



*Above: Associate professor Devin Drown left discusses a force with his colleagues in the Genomics Core Lab. The force holds genetic material for sequencing in the search for coronavirus variants. UAF photos by Leif Van Cise unless otherwise noted.*

**Devin Drown  
jumped into  
tracking variants  
of the COVID-19  
virus after the  
pandemic arrived  
in Alaska in early  
2020. With a  
doctorate in  
genomics and  
two decades of**

experience in the  
field, the UAF  
associate  
professor's  
background fit  
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Variants rise fast

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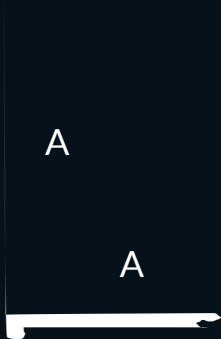
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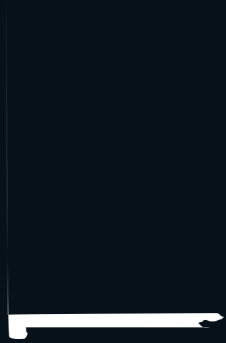
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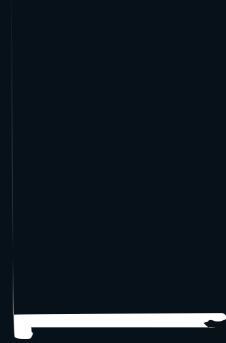
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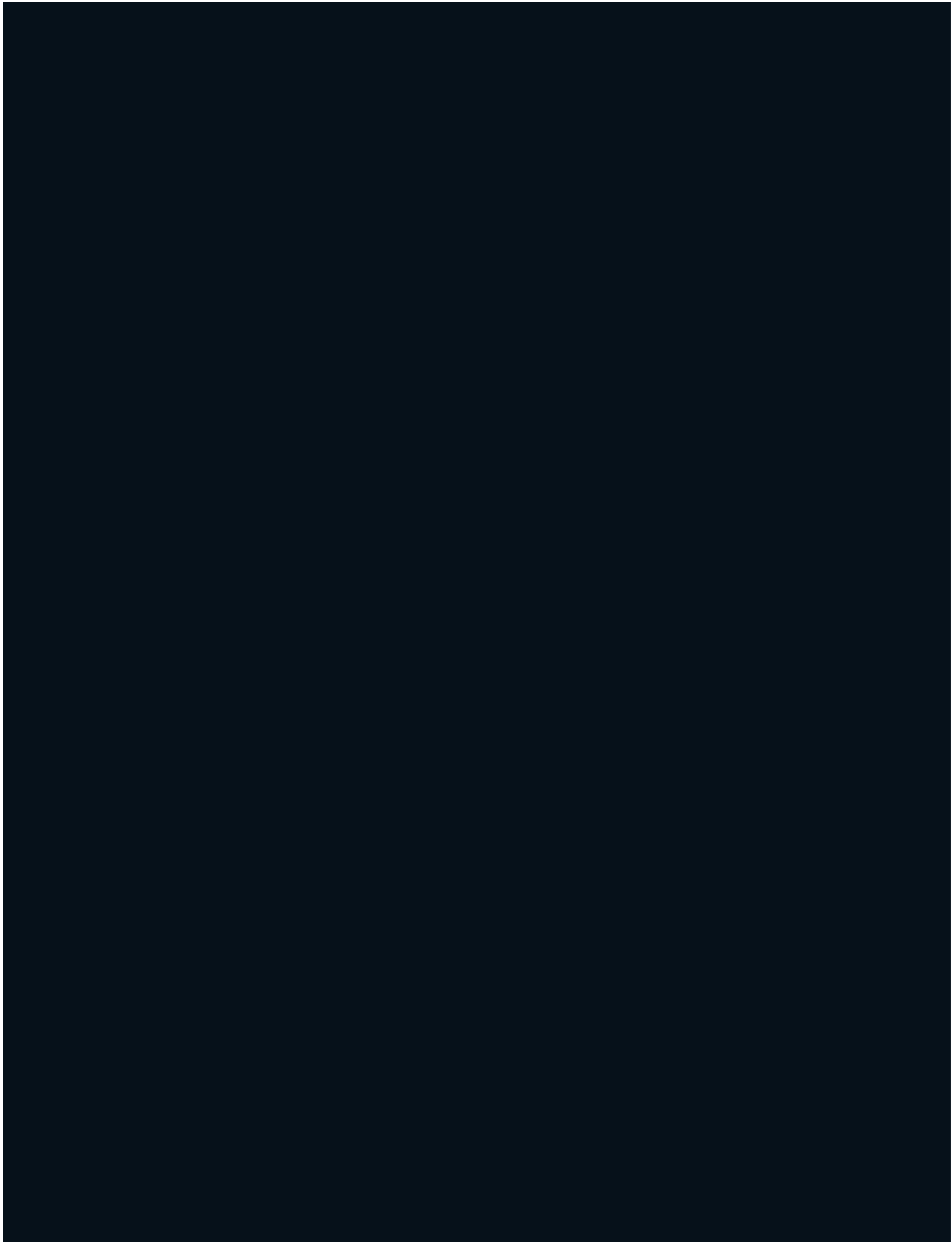
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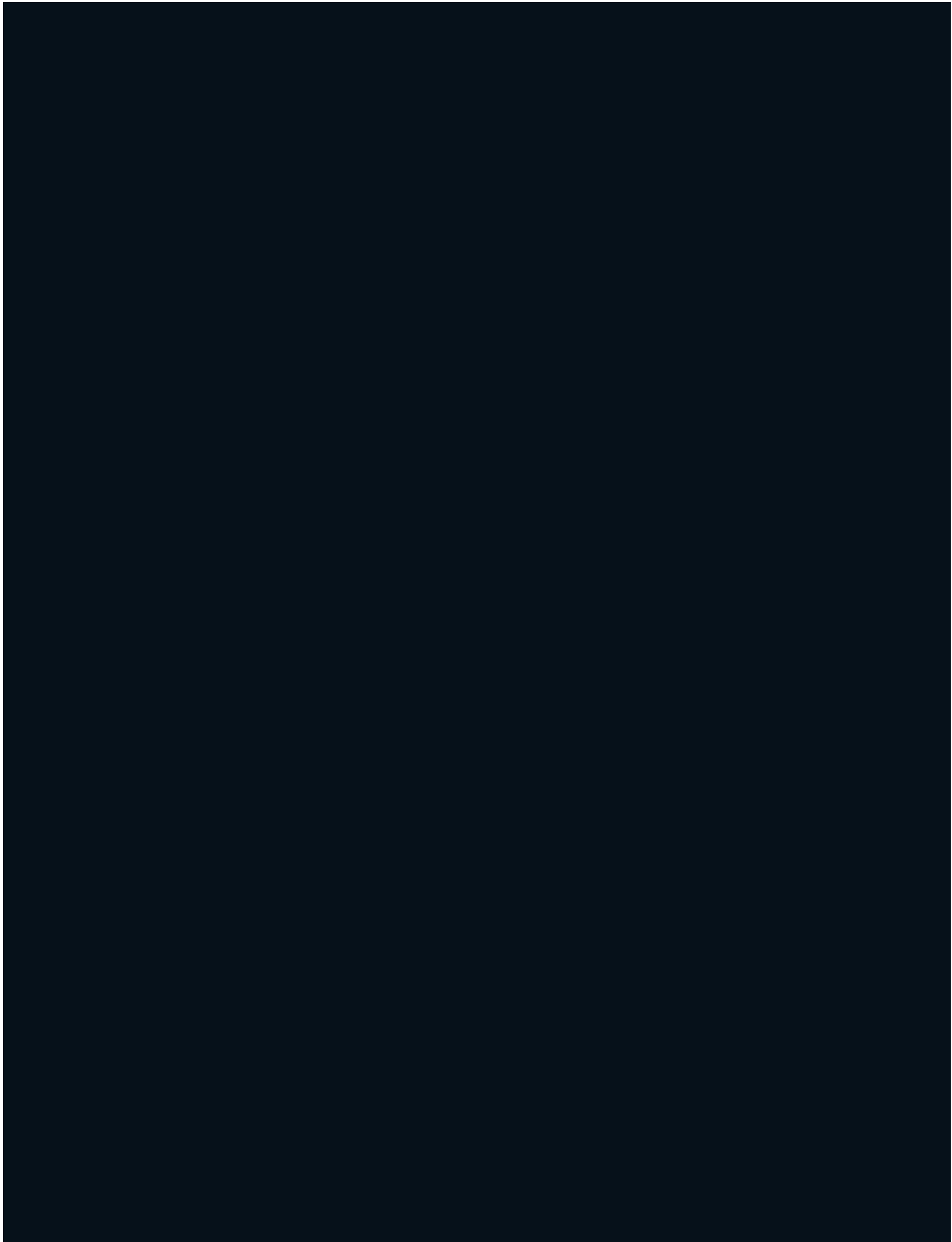
The fancy microscope







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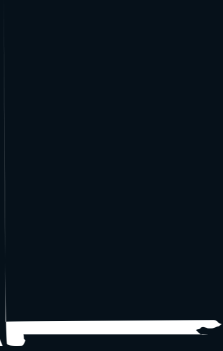


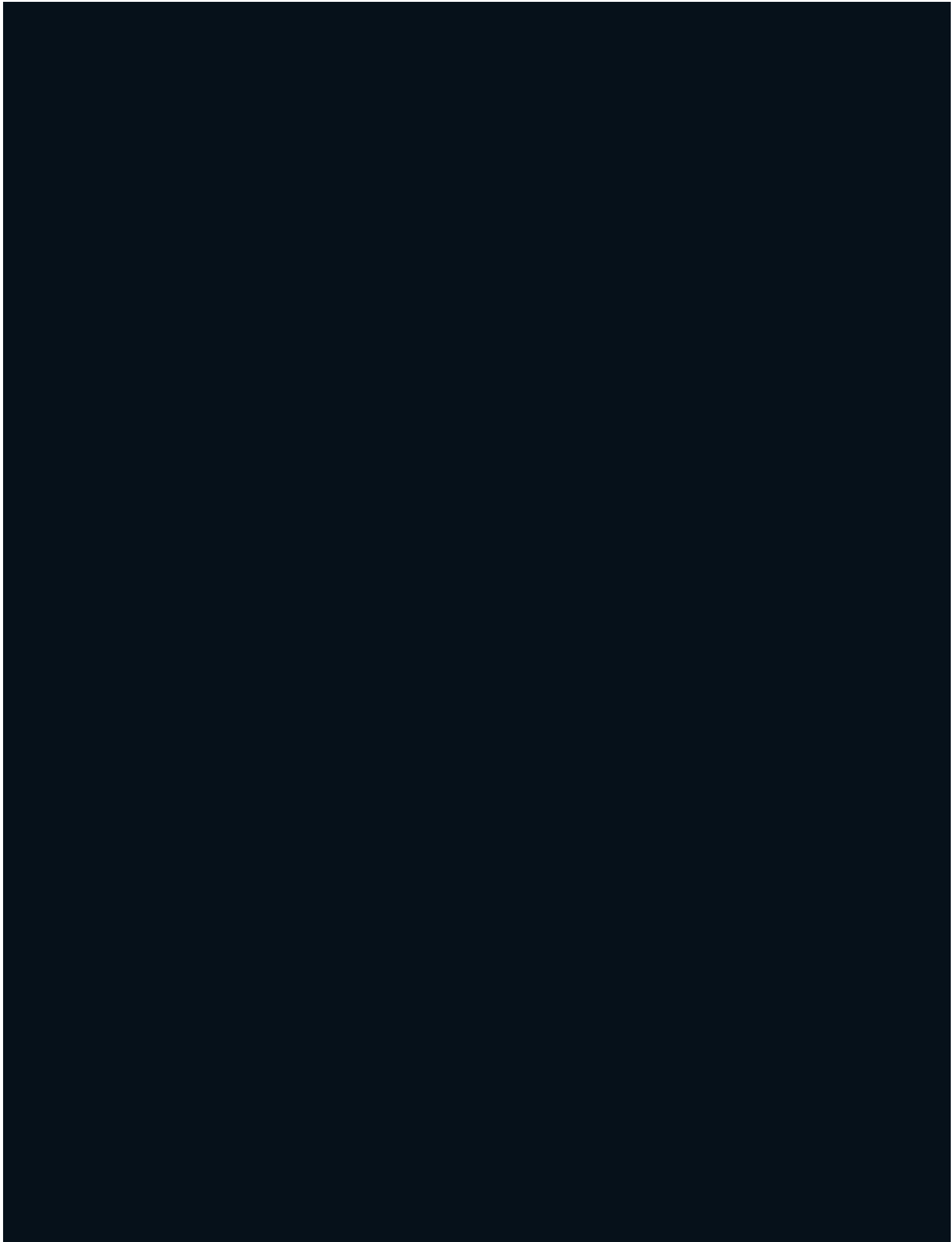
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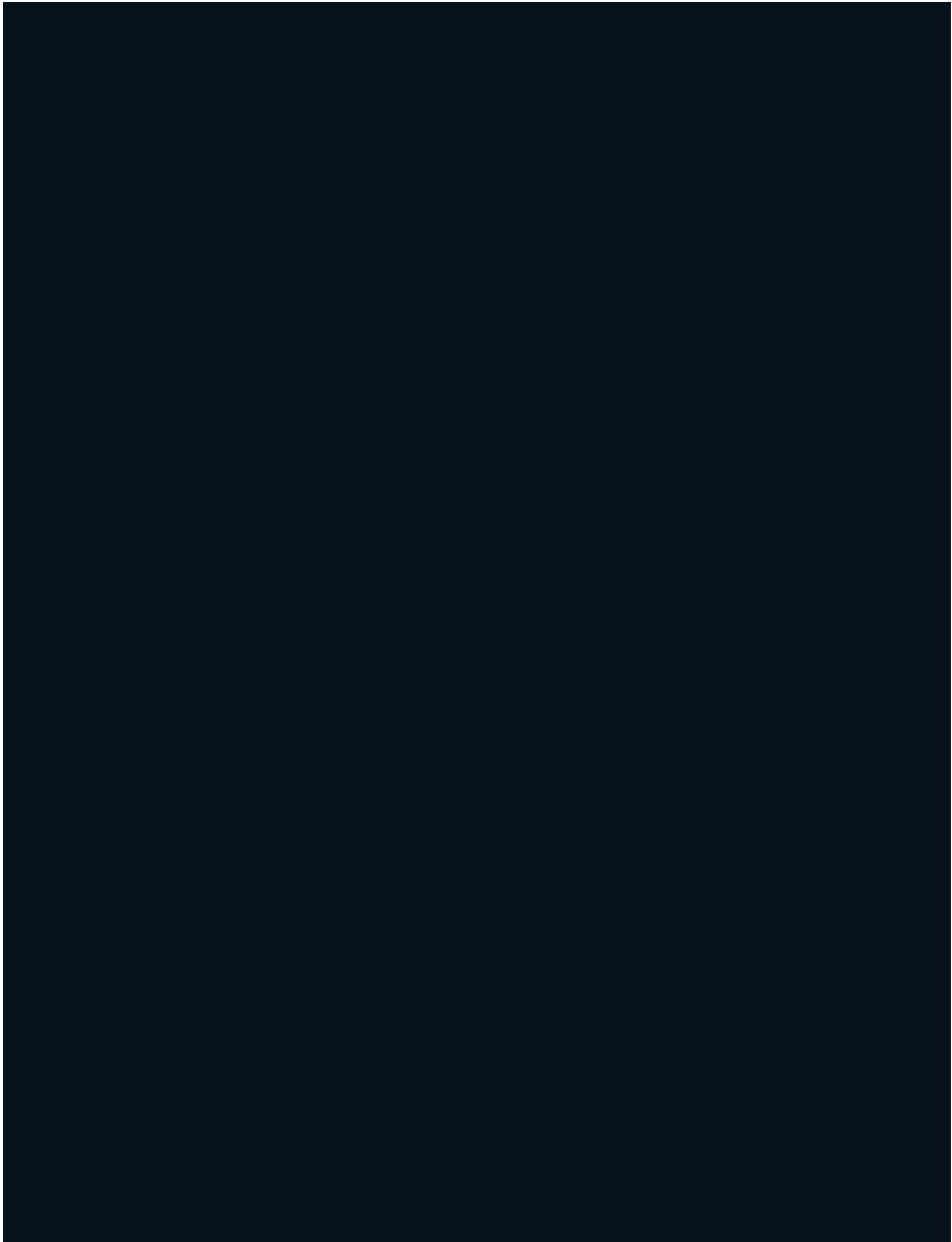
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*That real kind of inspired me  
to stay up at a morning on  
this high household as  
asleep*

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Ukraine work



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*Pipetting equipment hangs  
above Logan Muens' work area  
in the Genomics Core Lab*

