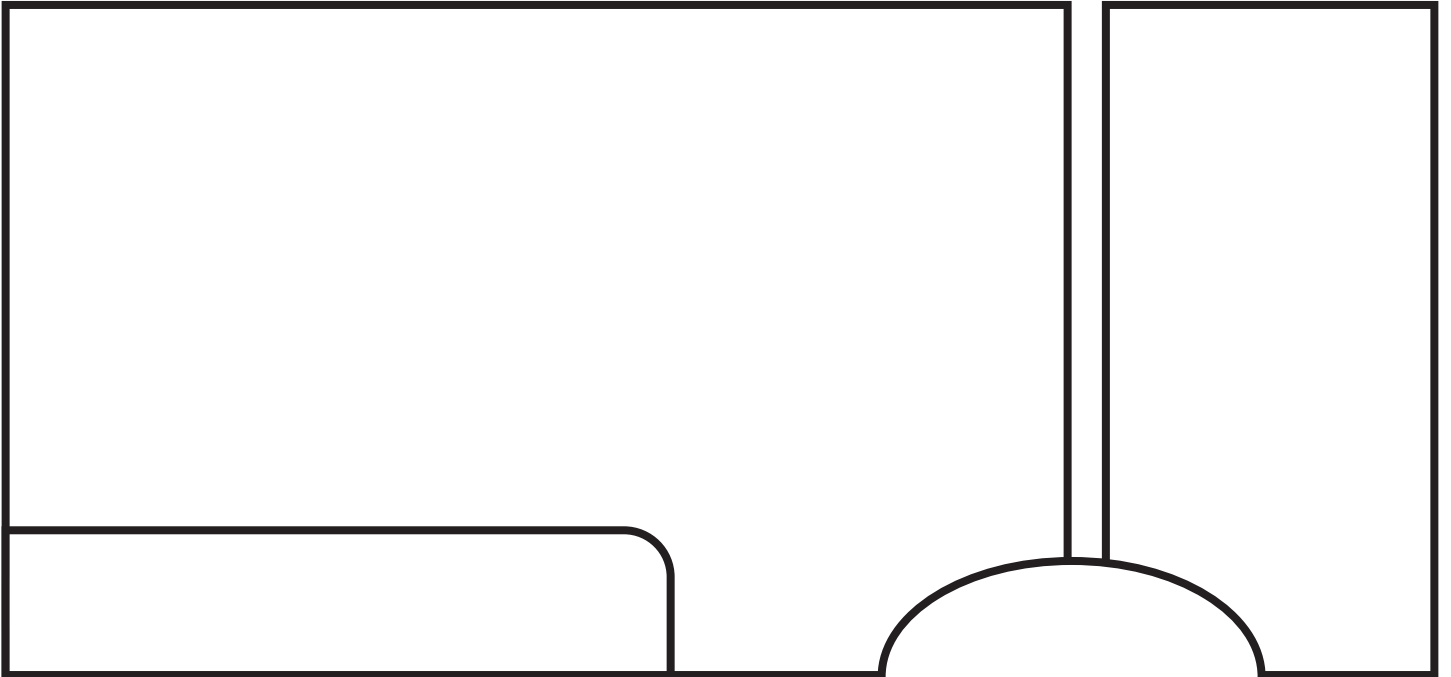
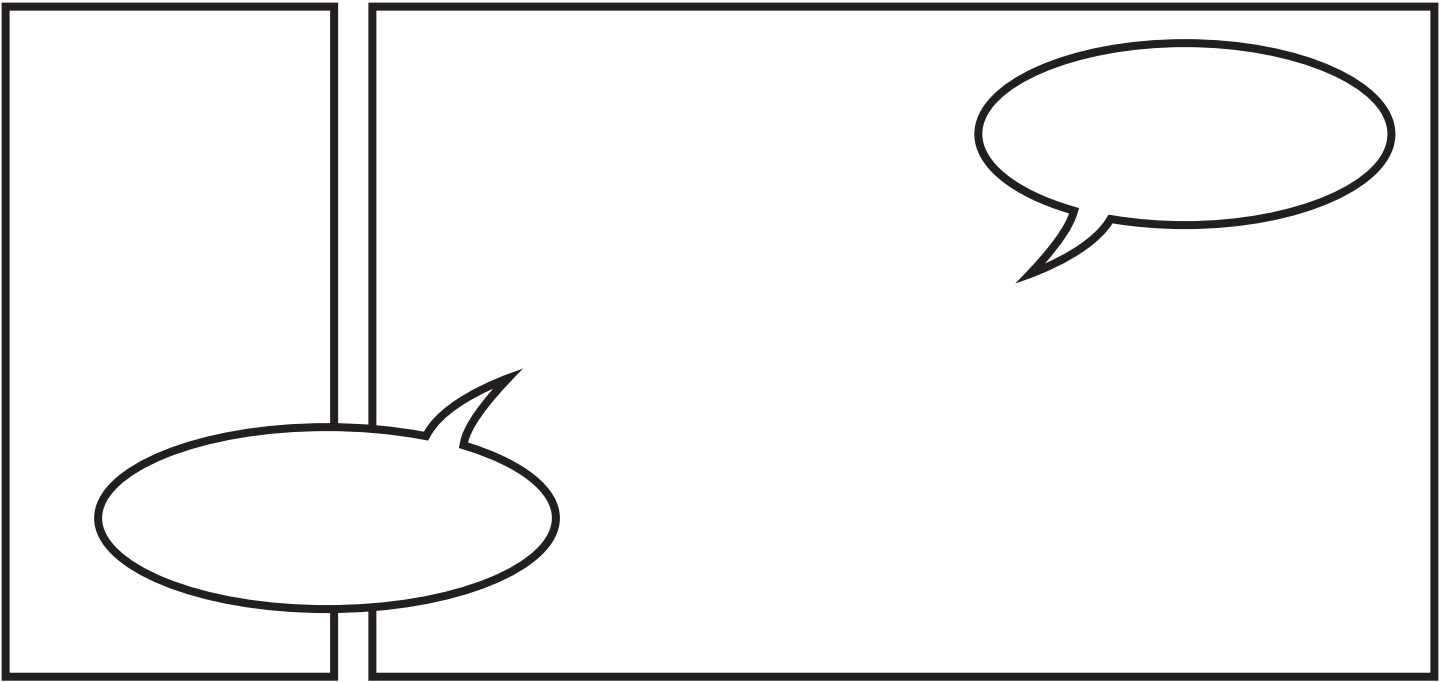


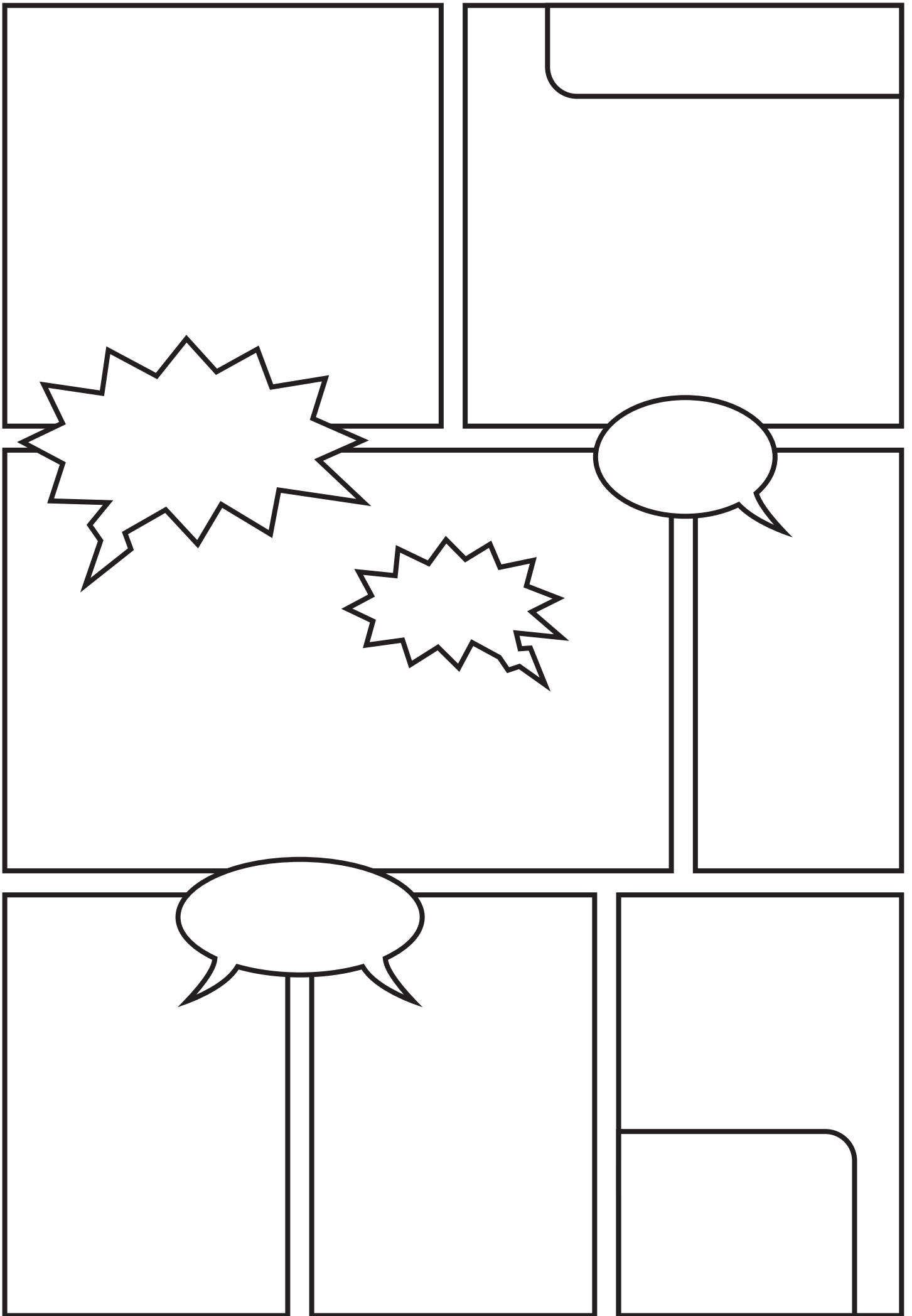
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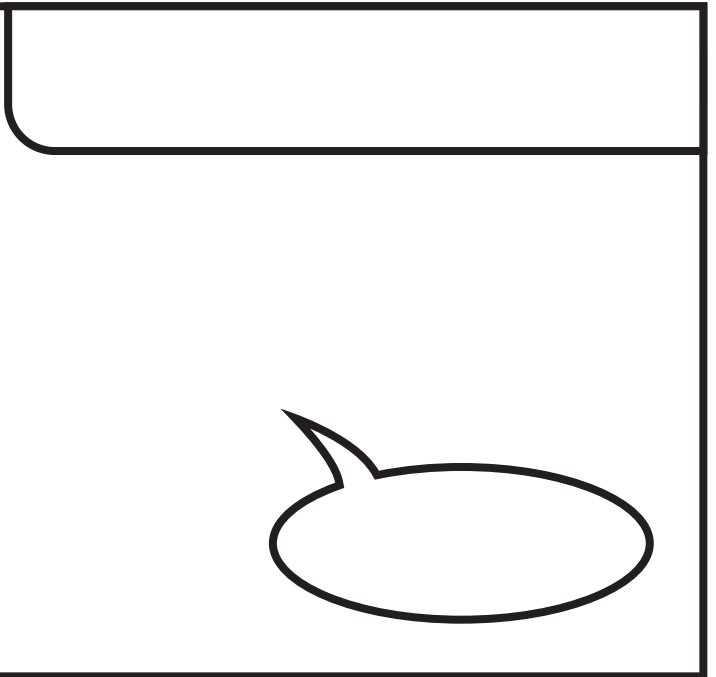
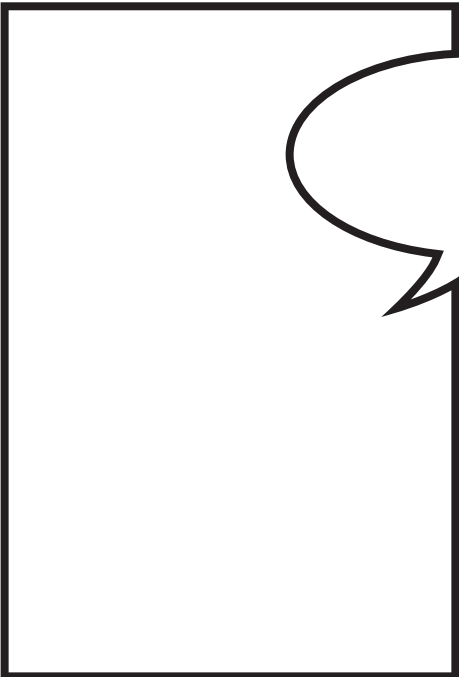
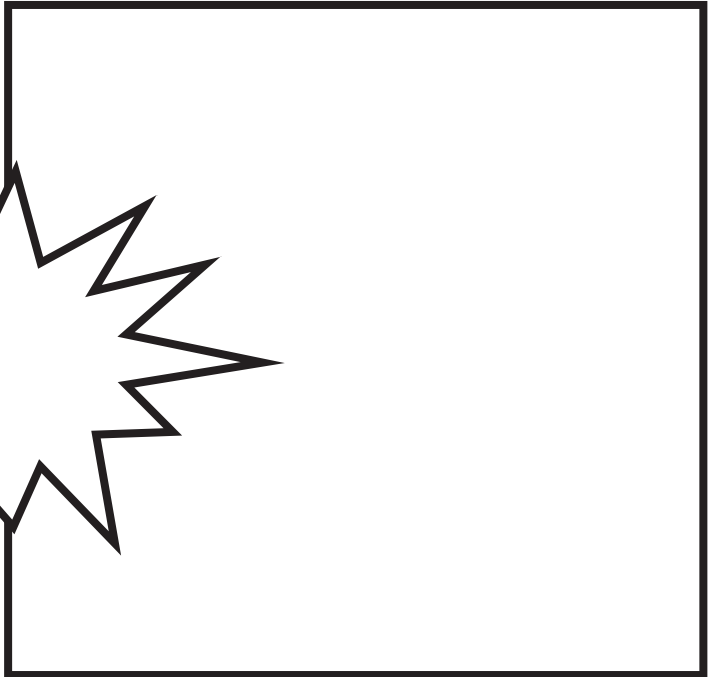
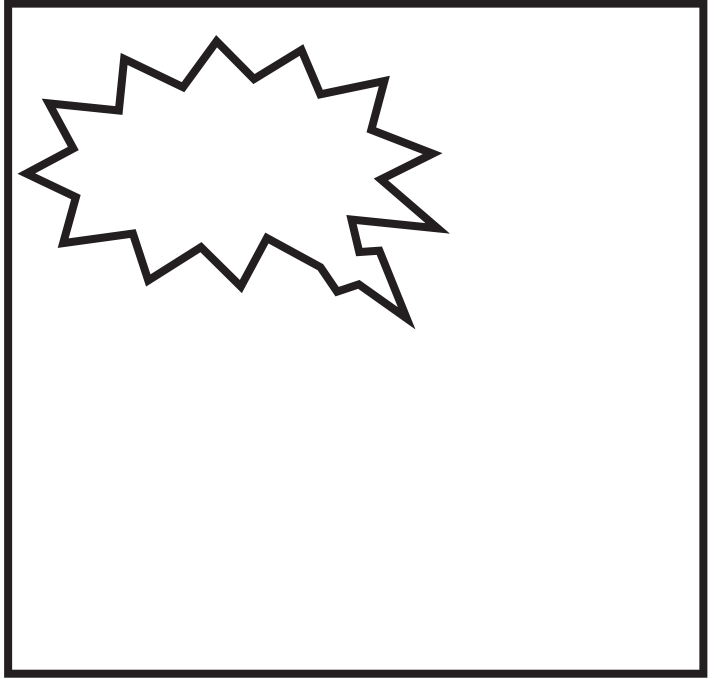
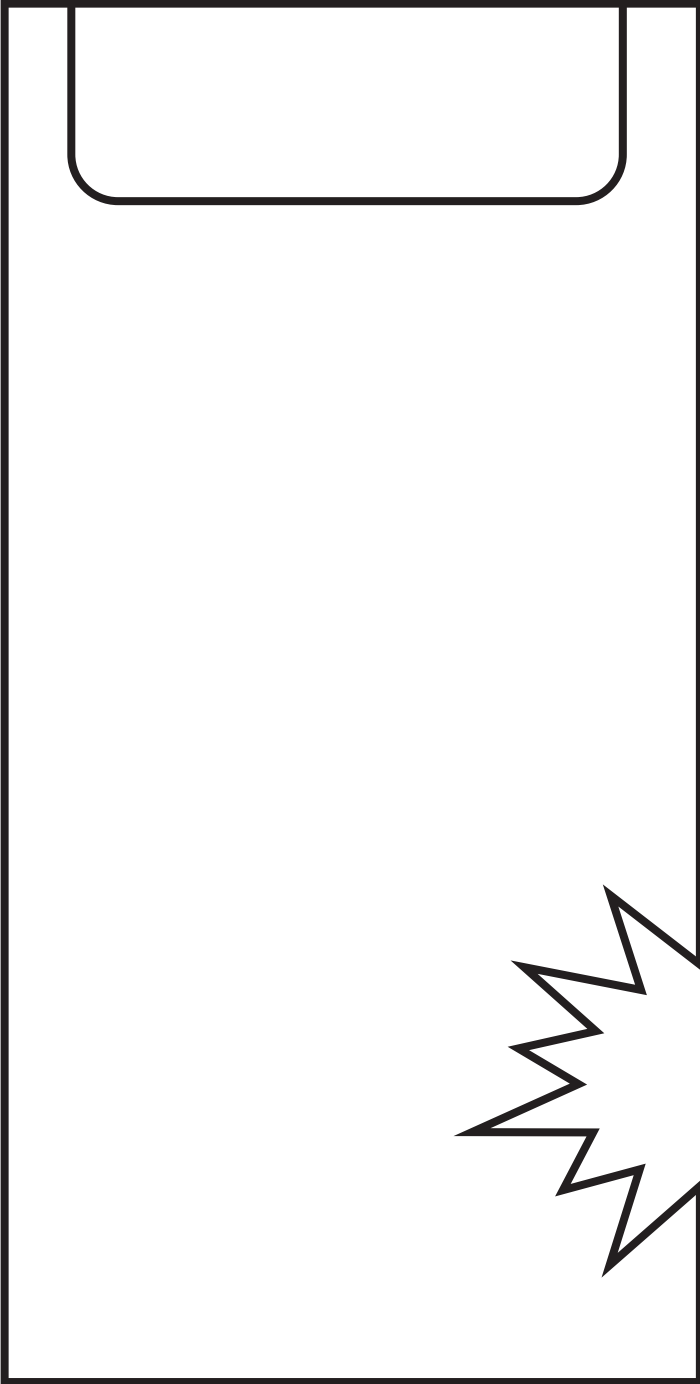


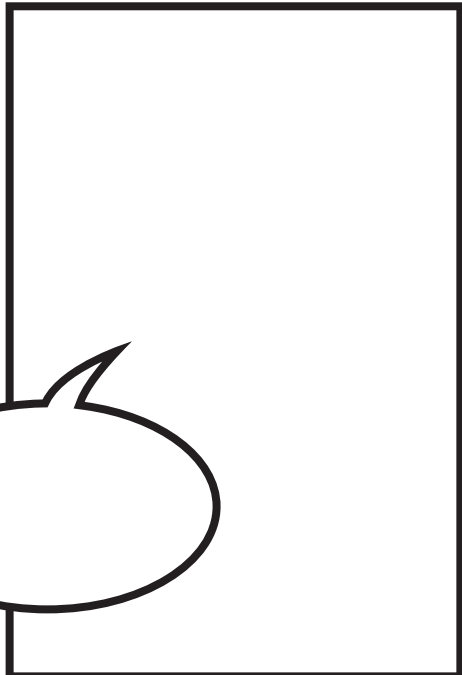
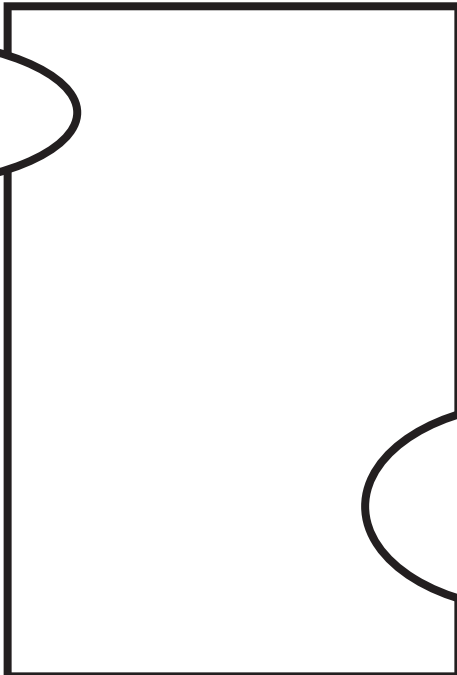
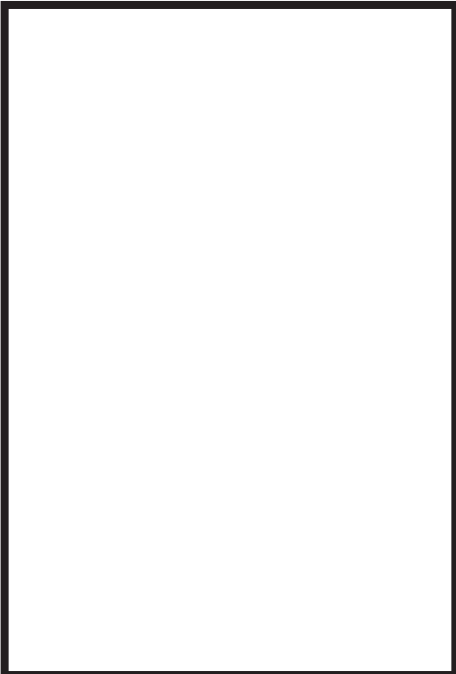


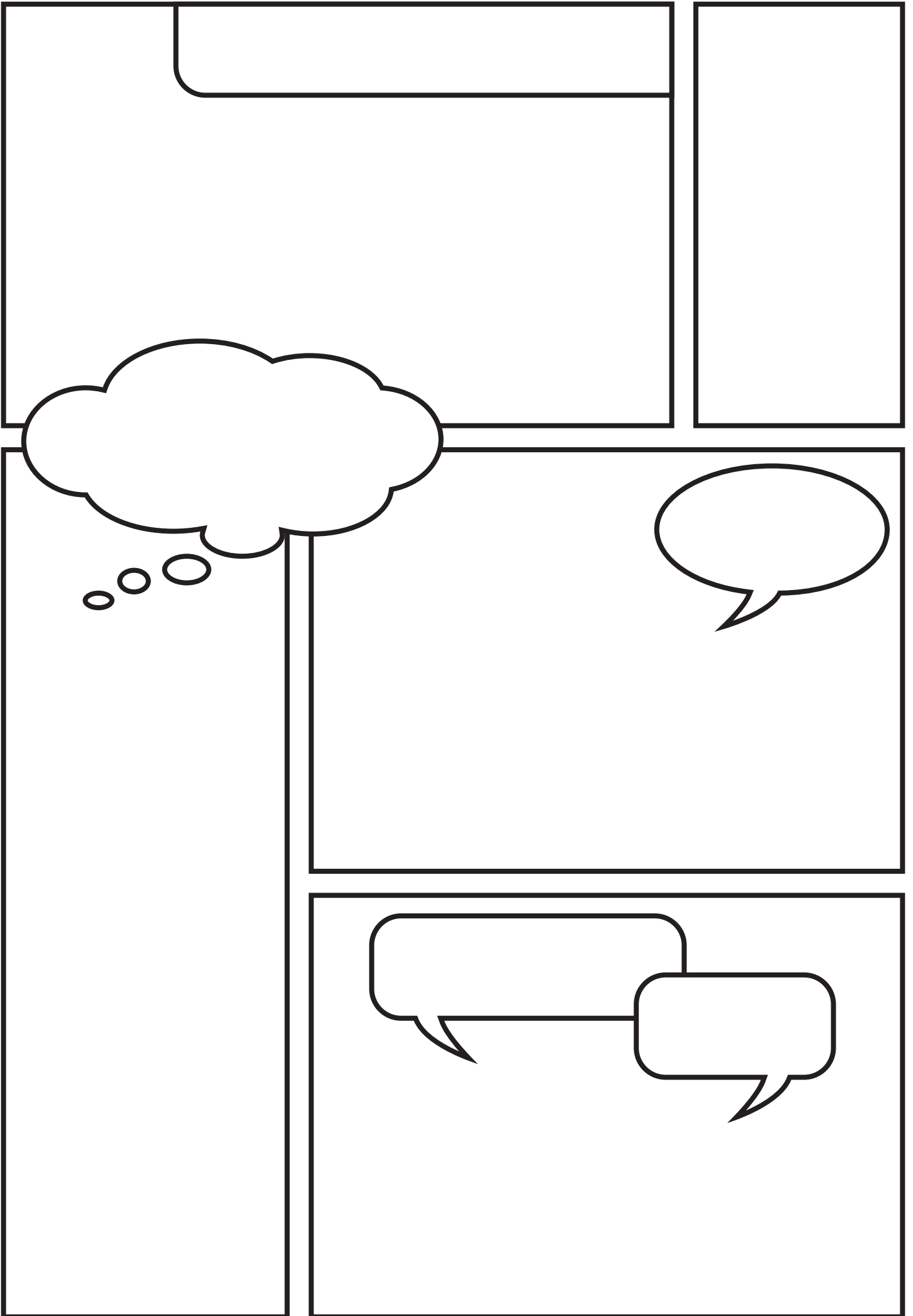


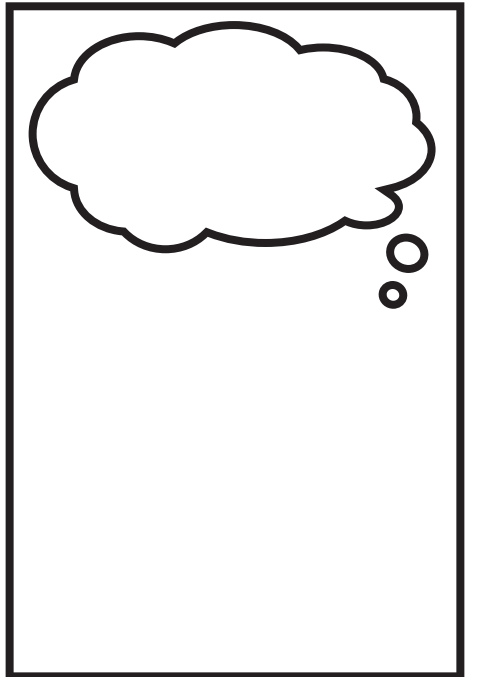
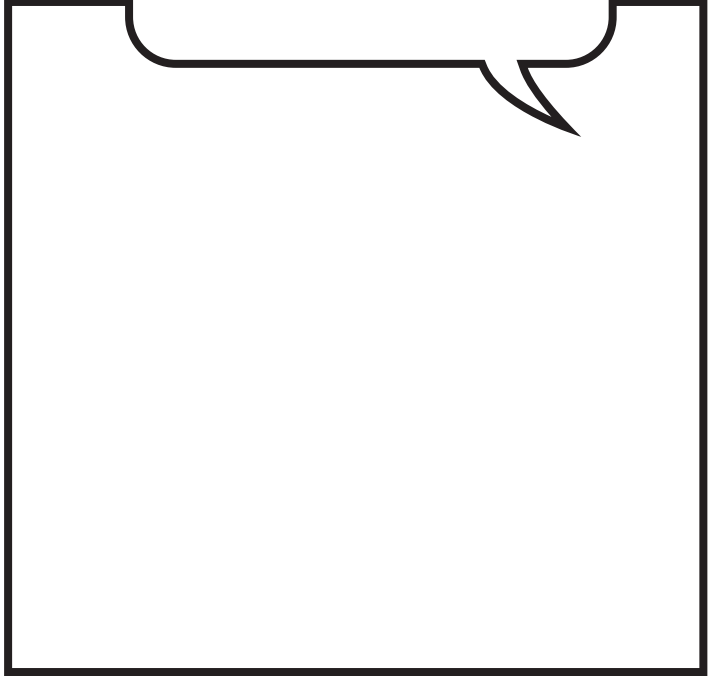
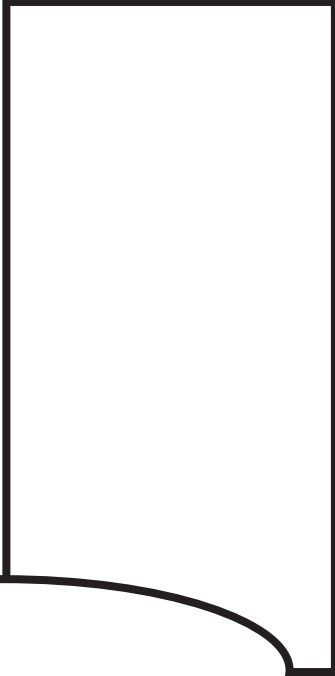
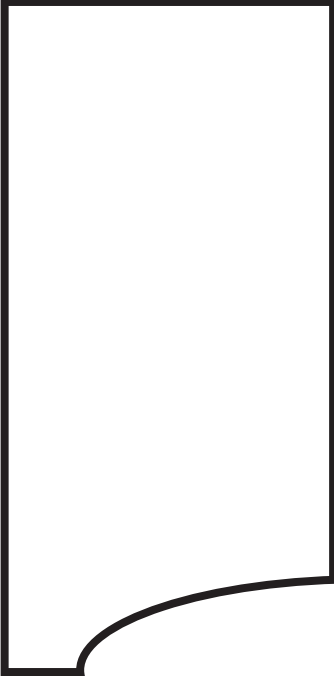
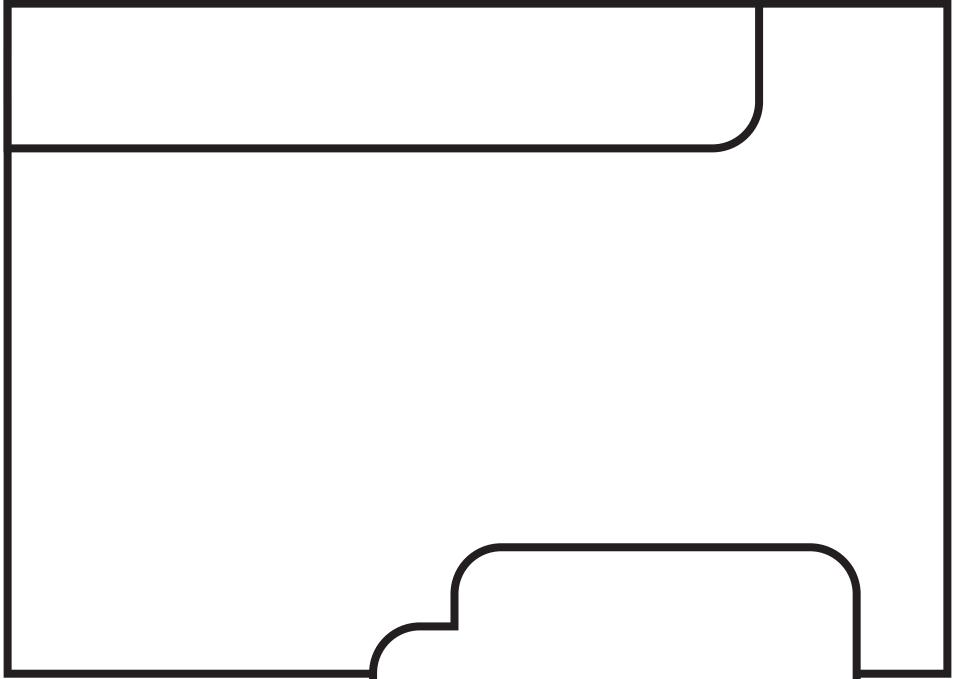
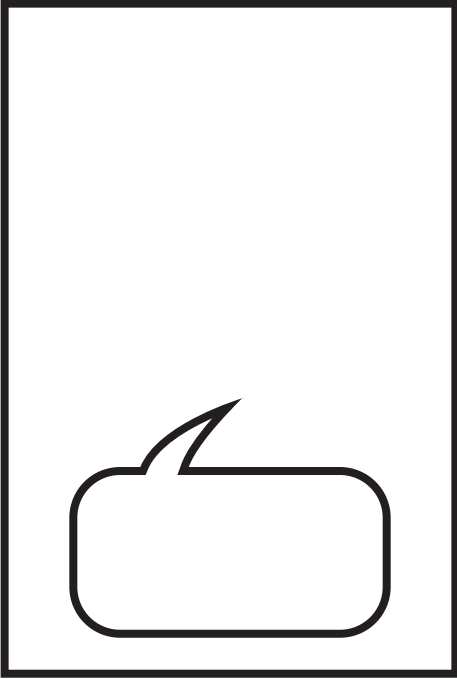


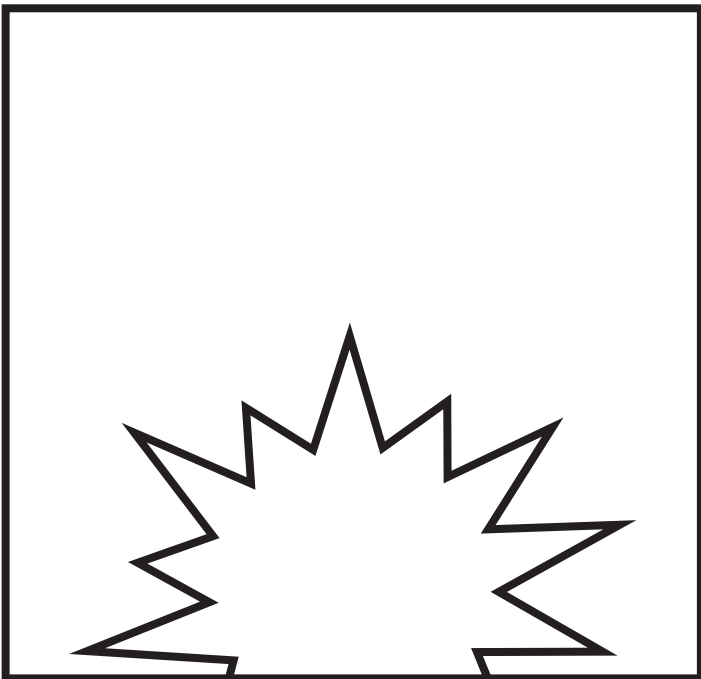
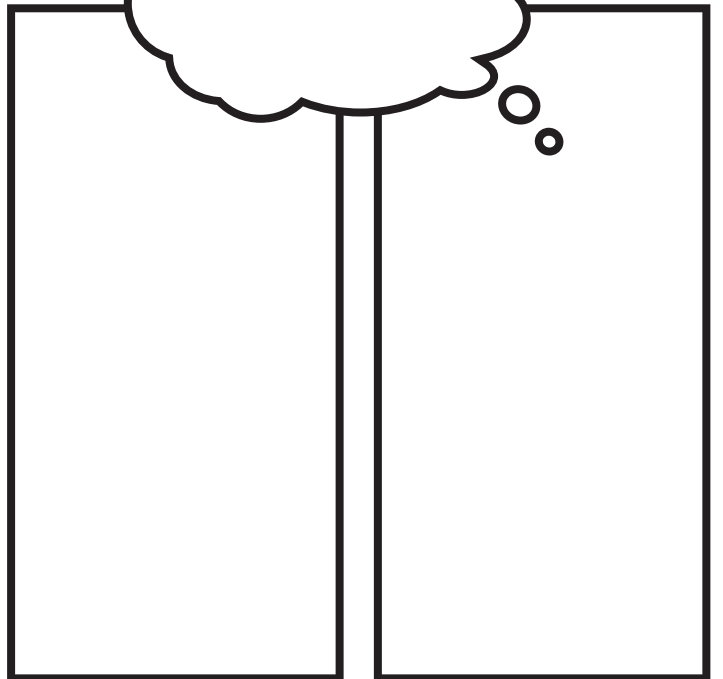
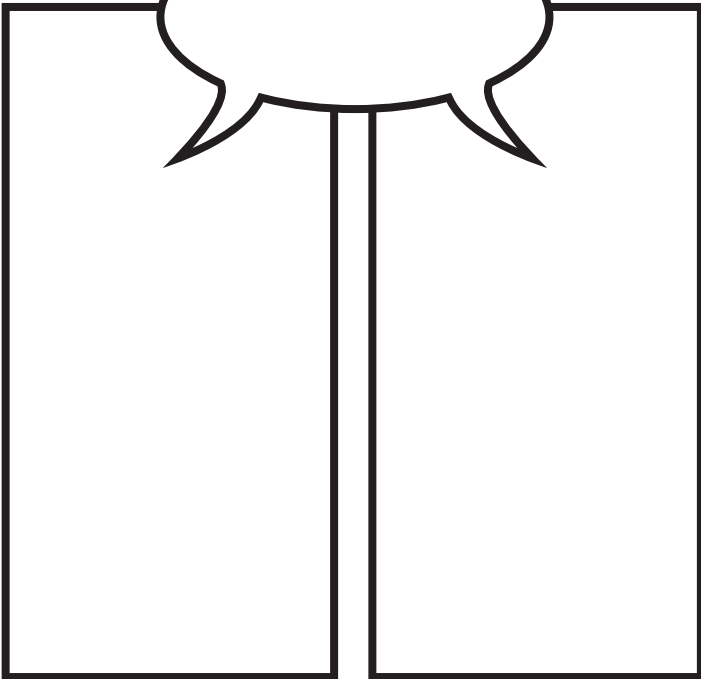
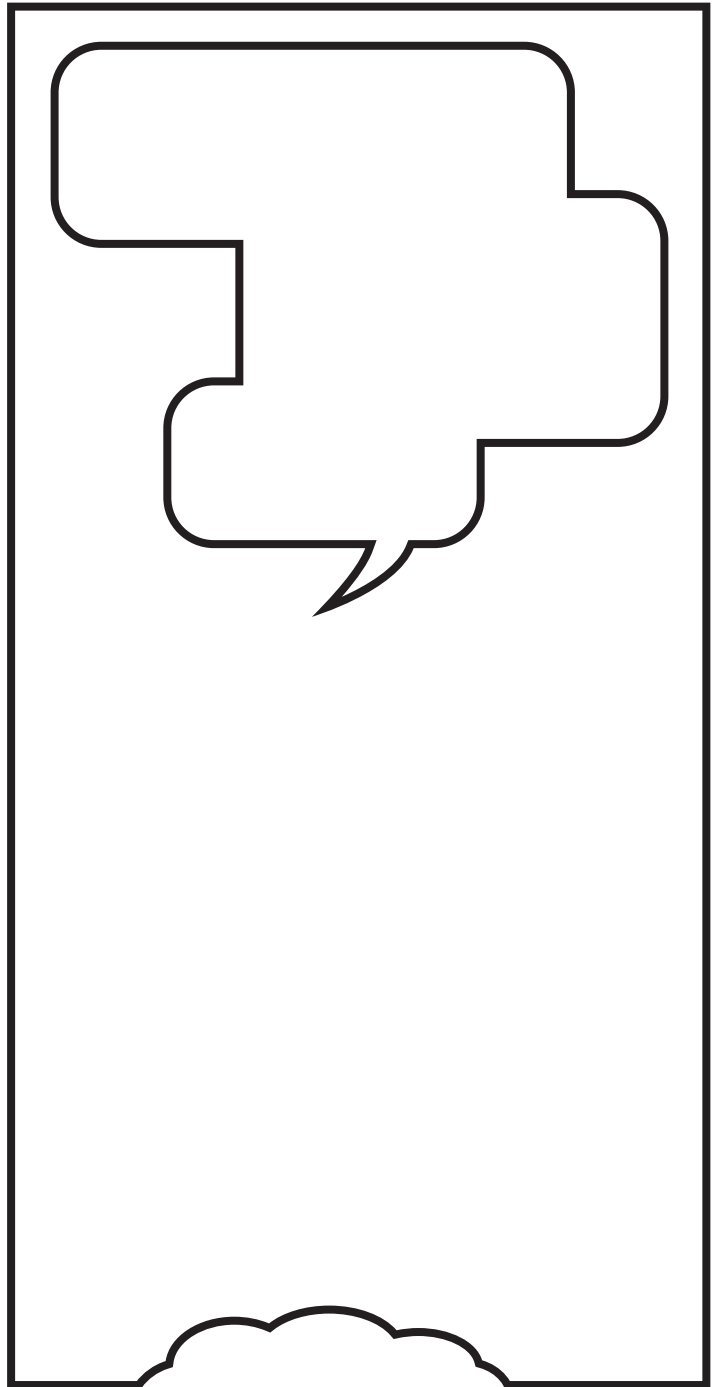
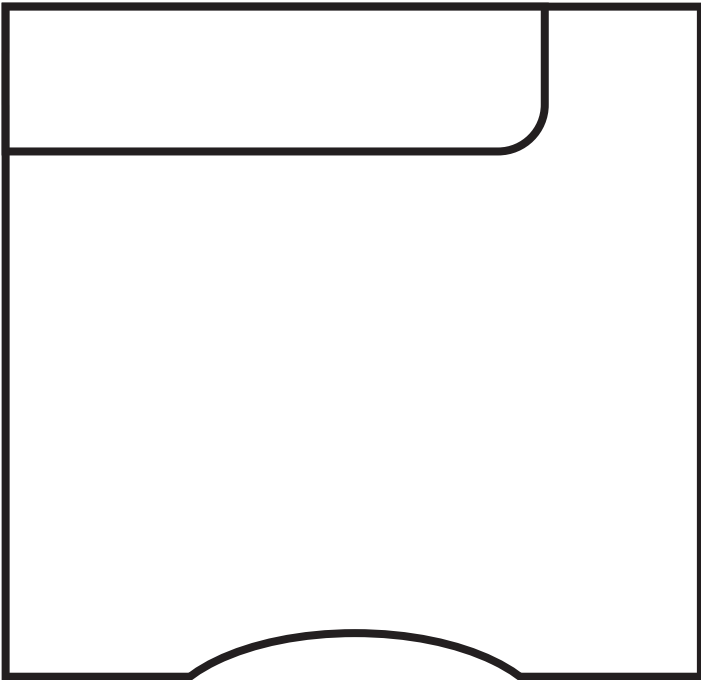


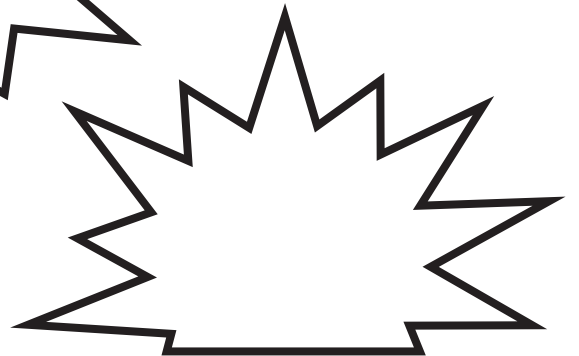
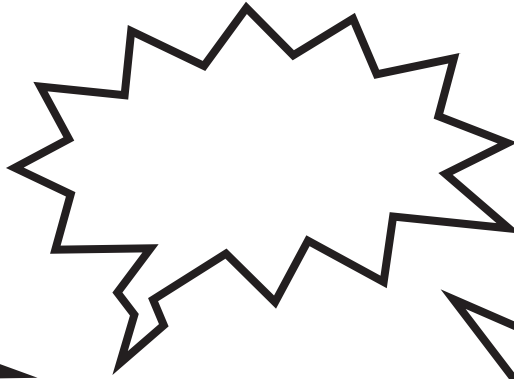
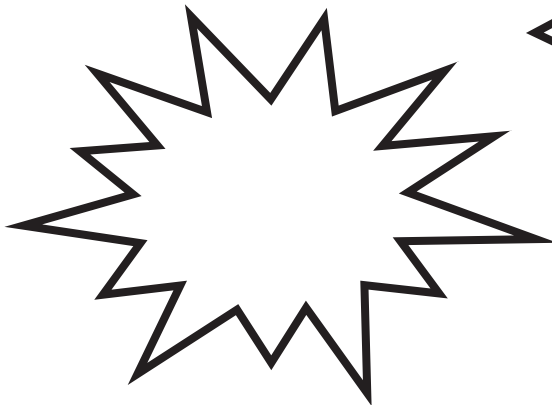
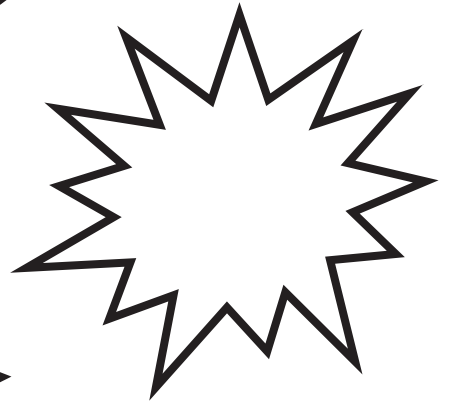
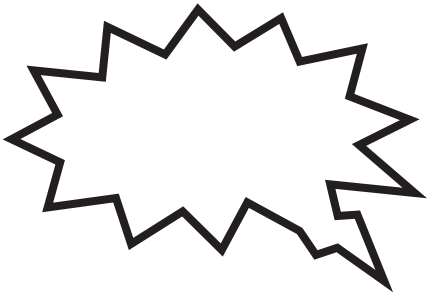
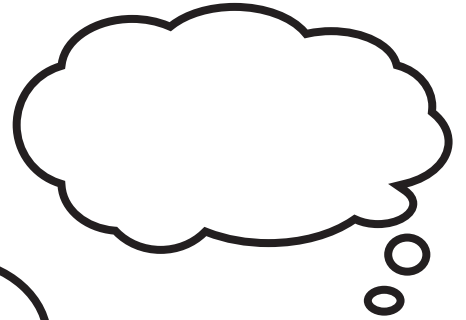
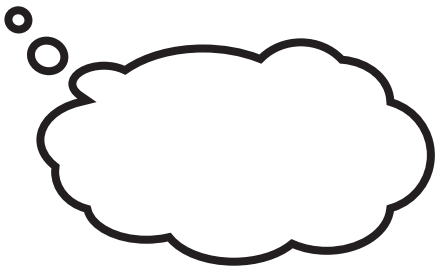
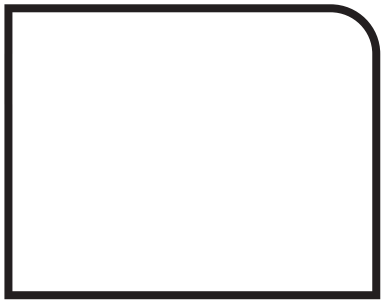


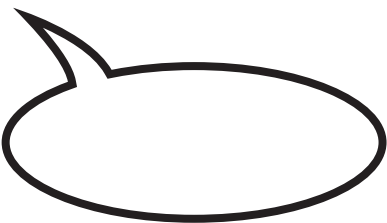
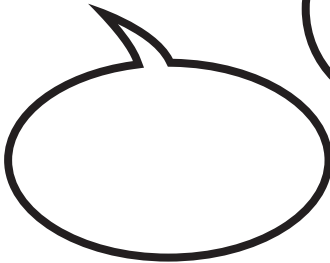
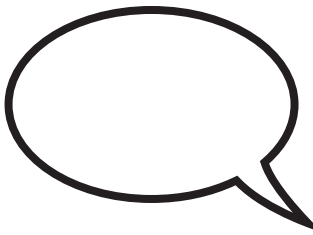
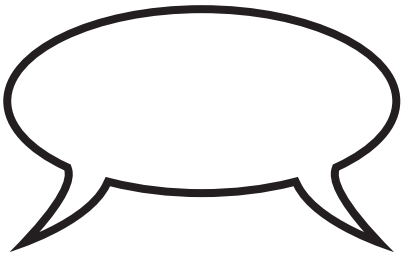
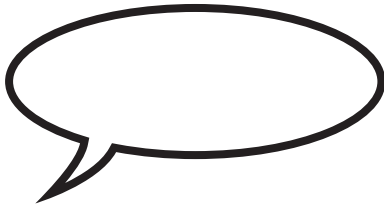
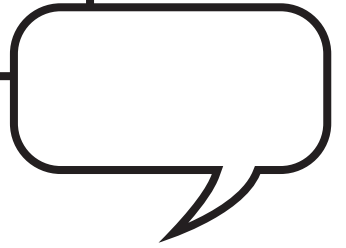
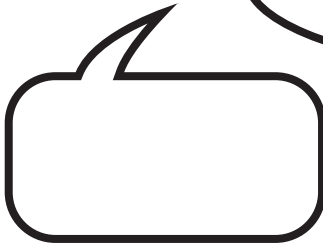
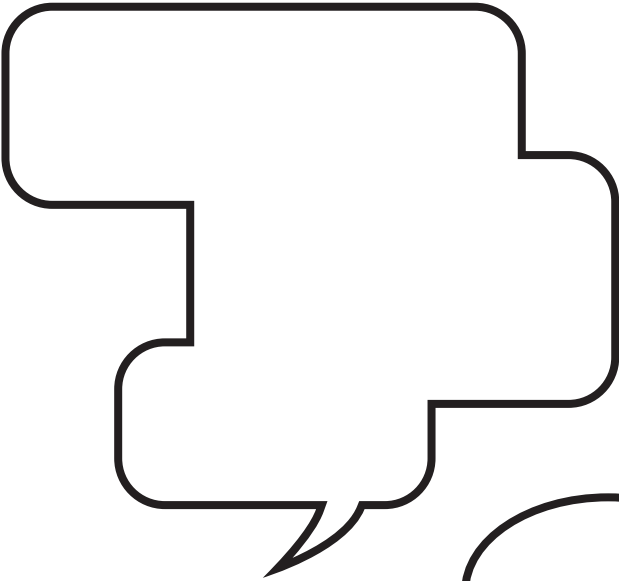
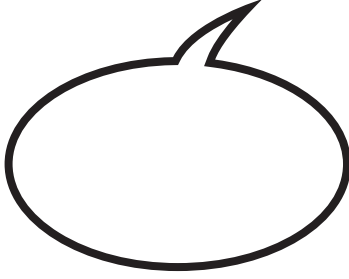
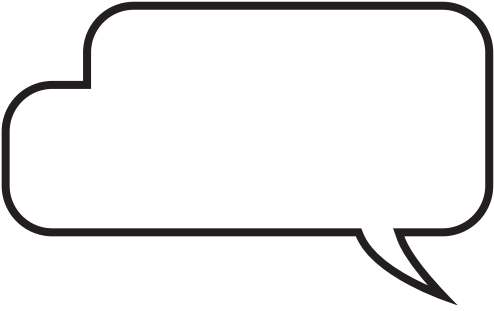


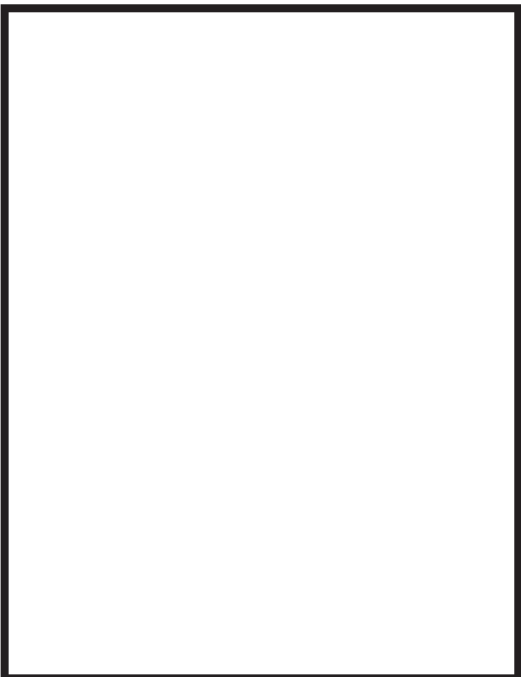
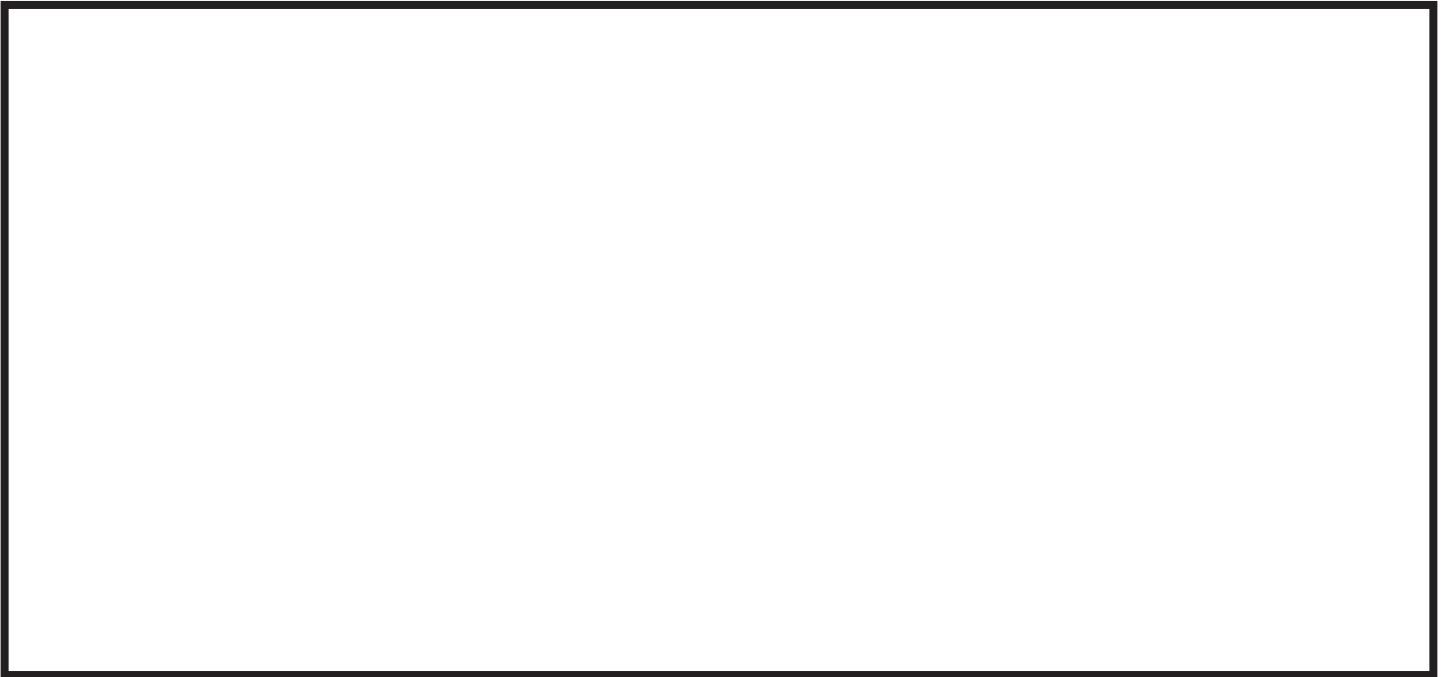
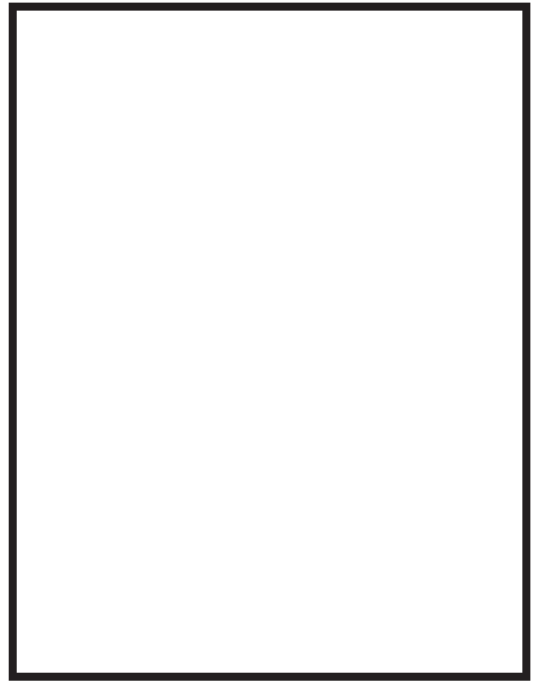


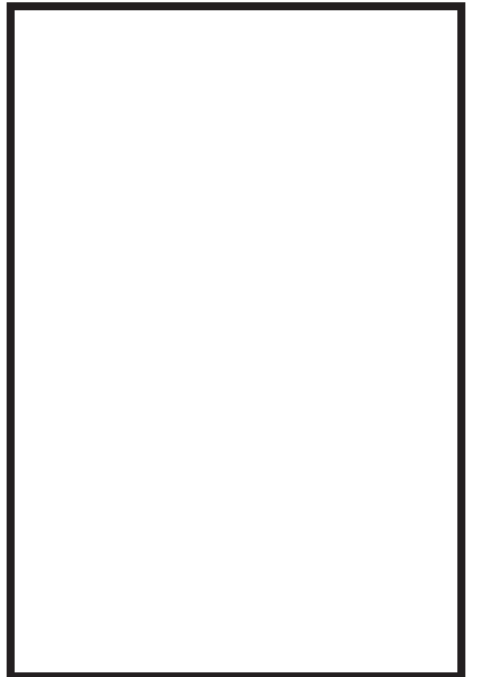
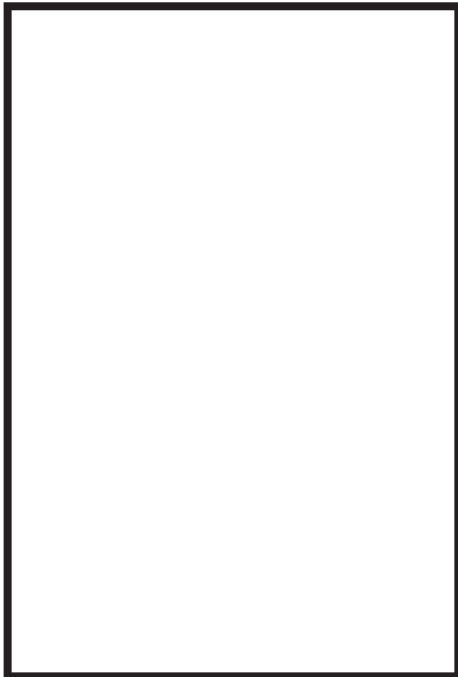
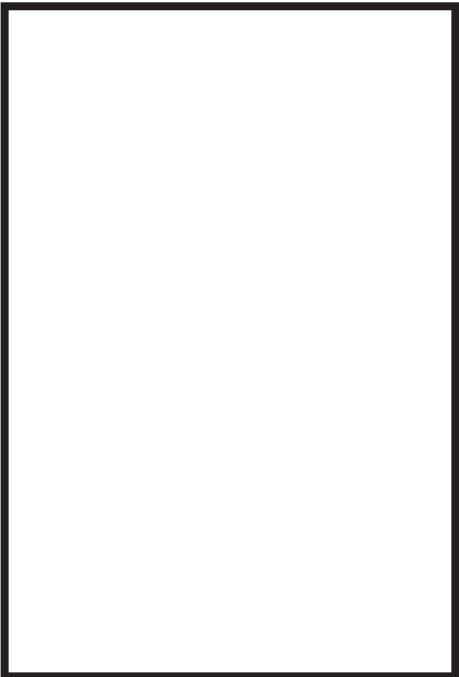
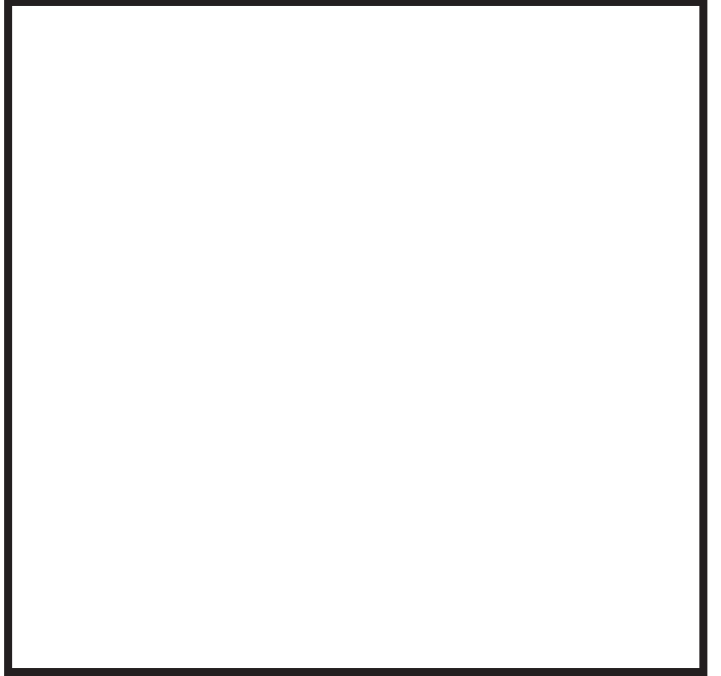
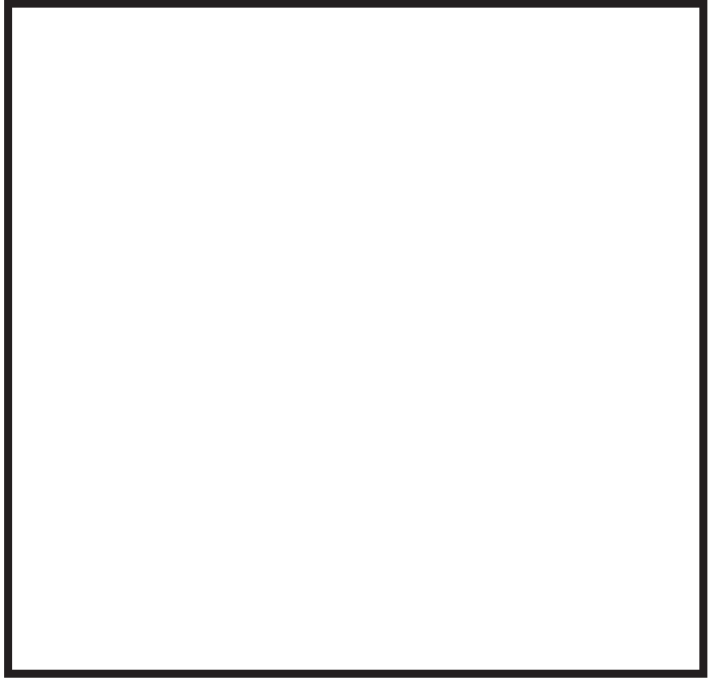


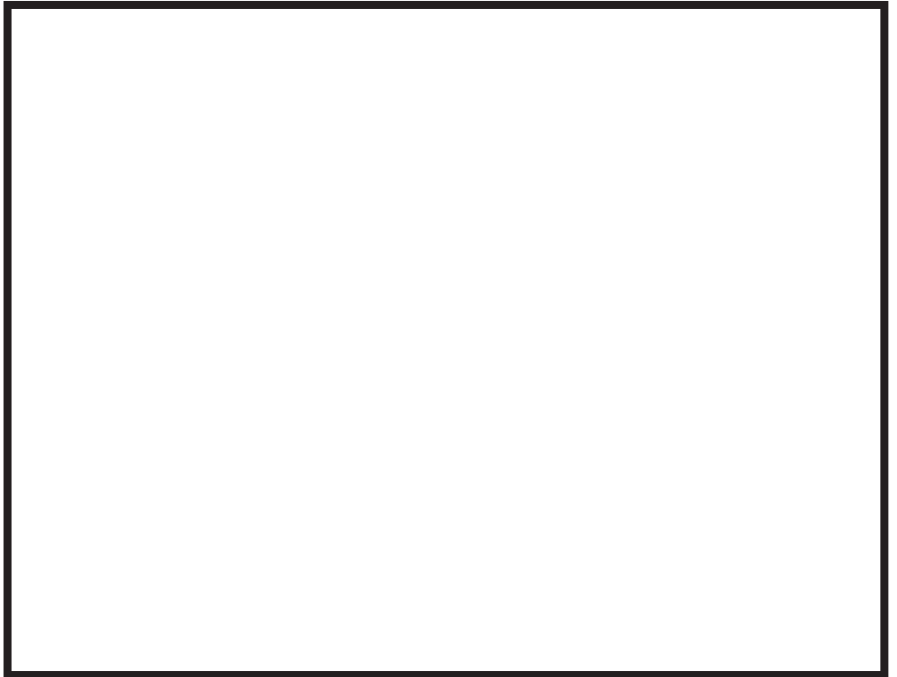
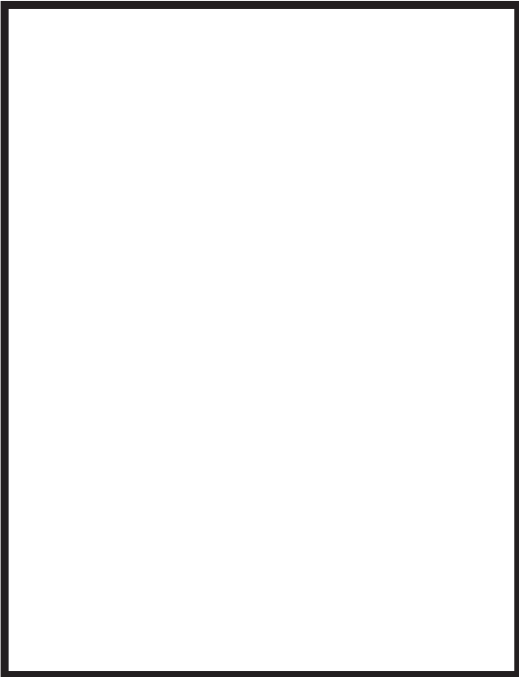
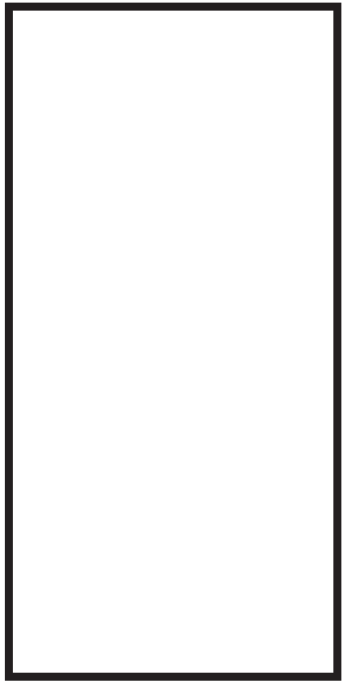
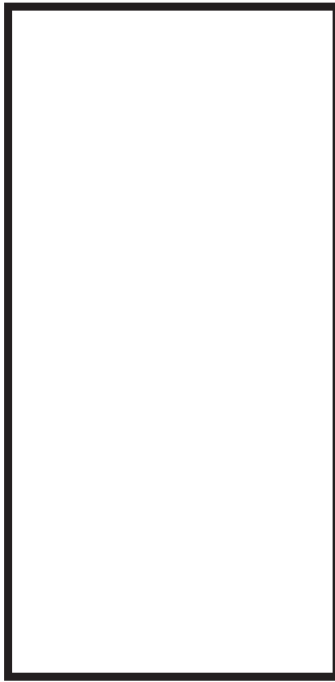
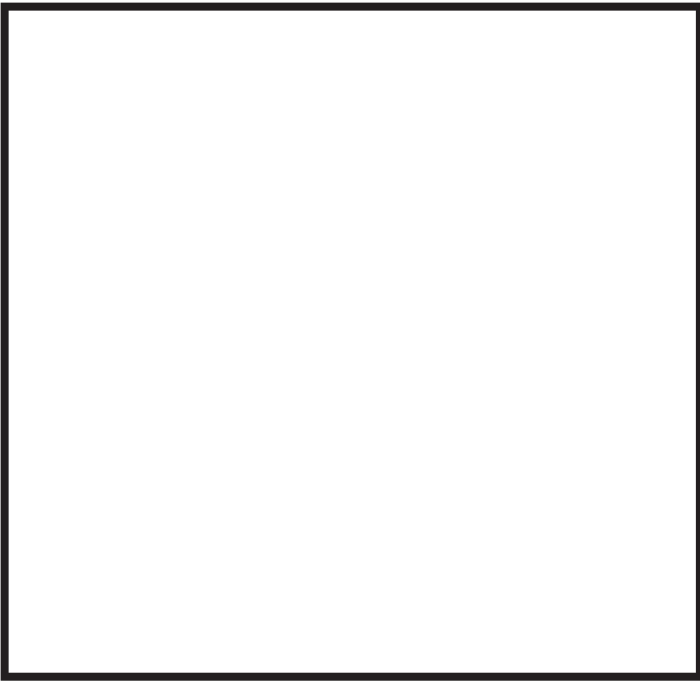


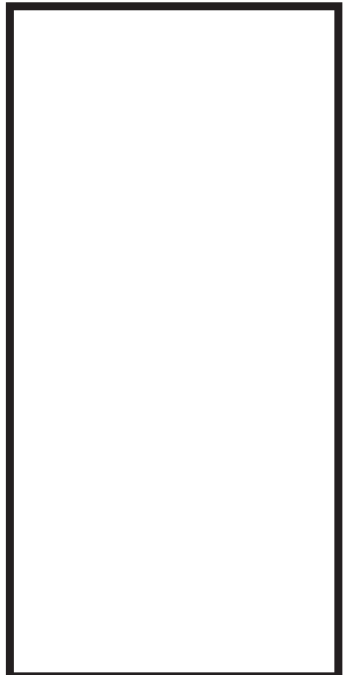
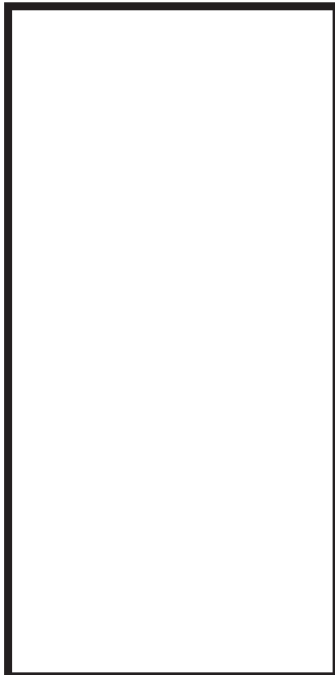
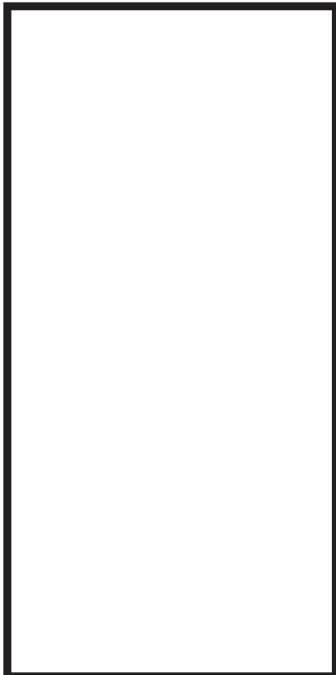
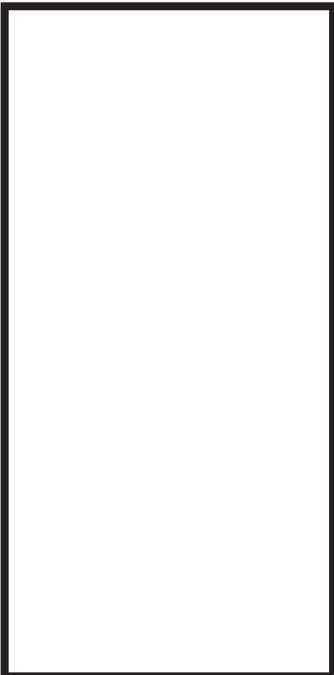
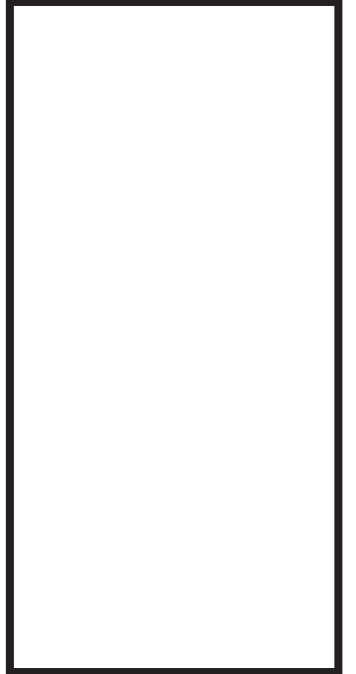
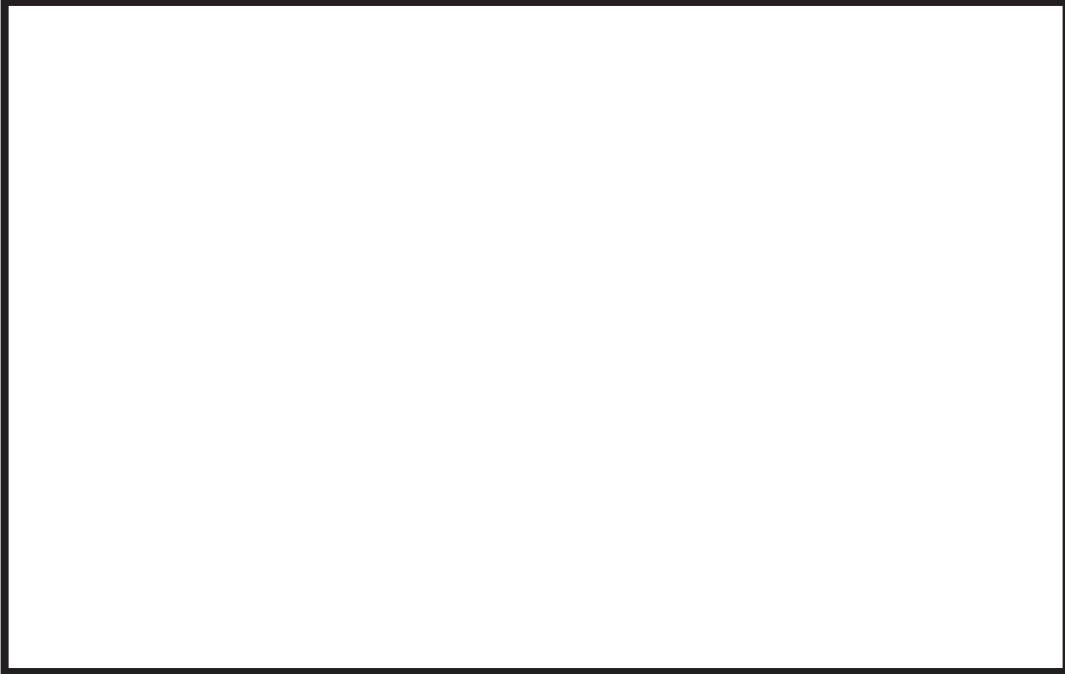
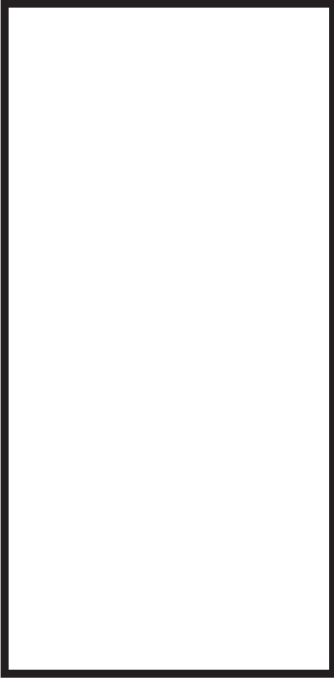


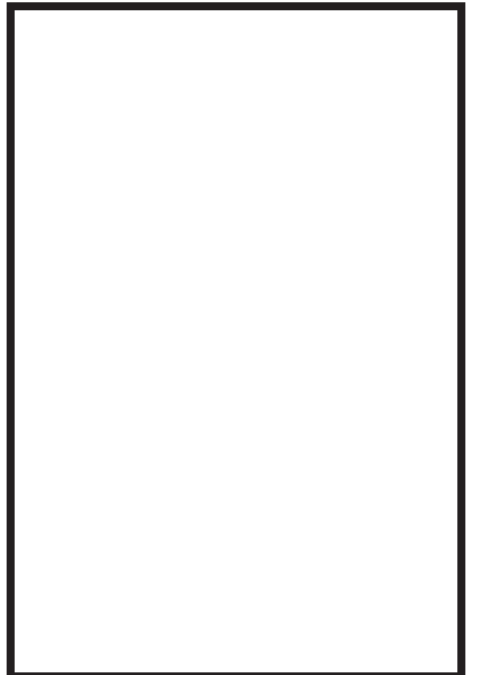
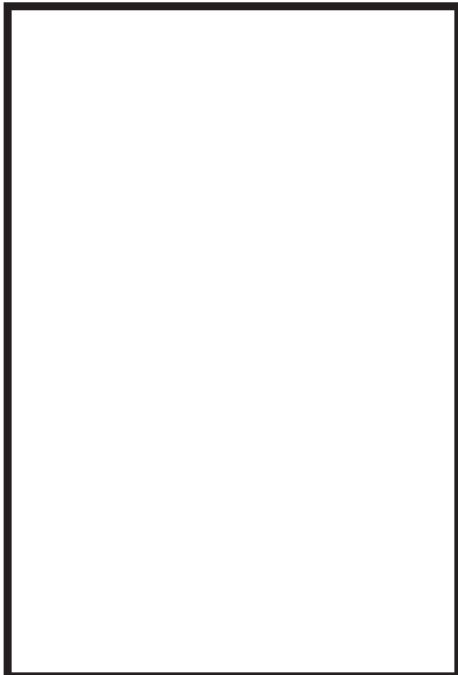
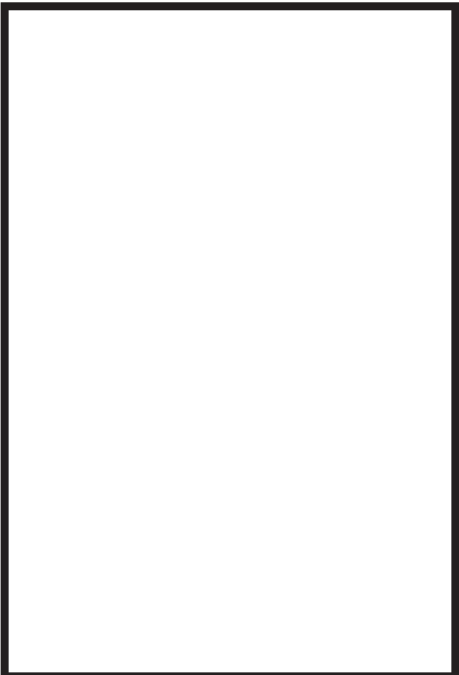
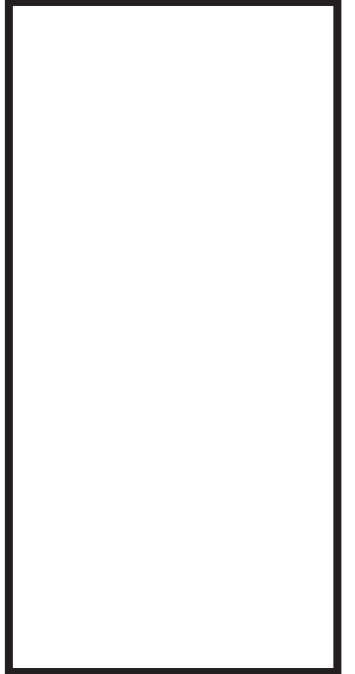
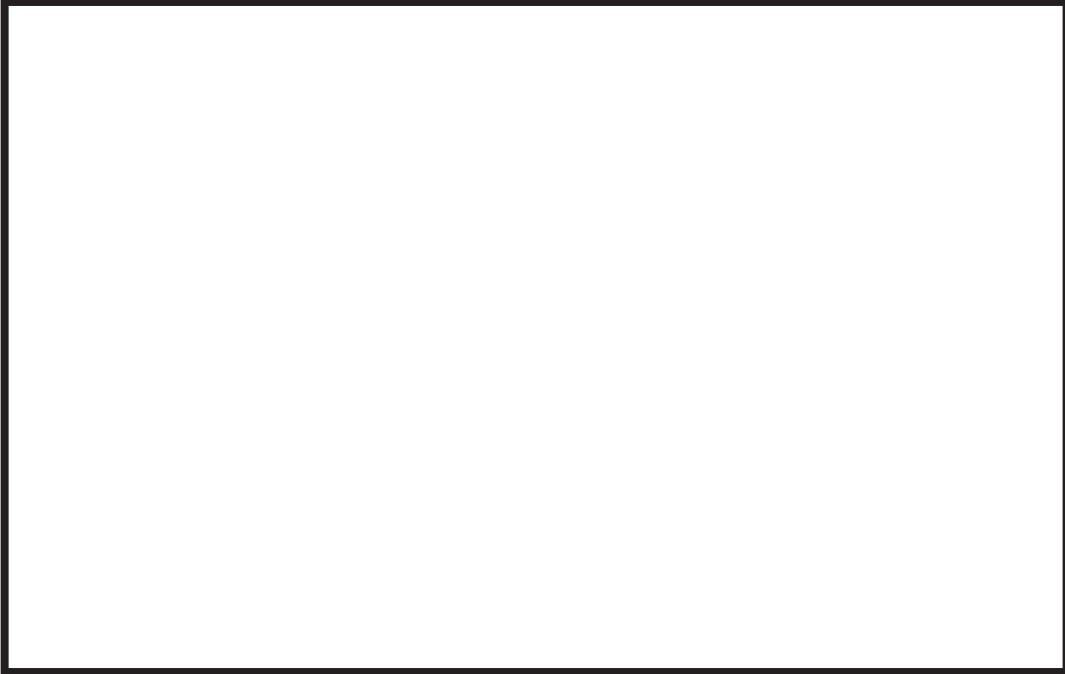
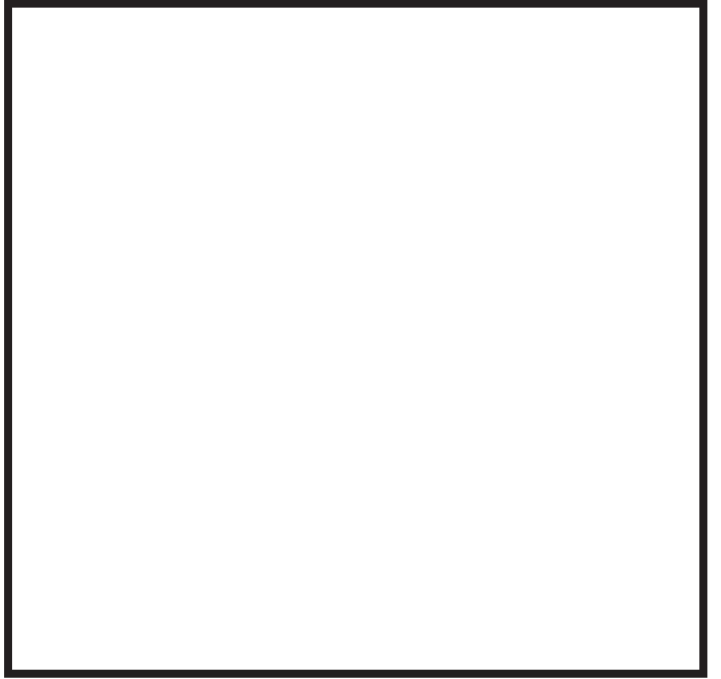


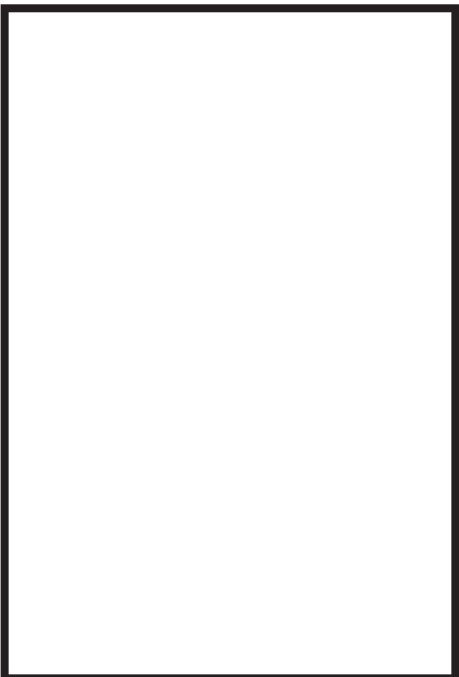
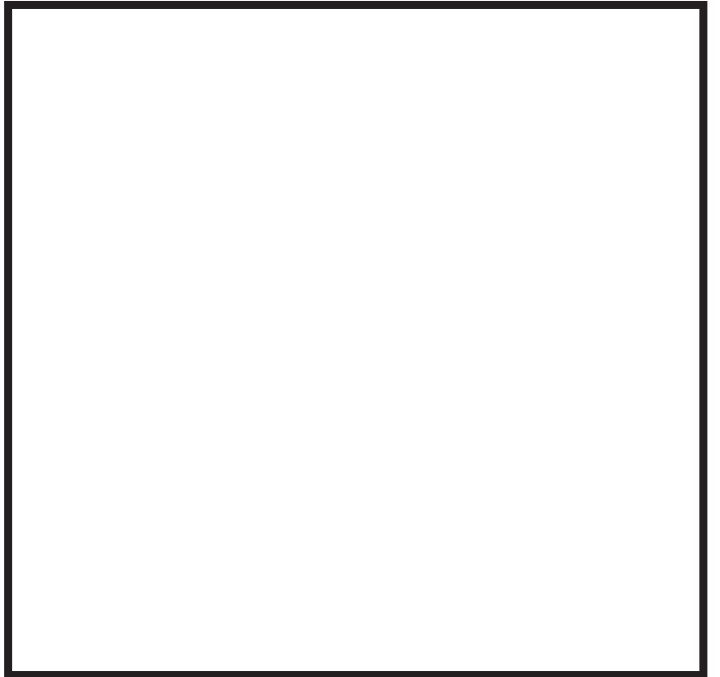
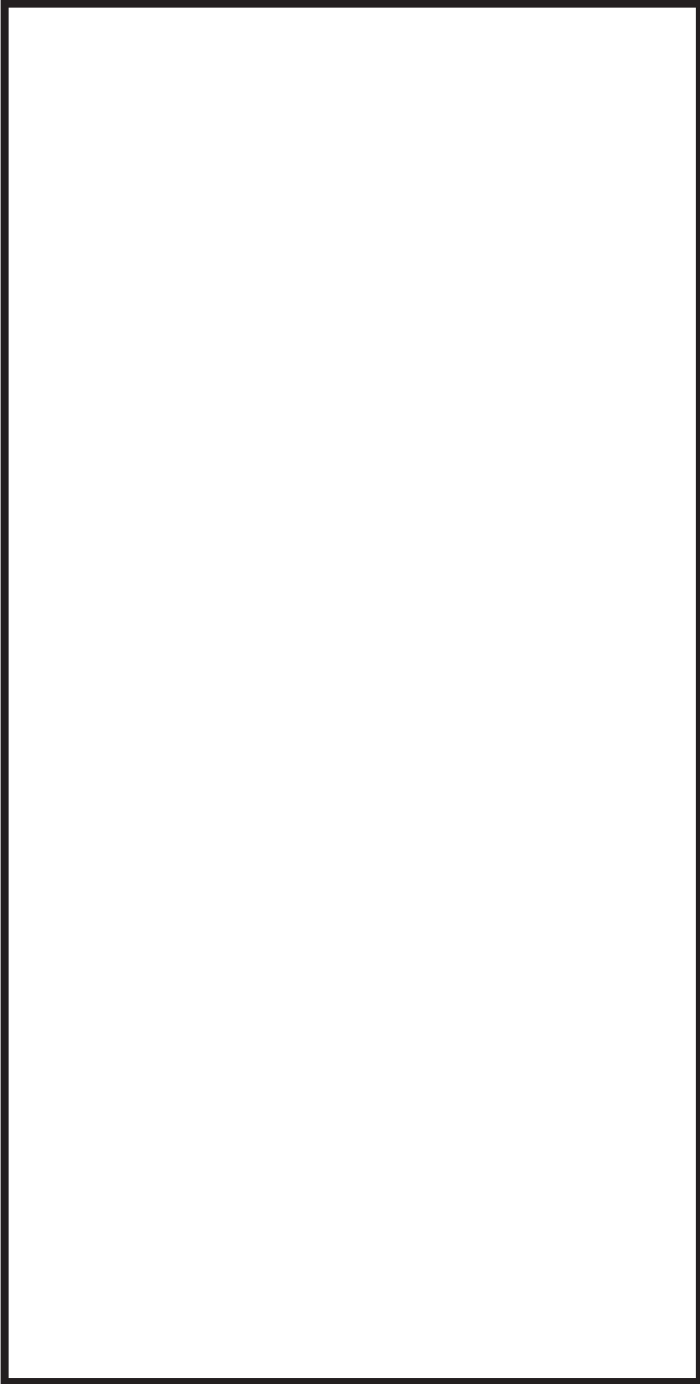


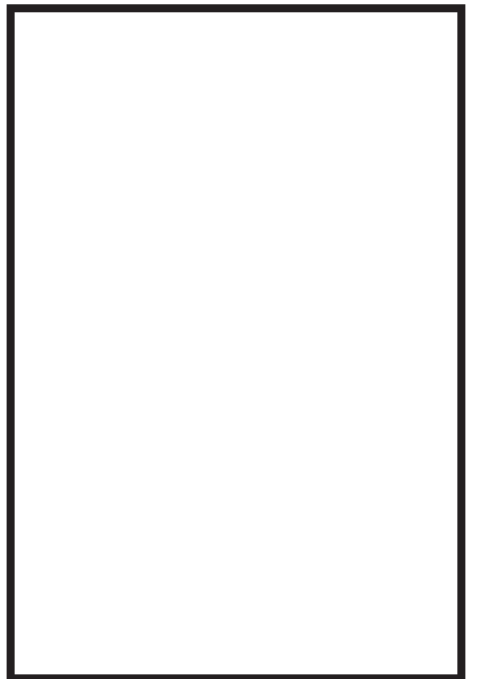
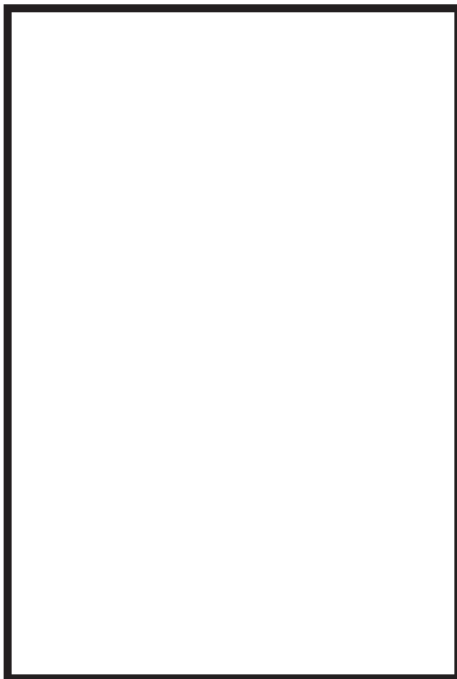
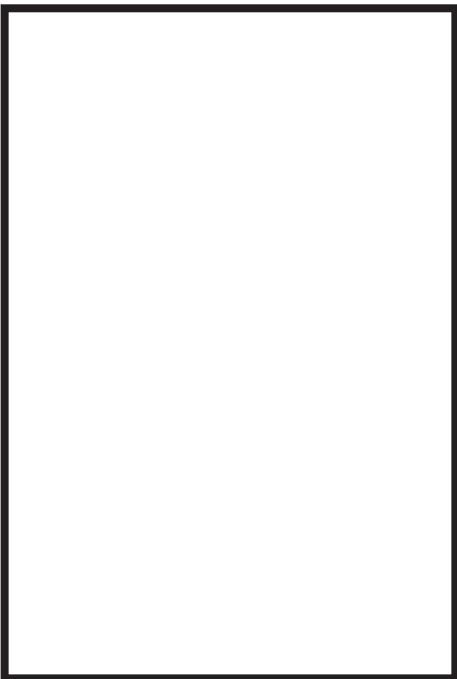
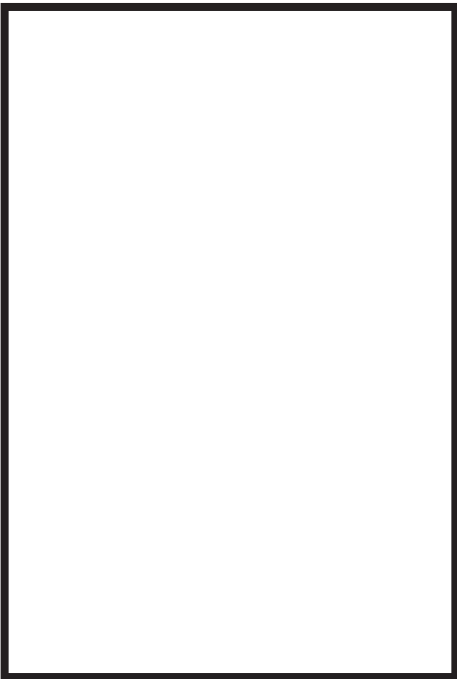


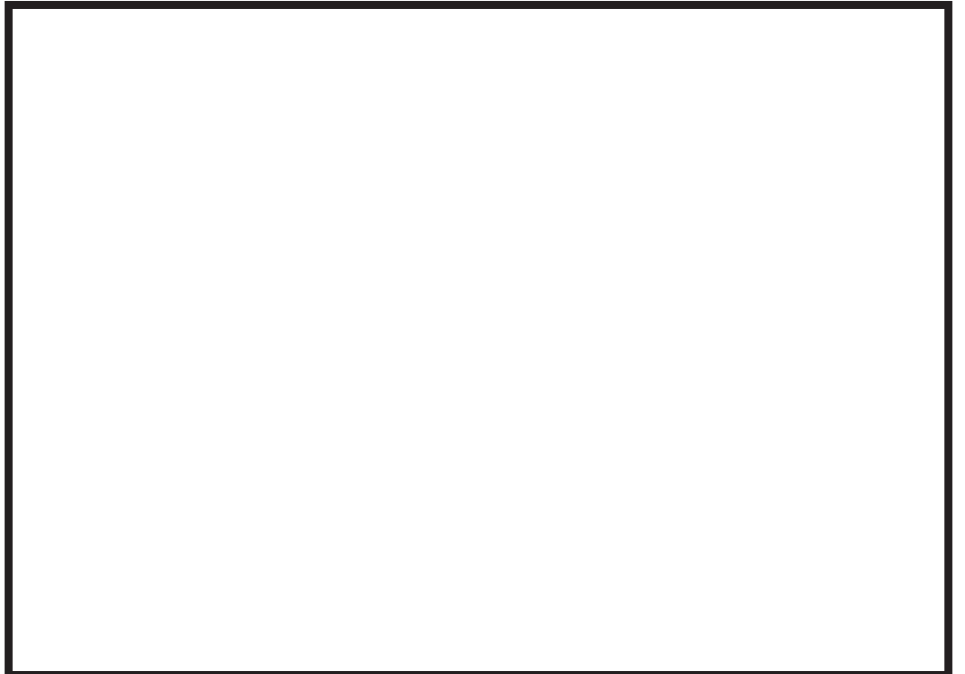
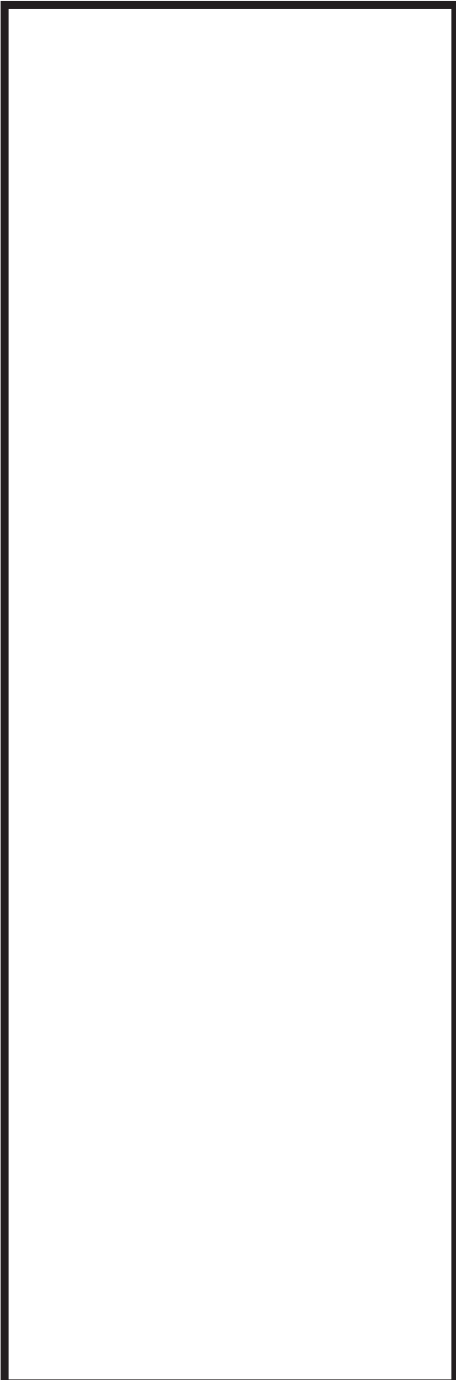
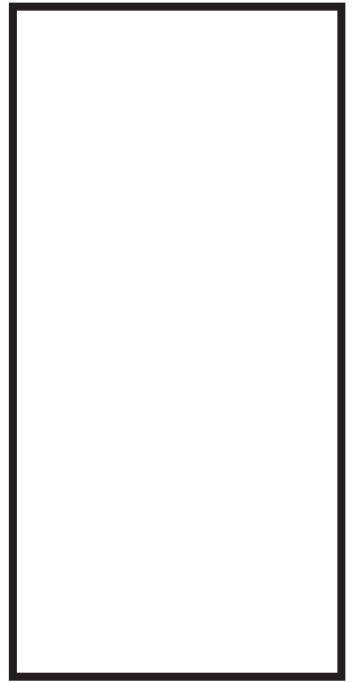


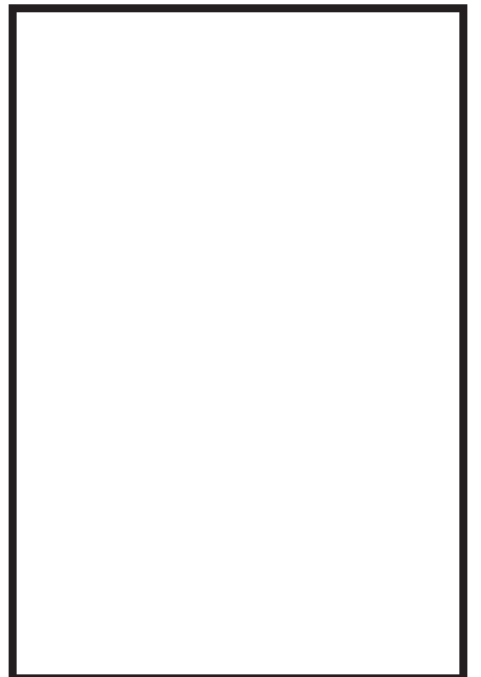
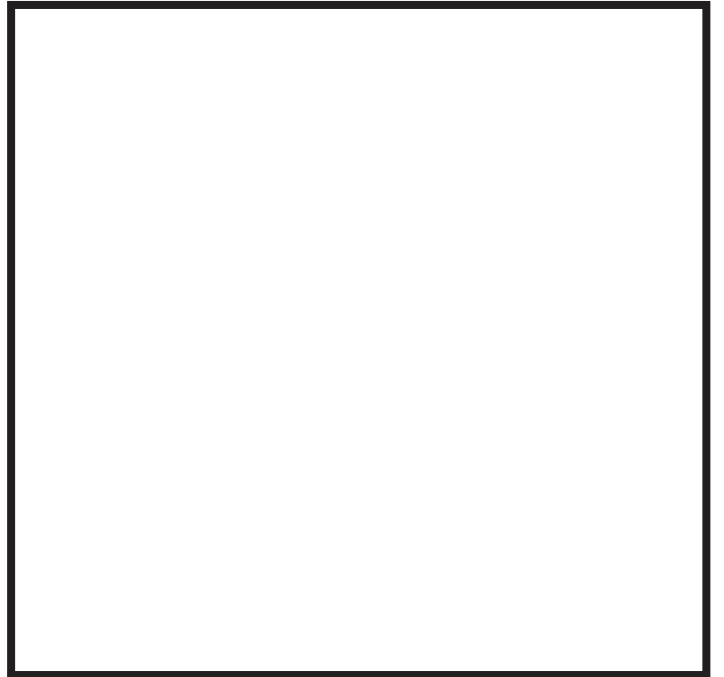
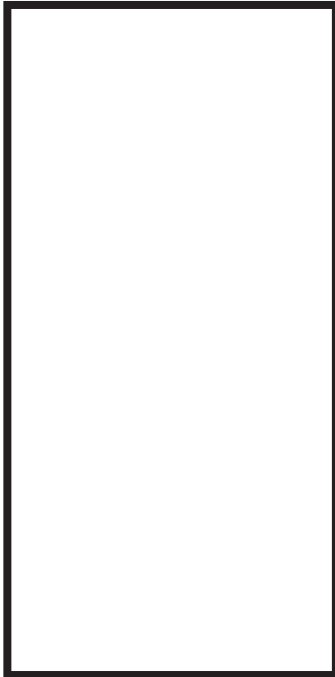
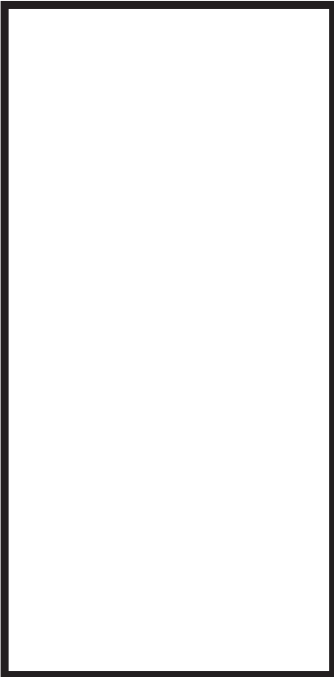
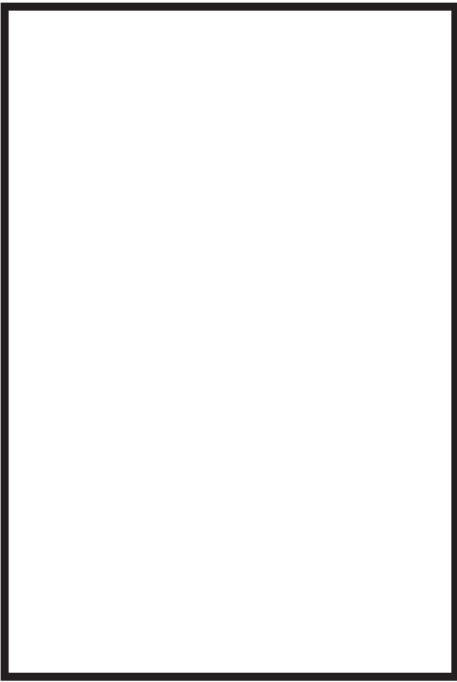


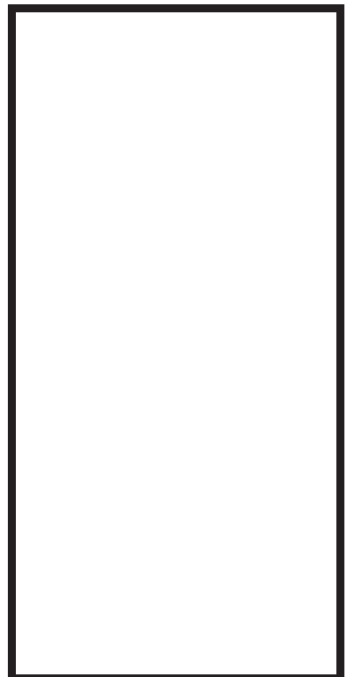
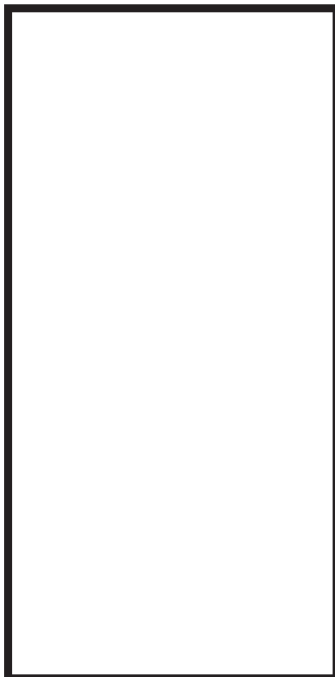
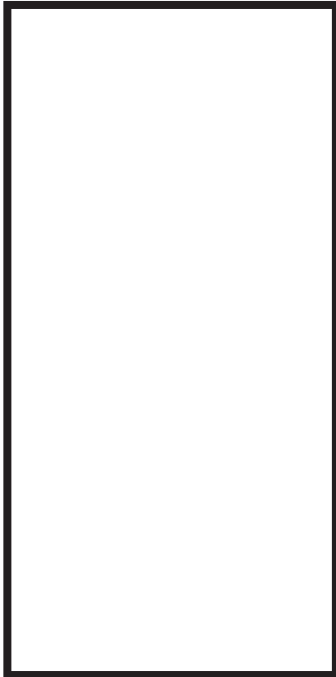
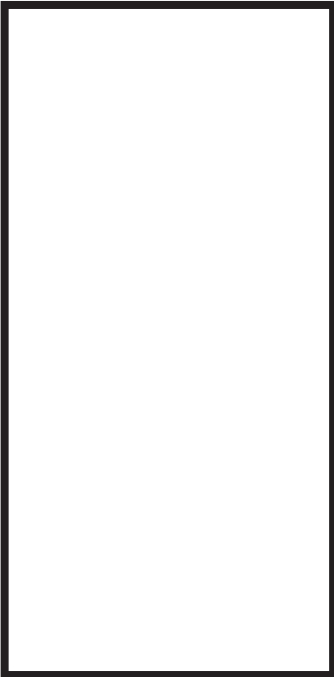
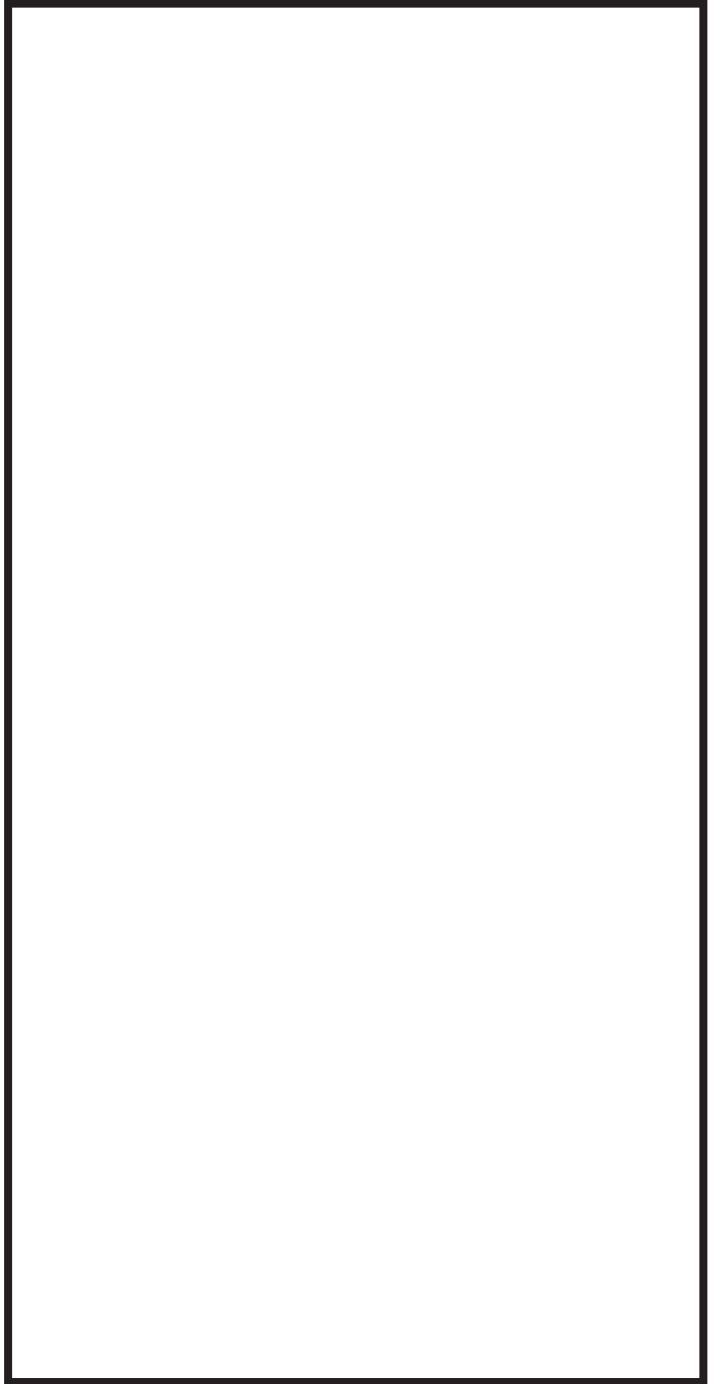












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