

# HOPE GARDEN

*Prompts and Encouragements to Cultivate Hope, A  
Devotional Study Journal*



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## Introduction

*If you got this as an ebook but would like a printable version,  
you can get it at [MichaelLacey.me/hopegarden](http://MichaelLacey.me/hopegarden).*



Hope isn't something you will into existence. It is something that is produced in a well-tended garden, one that flourishes with the constant presence of gratitude, praise and worship, wisdom from God, time in His Word, prayer, and reflection. True growth in the Christian faith requires these things, and they don't only produce hope. They bring you closer to the source of all good things, closer to God Himself.

This study journal is broken down with a completed entry at the beginning of each part to be used as an example. Do not feel pressure to create a super deep bible study with each entry. Just fill them out with your present self. Use this study journal however you feel led, and have fun with it.

If you have the print version, draw in the margins, doodle in empty spaces, add your own flair. When it's full, get another or start a similar one in a blank journal. There are extra journaling pages at the end as well to use however you'd like. These also make great gifts for other women in your life.



## **How to use this study journal:**

- make time for it daily or weekly
- “slow and steady” is the name of this game
- carry it proudly with your copy of *Hope When it Hurts: The Scars that Shape Us or As We Fight: A Weekly Guide Through the Warfare of Worship*
- for kindling to keep your fire going (figuratively)

## **How not to use this journal:**

- beat yourself up for not being consistent
- lose hope when you don't see progress
- use this as a replacement for your bible reading
- for kindling to keep your fire going (literally, if you have the paperback)

### **ENTRY FLOW**

Each Part starts with an excerpt from Michael's writing “The Garden of Hope” entry from the book that inspired this journal, *Hope When it Hurts: The Scars that Shape Us*.

The first devo of each Part is a sample “tending devo” to get you started. After that, you can use the created templates to plant and water your garden. This can be used one month at a time or at whatever pace works for you. However, remember that it takes daily care for healthy growth, in whatever way it takes to make that happen.

### **GRATITUDE**

In each entry, you'll start with gratitude. This is the foundation for each of the other steps. Recognizing what God has done for you helps frame your perspective of Him and His true goodness.

## PRAISE/WORSHIP

The natural response when we truly see God's workings is praise and worship. While each of those concepts can stand alone, they will be used in conjunction throughout this journal.

As a worship leader myself, I keep an updated list of worship songs that are meaningful to me, including some that are referenced in this book. You can follow that list and listen along on Spotify; go to [MichaelLacey.me/hopegarden](https://MichaelLacey.me/hopegarden) to get the link. Also, the song titles are links to Youtube videos.

## WISDOM/STUDY

This includes a thought to ponder, a verse on which to ruminate, or a teaching from a spiritual authority. These are meant to challenge your preconceived notions of God, who He is, and why He allows the things He does.

Some of these sections will require you to dig for the truth yourself, as I hope you are doing anyways.

Many of the verses are linked to the full chapters on Bible Gateway. Feel free to click on them and read them in context.

## PRAYER

While this is the last section of each entry, it should not be the end of your time with God but rather a continuation. Philippians tells us to pray without ceasing. Jesus prayed up to the cross and while on it.

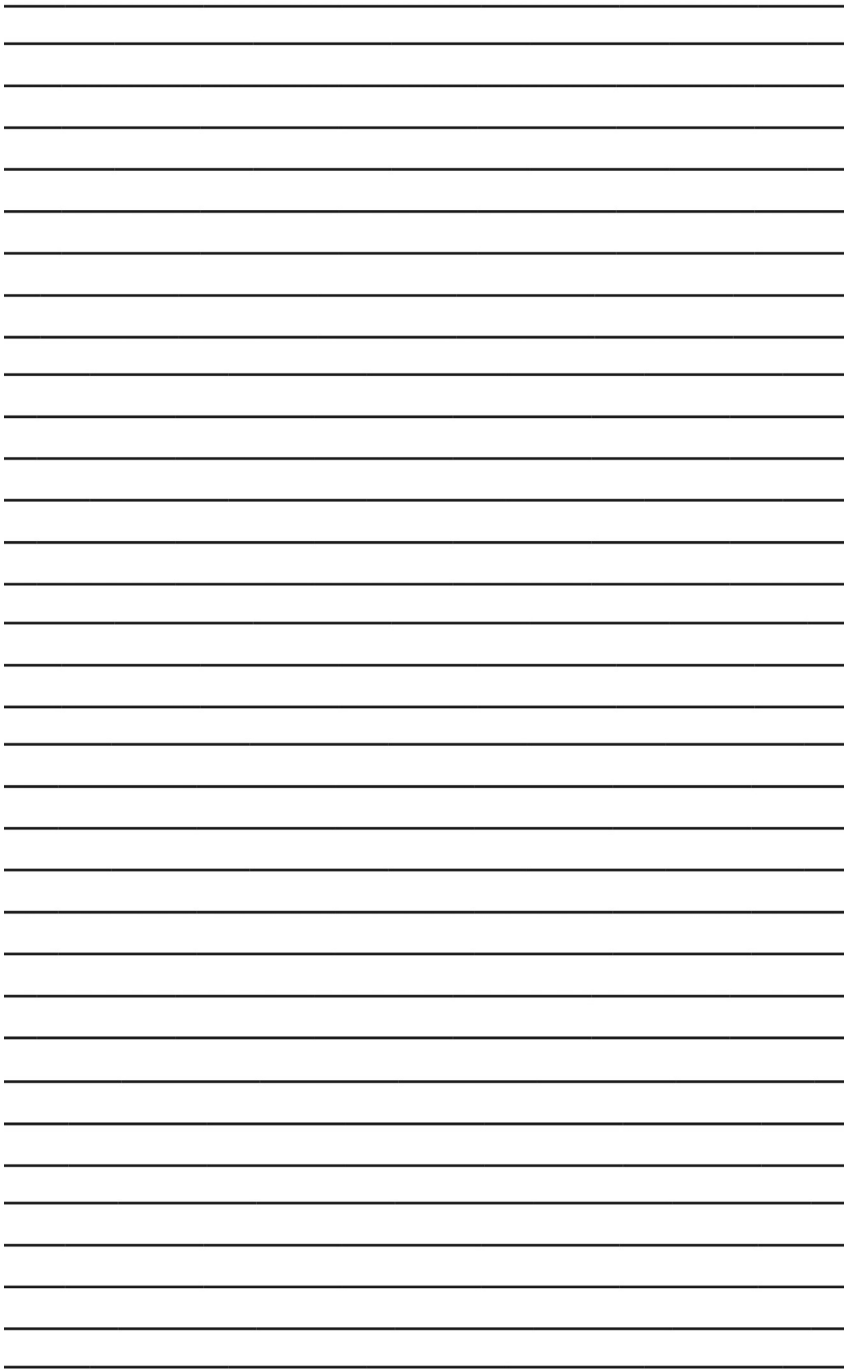
May this journal give you the opportunity to cultivate hope, grow closer to God, and live a life that honors Him.

Godspeed,  
-Michael Lacey, [Story-Builds.com](https://Story-Builds.com) | [ChristWriters.com](https://ChristWriters.com)



# PART I





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GRATITUDE

Today, I am thankful for:

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Remember a worship song or phrase from your memory and sing it to God without using your voice. Do this from your soul in worship to the King. You can write some lyrics here:

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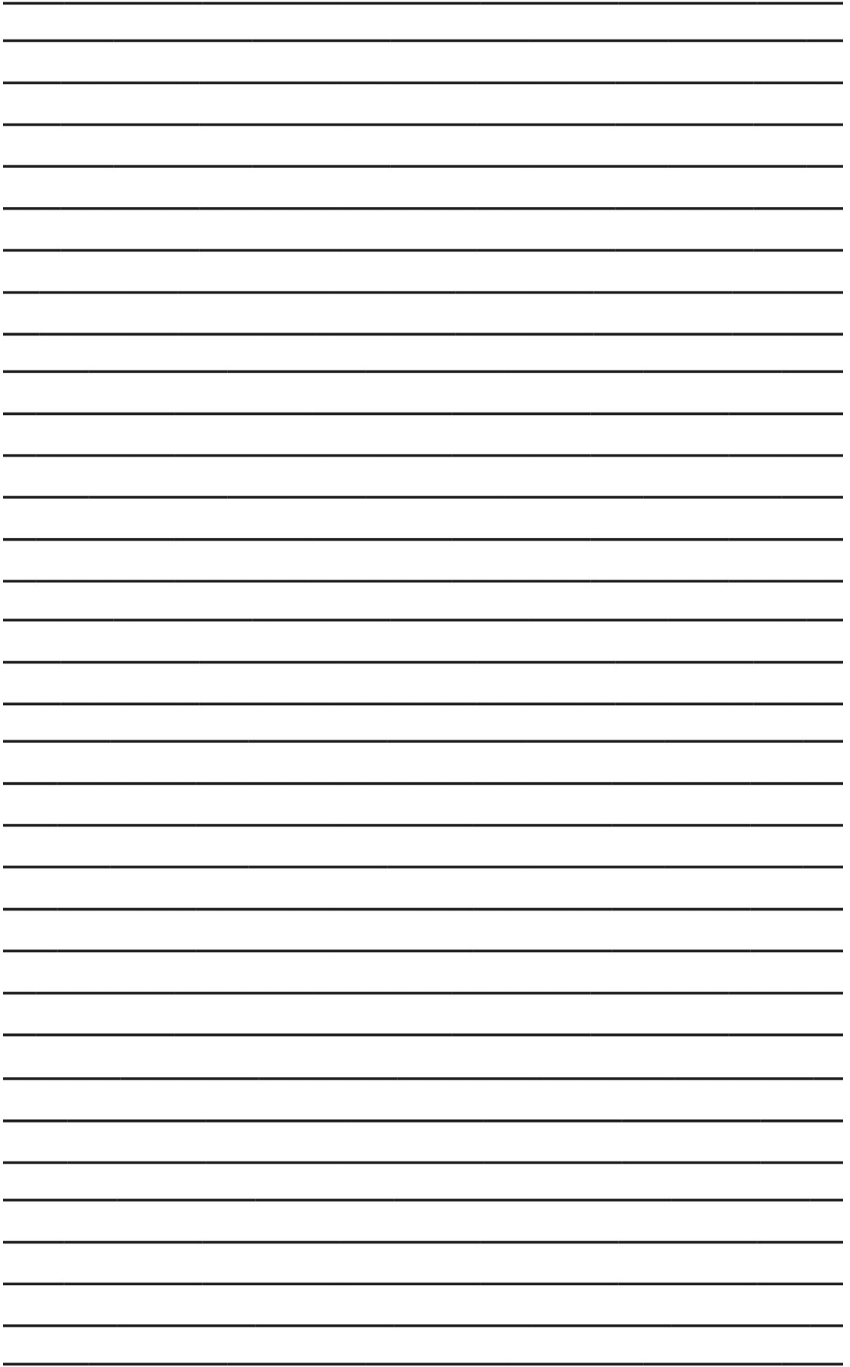
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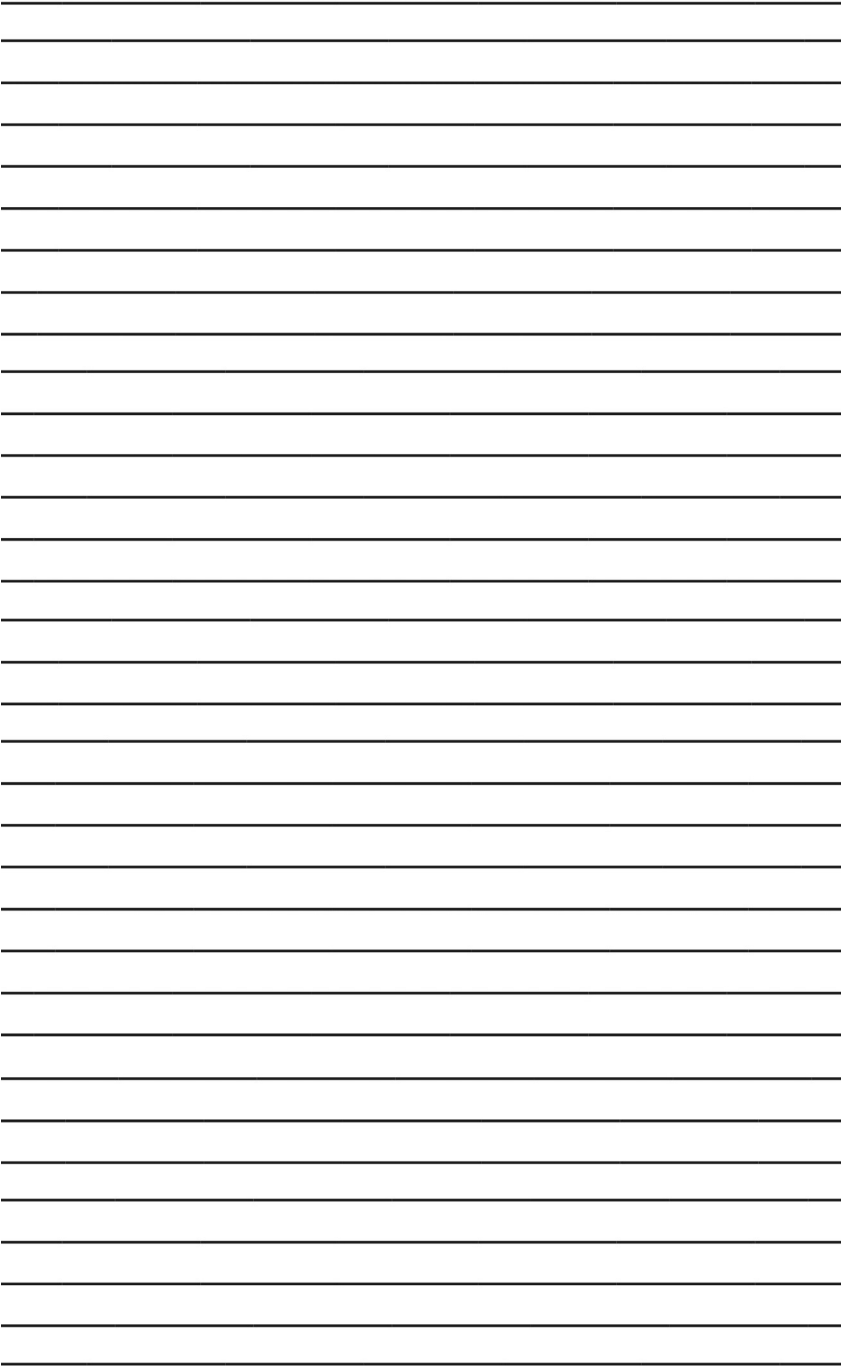
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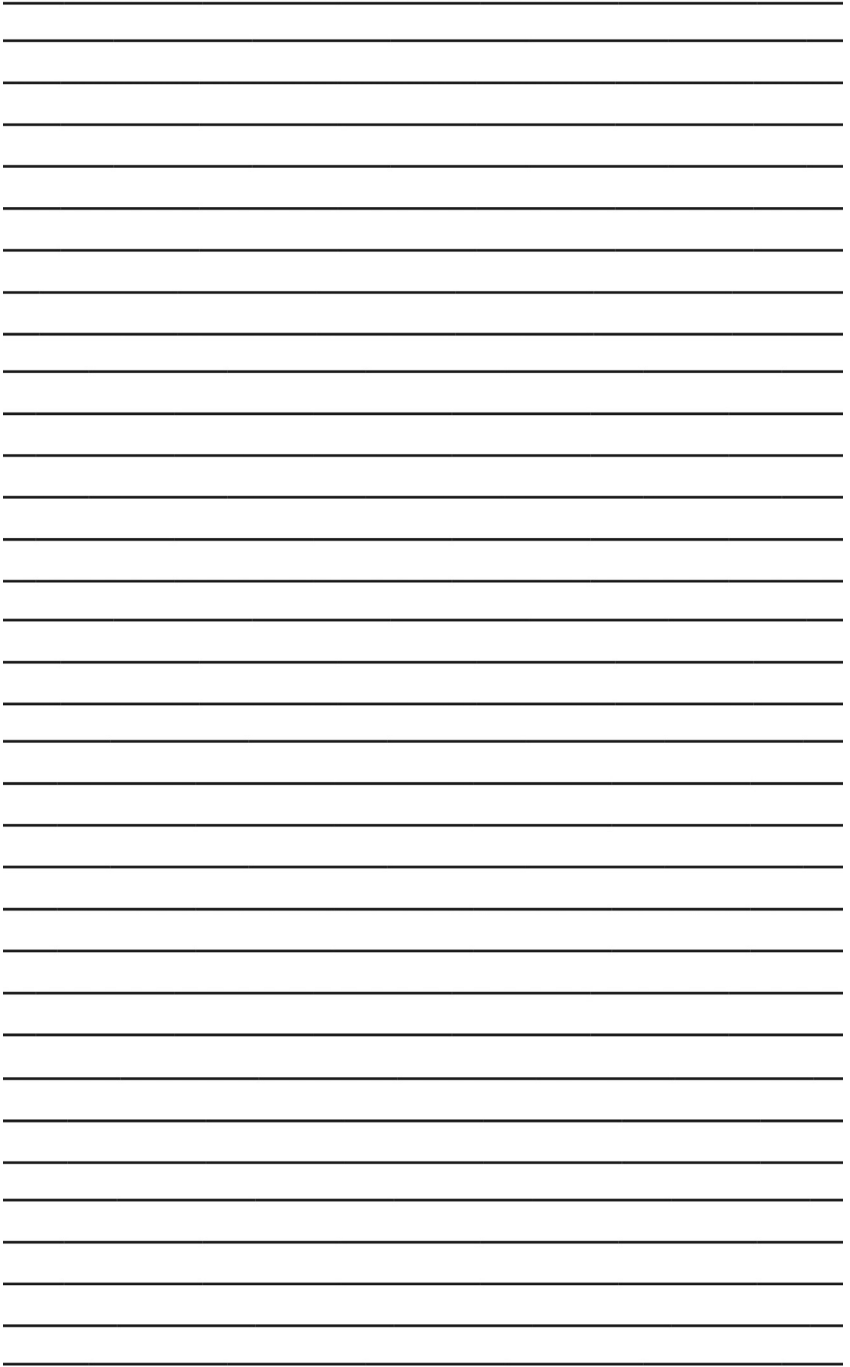
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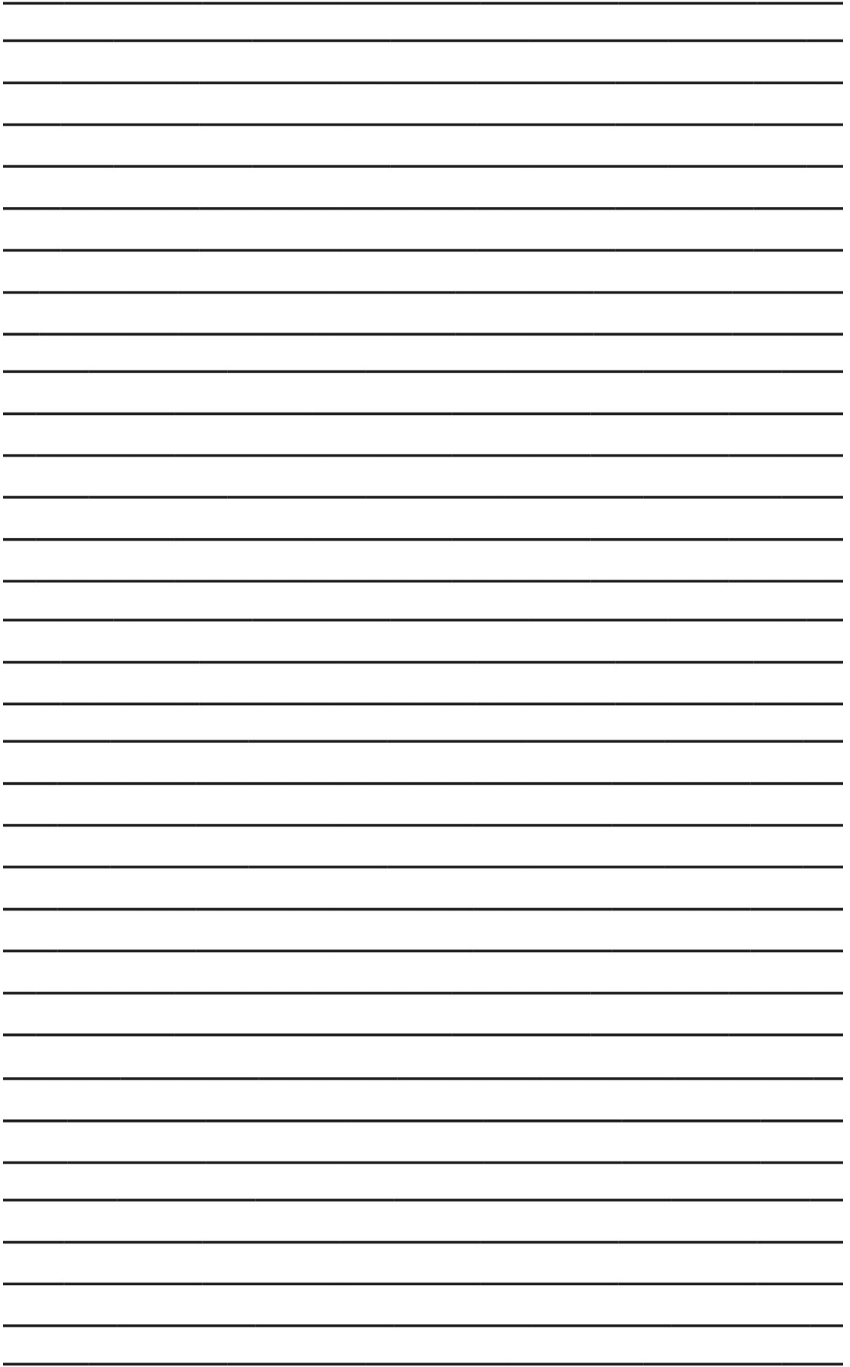
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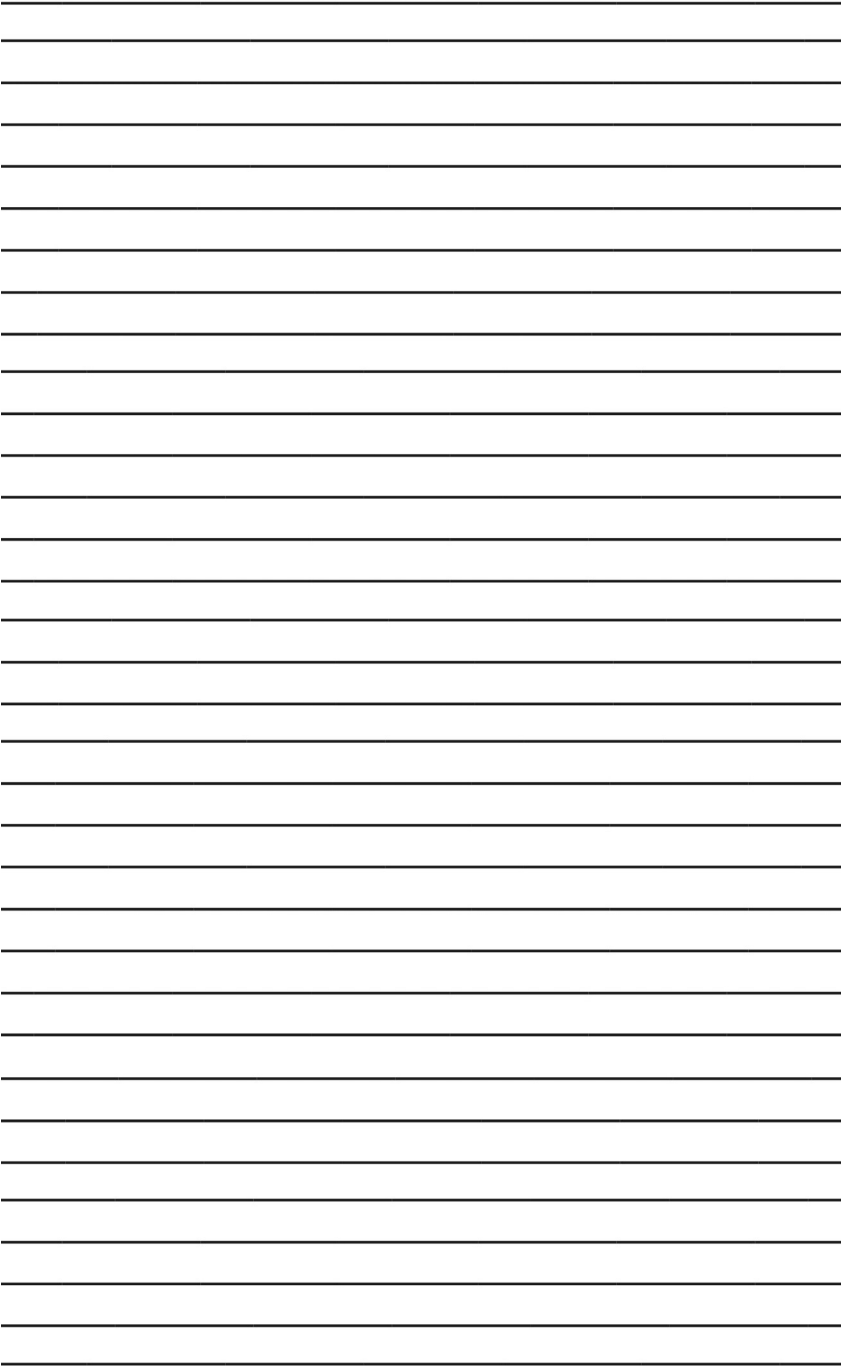
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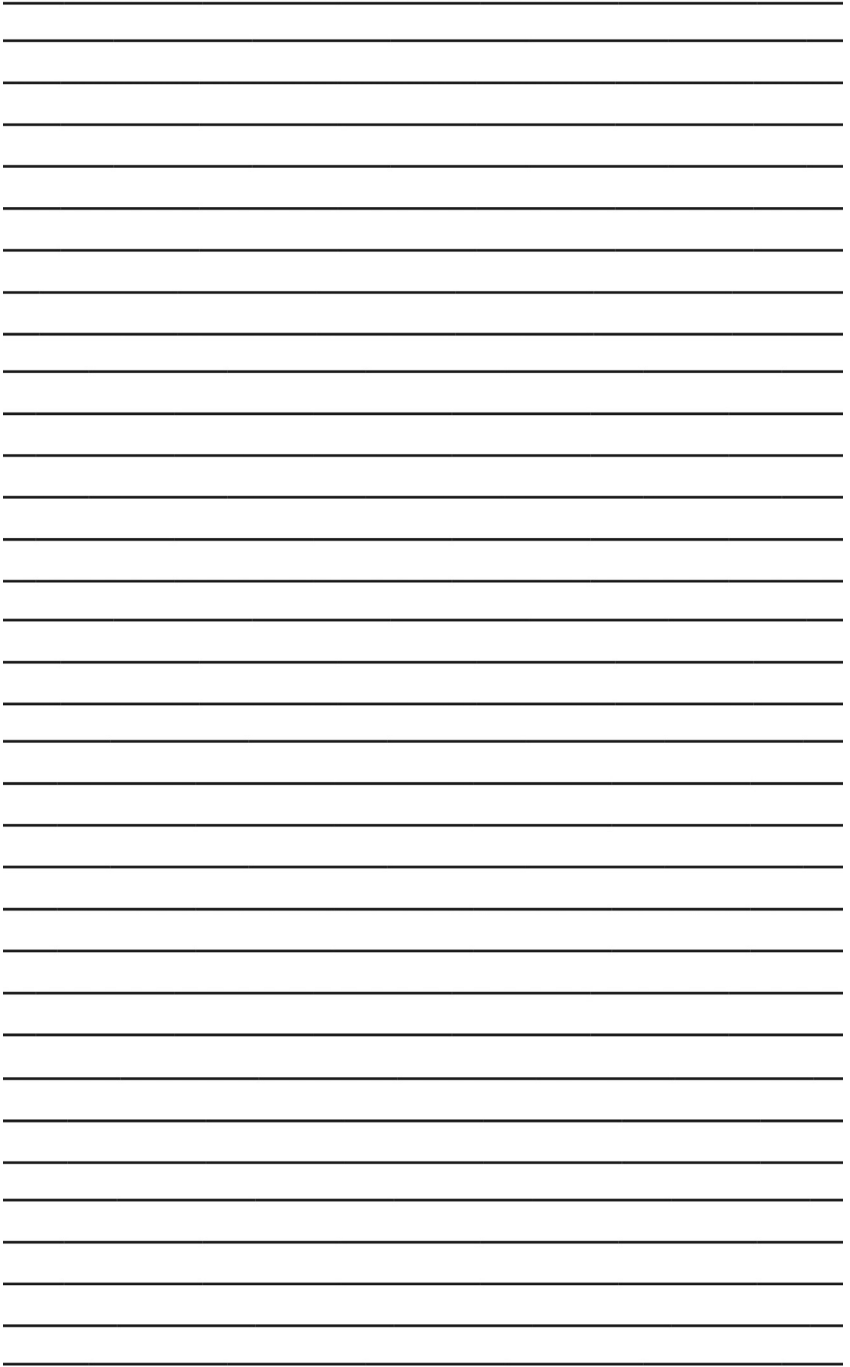
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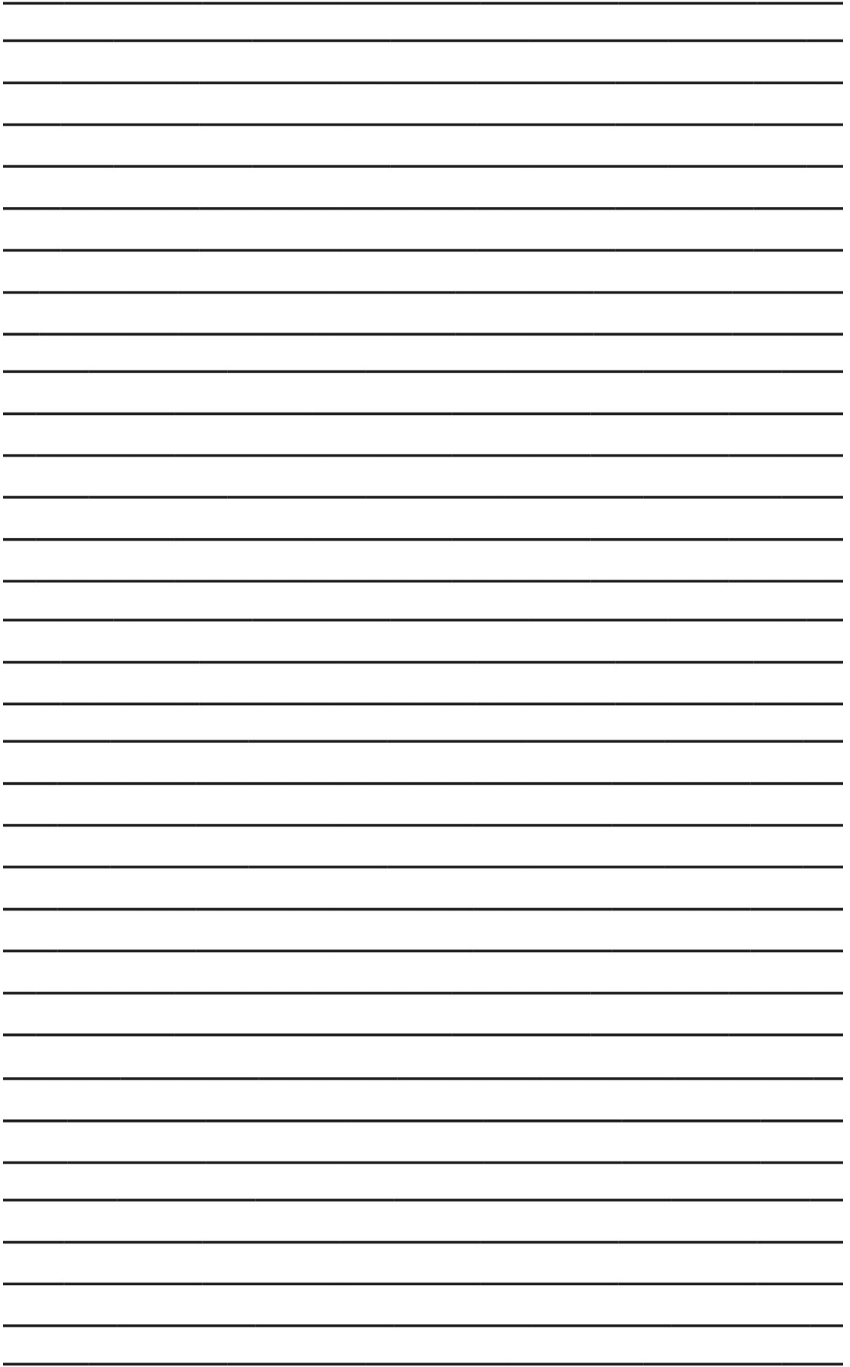
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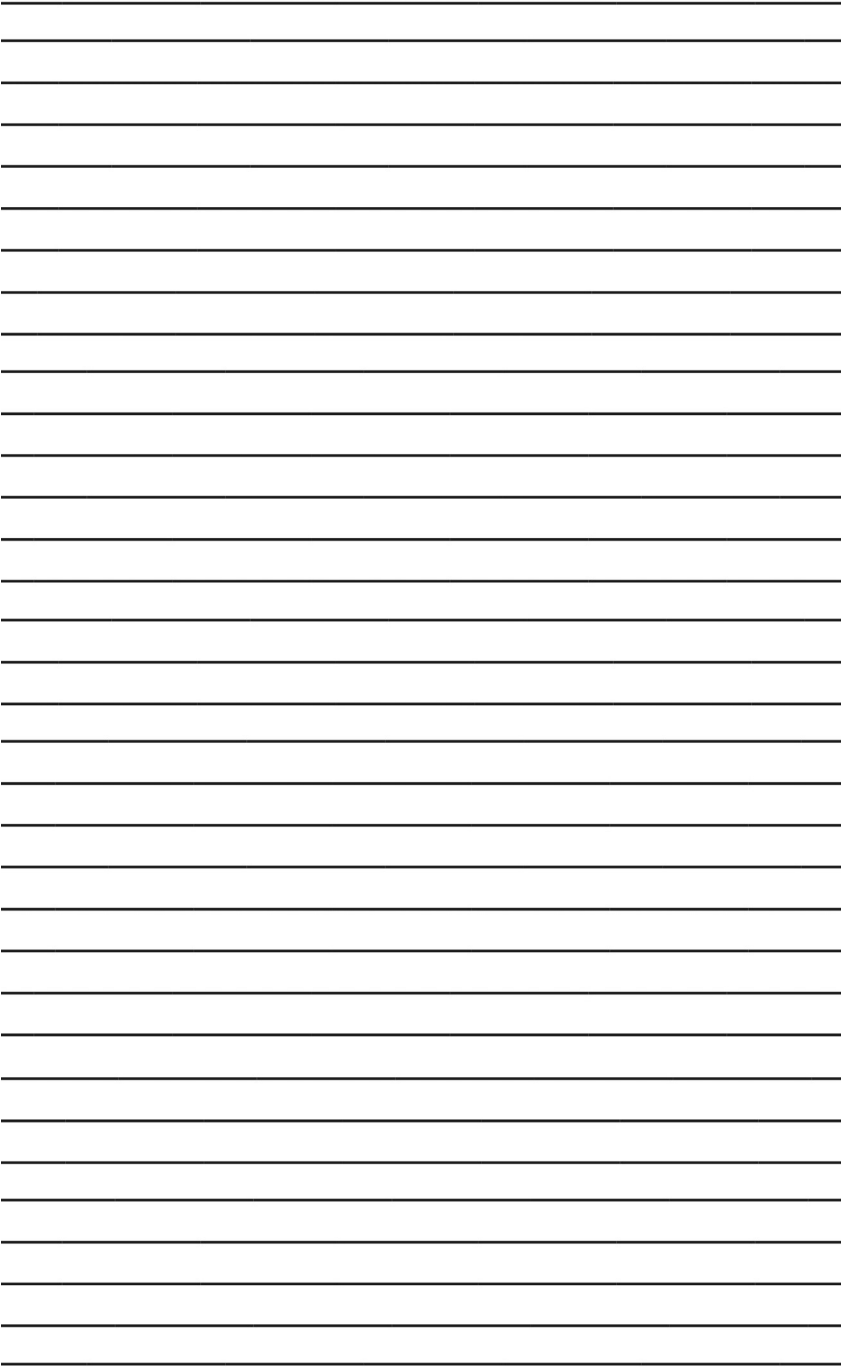
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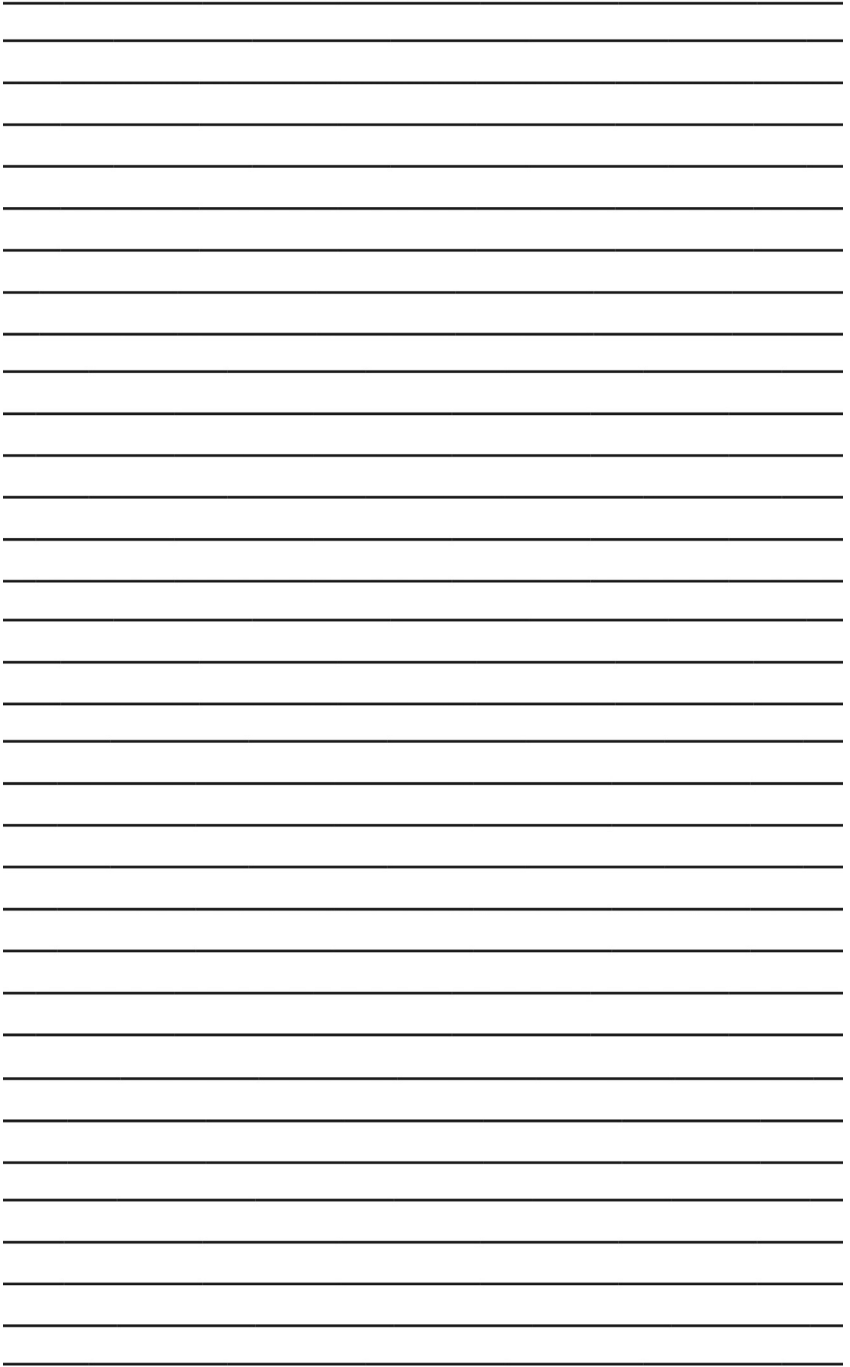
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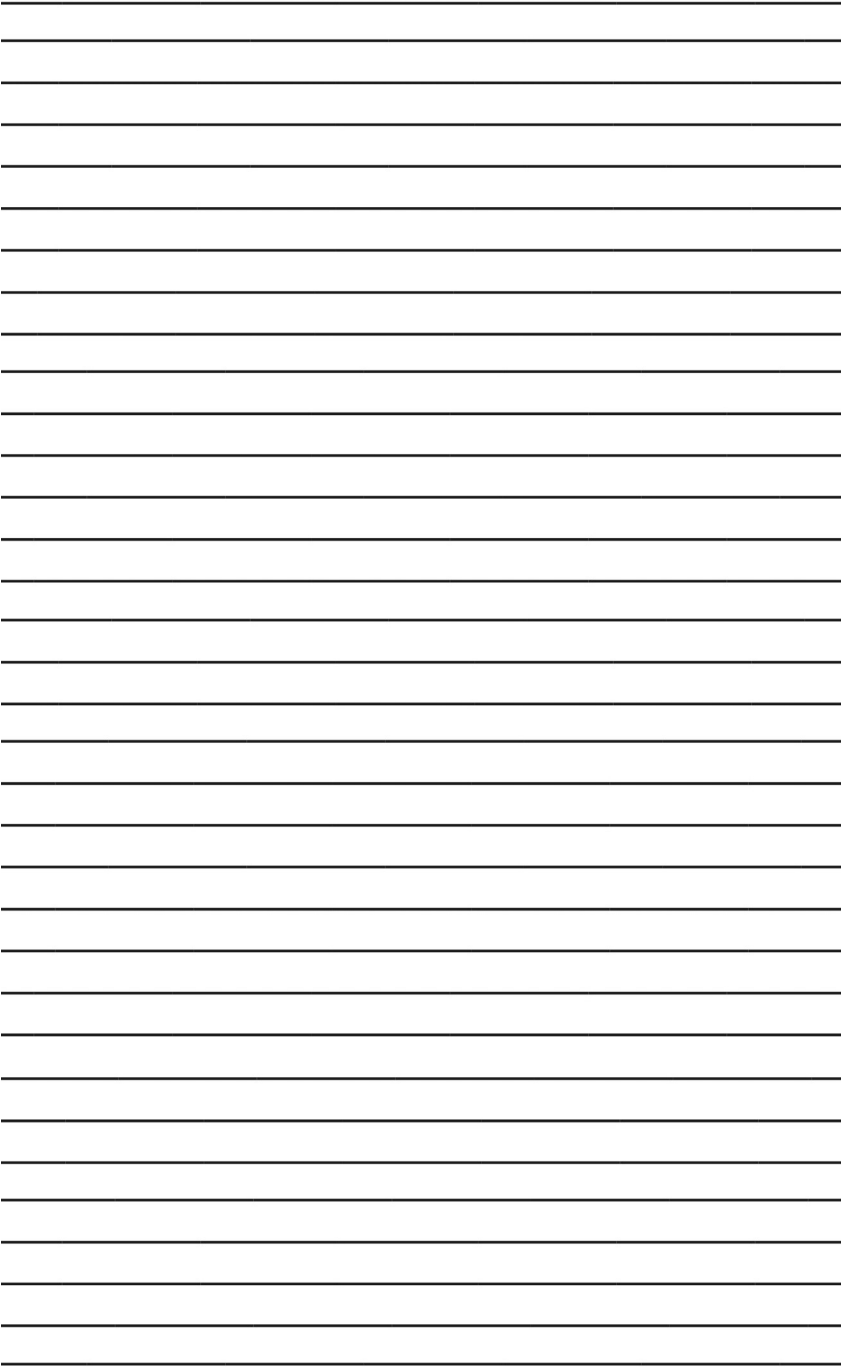






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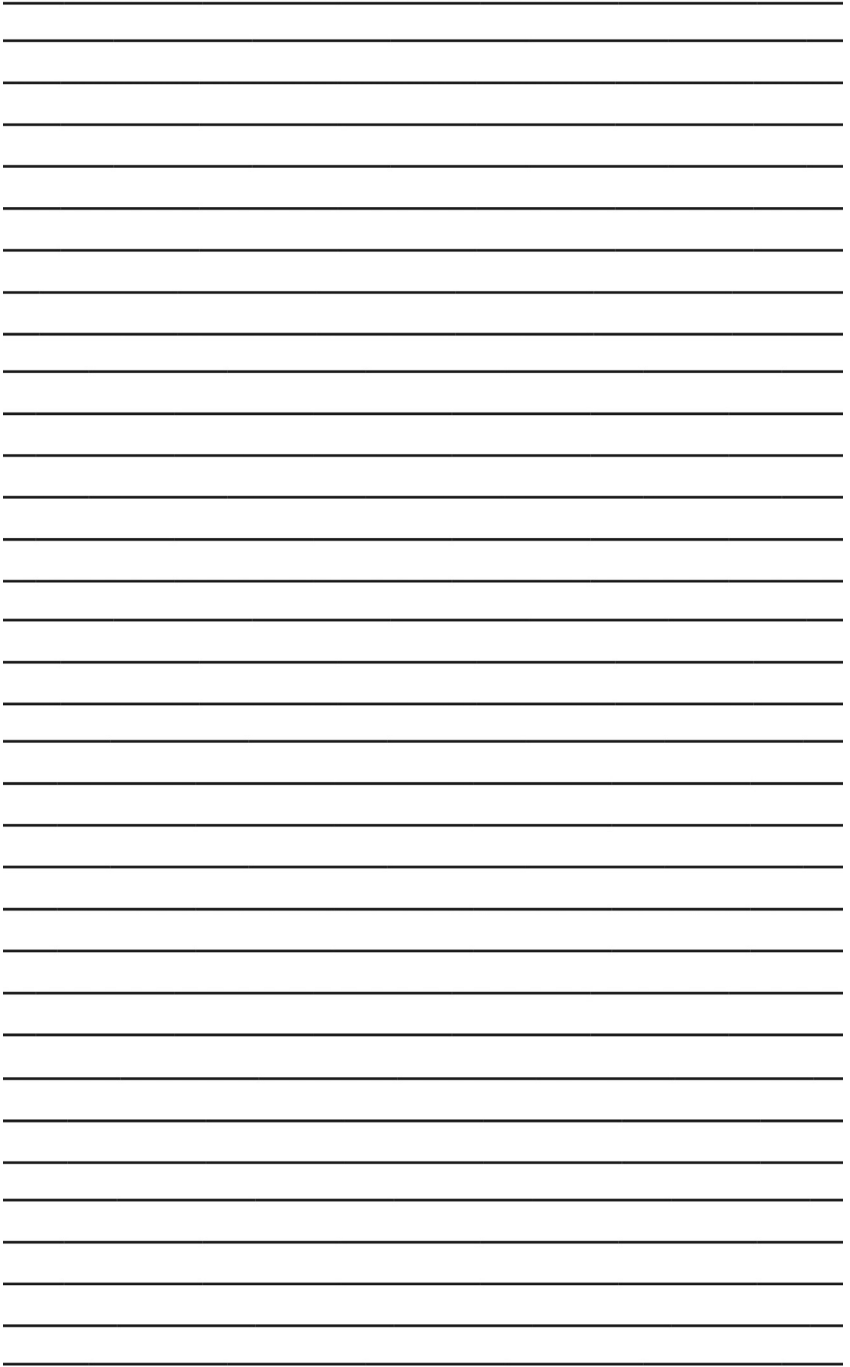
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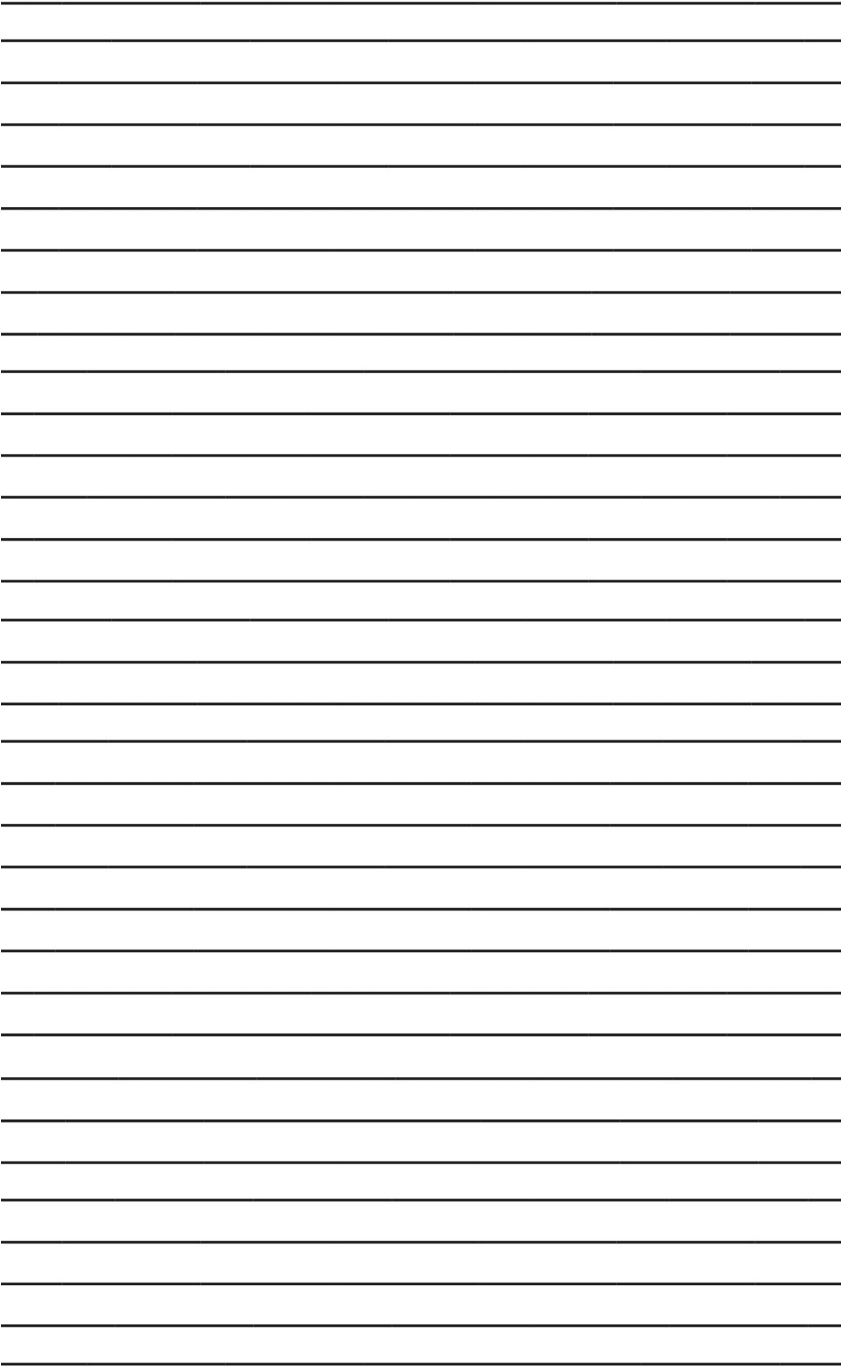
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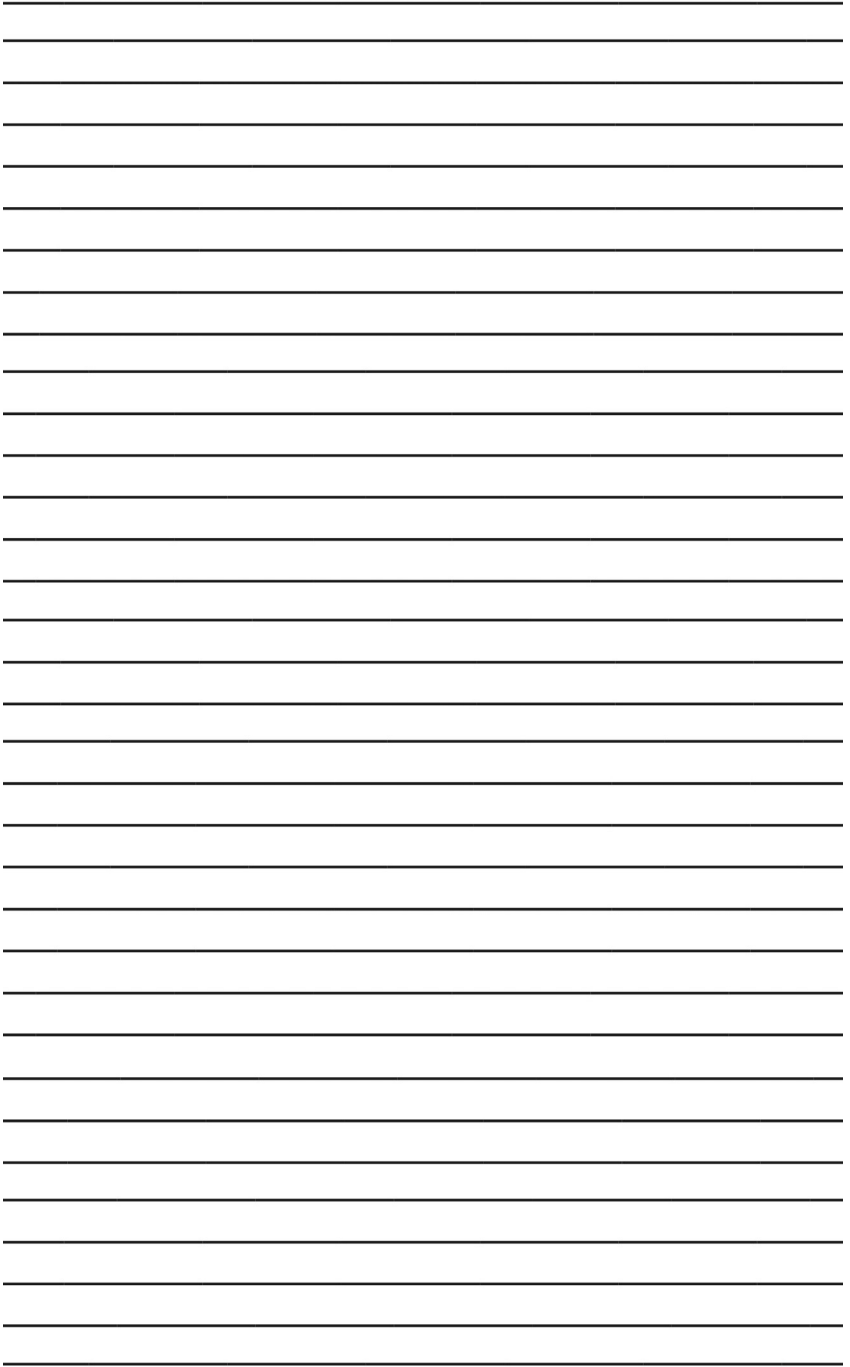
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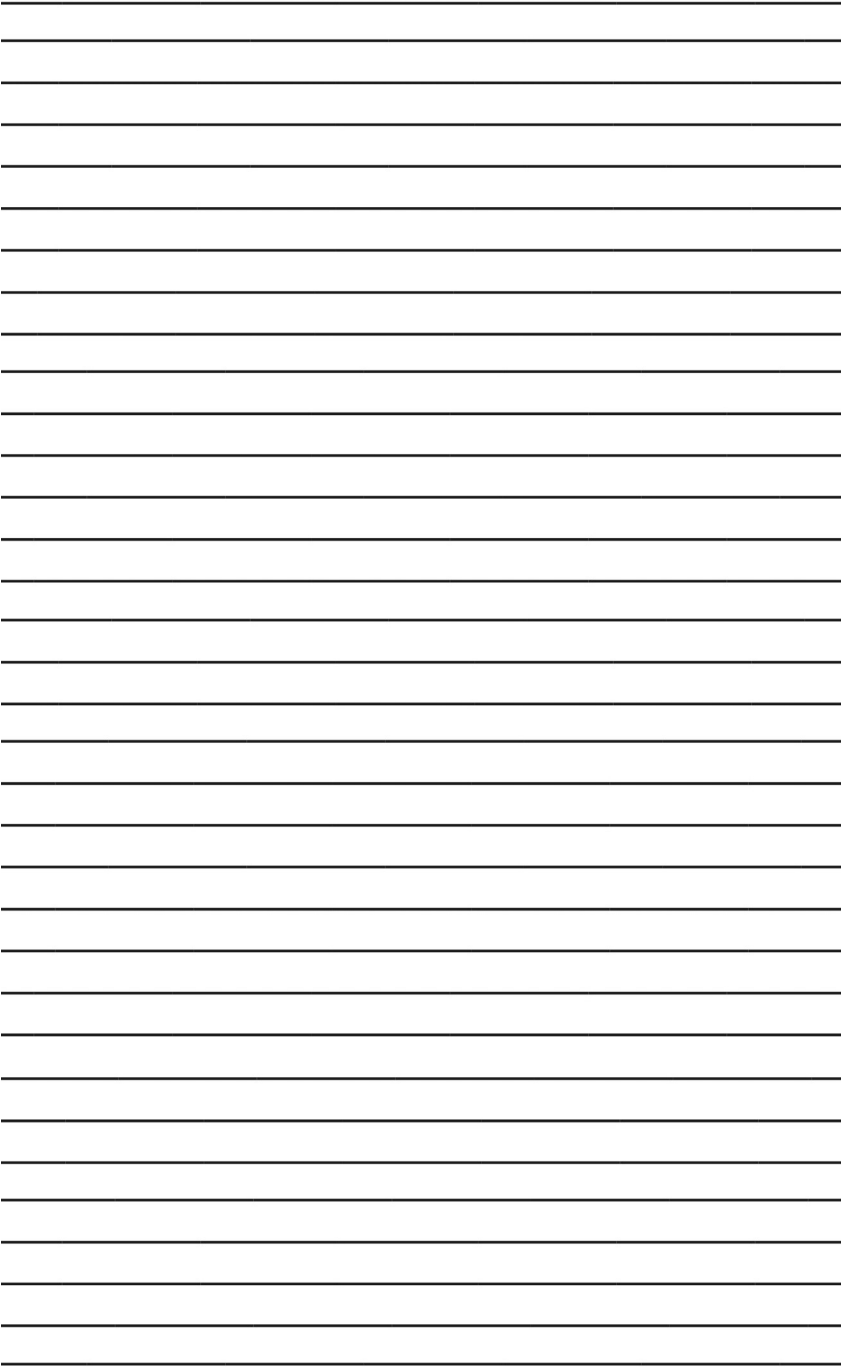
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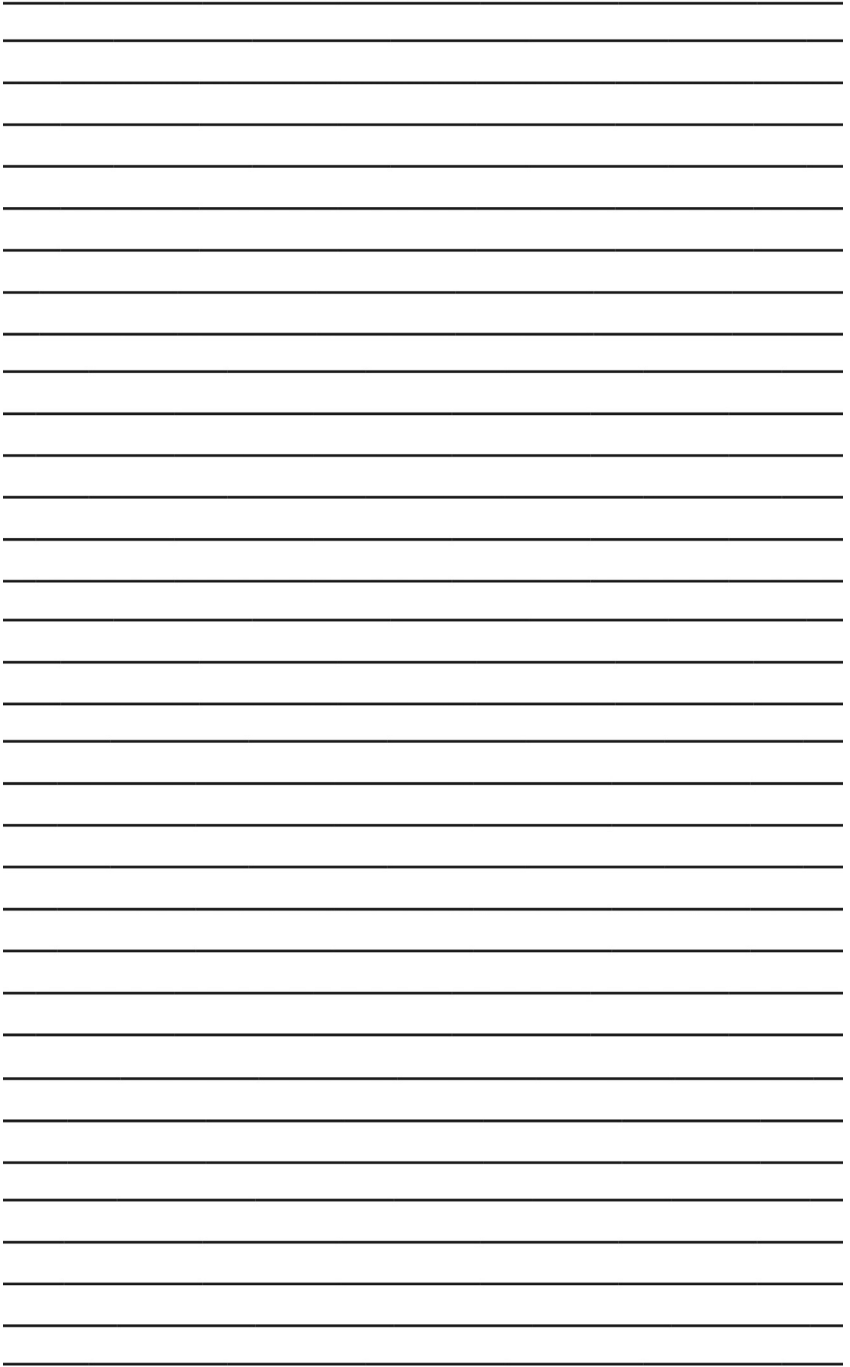
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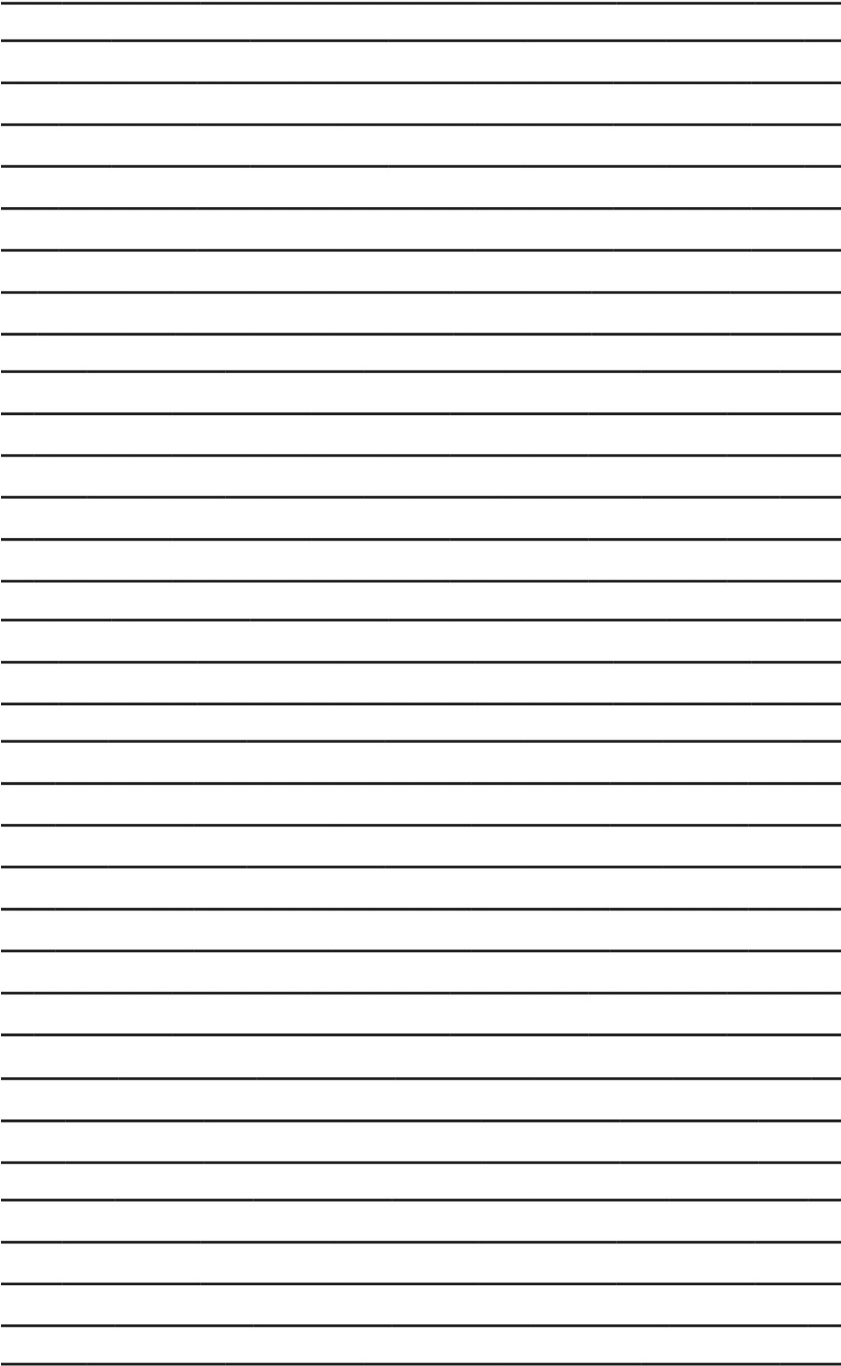
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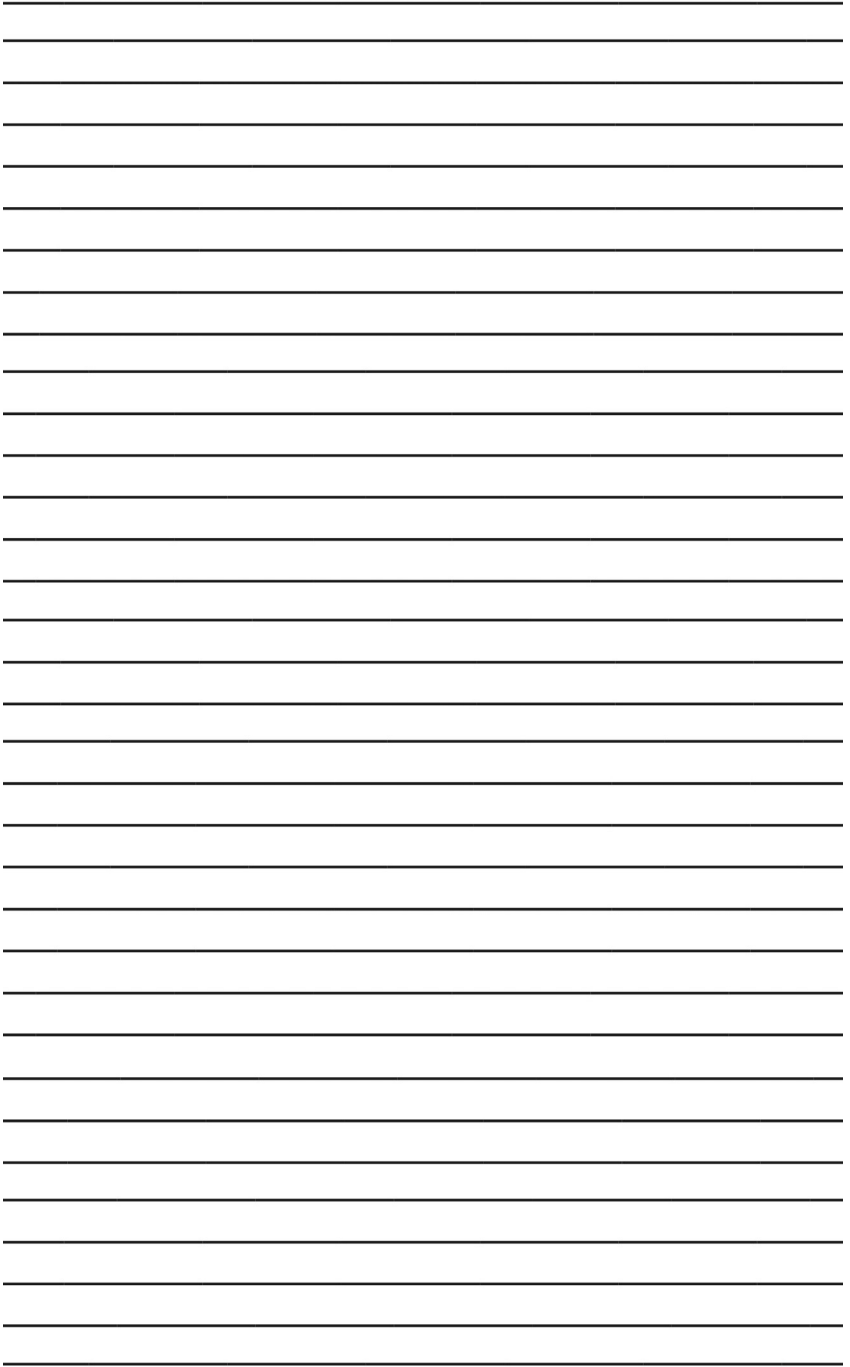
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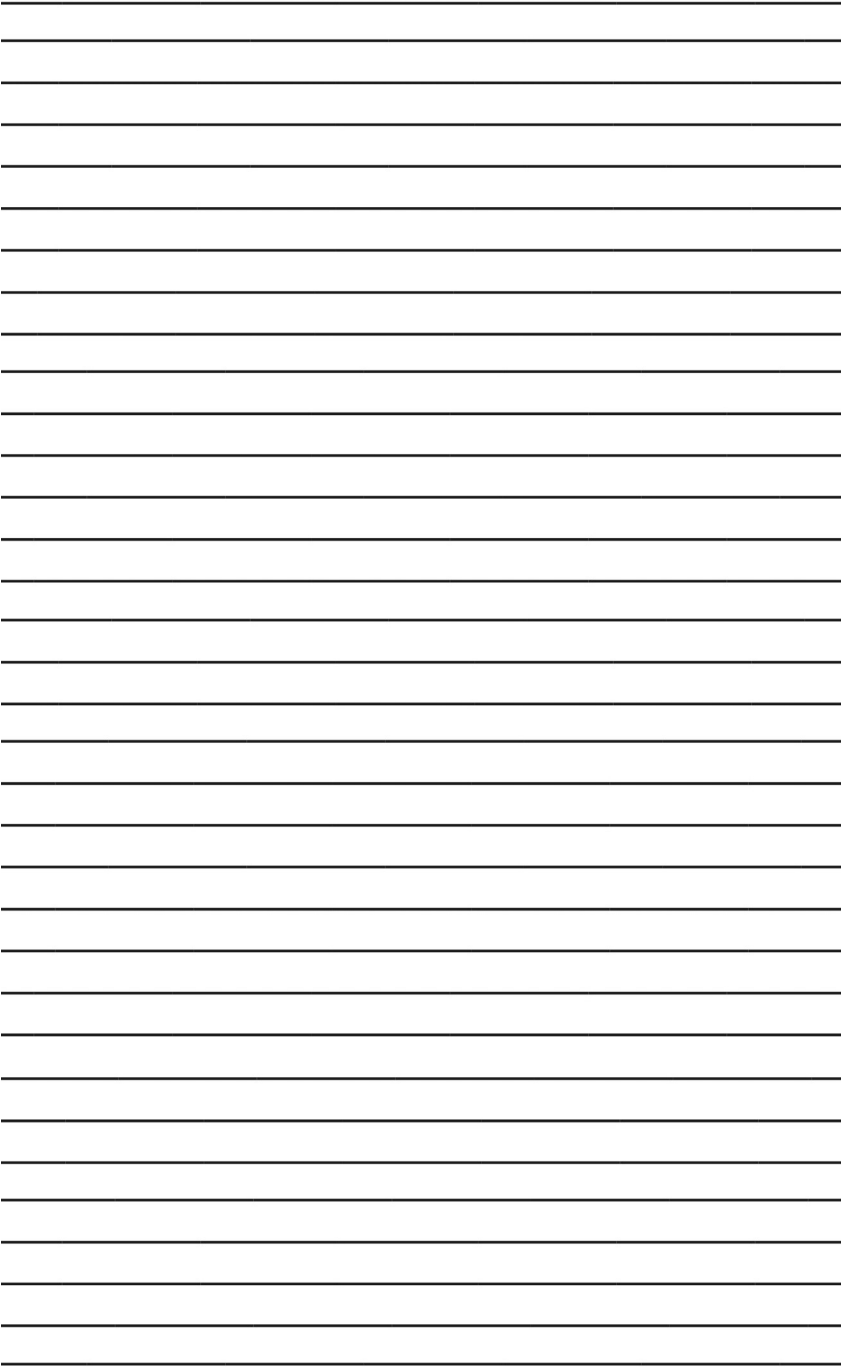
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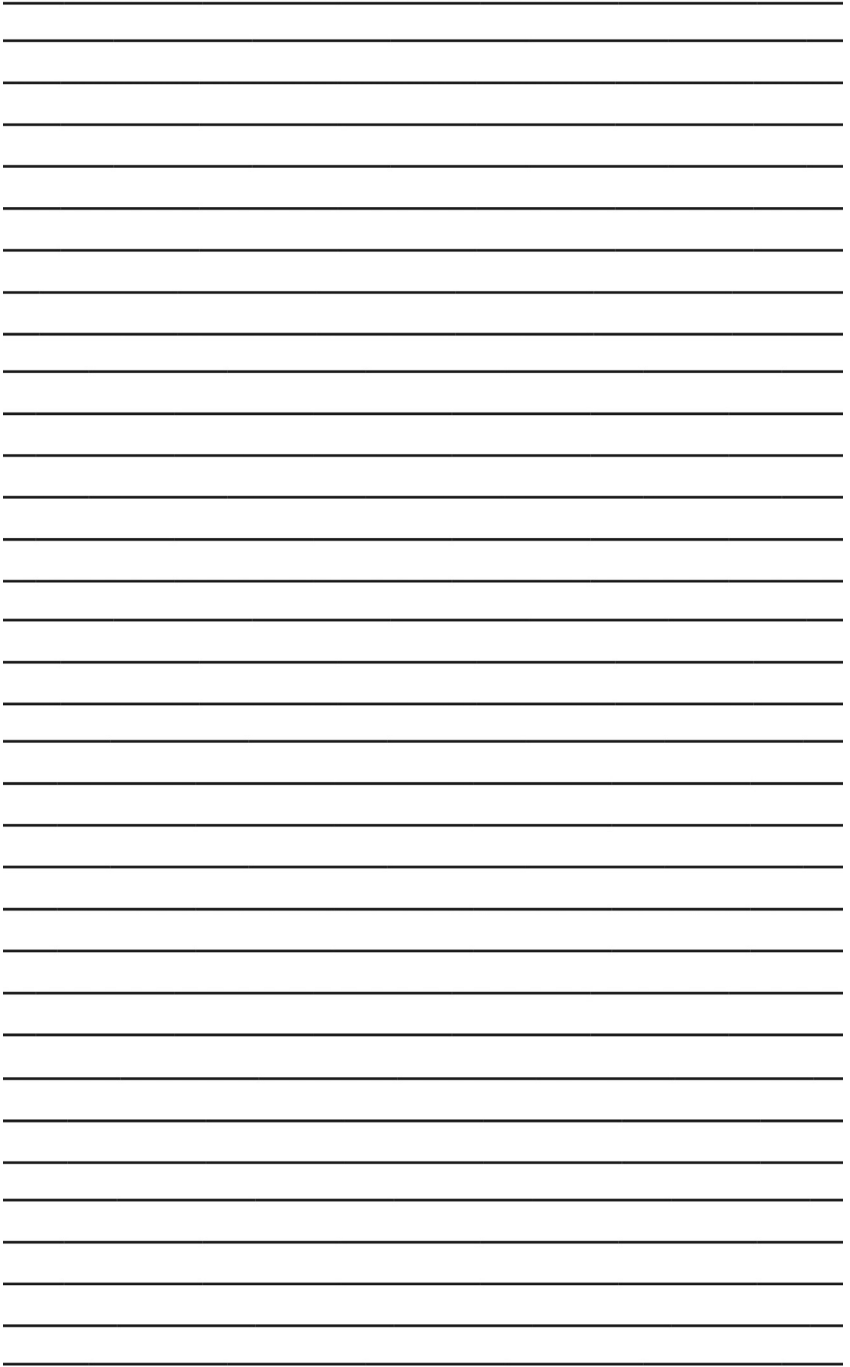
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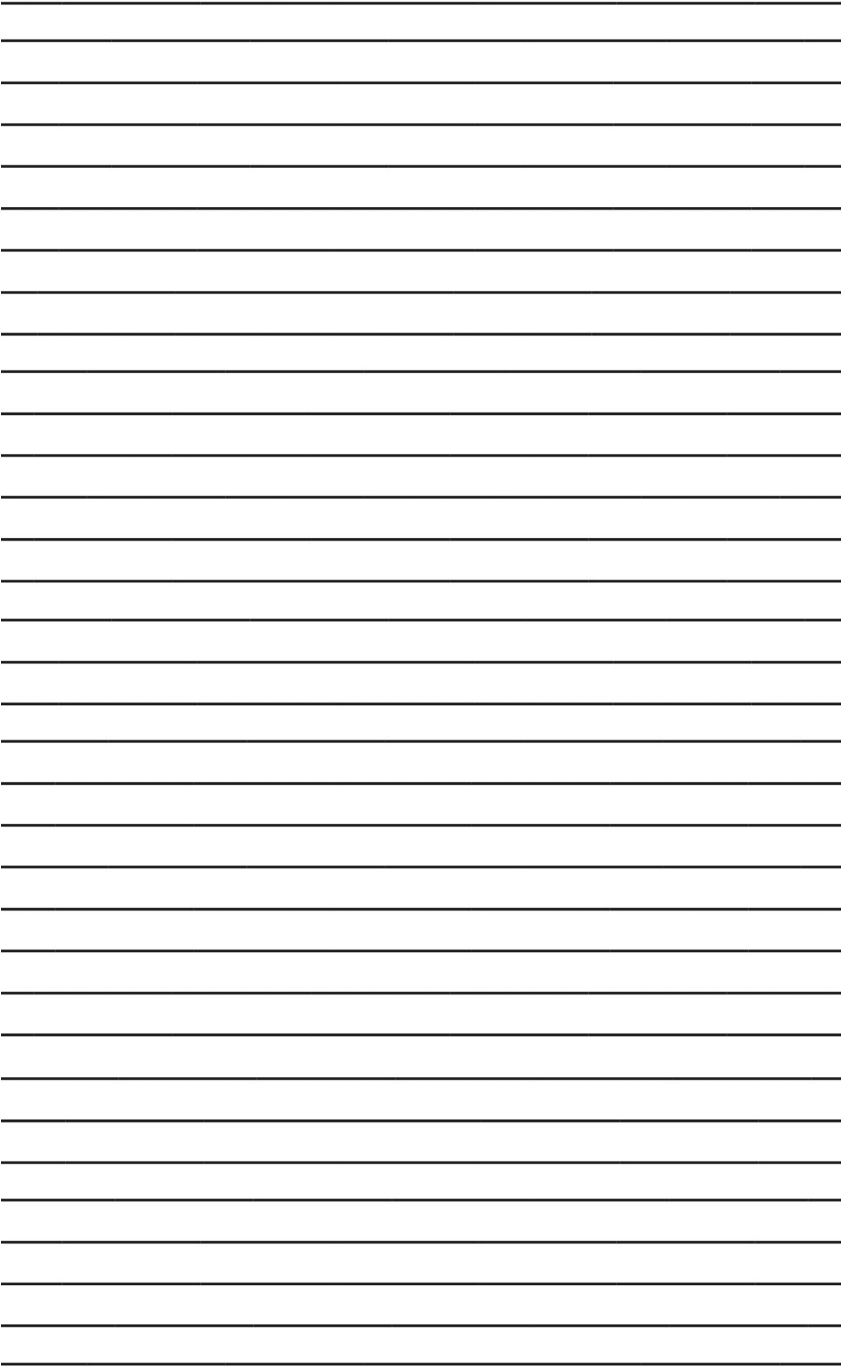
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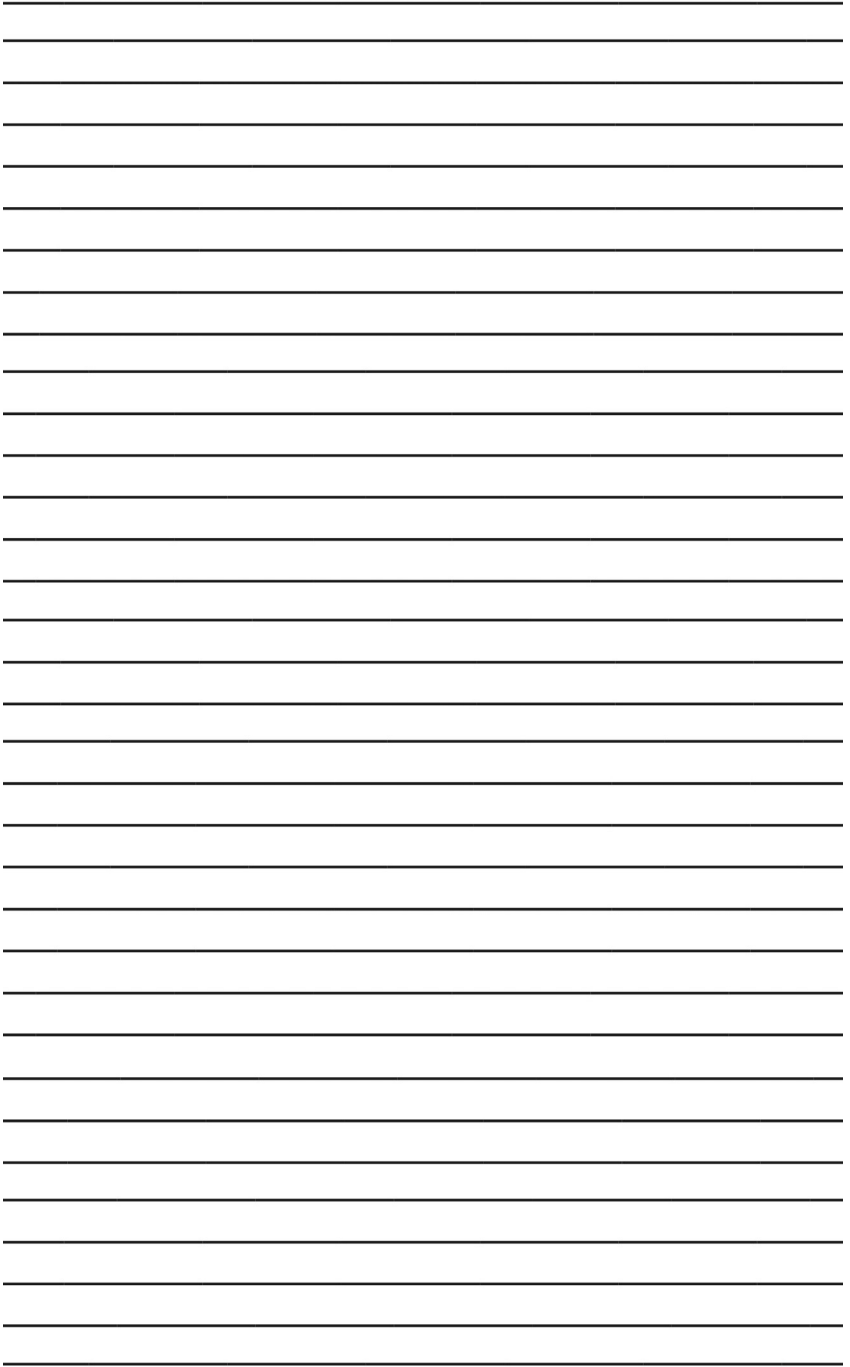
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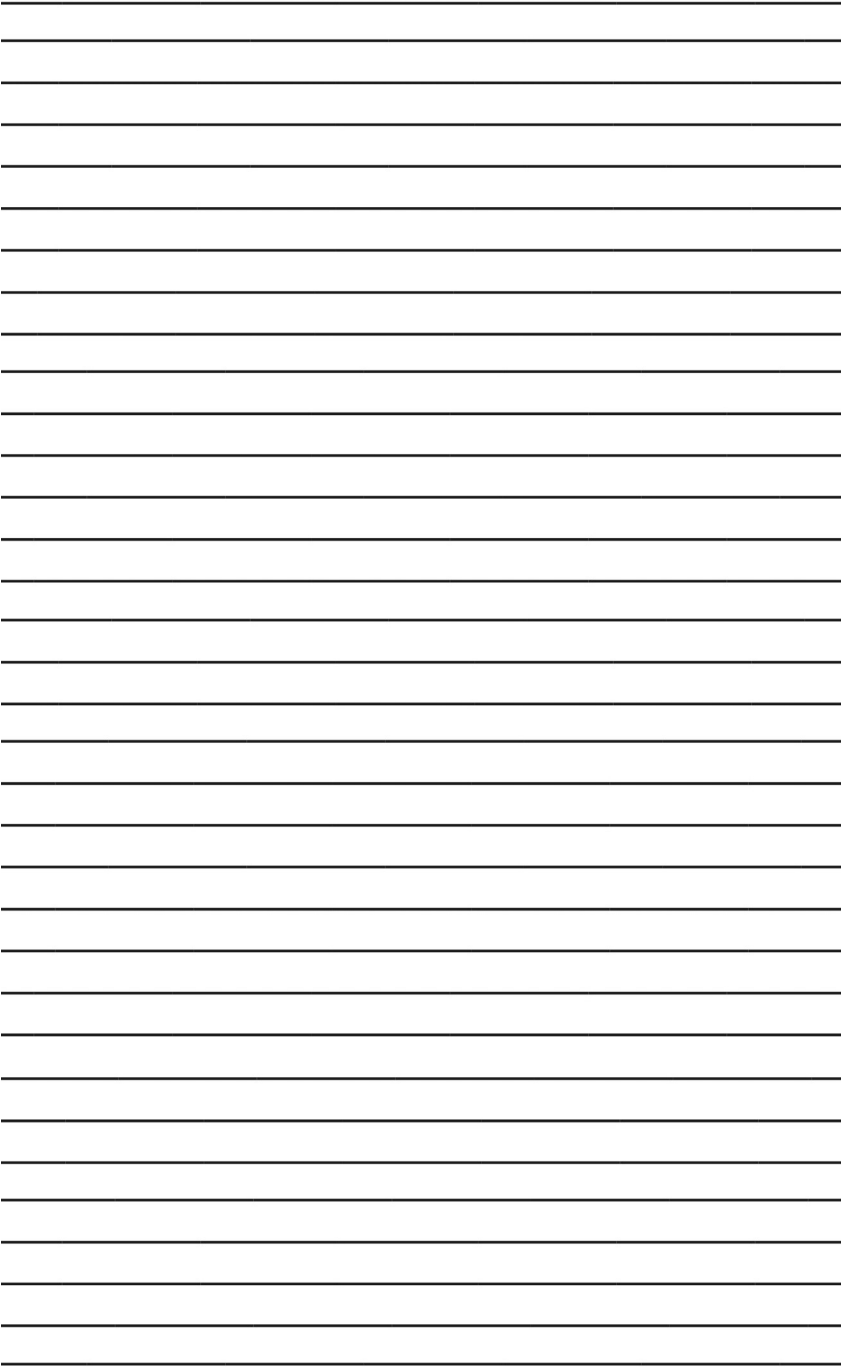
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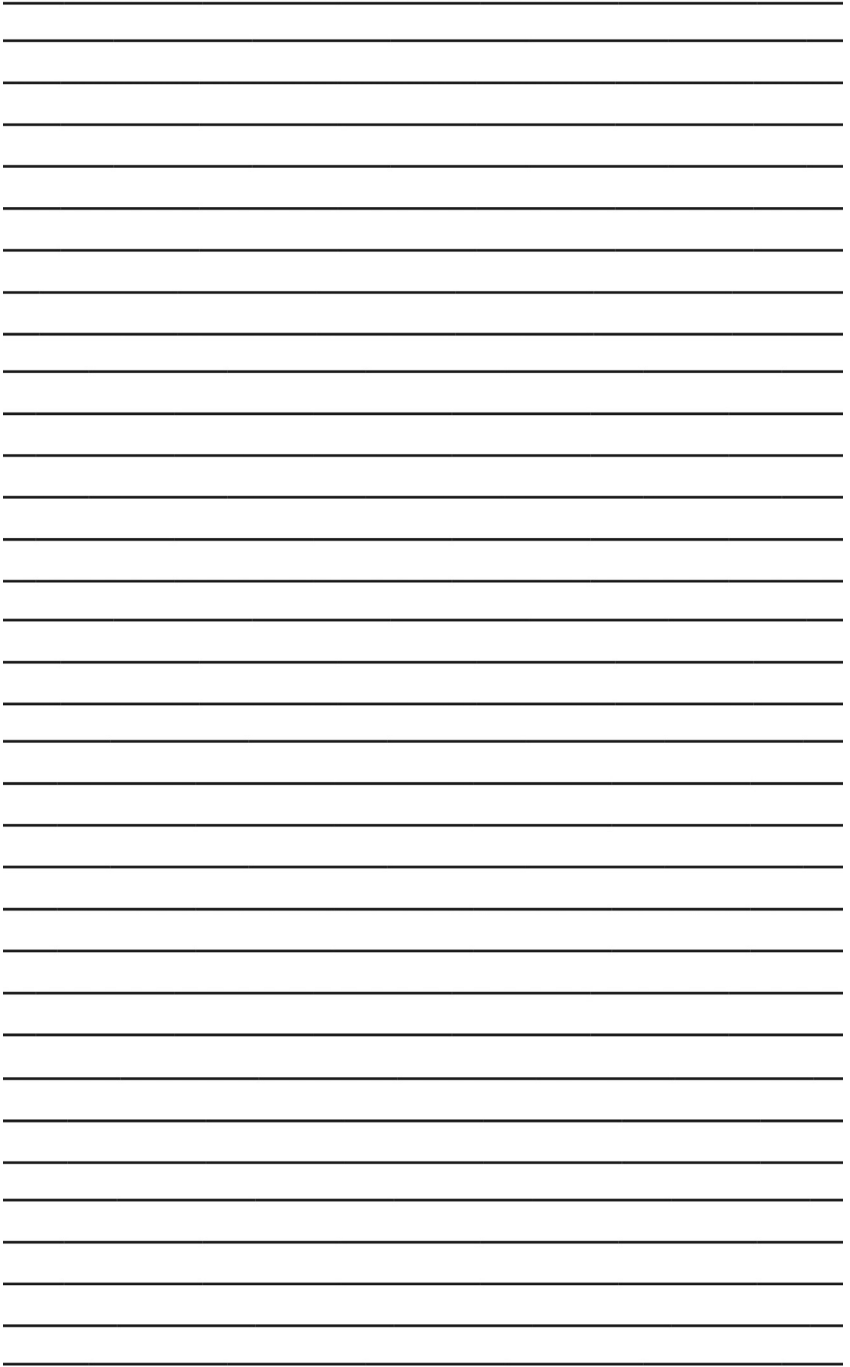
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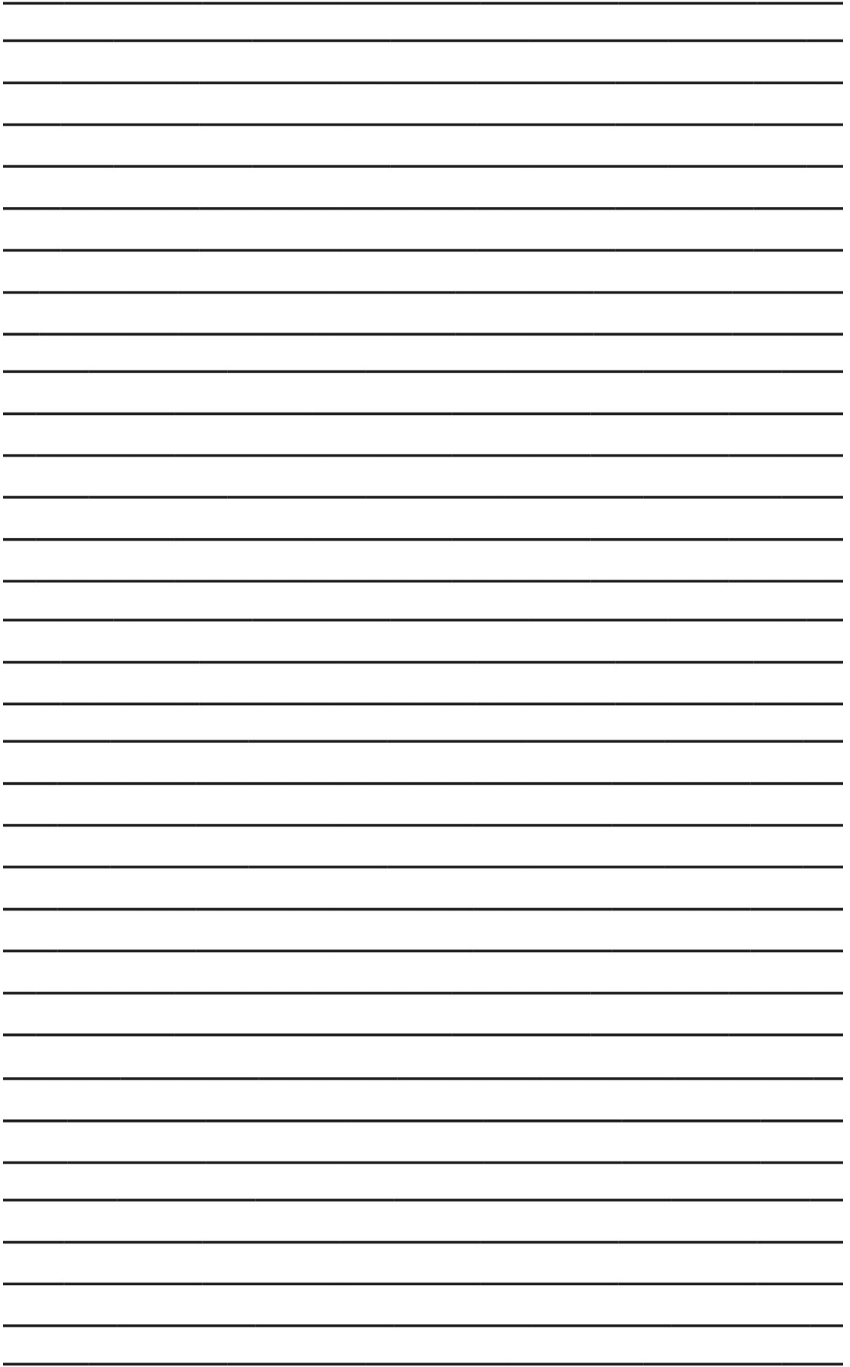
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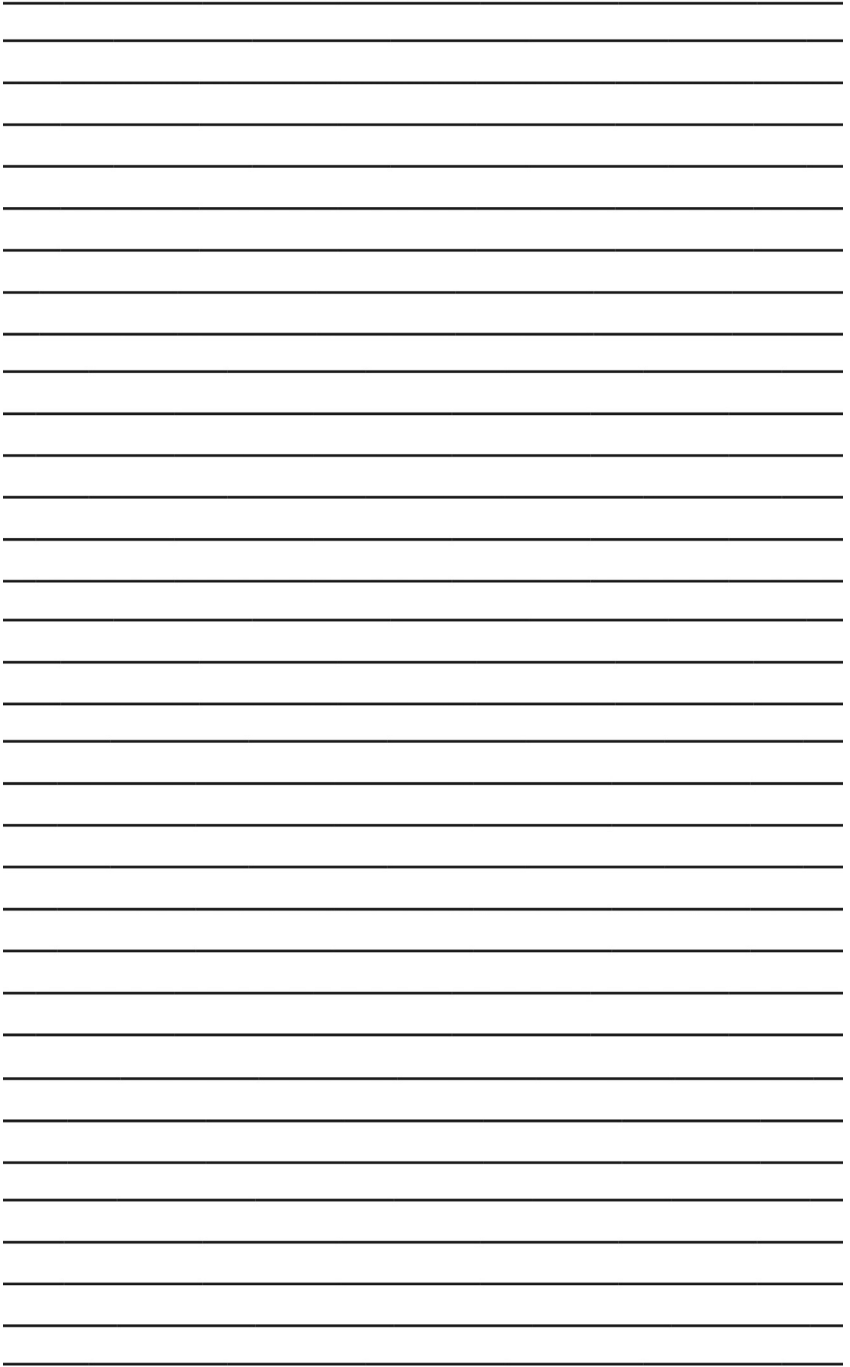
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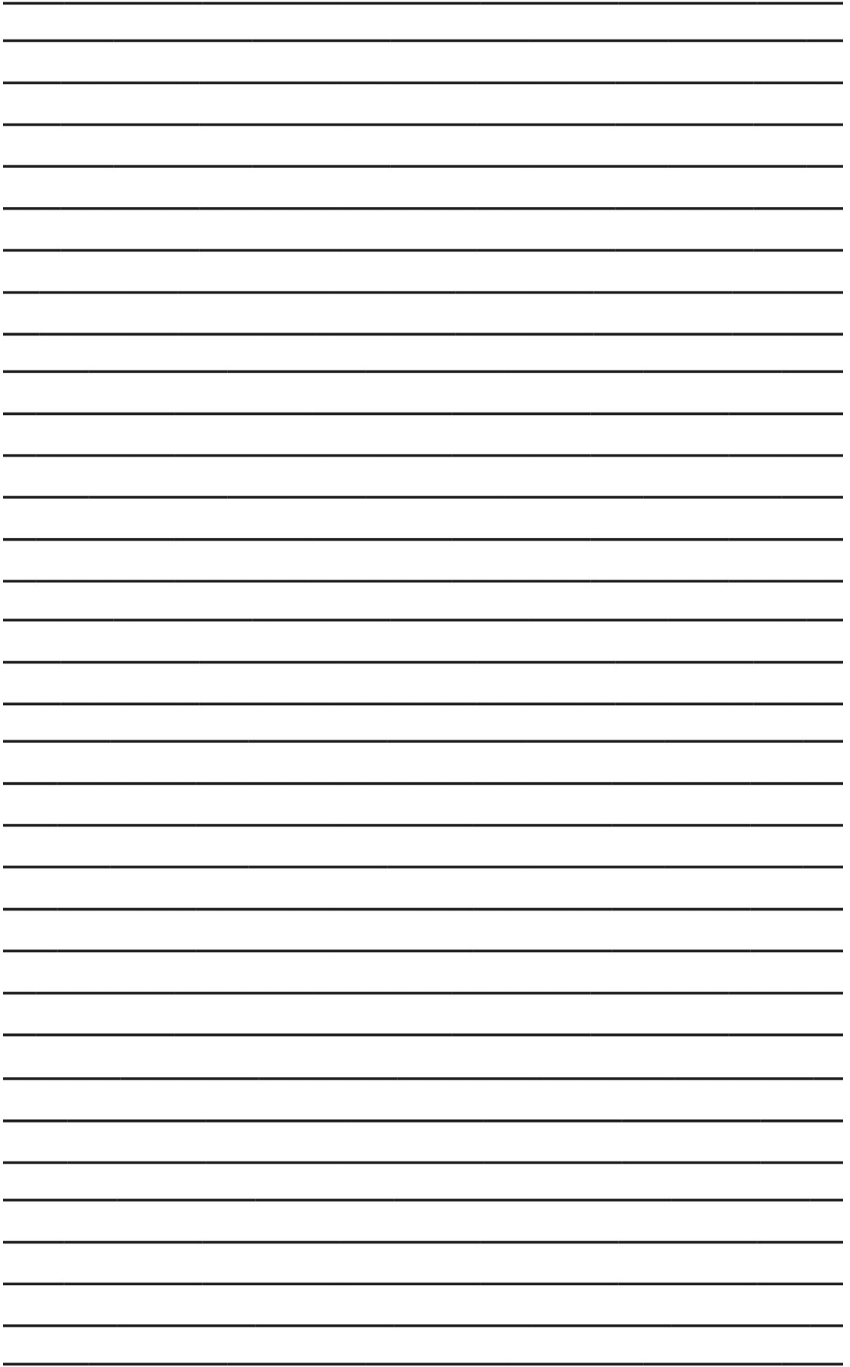
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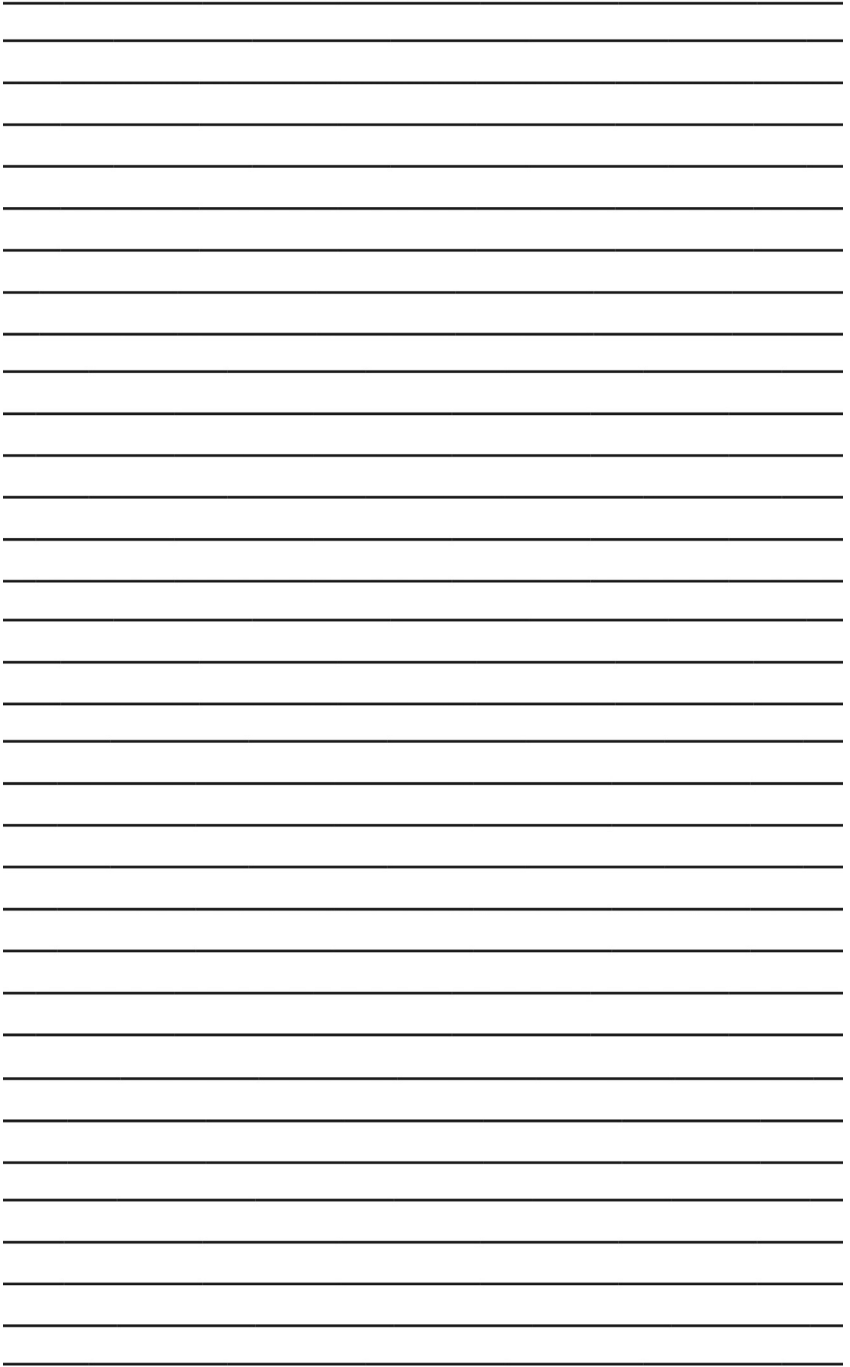
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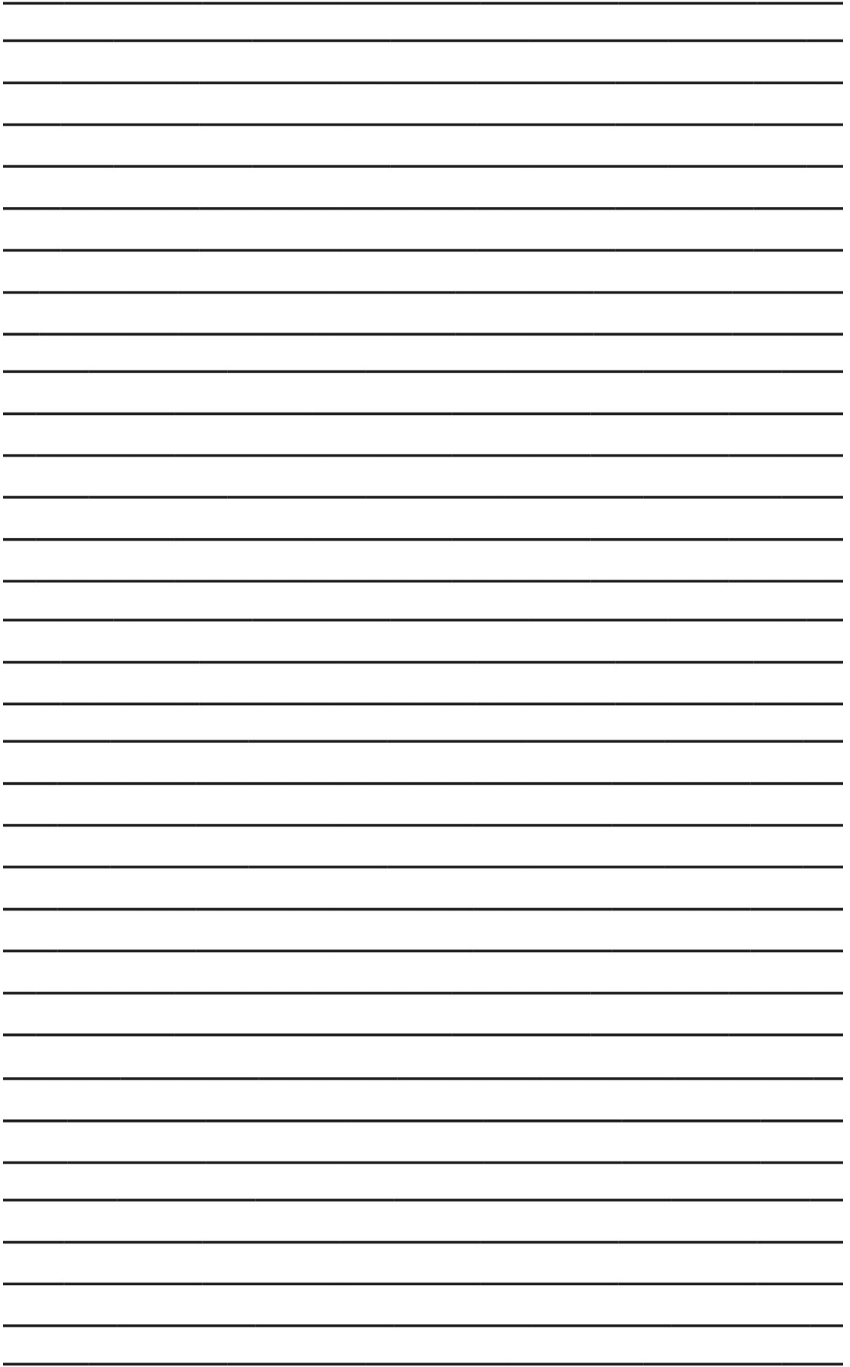
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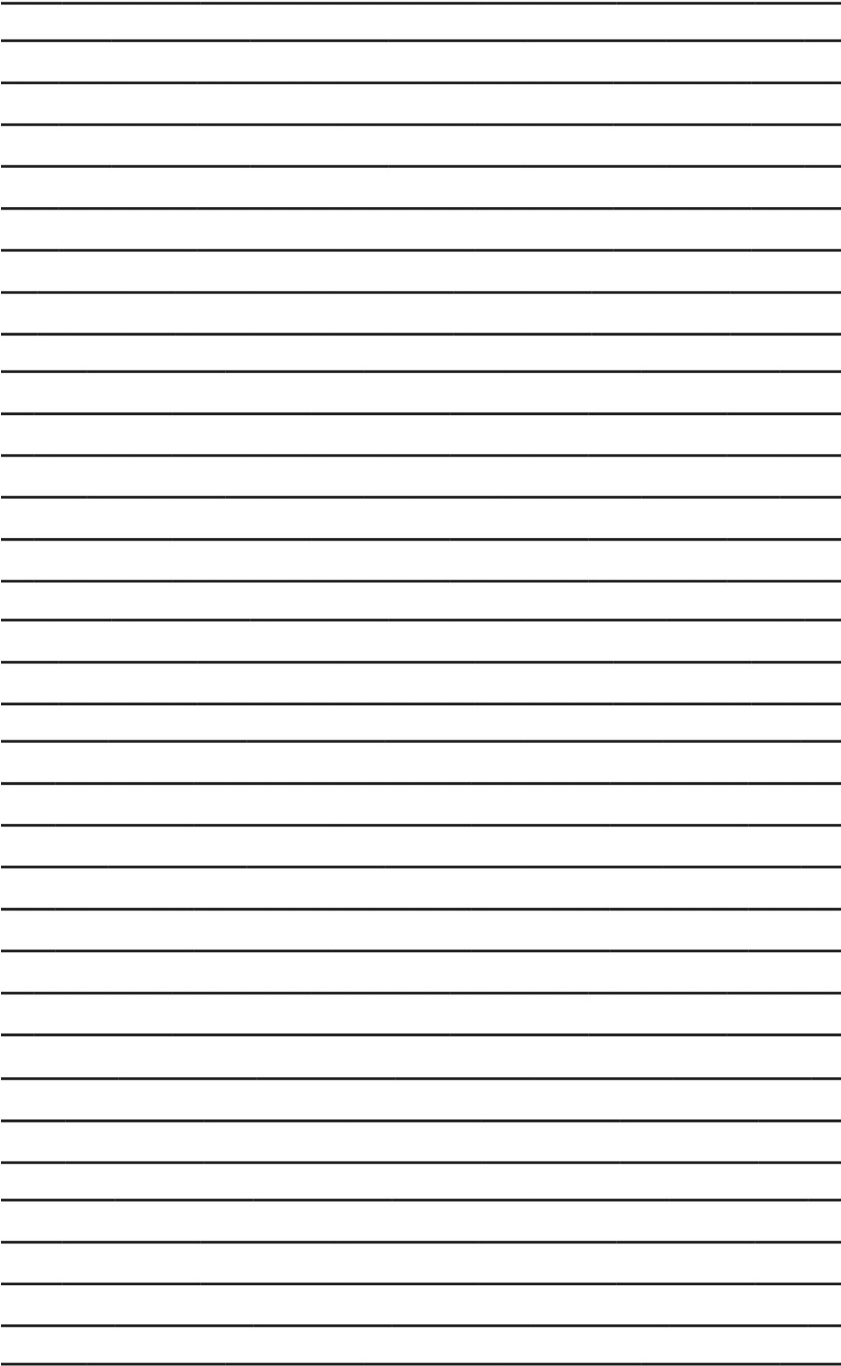






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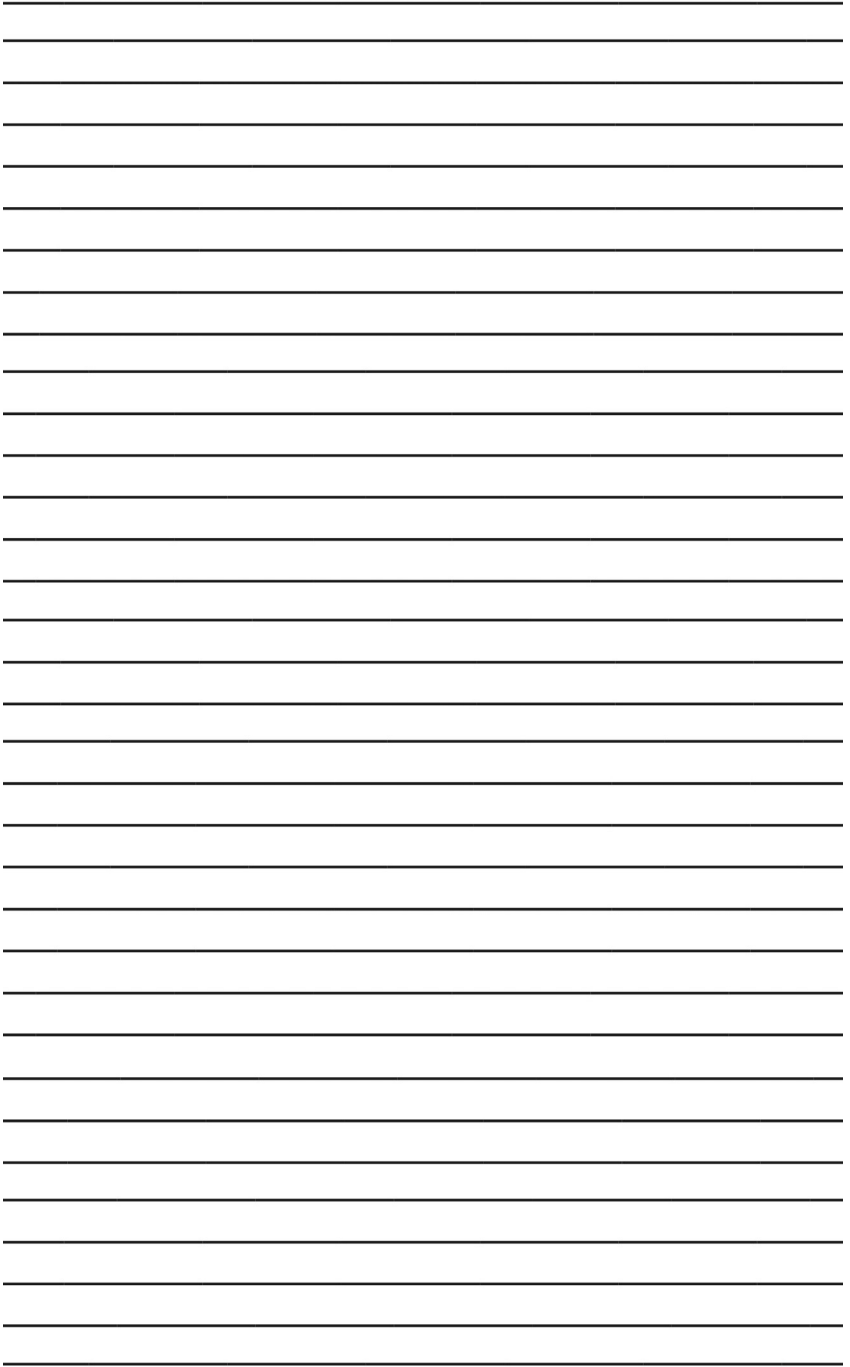
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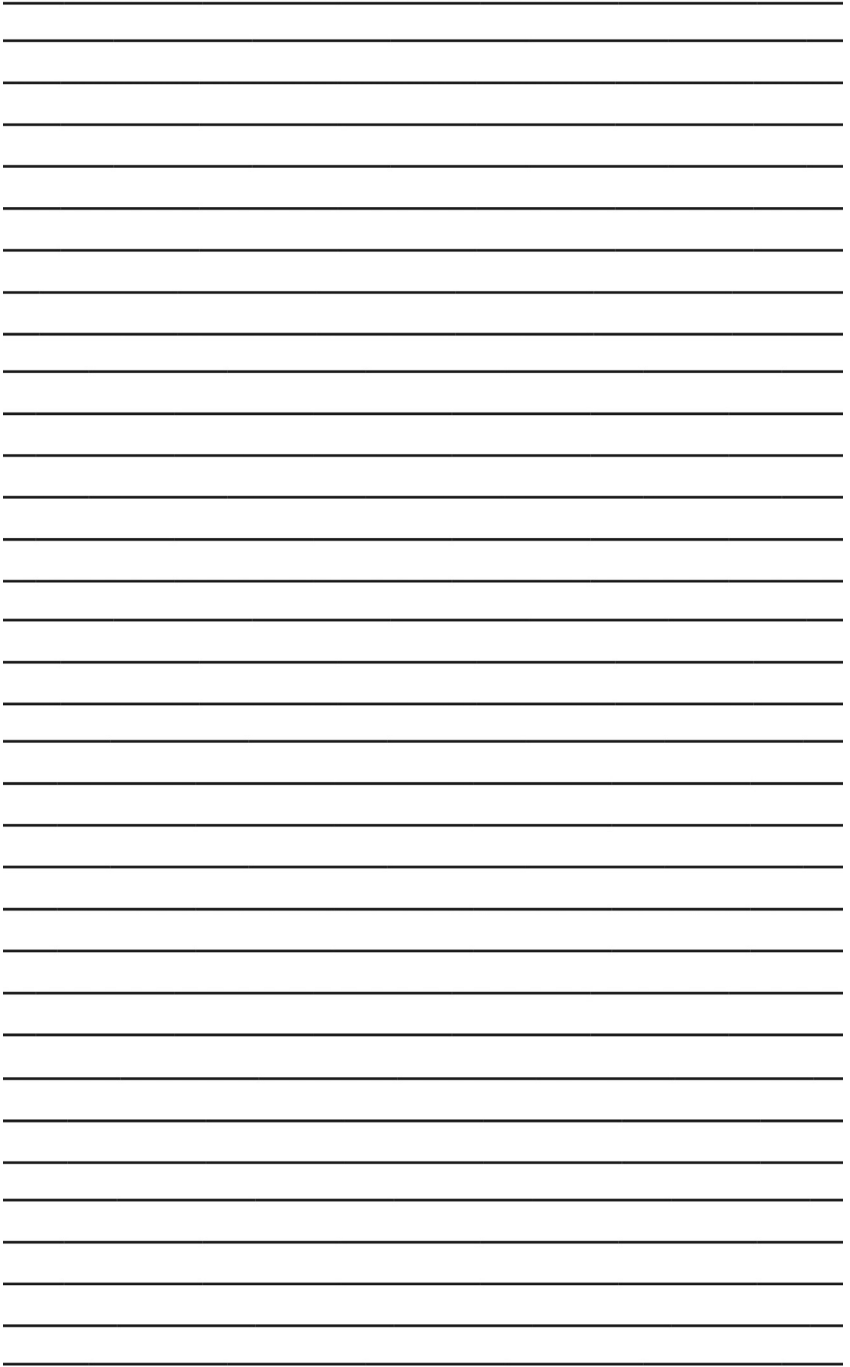
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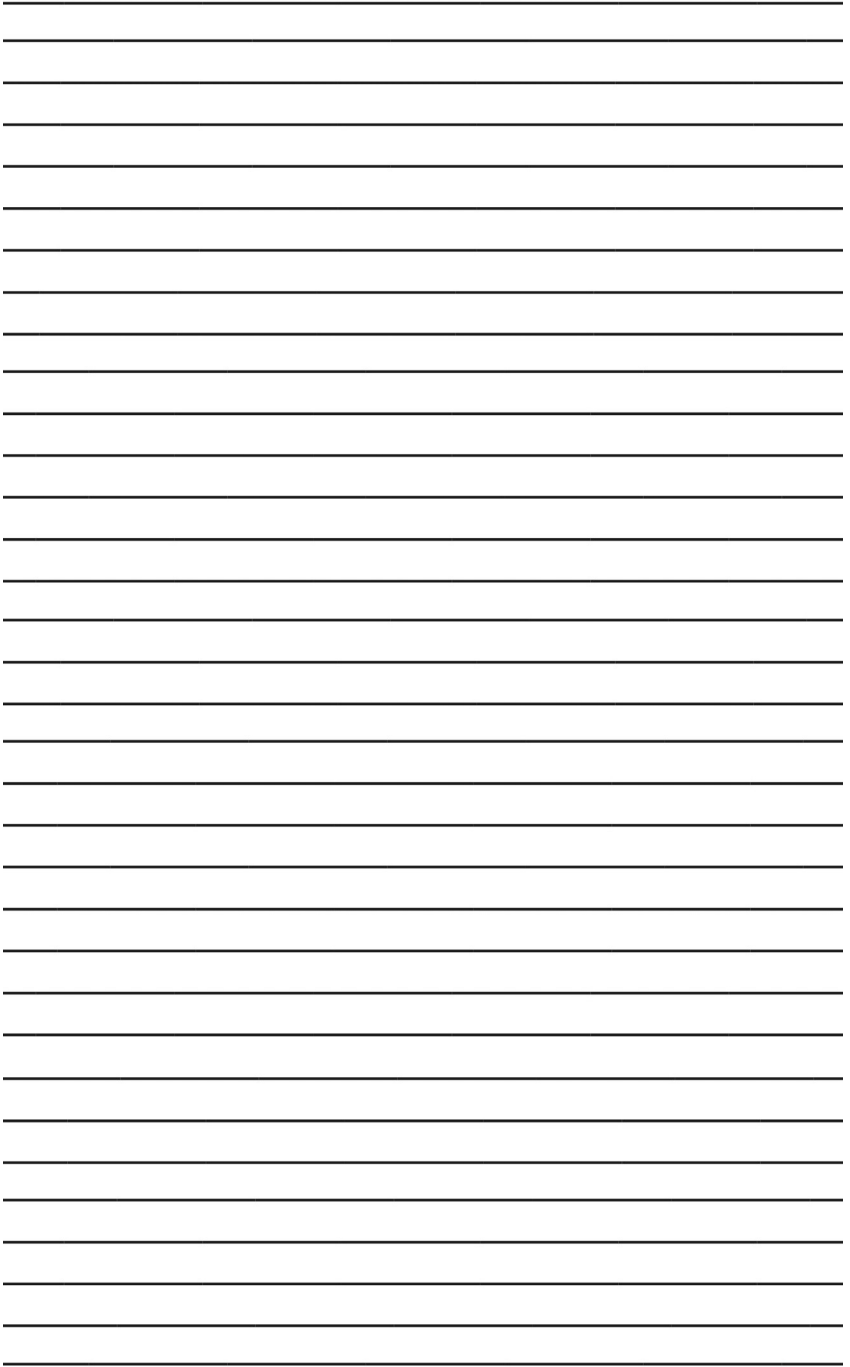
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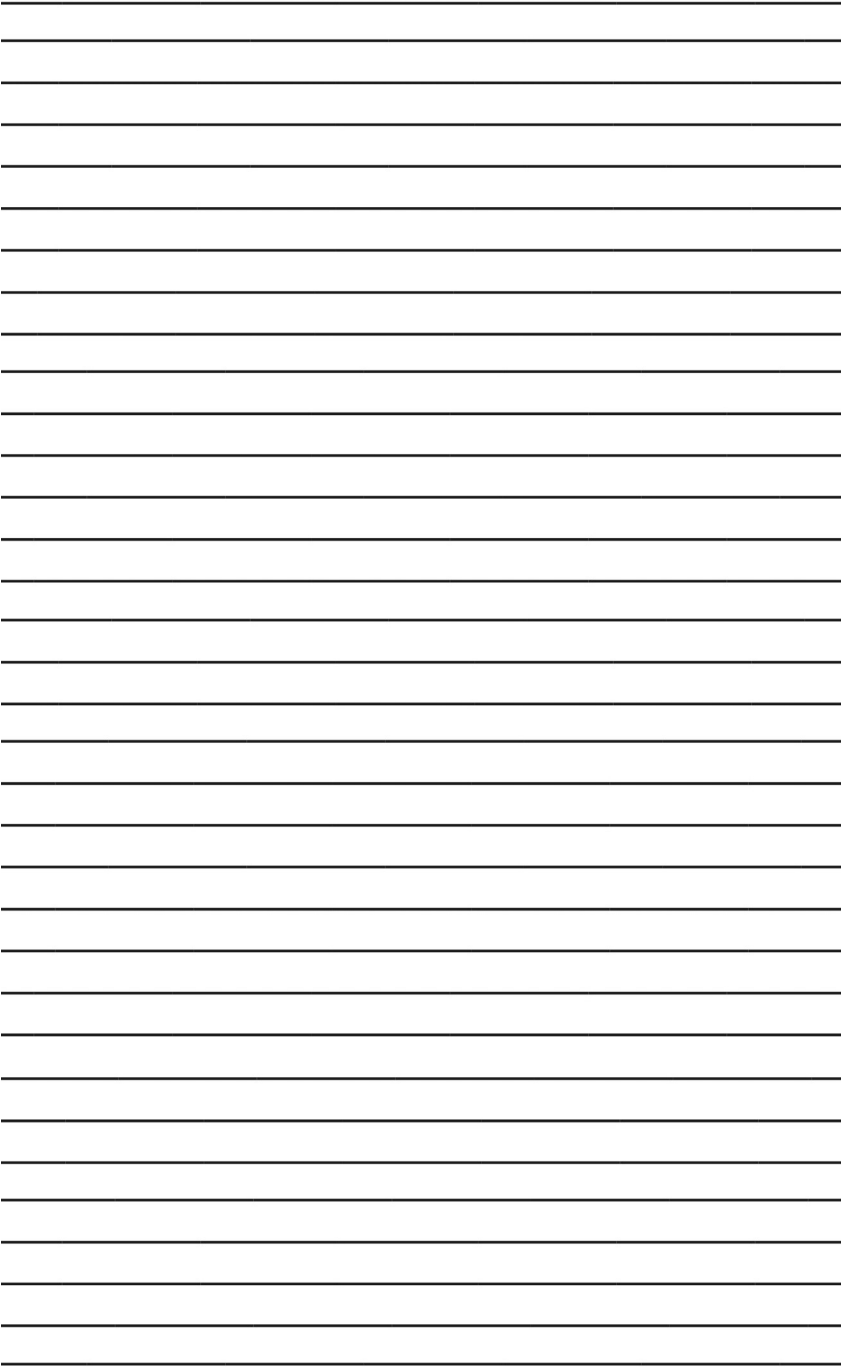
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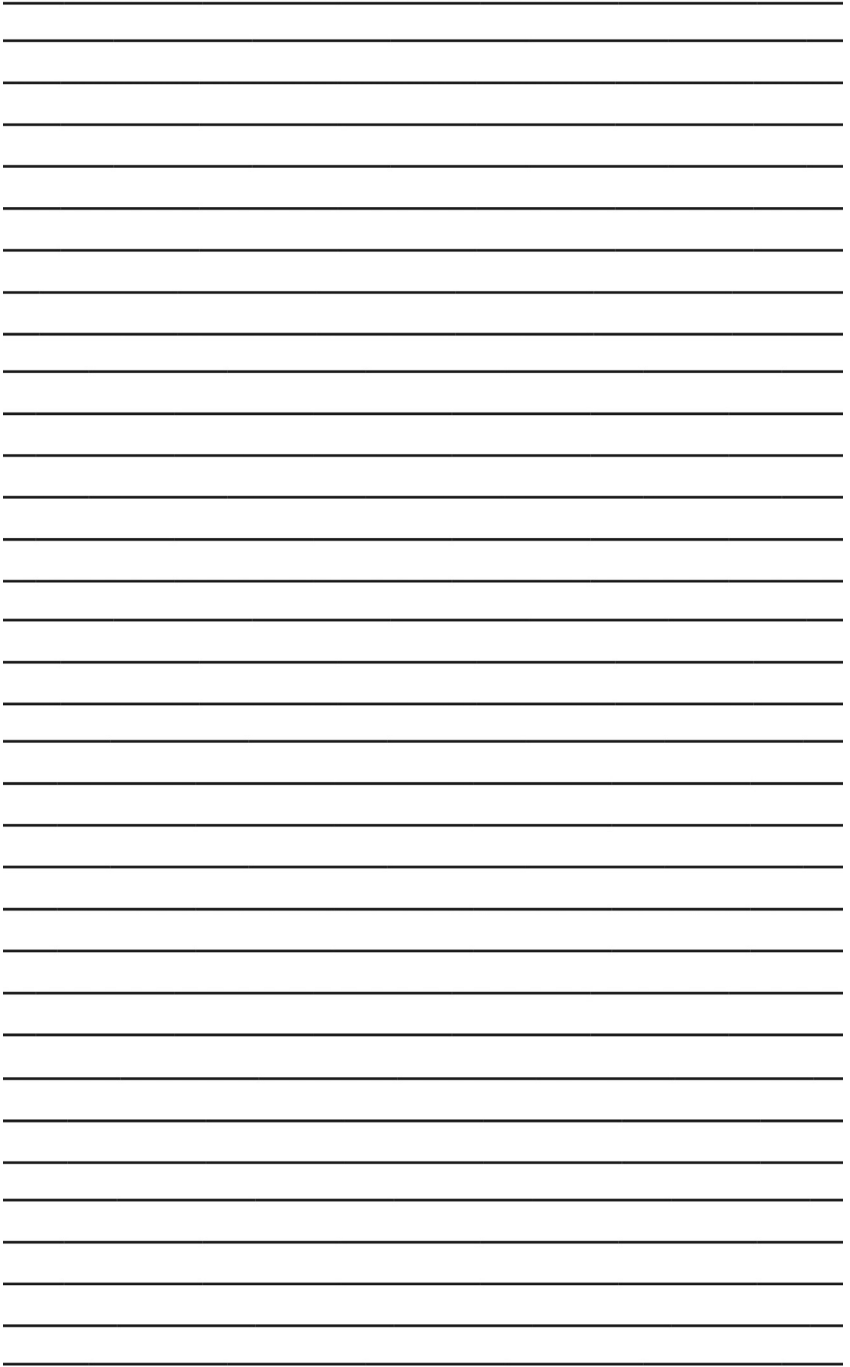
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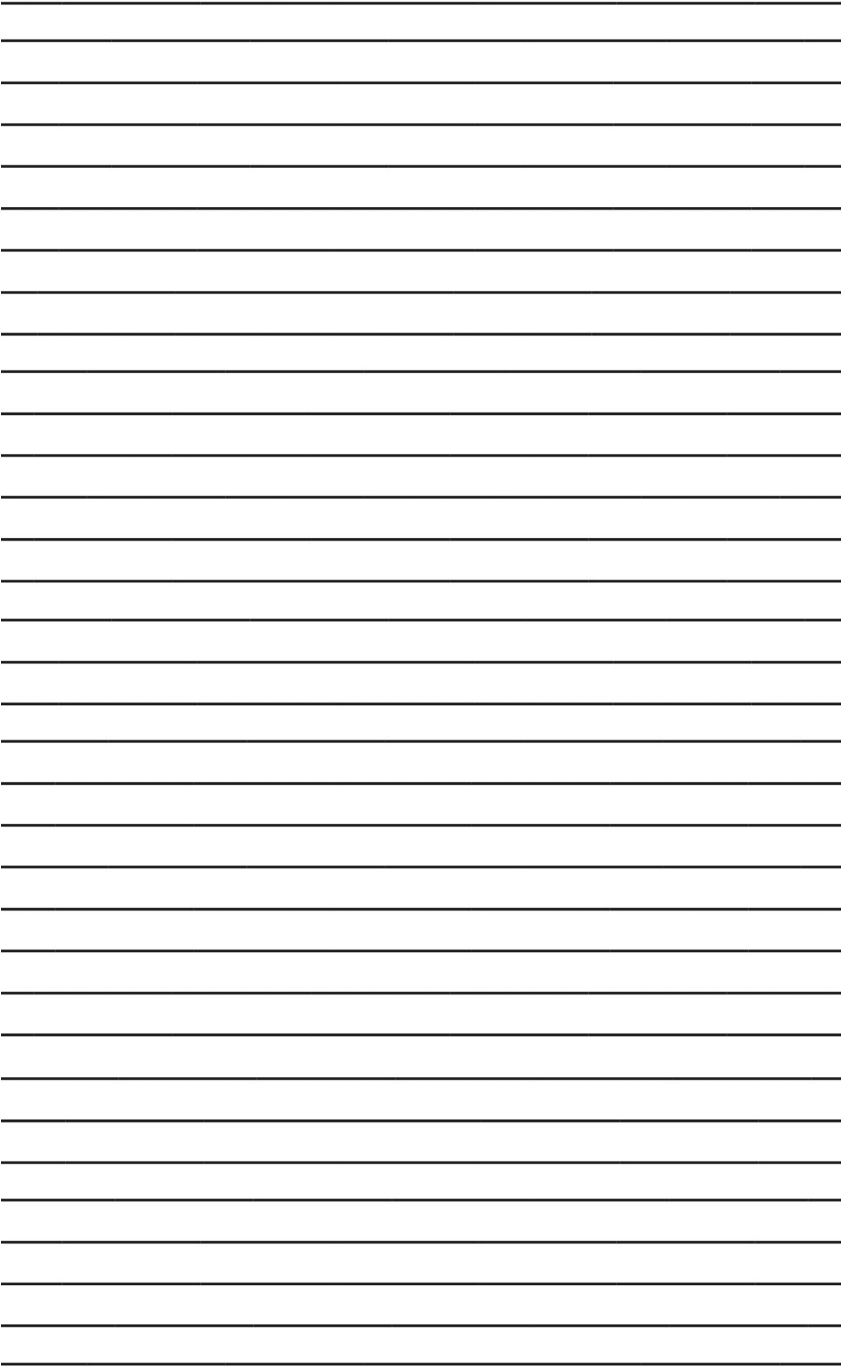
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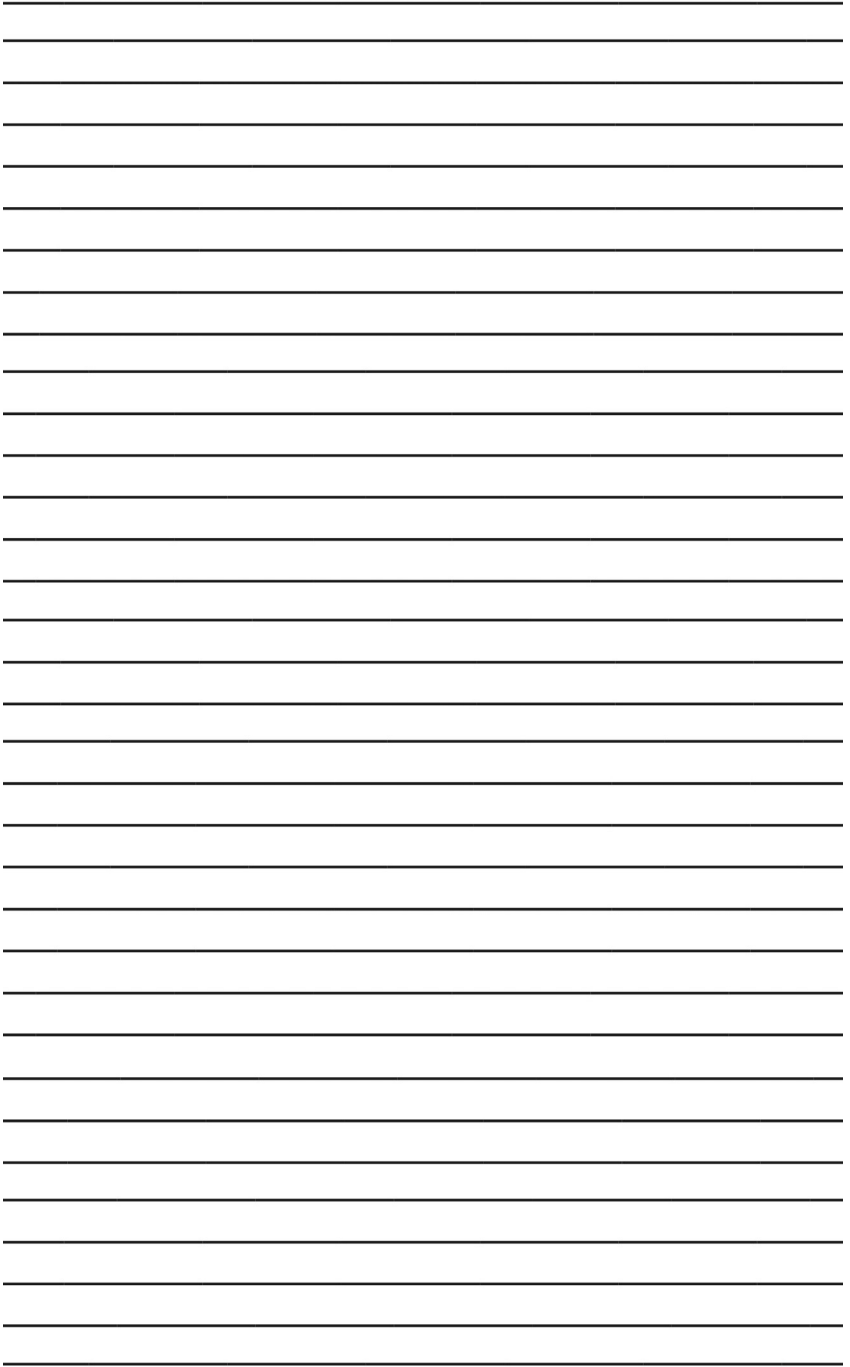
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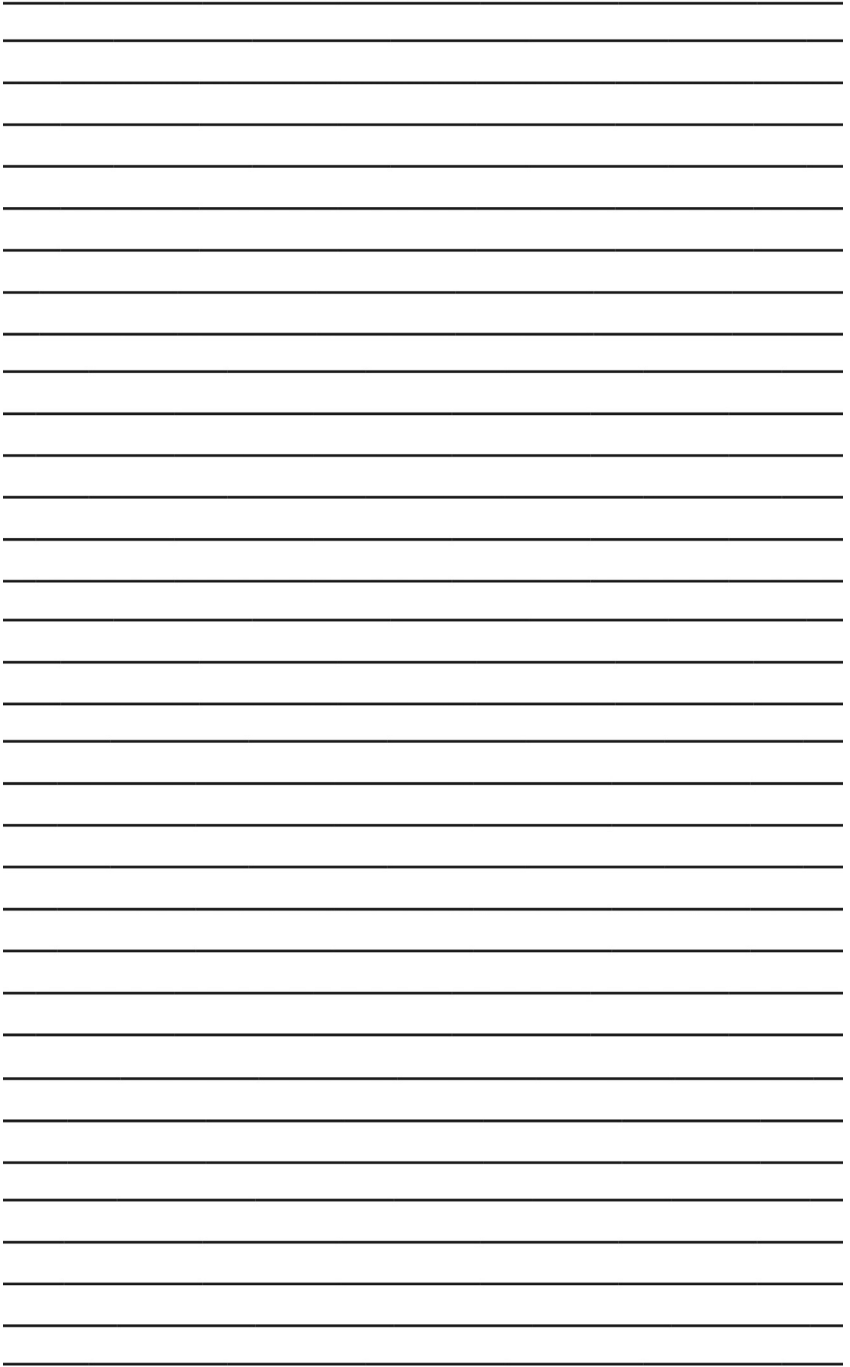
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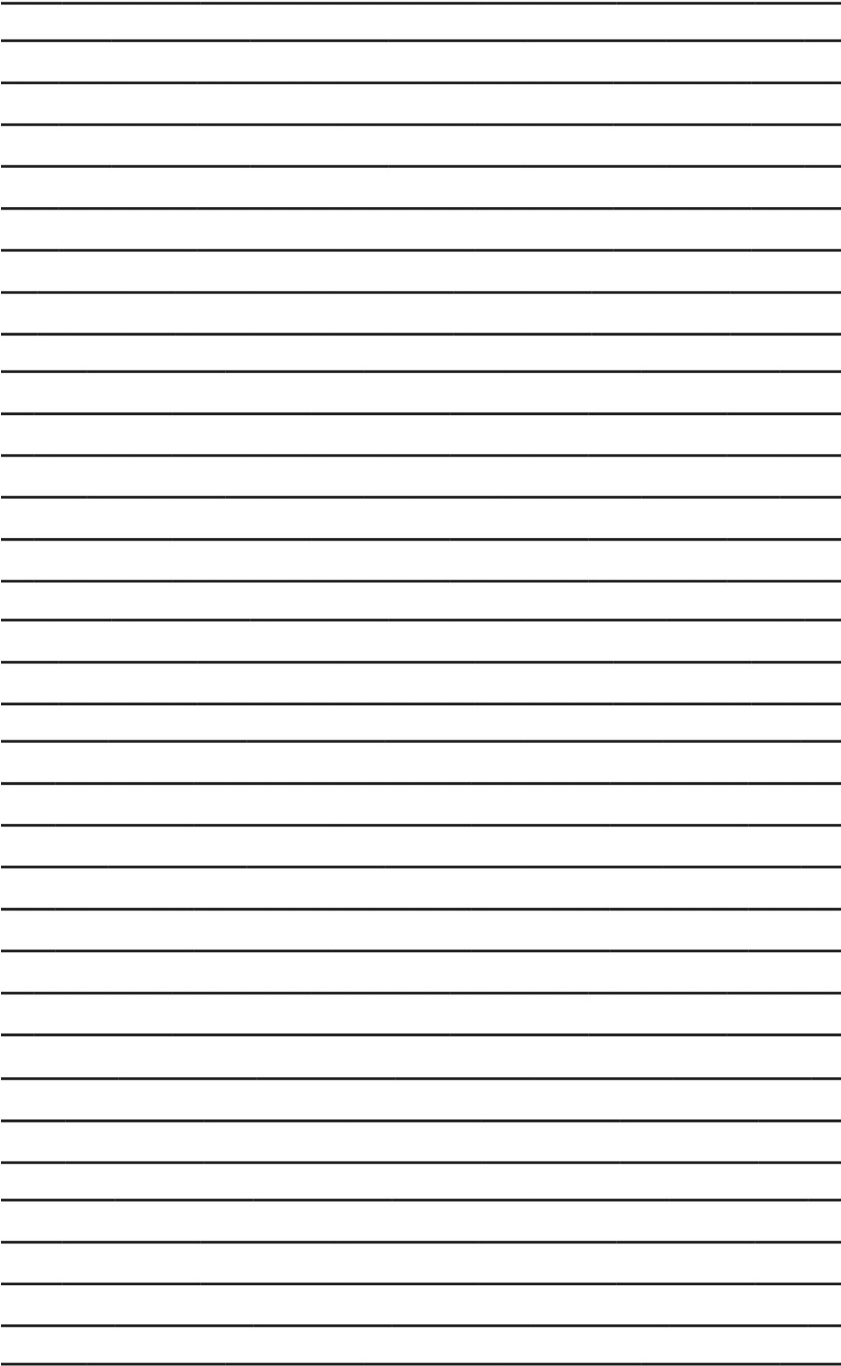
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## Notes



## More Devotionals

Want the Christian Writers' Collection? How about for free? As a member of the launch team (also called advance reader team), you'll get a digital copy before release. All we ask is that you leave an honest review when the next book launches.

Join at [read.ChristWriters.com](http://read.ChristWriters.com)

### More Devotional Works by Michael Lacey

Hope When it Hurts: The Scars that Shape Us (A Christian Writers' Devotional Collection)

It's easy to lose hope, especially in today's world. Through times like these, we all need to be reminded of the *hope of Jesus!*

***Hope for the Moment*** is a collection of what we're calling **Devotional Stories**, *real stories by real people* about a *real God*. There are some heavy moments, but in every story, hope is found and God is glorified. These serve to remind of God's *faithfulness* and *goodness*.

While most of the Christian writers in this collection are women, it can serve to encourage *anyone of any age*. Writers from around the world have contributed to this collaboration. We celebrate the international feel and have retained author styles.

May the real stories from these real people reflect the real God and **add HOPE to your season. *There is hope***, a *living hope* in Jesus, one that *does not disappoint*.

*\*Half of the proceeds go to support Star of Hope.*



As We Fight: A Weekly Guide Through the Warfare of Worship

Relevant and Timely Encouragements! (now comes with FREE Audiobook!)

As your church service approaches the same time every week, **are you struggling to make time** for spiritual preparation?

Does worship sometimes feel more like a **task than an expression?**

Do you often feel **alone in your pursuits as a leader or worshiper?**

This *well organized and timely book* delivers tried and tested wisdom that will strengthen your leadership and encourage your team. It will save you time with its succinct, season-specific devotionals in ONE easy-to-access place.

*This book contains affiliate links. Babies gotta eat!*

Also, if you're into fiction, check out some of Michael's writings at:

[fiction.MichaelLacey.me](http://fiction.MichaelLacey.me)



## You Must be a Writer...

Have you written a book? After going through this journal, you basically have!

As a person striving after God's heart, I invite you to join our next Christian Writers' Collection. Whether you've published or not, this is open to you.

Go to **[ChristWriters.com](http://ChristWriters.com)** for more information.

We also have a Facebook Group,  
Christian Writers' Collections at  
[facebook.com/groups/christiancollections](https://facebook.com/groups/christiancollections)

If you have ANY self-publishing needs, contact  
[michael@michaellacey.me](mailto:michael@michaellacey.me) with [StoryBuildsCreative.com](http://StoryBuildsCreative.com)

### **LAST REQUEST**

If this journal has helped you in any way, *please leave an honest review on whatever book buying platform/site you use.* This will help get these life-changing books into more hands!

