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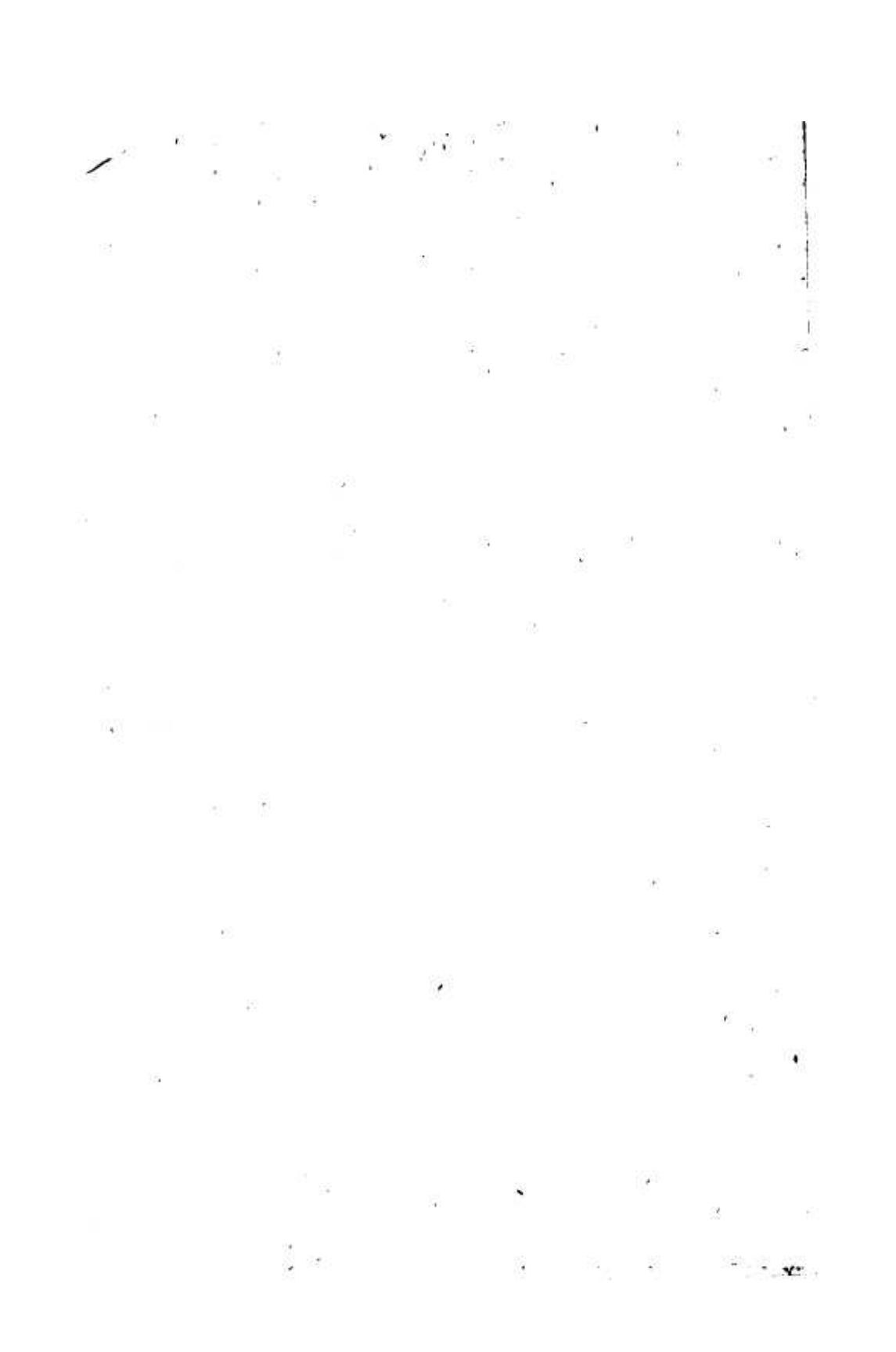
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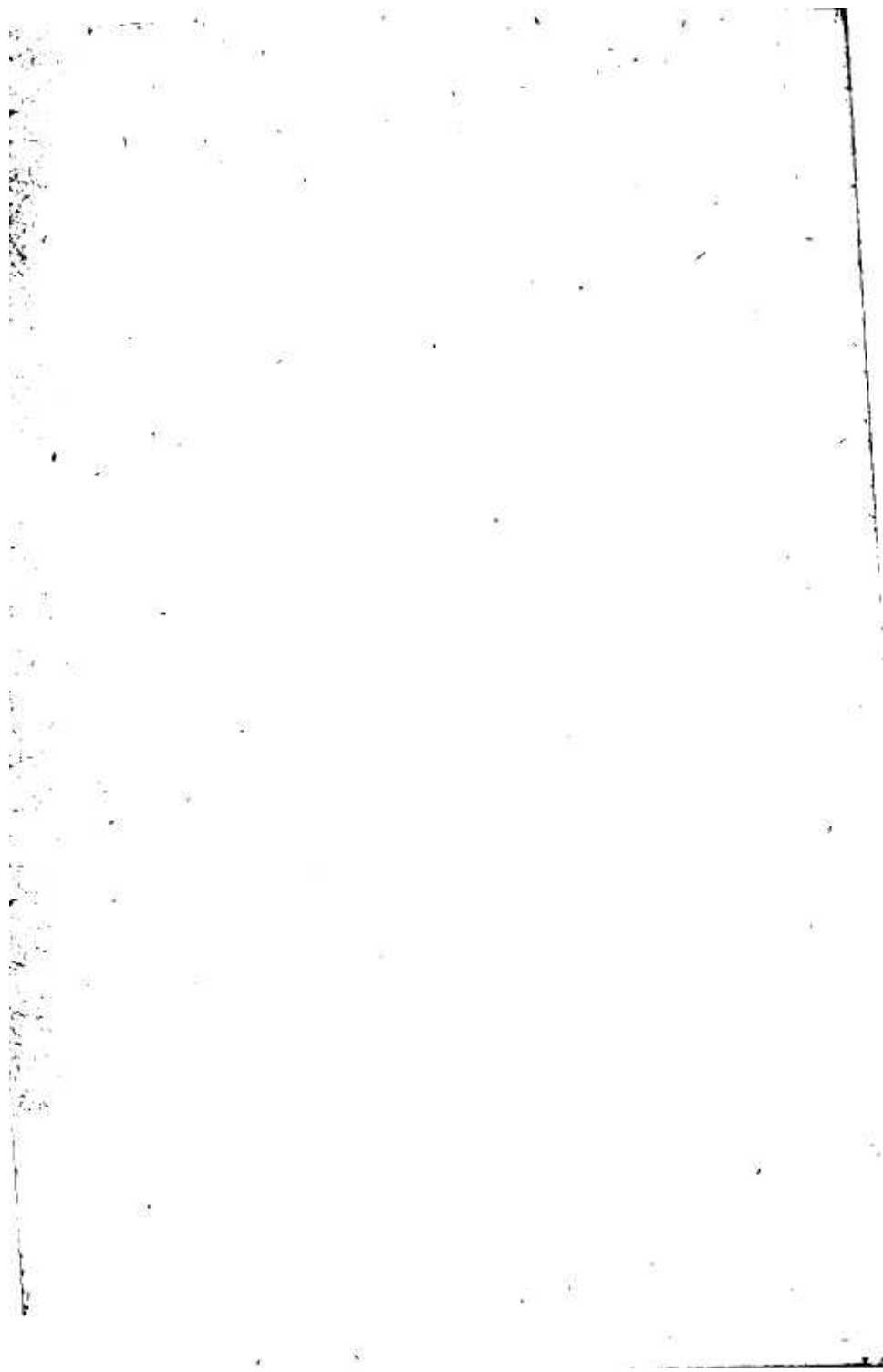
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TO
MY MOTHER
WHOM LOVE AND SELF-DENIAL
HAVE LIFTED TO HEIGHTS
BEYOND THE POWERS OF TRIBUTE



*My brain I'll prove the female to my soul,
My soul the father; and these two beget
A generation of still-breeding thoughts,
And these same thoughts people this little world
In humours like the people of this world. . . .
Thus play I in one person many people,
And none contented: sometimes am I king;
Then treasons make me wish myself a beggar,
And so I am: then crushing penury
Persuades me I was better when a king;
Then am I king'd again. . . . Whate'er I be,
Nor I nor any man that but man is
With nothing shall be pleased, till he be eased
With being nothing.*

—KING RICHARD II, Act V, Scene 5.