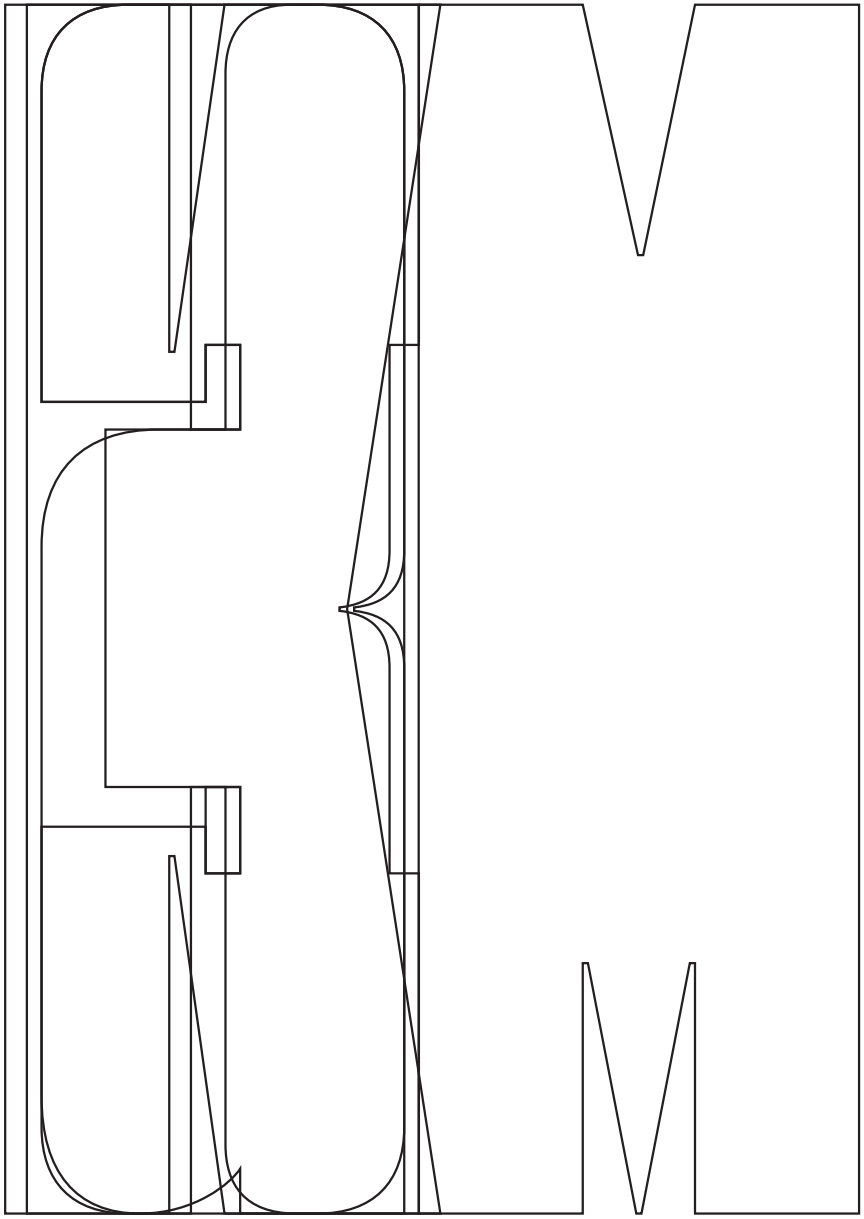
KTF COMPACT



KTF Compact have been drawn based on a movie poster “Влюблен по Собственному Желанию”, found by Kirill Gluschenko, issued by Reklamizdat in 1982. It is a display typeface of ultimate heaviness, that exists on the edge of readability. Its shapes are mostly made of a vertical rectangle of the same width, slightly rounded, and spaced in the tightest manner of 5 Points. When typeset, Compact reminds on wooden blocks toy set from the childhood, yet strictly vertically arranged in lines. However, Compact is an invitation to play. We may say, KTF Compact is the typographic Roland 909*: simple and effective in creating sequences. It is anything but mechanical, being one of a kind that takes the space and inverts it. Compact becomes a surface. All the life and surprises start to happen not in black on white, but vice versa: “within” blocks and in hairline-alike spaces between them. And don’t forget, it does its job perfectly only when being big, just like BelAZ in the mine.**

An Israeli-born designer Matan Iontef accomplished the Hebrew part of KTF Compact in 2023. He took inspiration from his research in woodtype culture across Israel, adapting and remixing the found forms within the given system. Working with the script almost contradicting the nature of Compact, and accepting the challenge to maintain a similar typesetting texture as in Cyrillic and Latin, he did a few grid alterations, so the result became legible and cohesive within a multiscriptual typesetting context. Compact Hebrew contains a specially coded set of diacritic marks (niqqud, Hebrew vowels system) to supplement the spirit and style of the font. Matan’s favorite metaphor for the spirit of the font comes from football: “Unlike Yoram Arbel's famous expression, Compact is a perfect example of how a wall should be built!***”

*The Roland TR-909 Rhythm Composer is a drum machine from 1983 that became influential in the development of electronic dance music genres such as techno, house, and acid.

**BelAZ is one of the largest dump trucks in the world, produced in Belarus.

***“This is not how you build a wall” is a famous Hebrew phrase coined during a 1989 soccer match between Australia and Israel by Yoram Arbel, referring to a wrong and negligent way of doing things.

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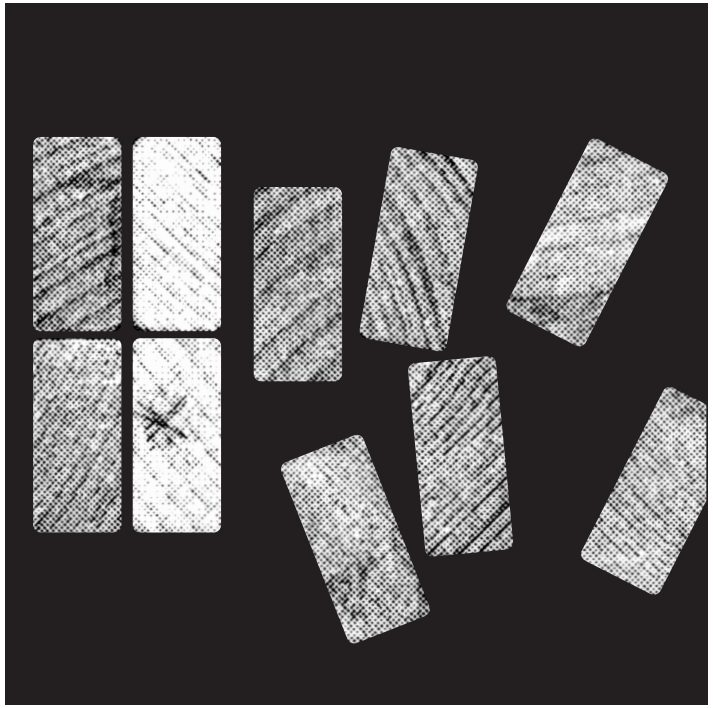

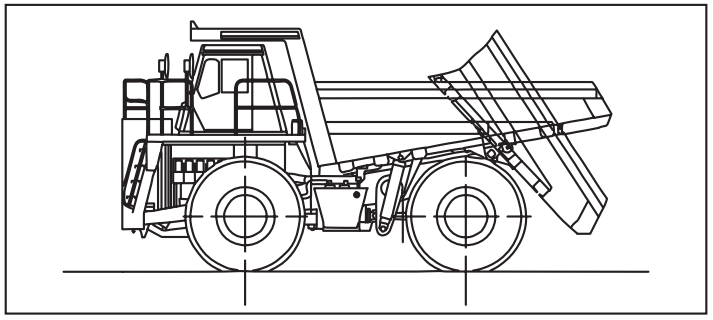

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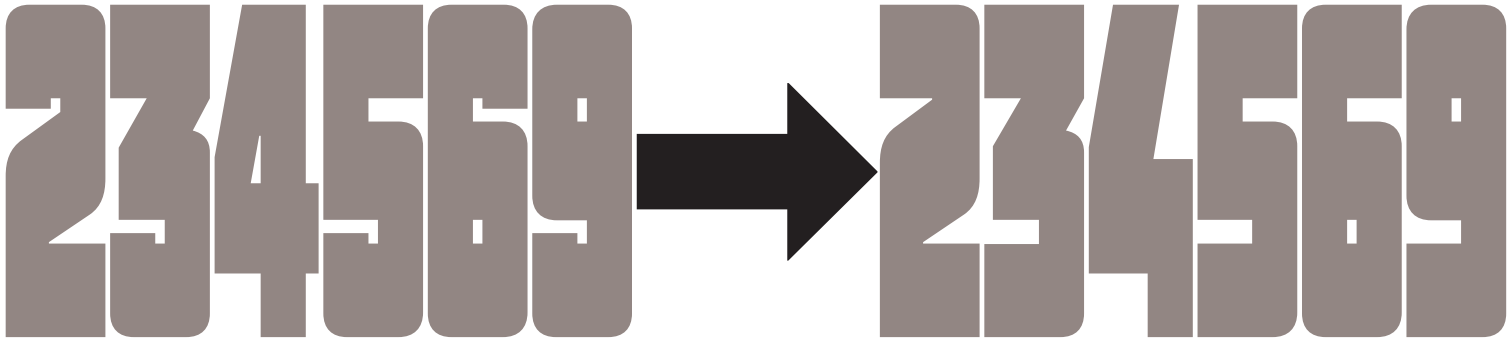

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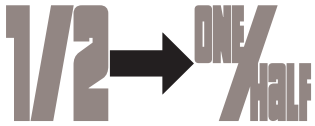

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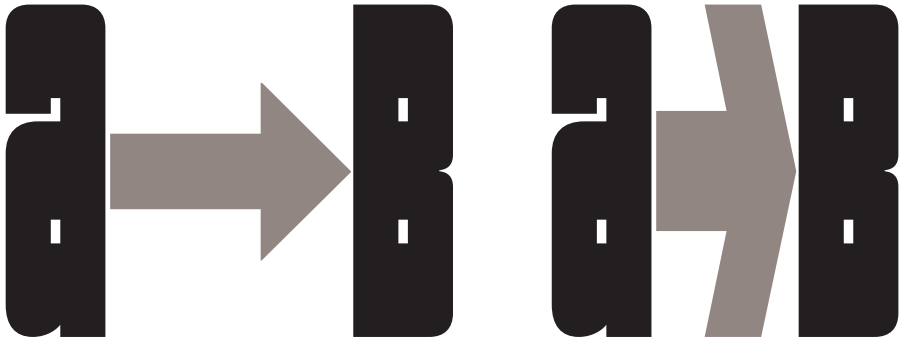

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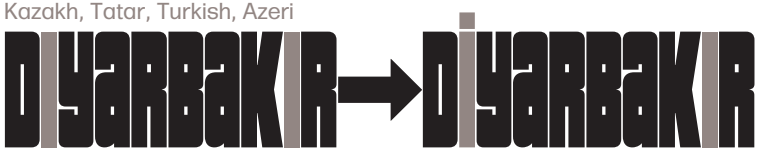

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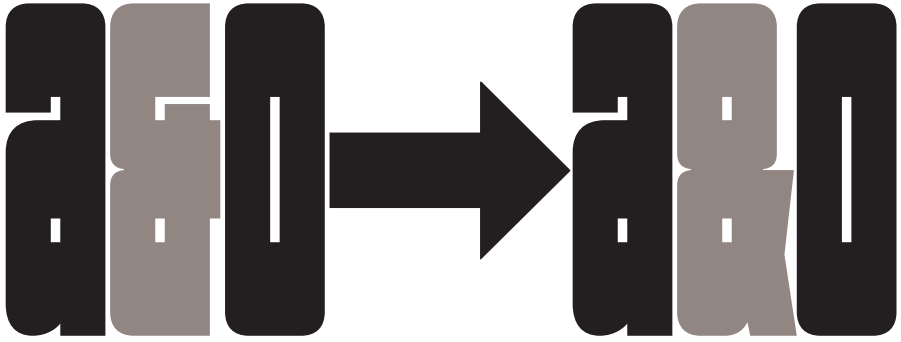

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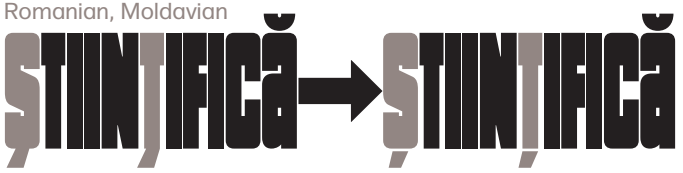

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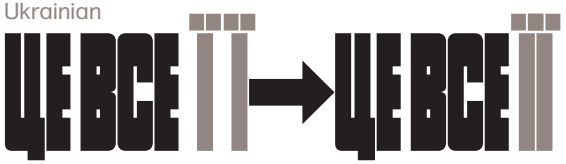

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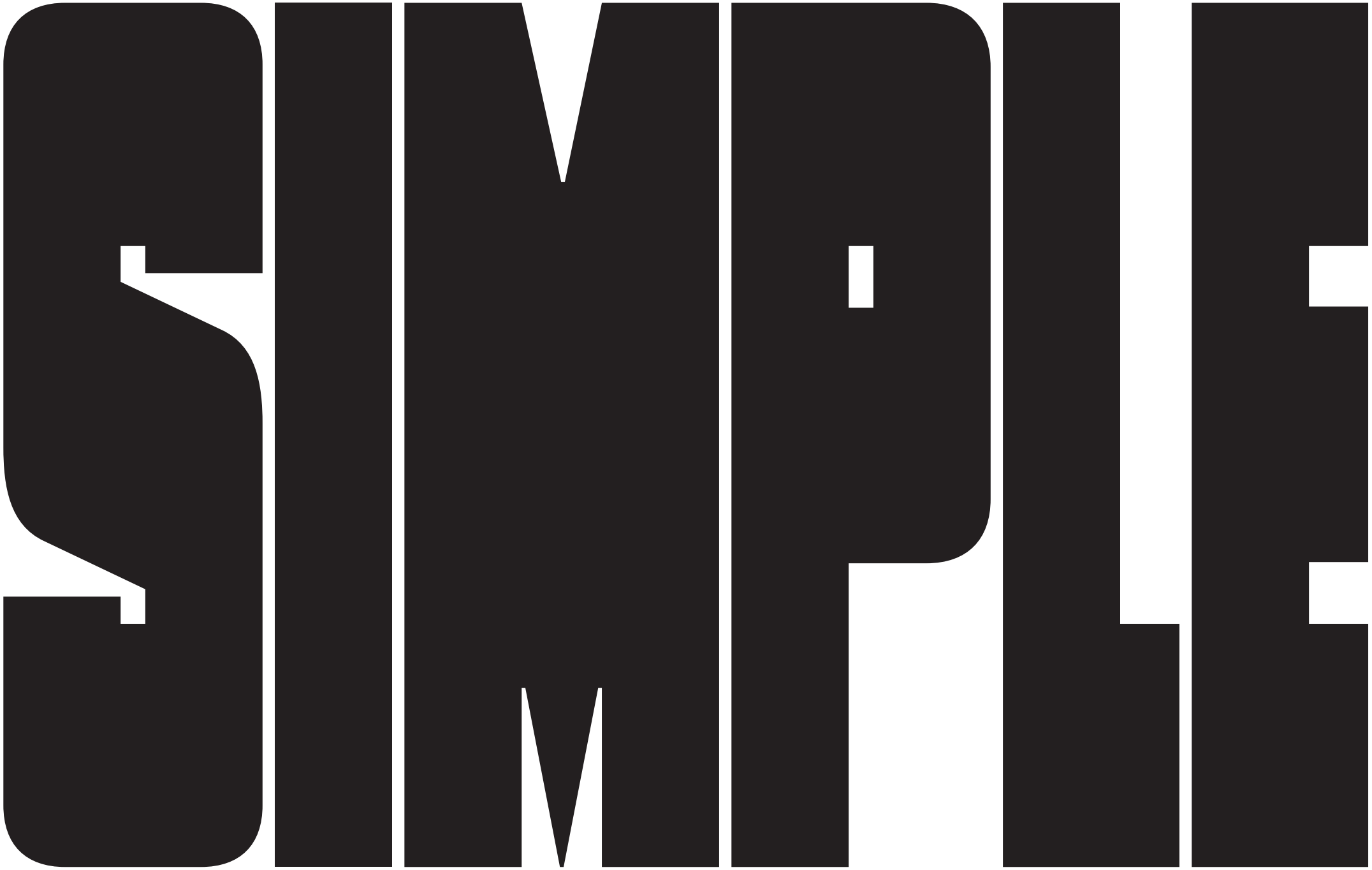
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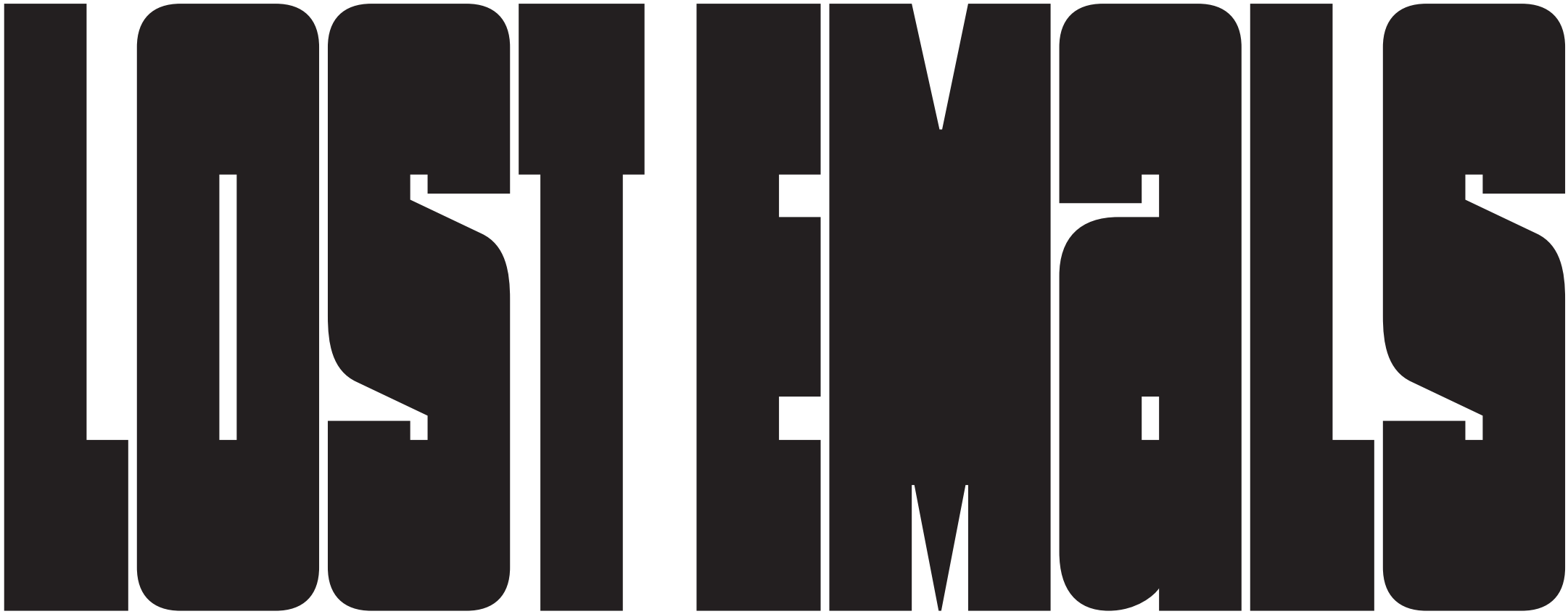
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↑HOT ZONE!*THE BIG SLEEP ss02

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PIĘĆ AOÛT AŤŠĶIRĪGS

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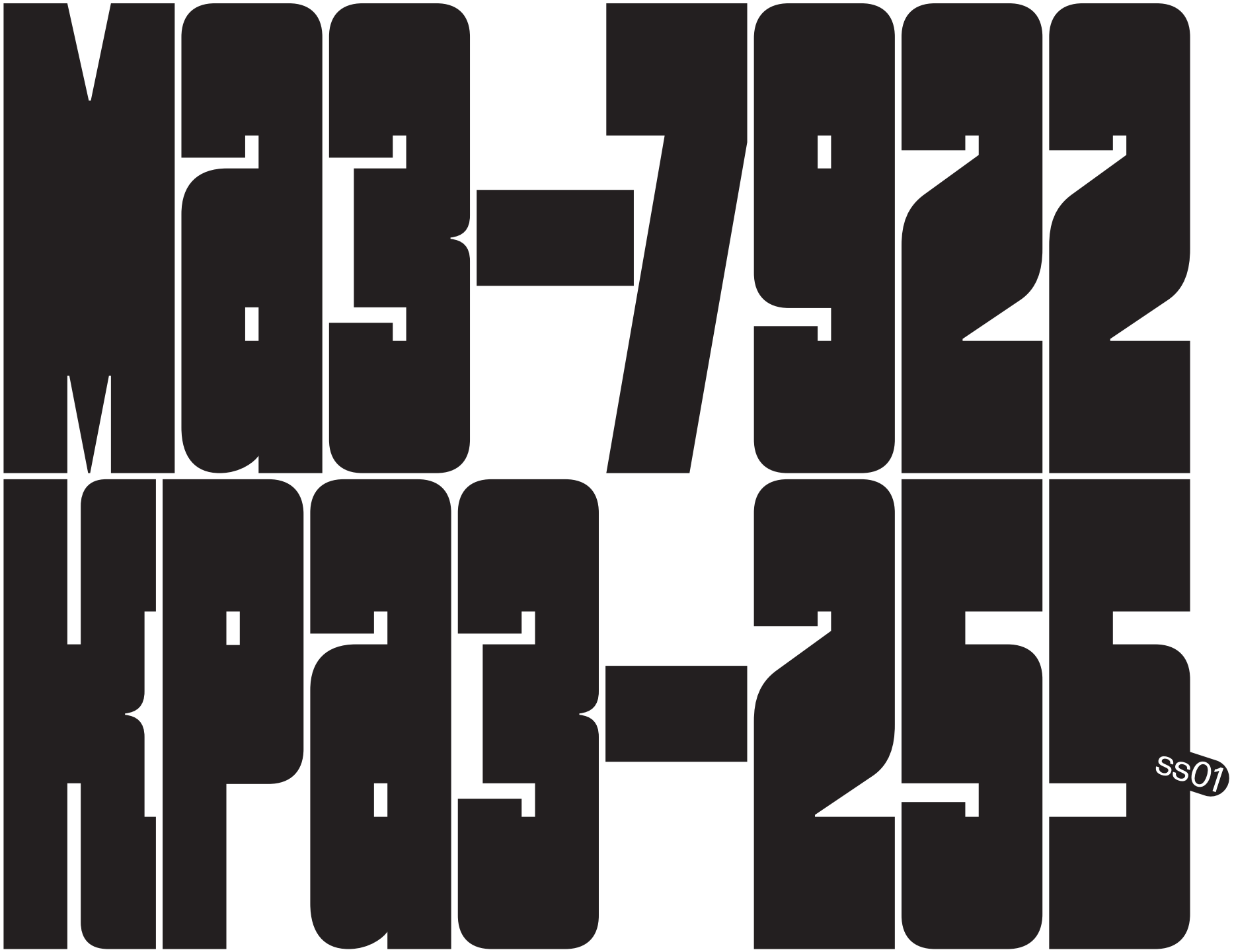
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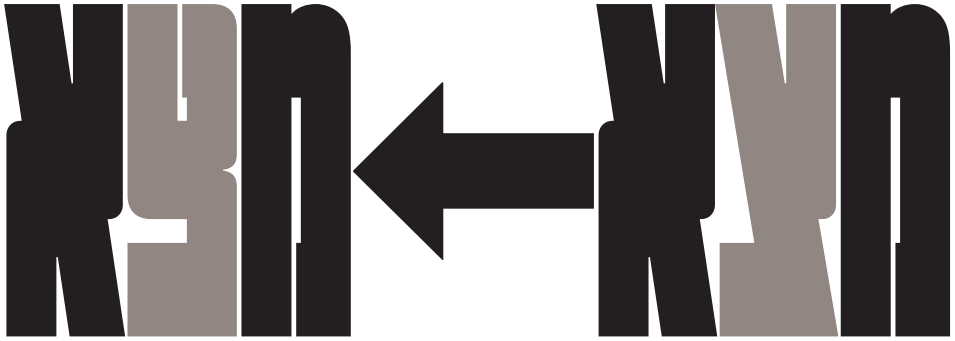

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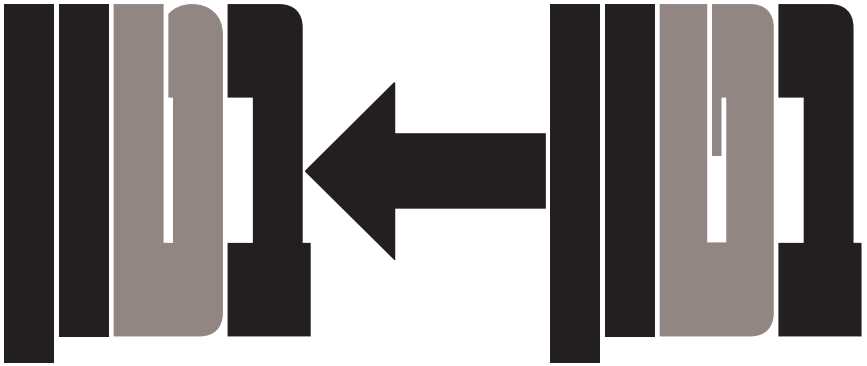

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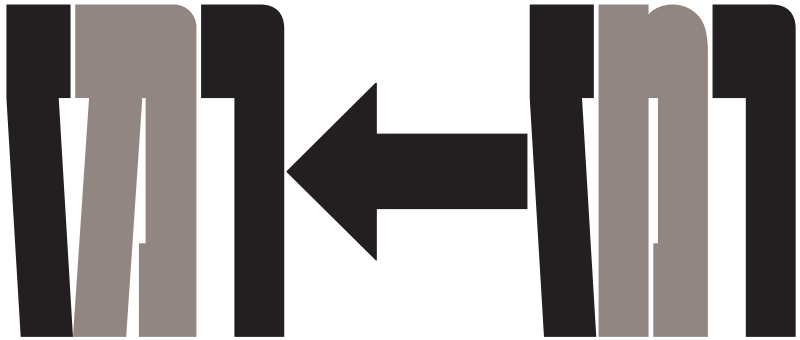

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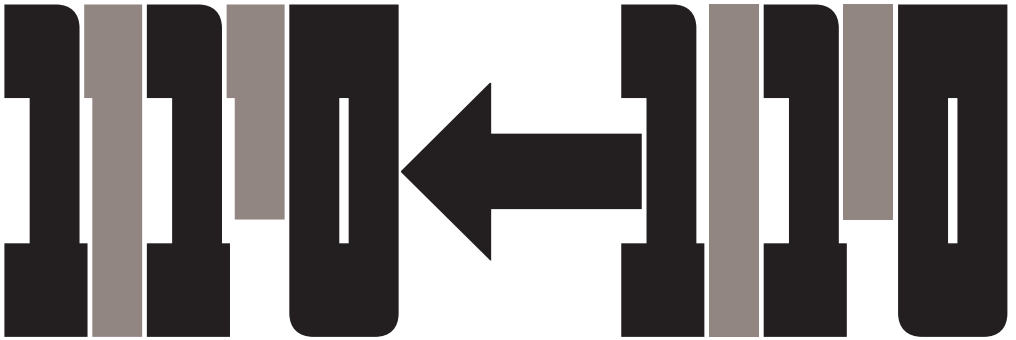

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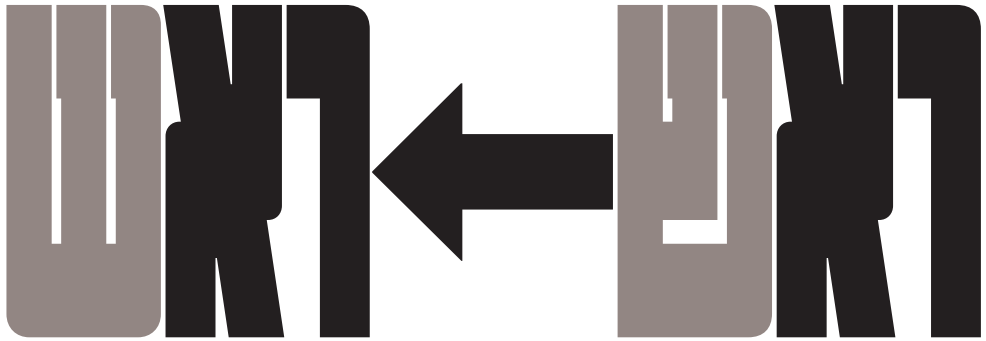

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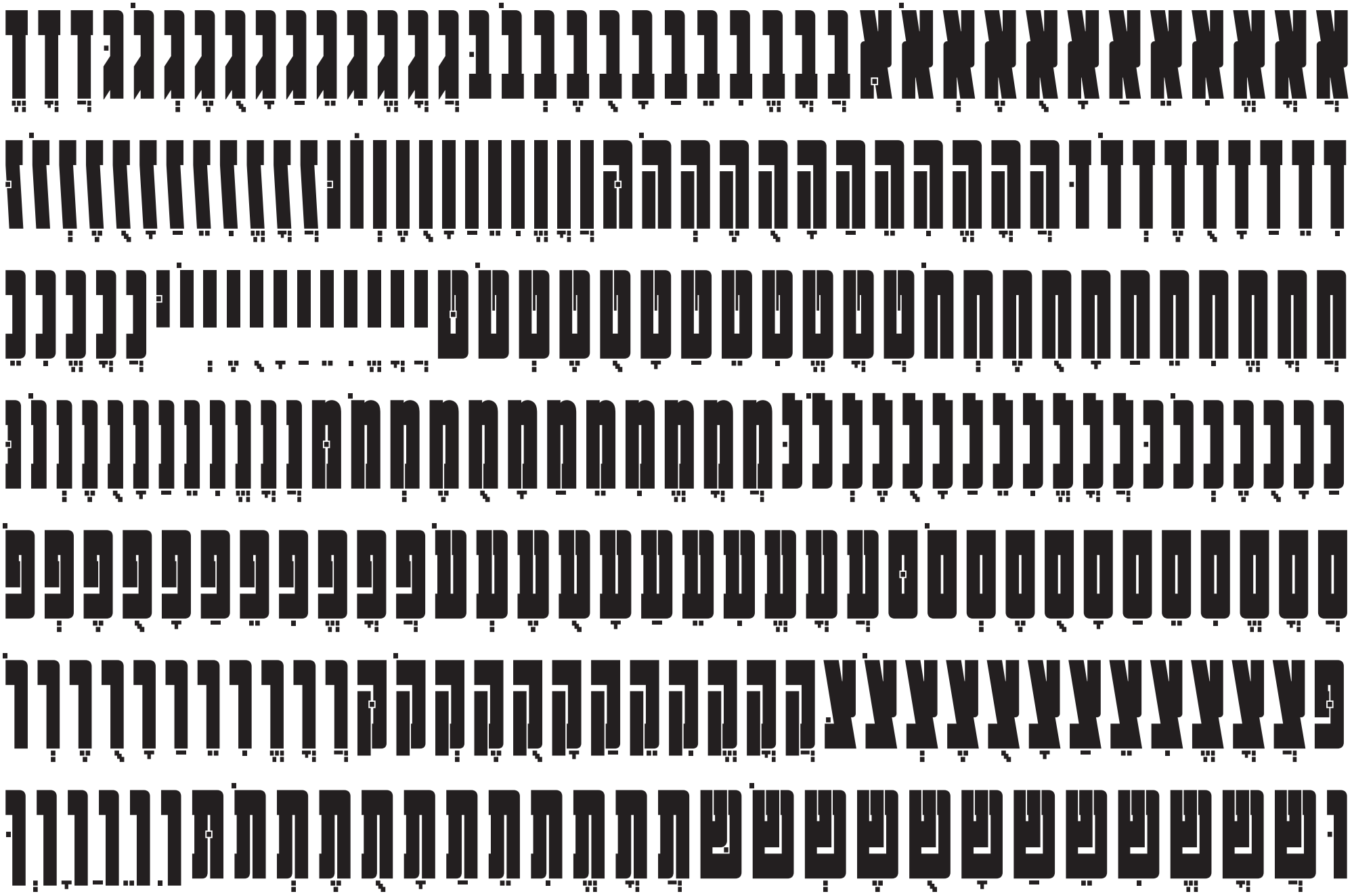

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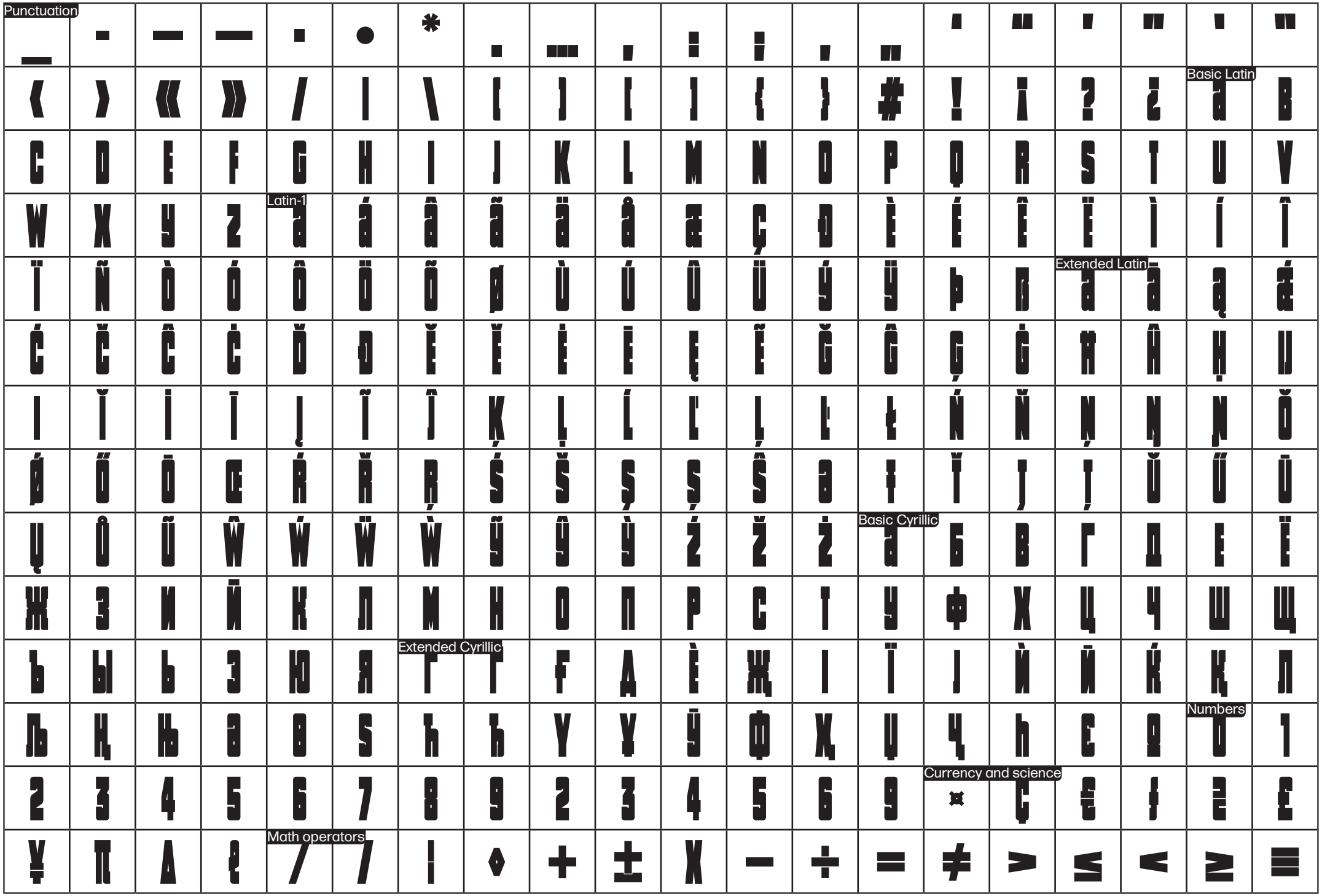
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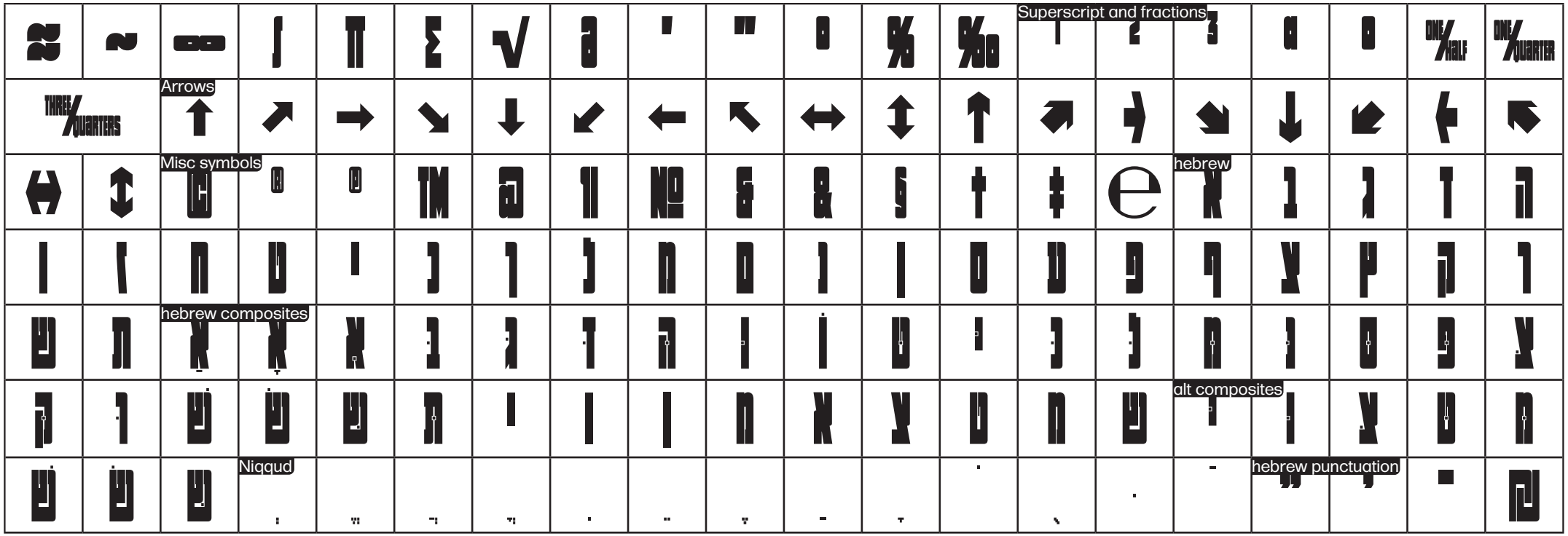

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