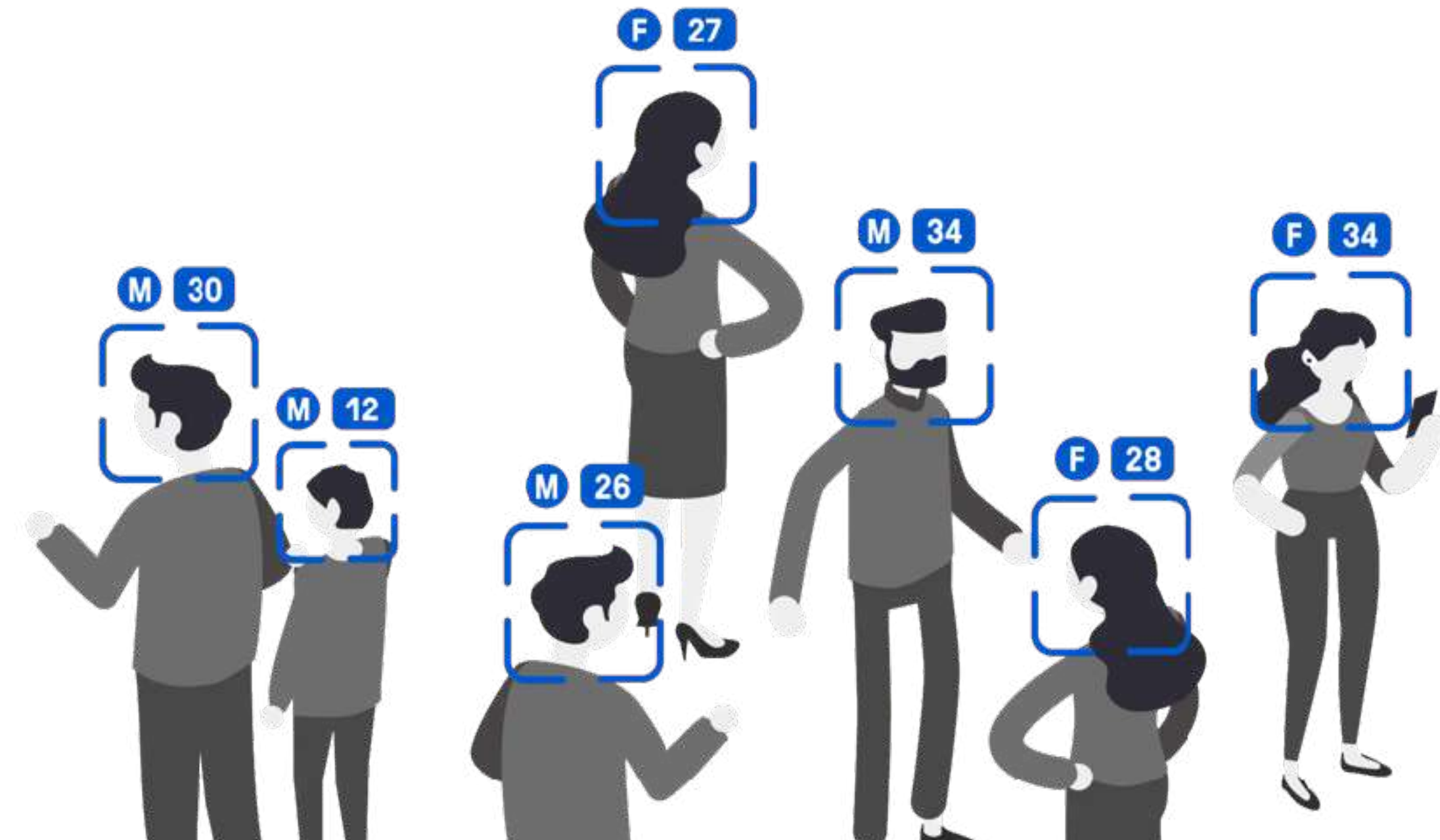


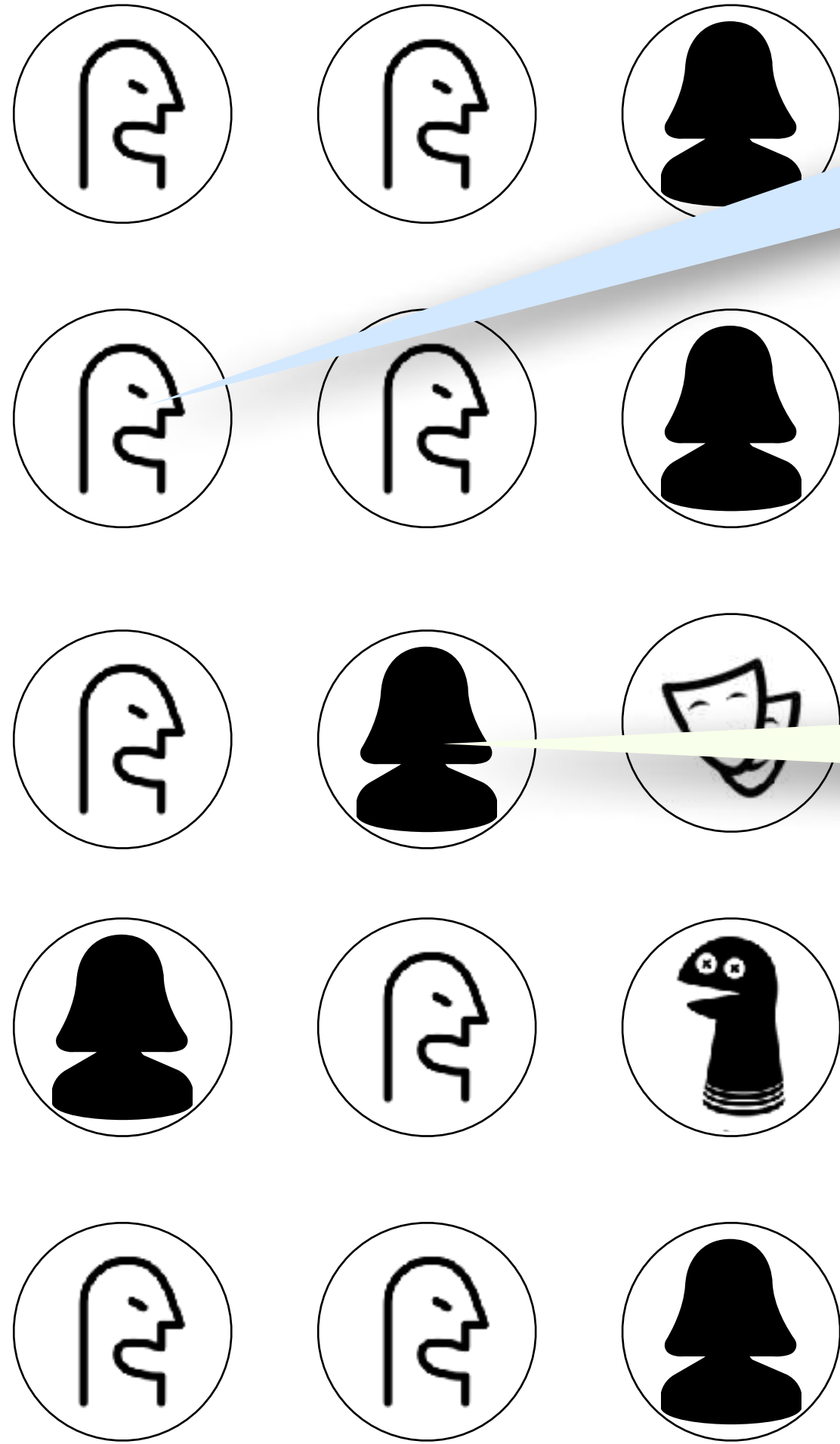
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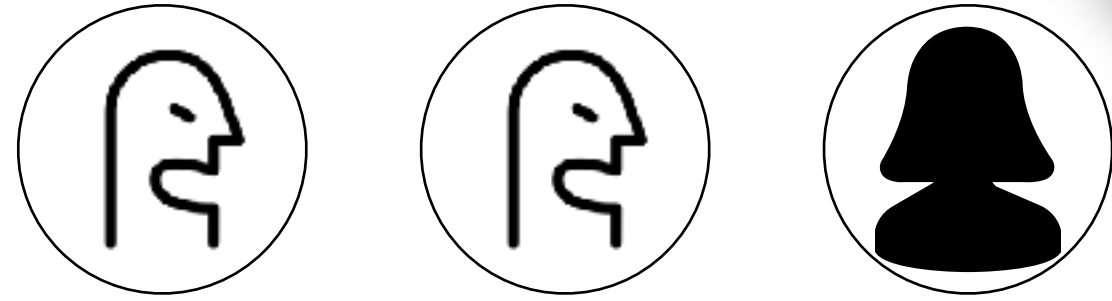
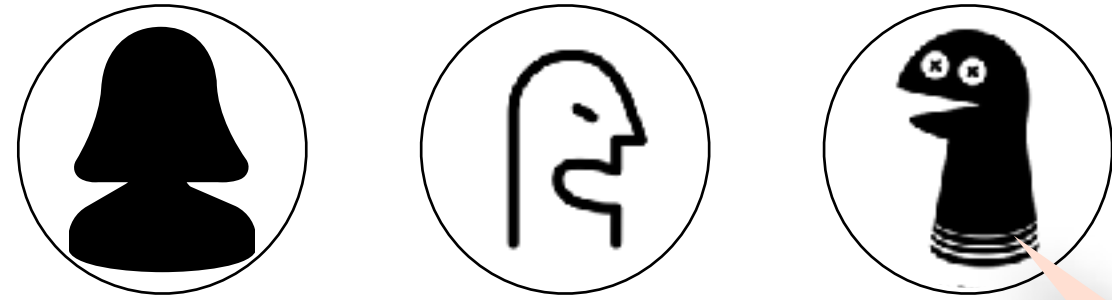
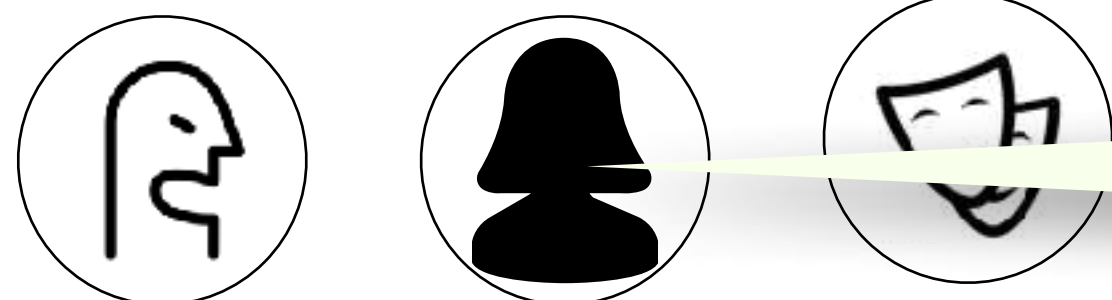
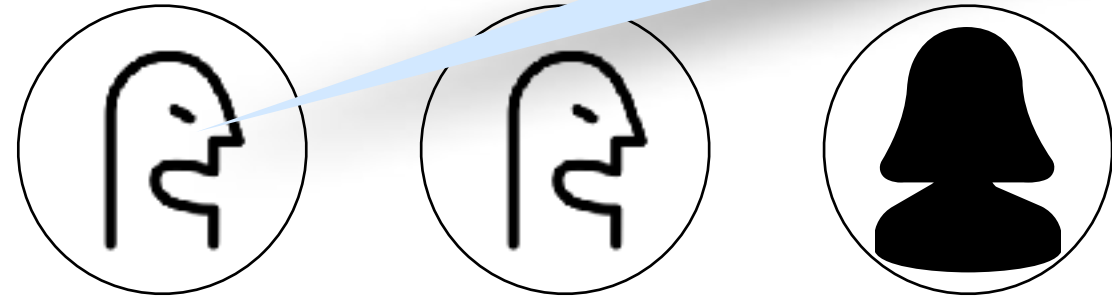
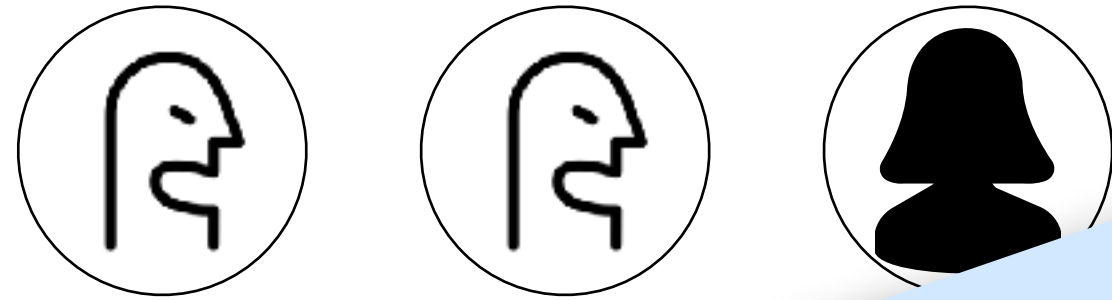
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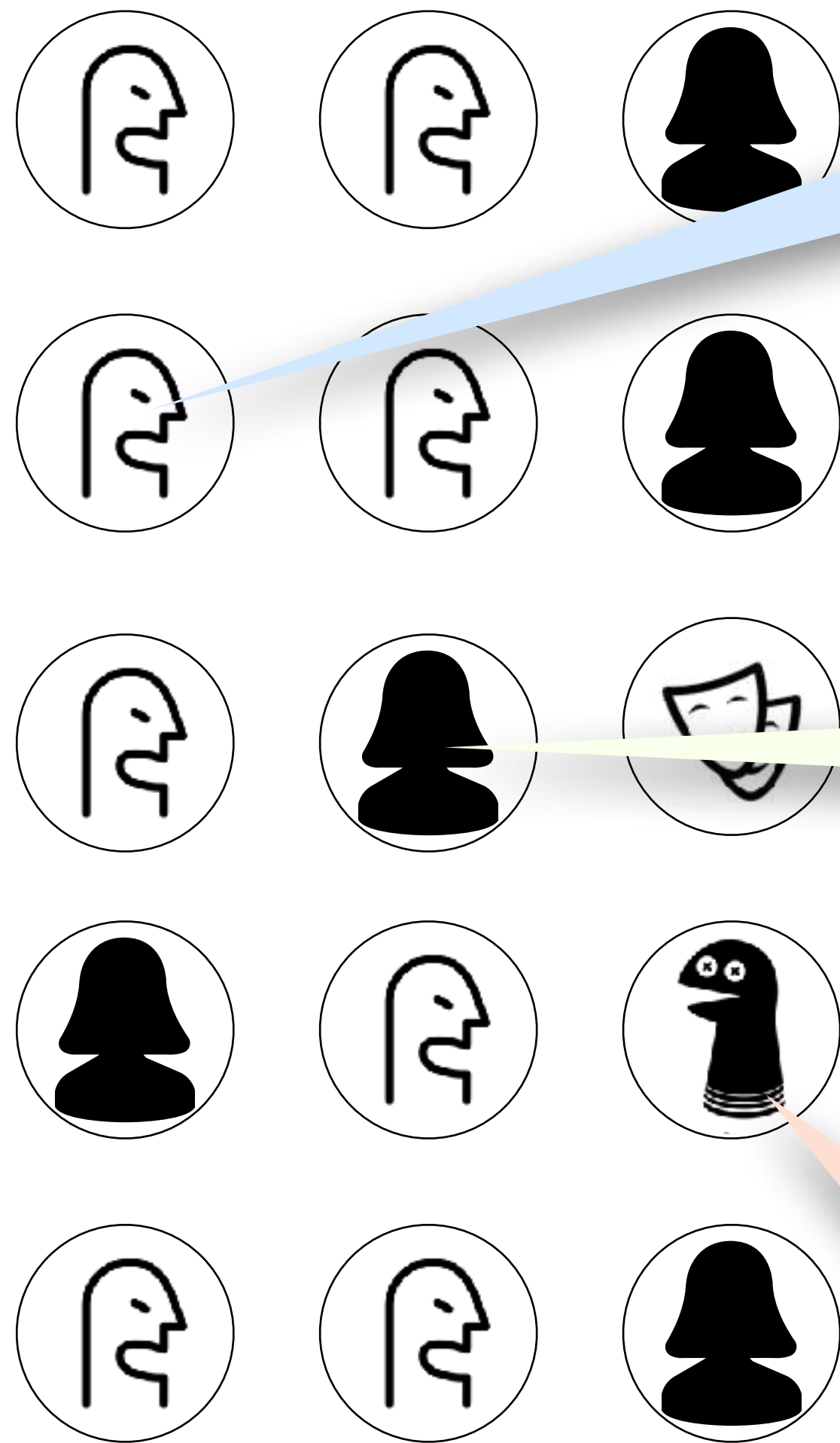




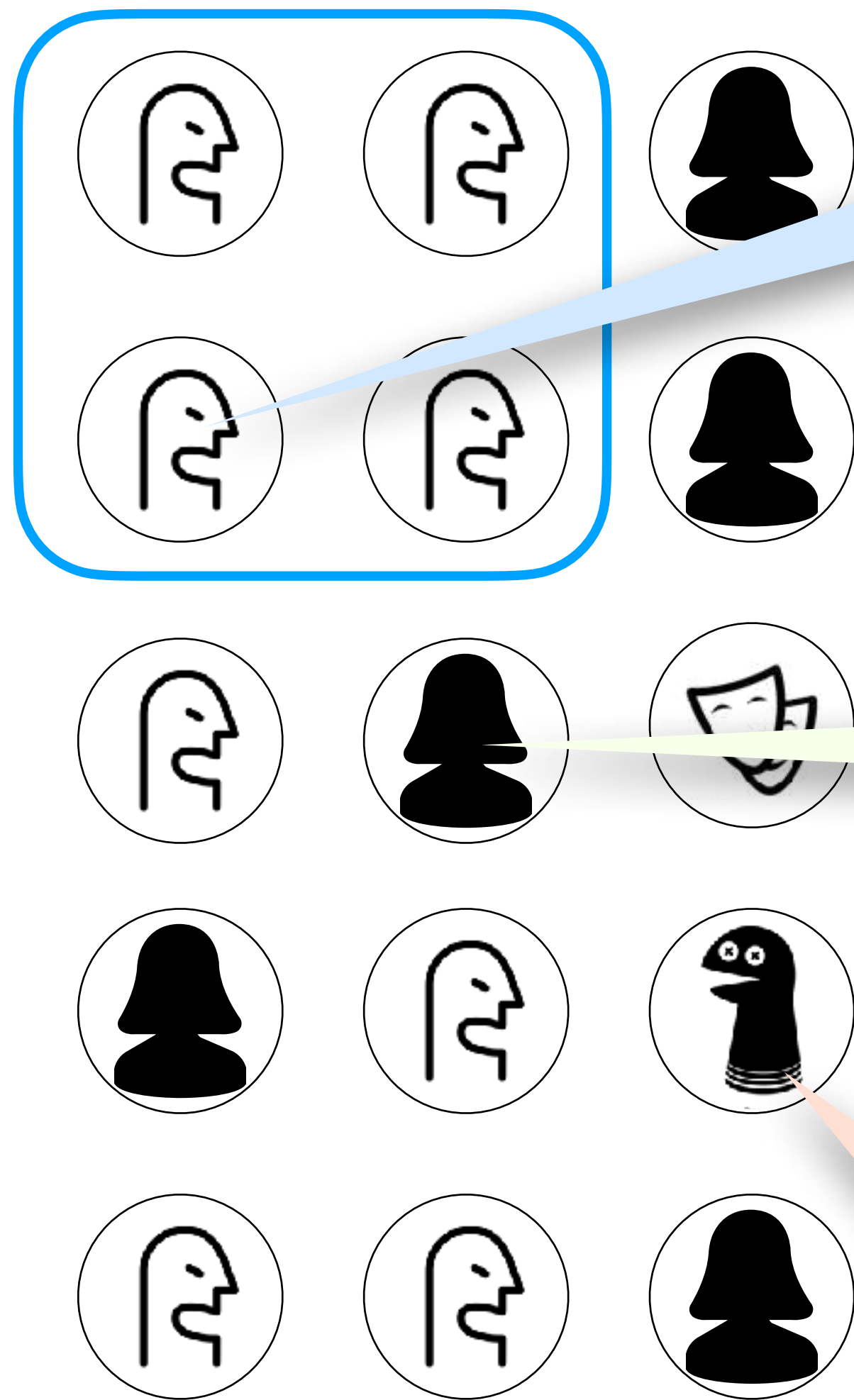
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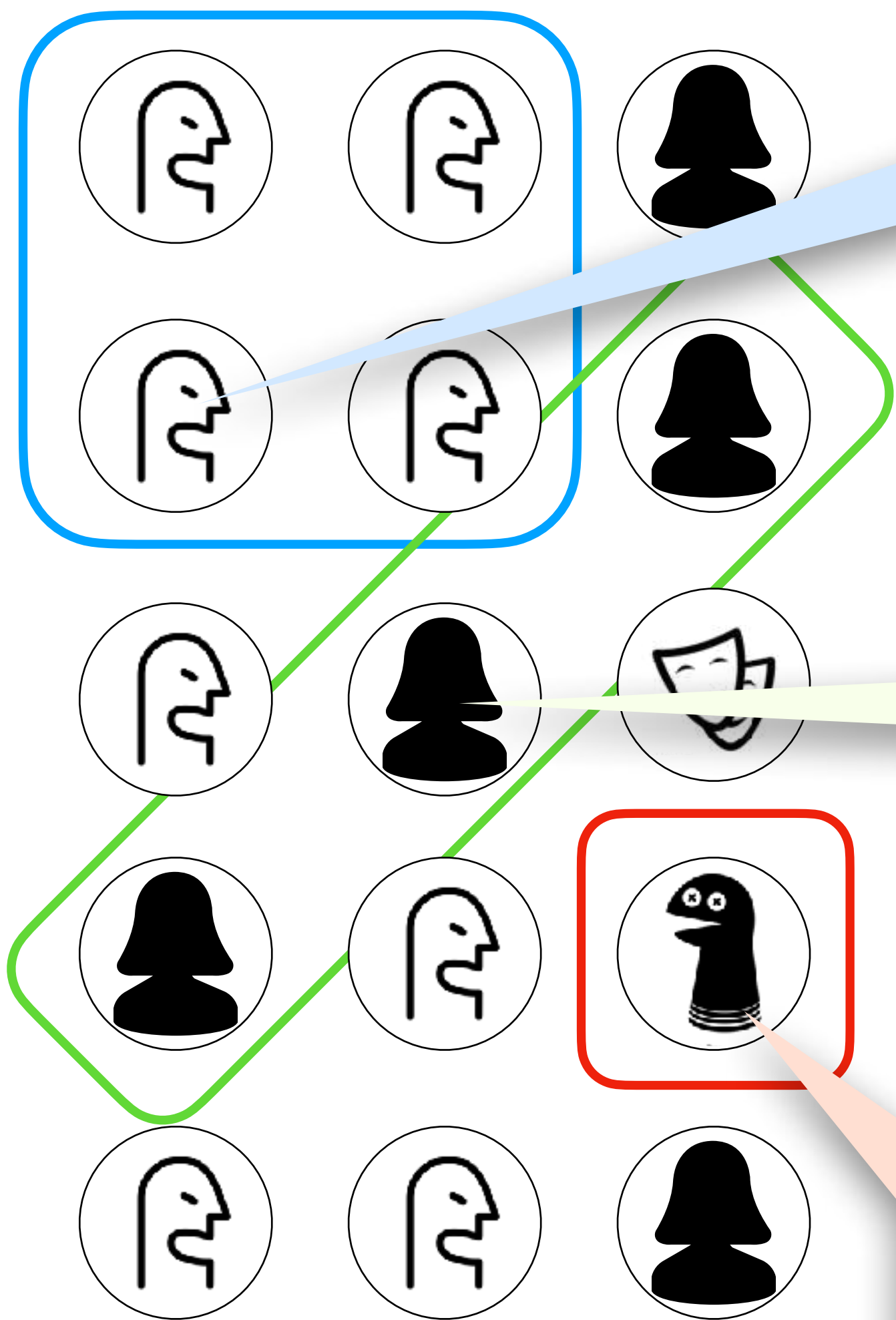
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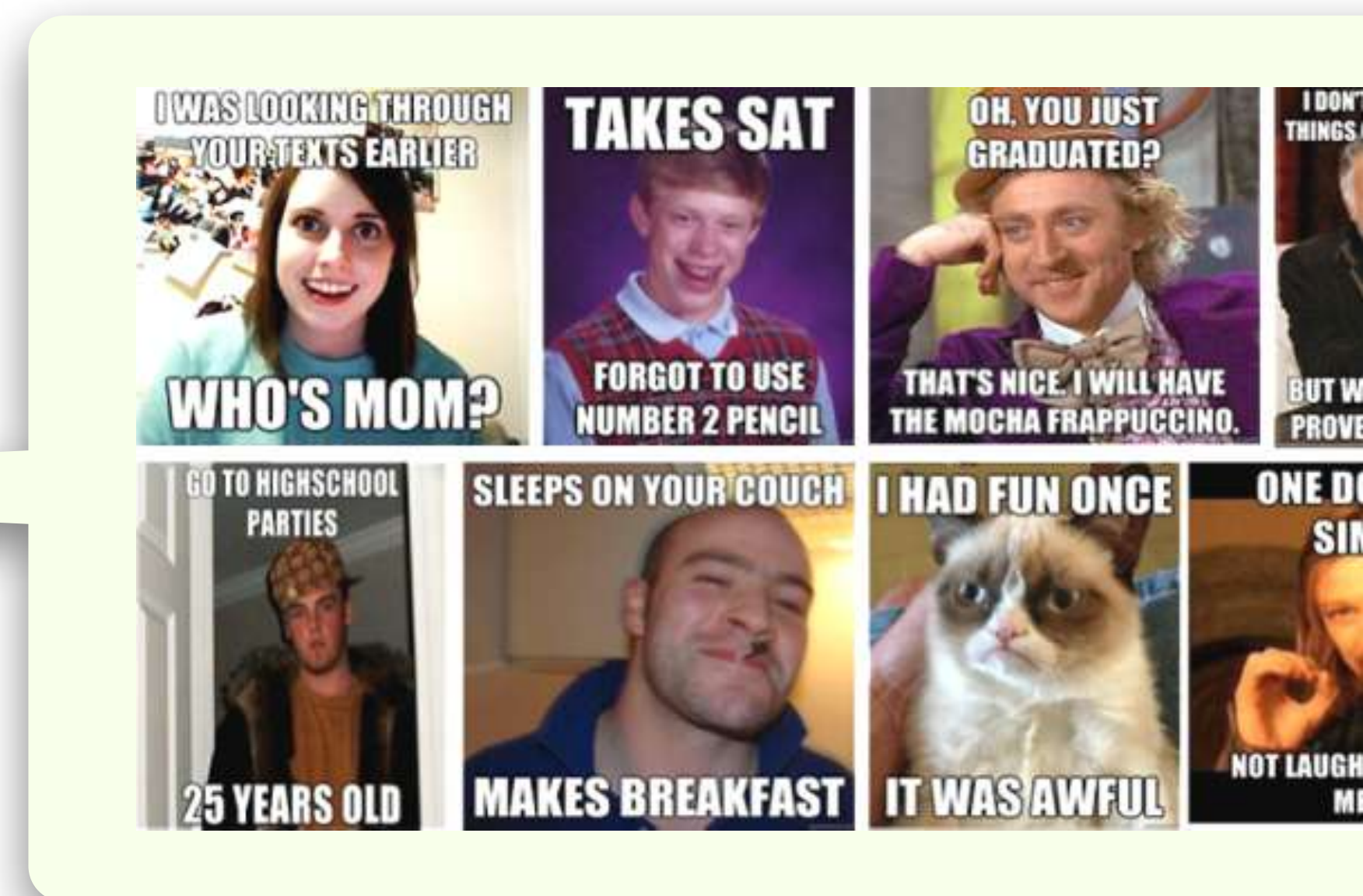
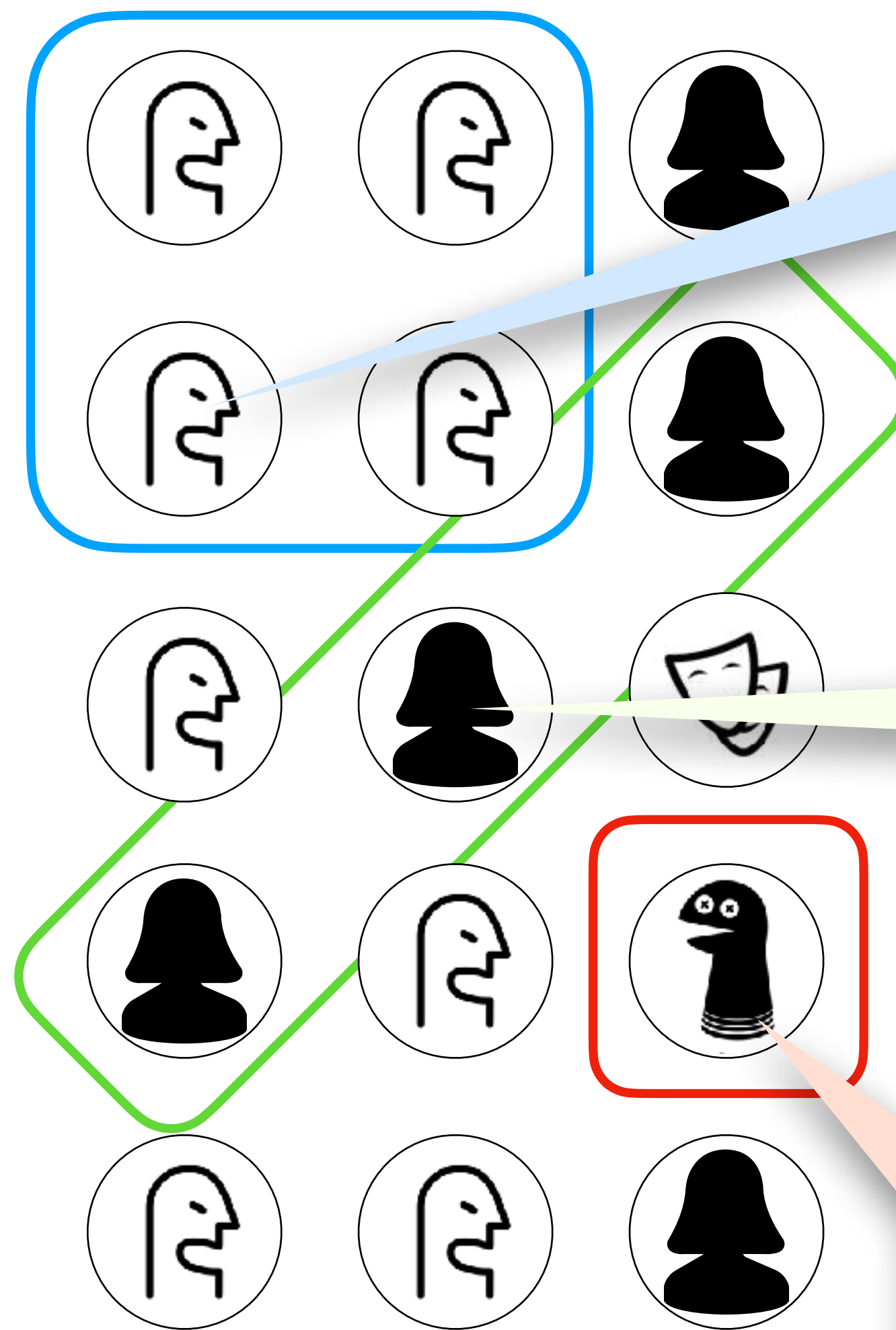
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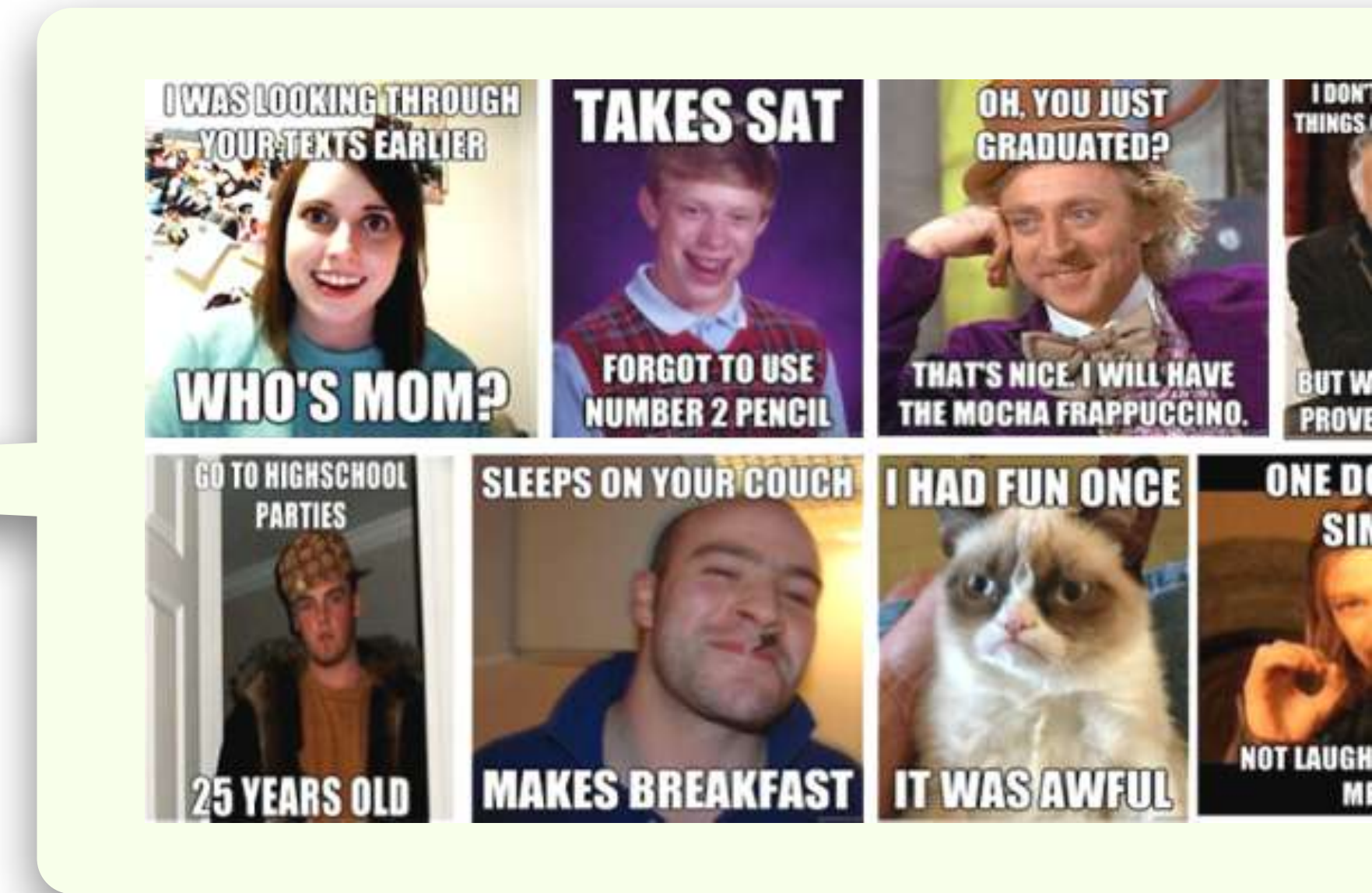
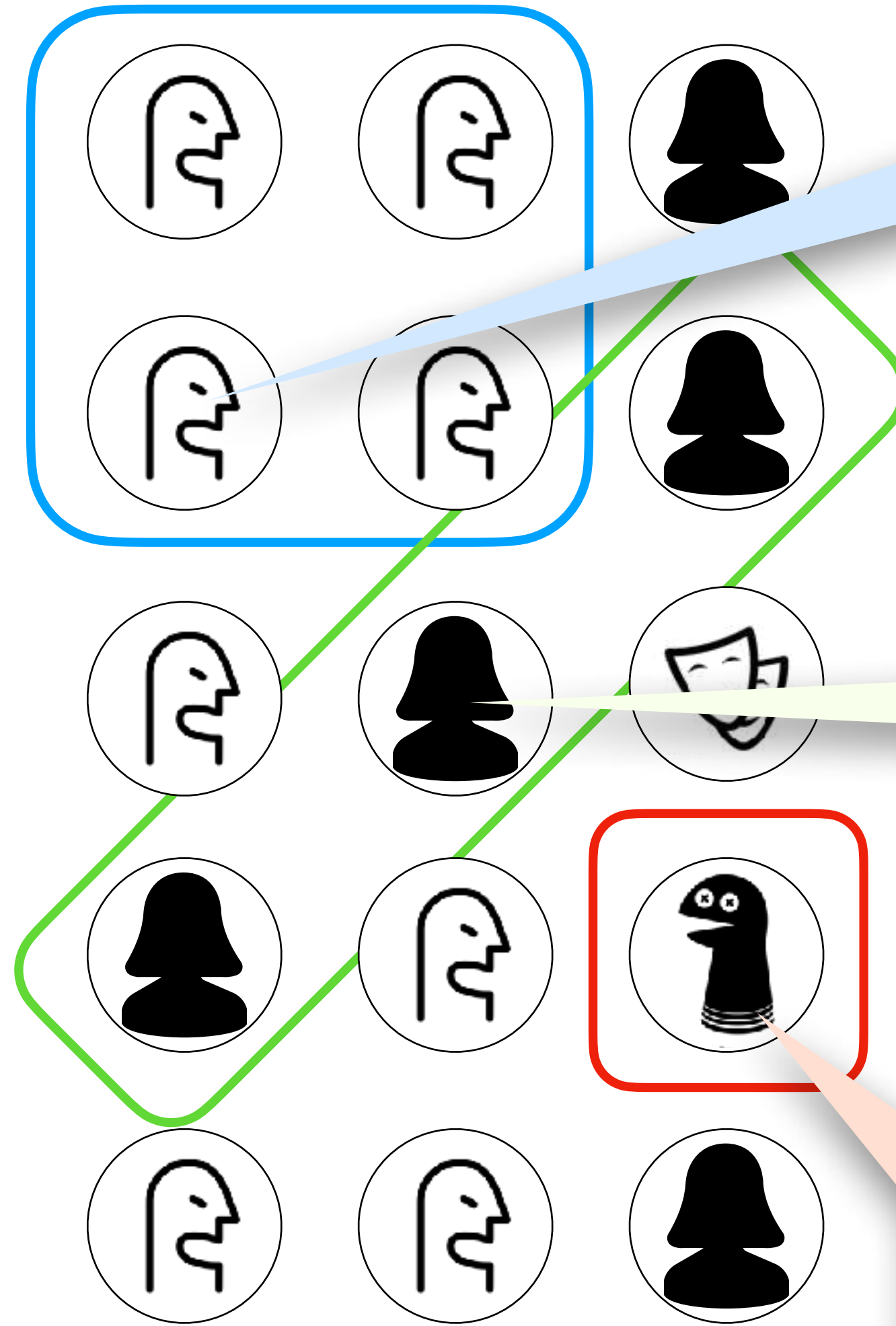
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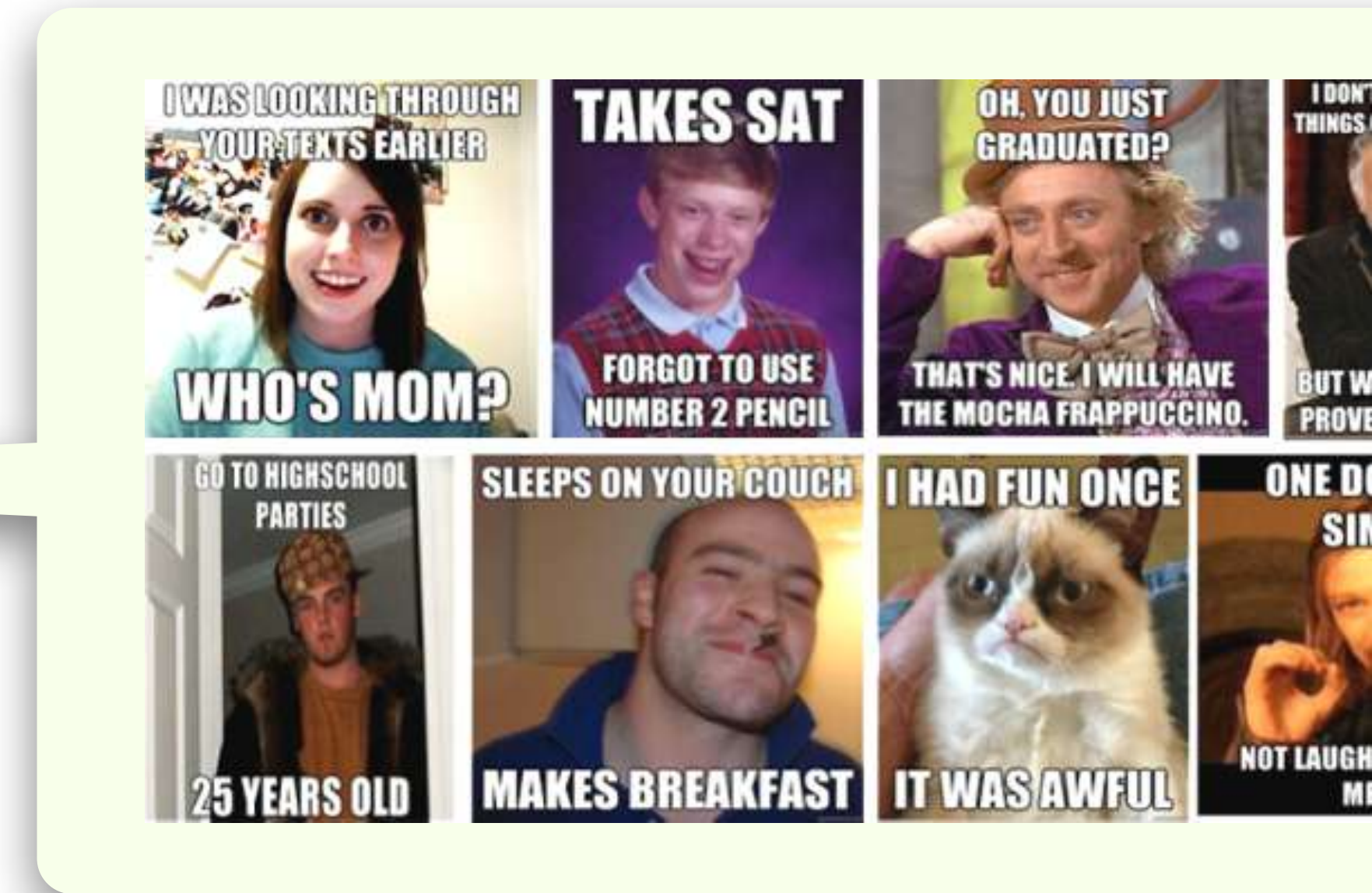
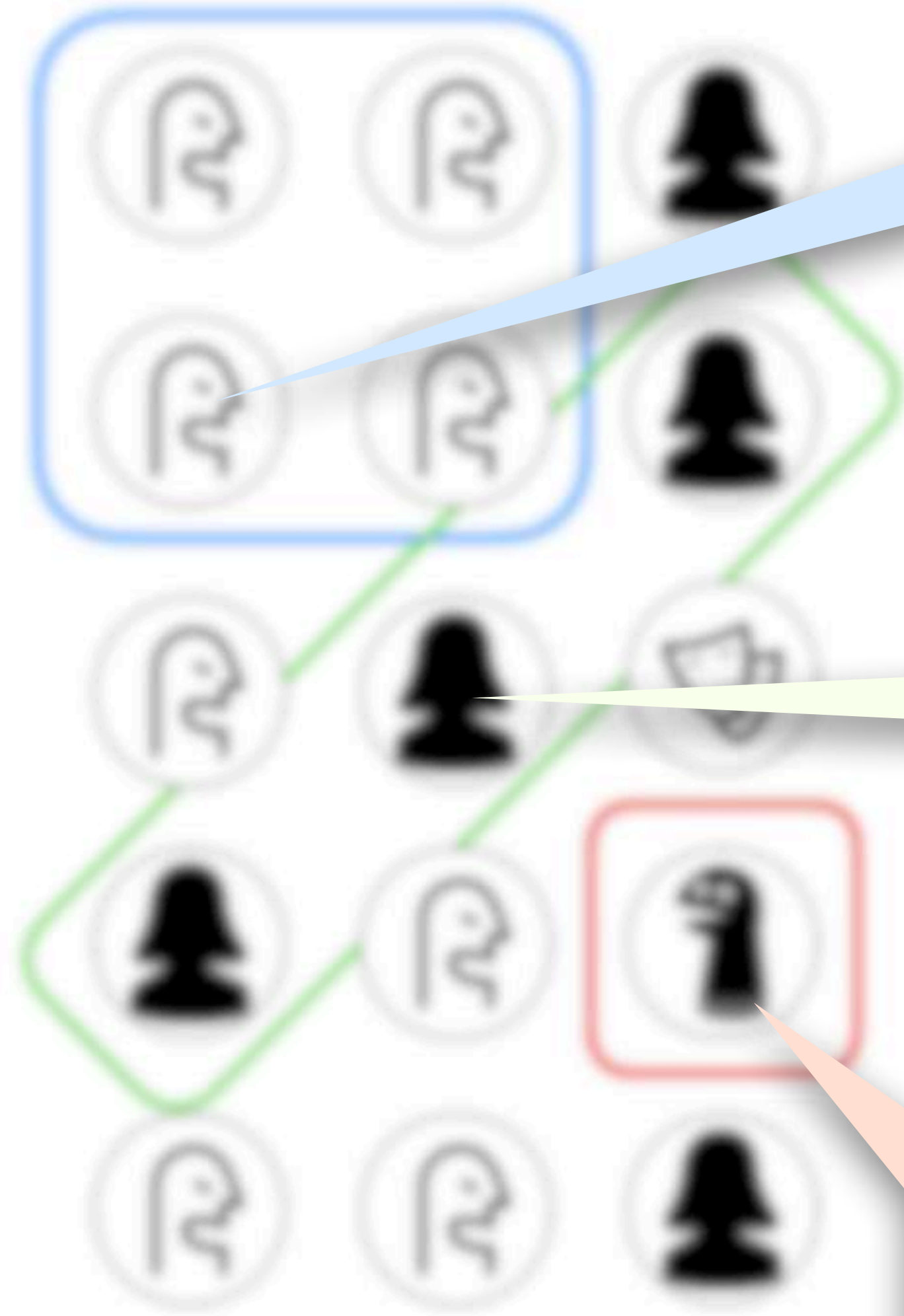


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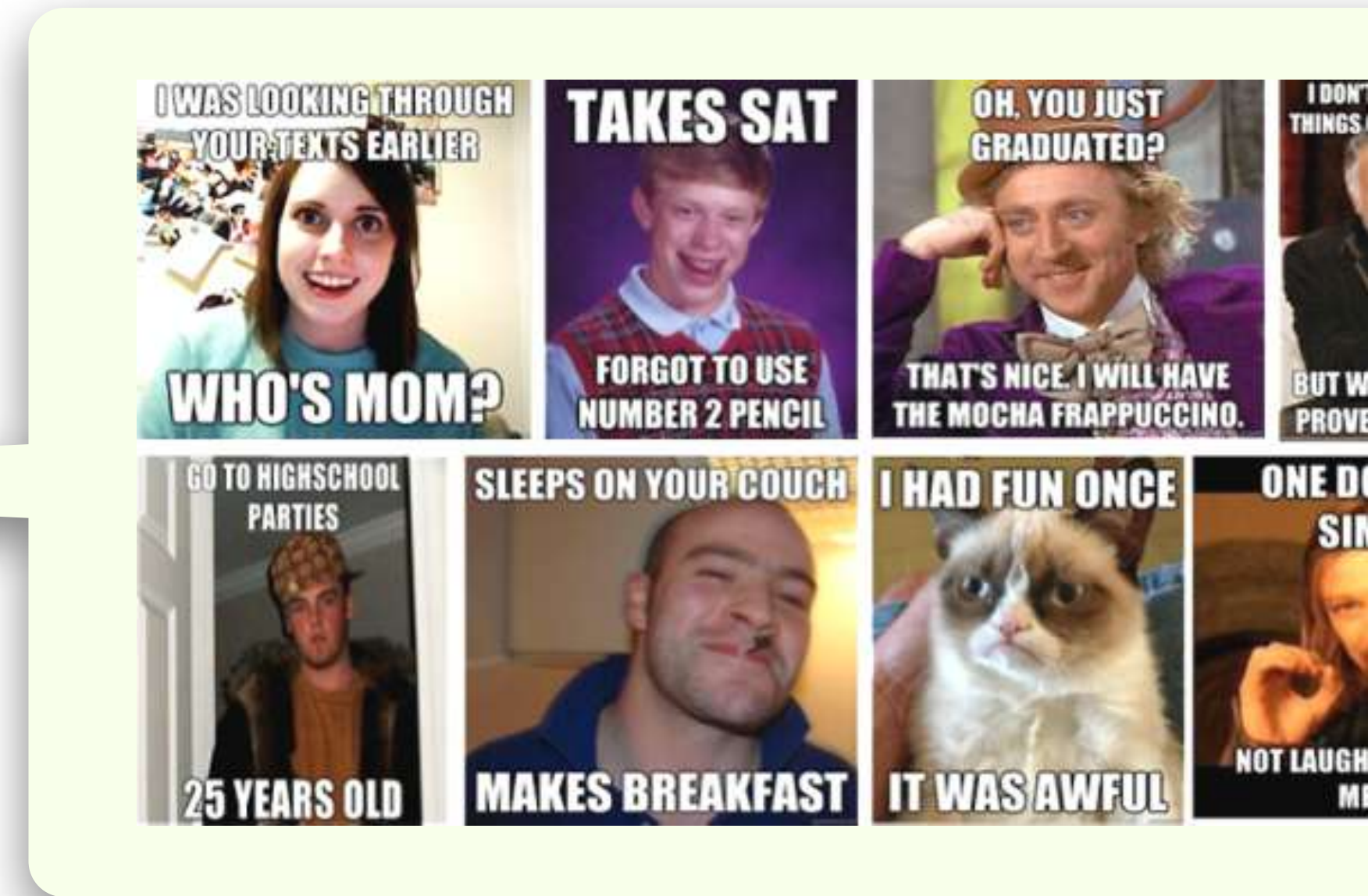
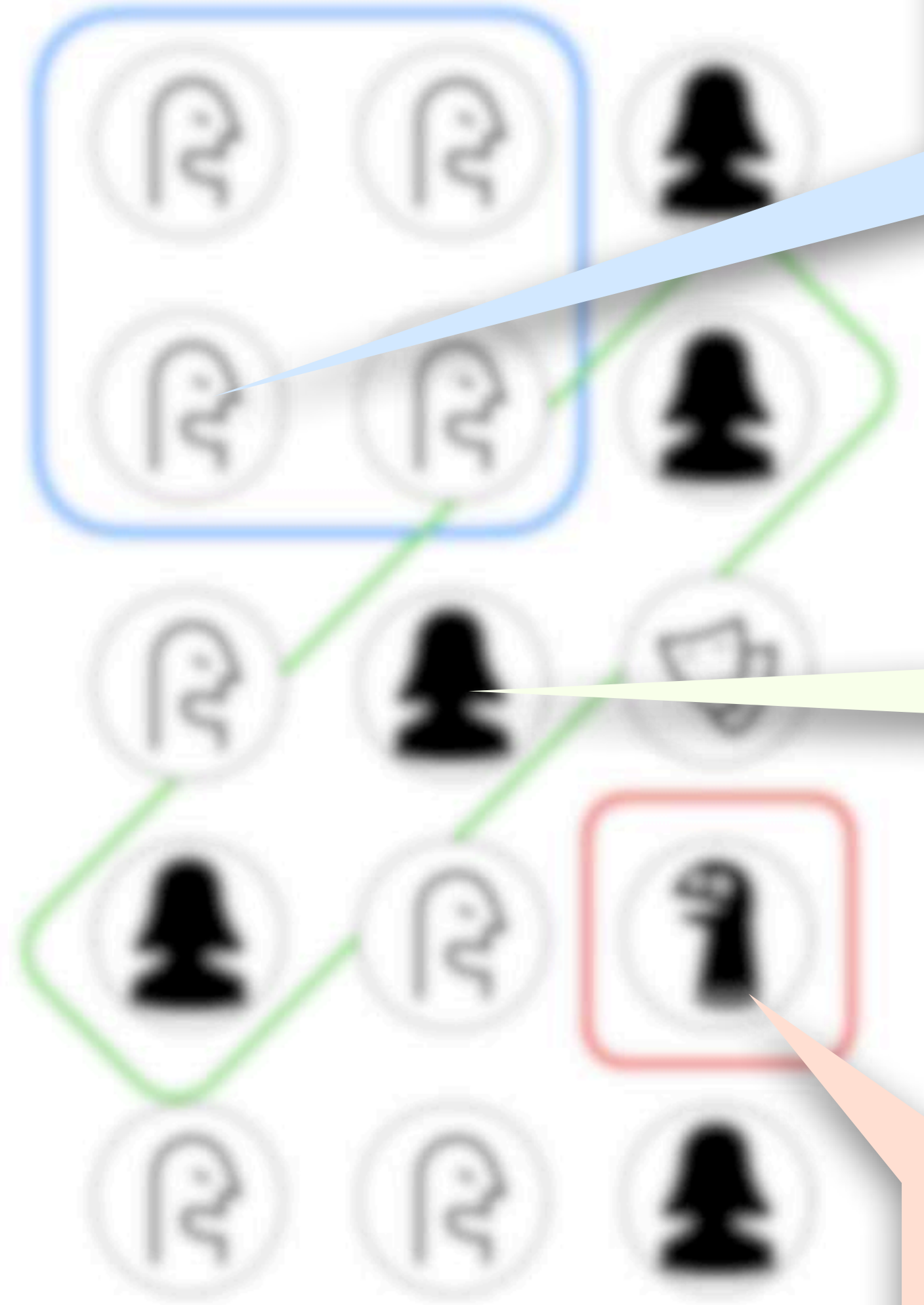


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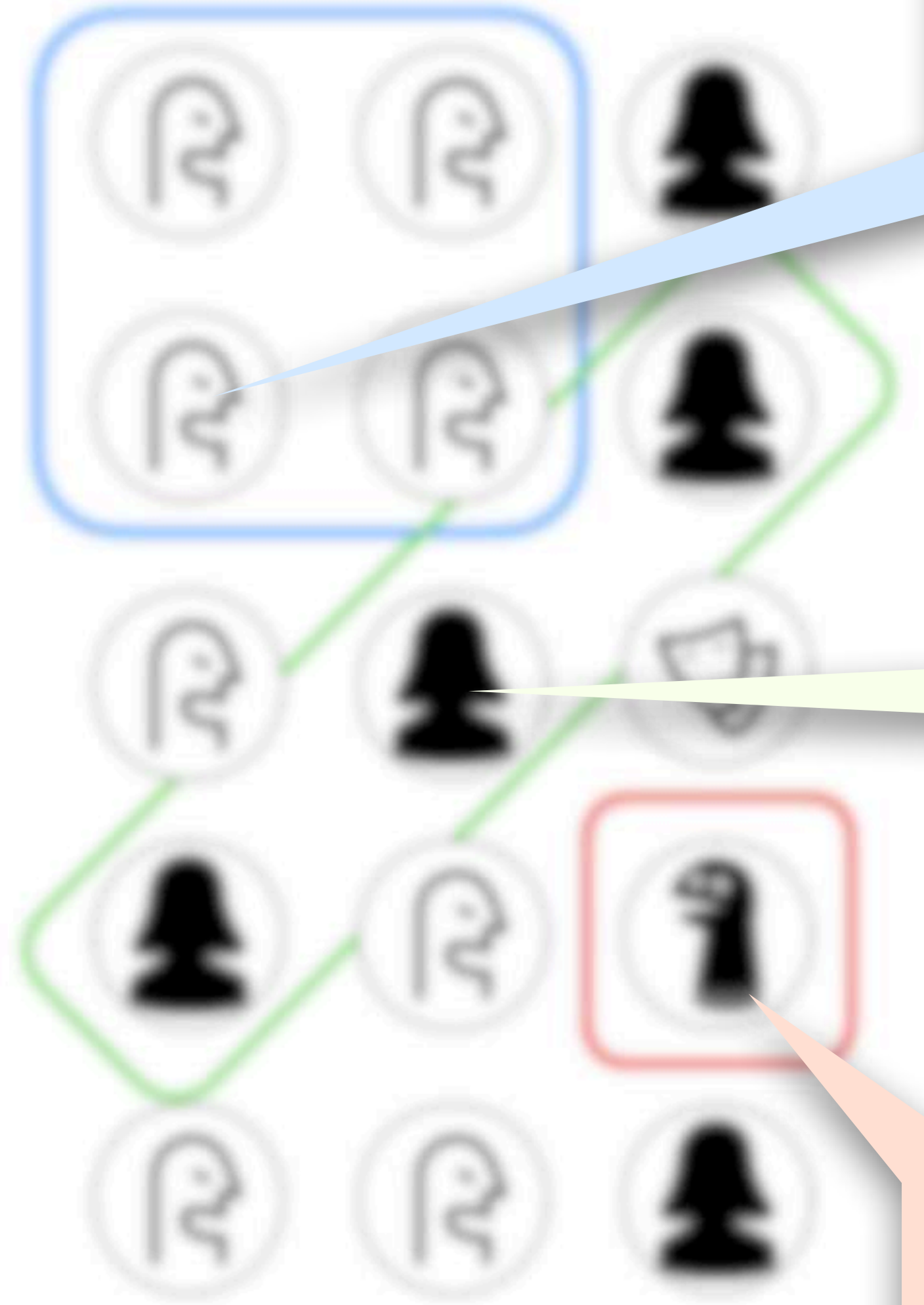
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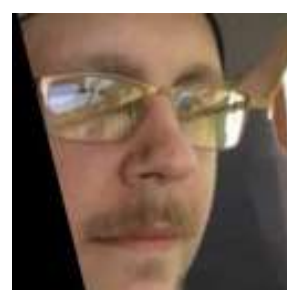


A screenshot of the abstract for the paper "FairFace: Face Attribute Dataset for Balanced Race, Gender, and Age for Bias Measurement and Mitigation". The CVF logo is in the top left. The text reads: "This WACV 2021 paper is the Open Access version, provided by the Computer Vision Foundation. Except for this watermark, it is identical to the accepted version; the final published version of the proceedings is available on IEEE Xplore." The authors are listed as Kimmo Kärkkäinen (UCLA, kimmo@cs.ucla.edu) and Jungseock Joo (UCLA, jjoo@comm.ucla.edu). The abstract text states: "Existing public face image datasets are strongly biased toward Caucasian faces, and other races (e.g., Latino) are significantly underrepresented. The models trained from such datasets suffer from inconsistent classification accuracy, which limits the applicability of face analytic systems to non-White race groups. To mitigate the race bias problem in these datasets, we constructed a novel face image dataset containing 108,501 images which is balanced on race. We define 7 race groups: White, Black, Indian, East Asian, Southeast Asian, Middle Eastern, and Latino. Images were collected from the YFCC-100M Flickr dataset and labeled with race, gender, and age groups. Evaluations were performed on existing face attribute datasets as well as novel image datasets to measure the generalization performance. We find that the model trained from our dataset is substantially more accurate on novel datasets and the accuracy is consistent across race and gender groups. We also compare several commercial computer vision APIs and report their balanced accuracy across gender, race, and age groups. Our code, data, and models are available at <https://github.com/iseis/fairface>." The abstract is followed by a paragraph discussing the bias in existing datasets and the need for a balanced dataset, and another paragraph starting with "To mitigate the race bias in the existing face datasets, we propose a novel face dataset with an emphasis on balanced race composition. Our dataset contains 108,501 facial

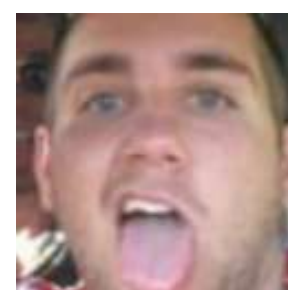
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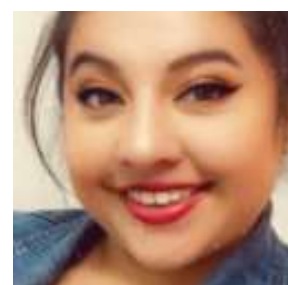
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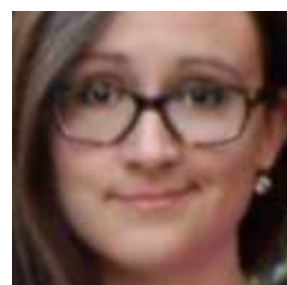
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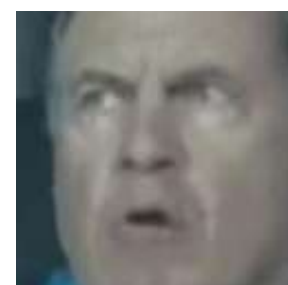
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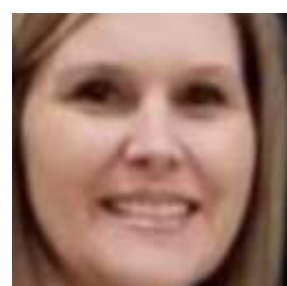
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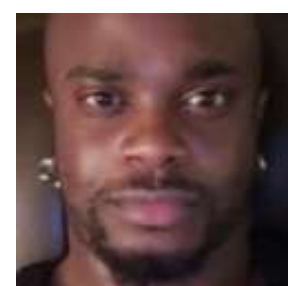
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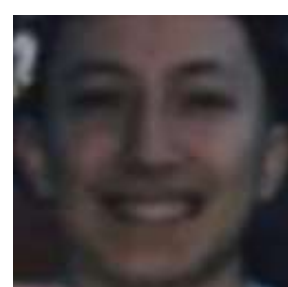
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(around 80%), e.g. White, compared to “darker” faces (around 10%), e.g. Black [40]. This means the model may not apply to different groups without calibration. Biased data will produce biased models trained from it. This will raise concerns about fairness of automated systems, which emerged as a critical topic of study in the recent machine learning and AI literature [16, 11].

For example, several commercial computer vision systems (Microsoft, IBM, Face++) have been criticized for their asymmetric accuracy across sub-demographic groups in recent studies [7, 44]. These studies found that the commercial face gender classification systems all perform better on male and on light faces. This can be caused by the bias in their training data. Various unwanted biases in existing face datasets can easily occur due to biased selection, sampling, and negative sets [60]. Most public large scale face datasets have been collected from popular online media – social media, Wikipedia, or web search – and these platforms are more frequently used by or showing White people.

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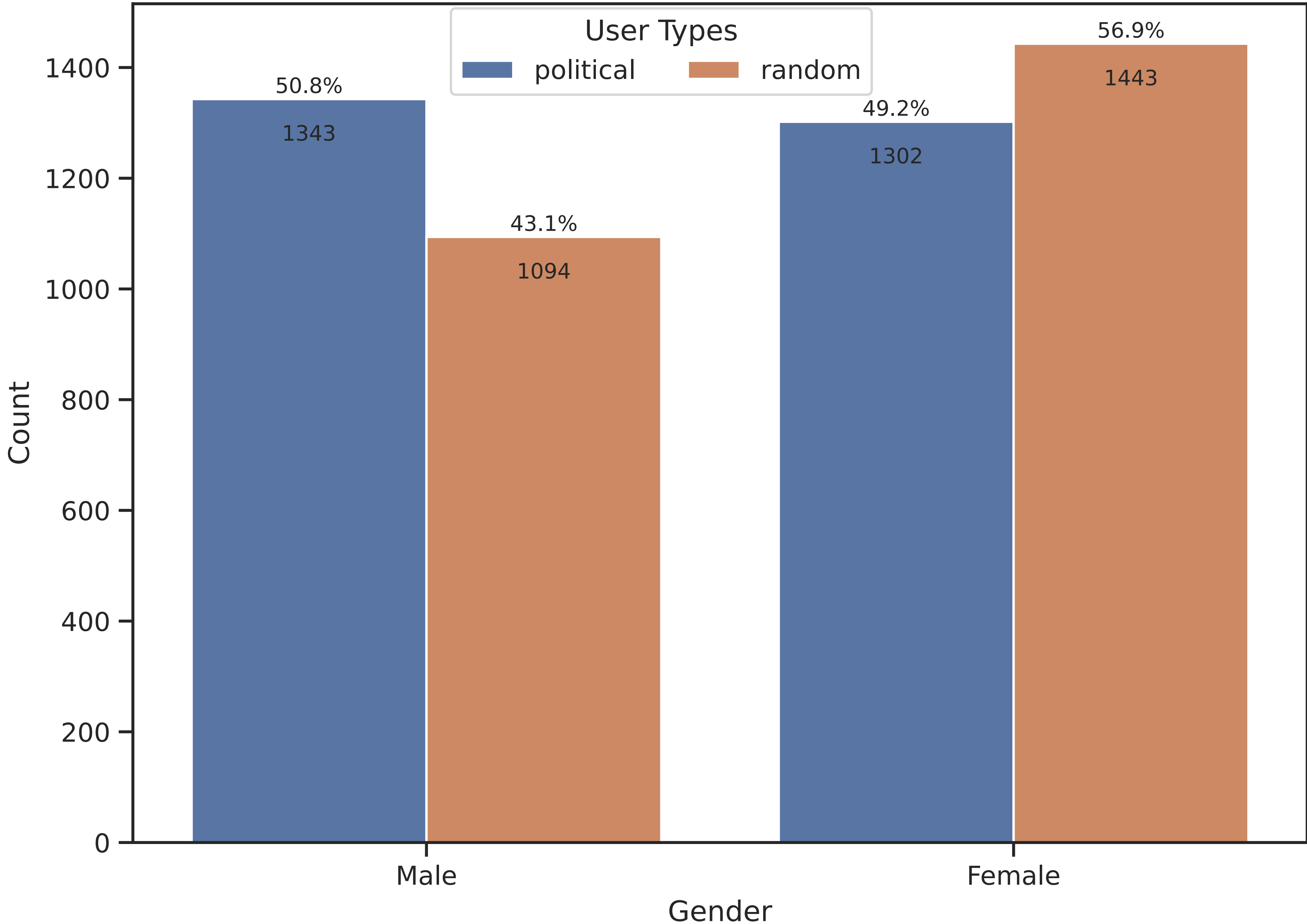
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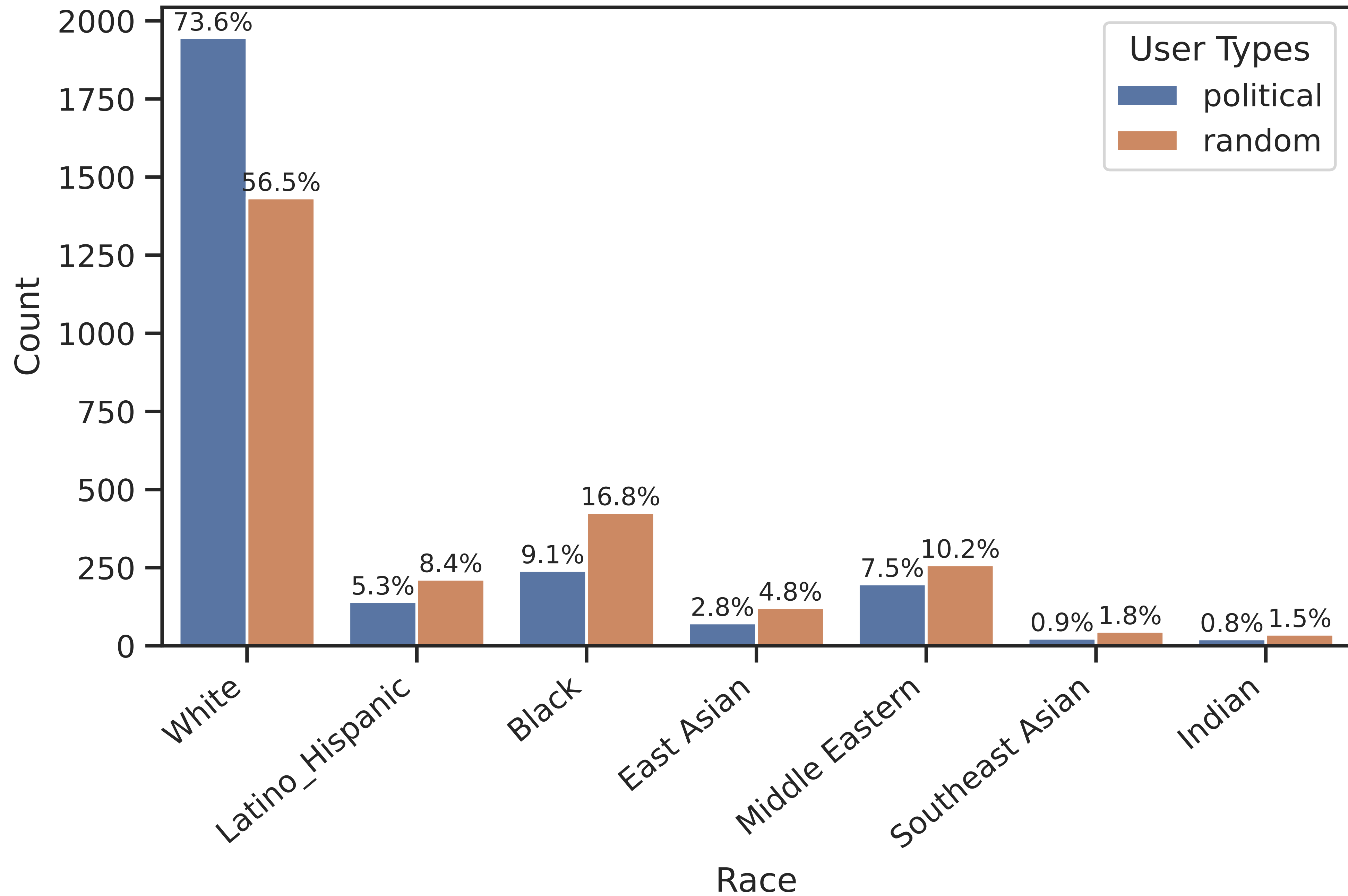
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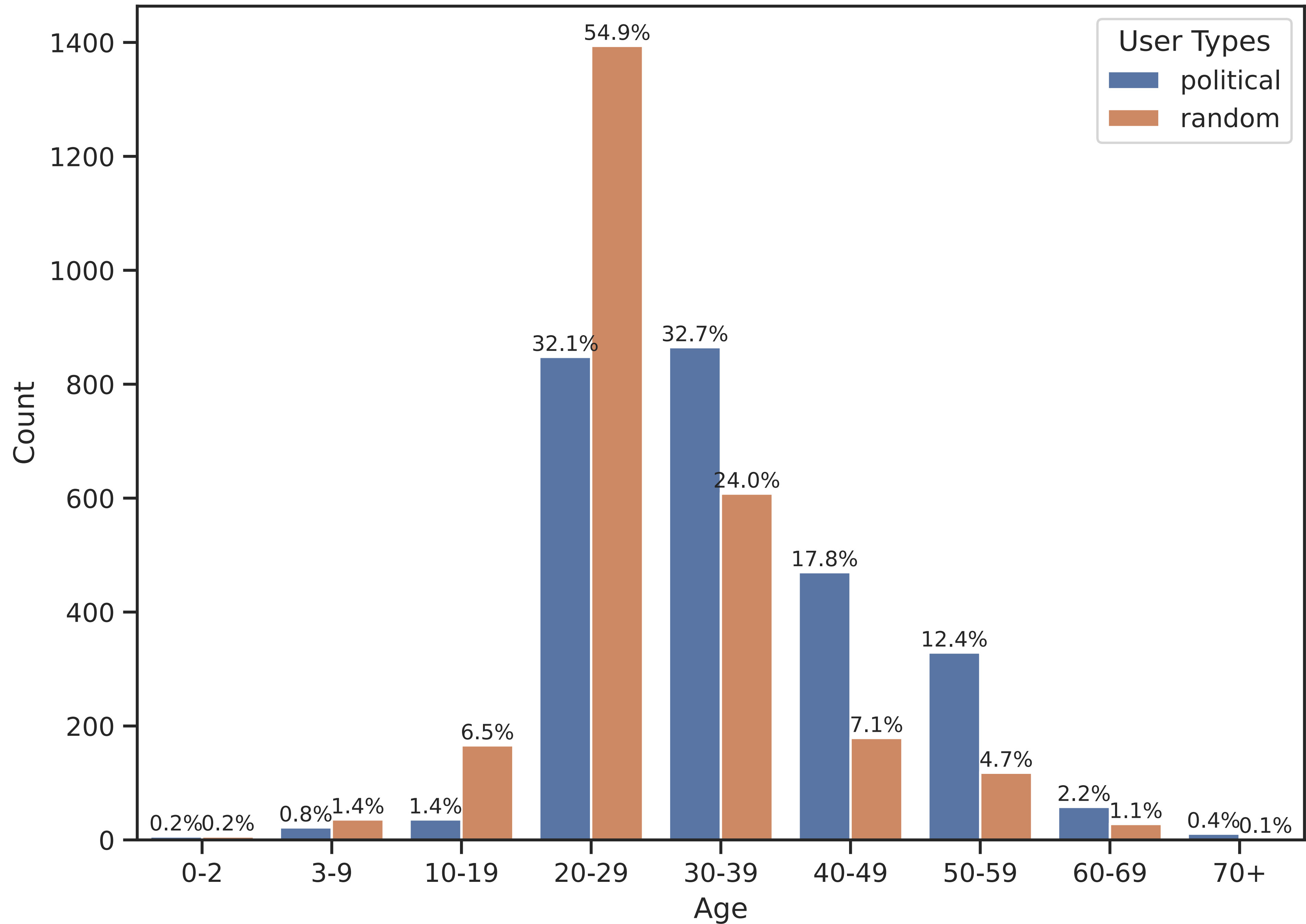
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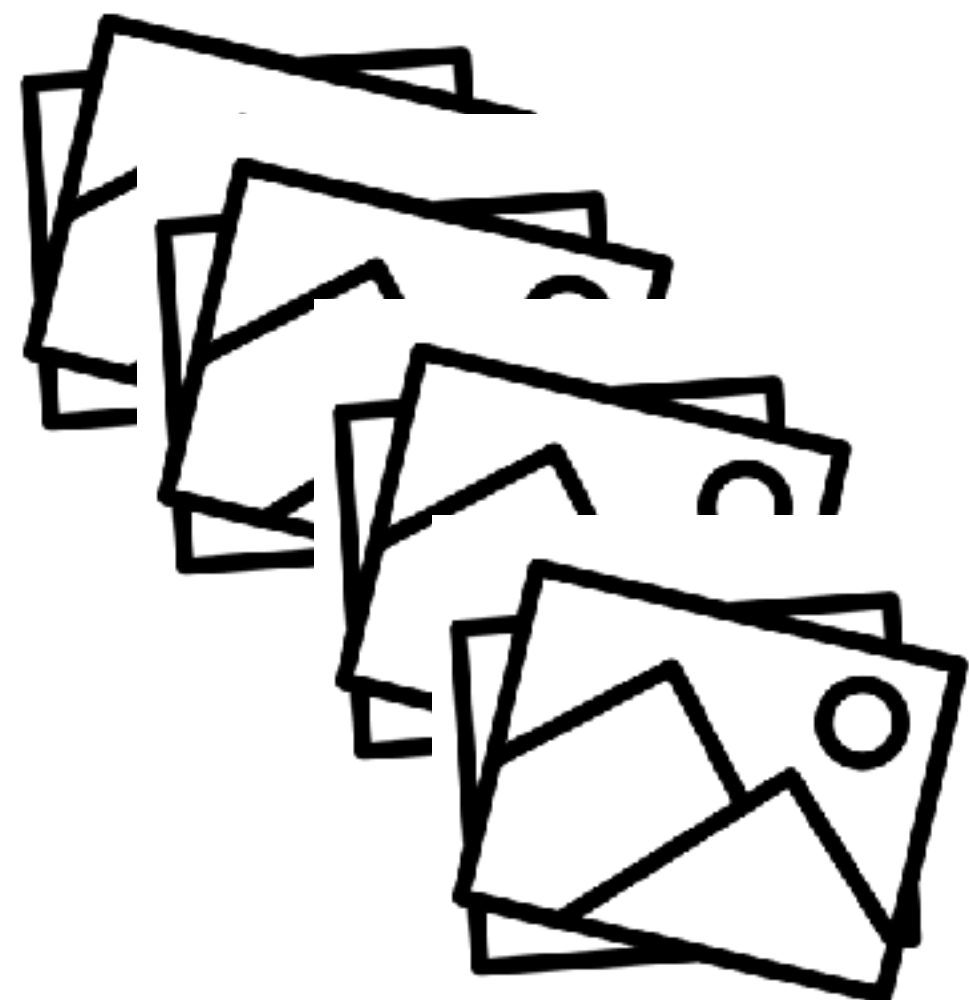
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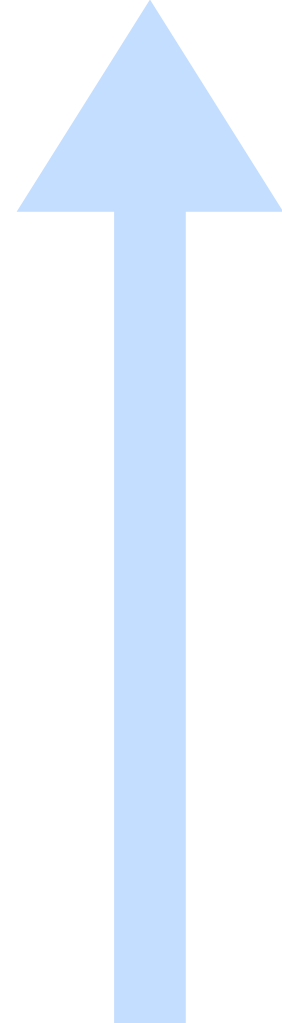
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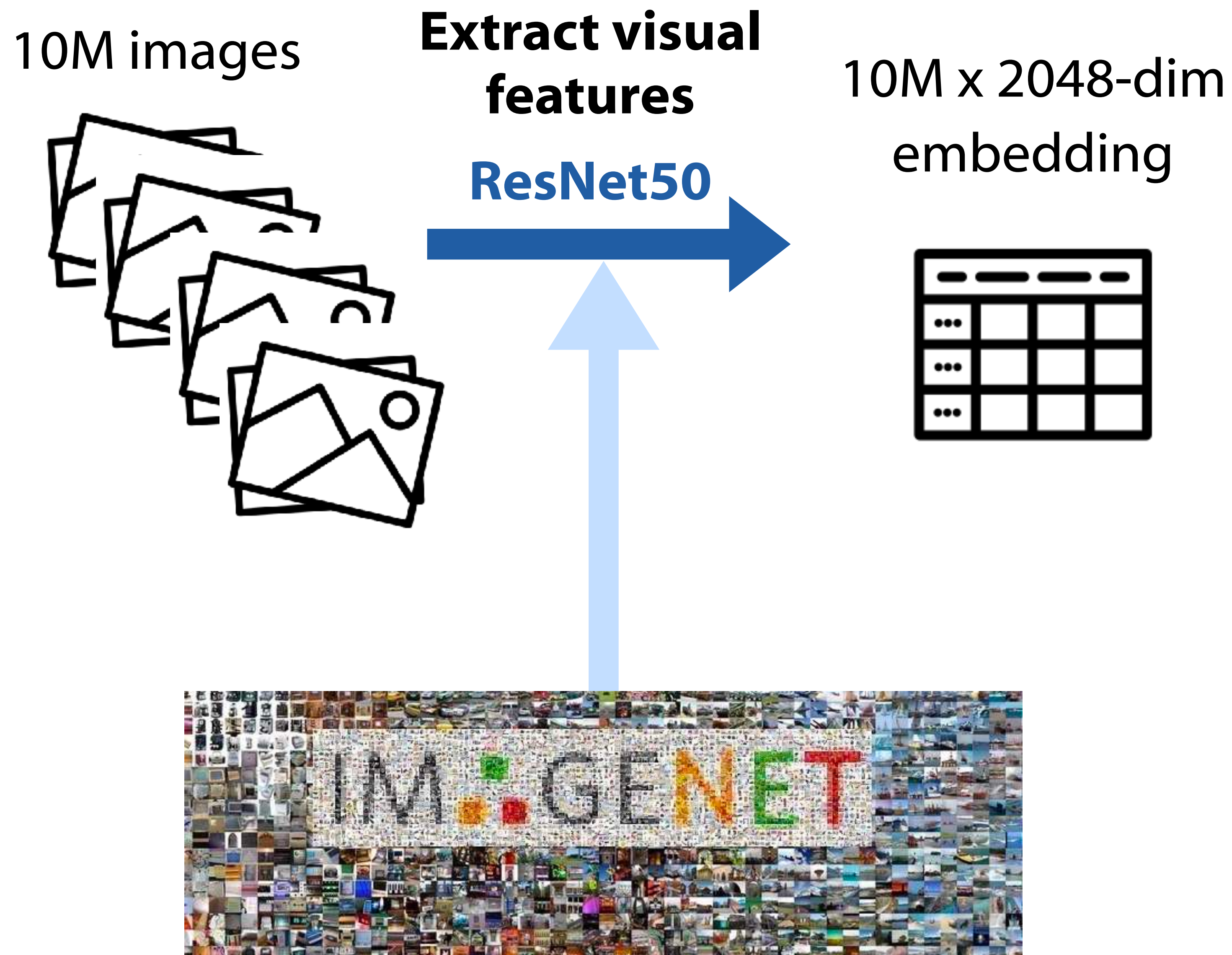


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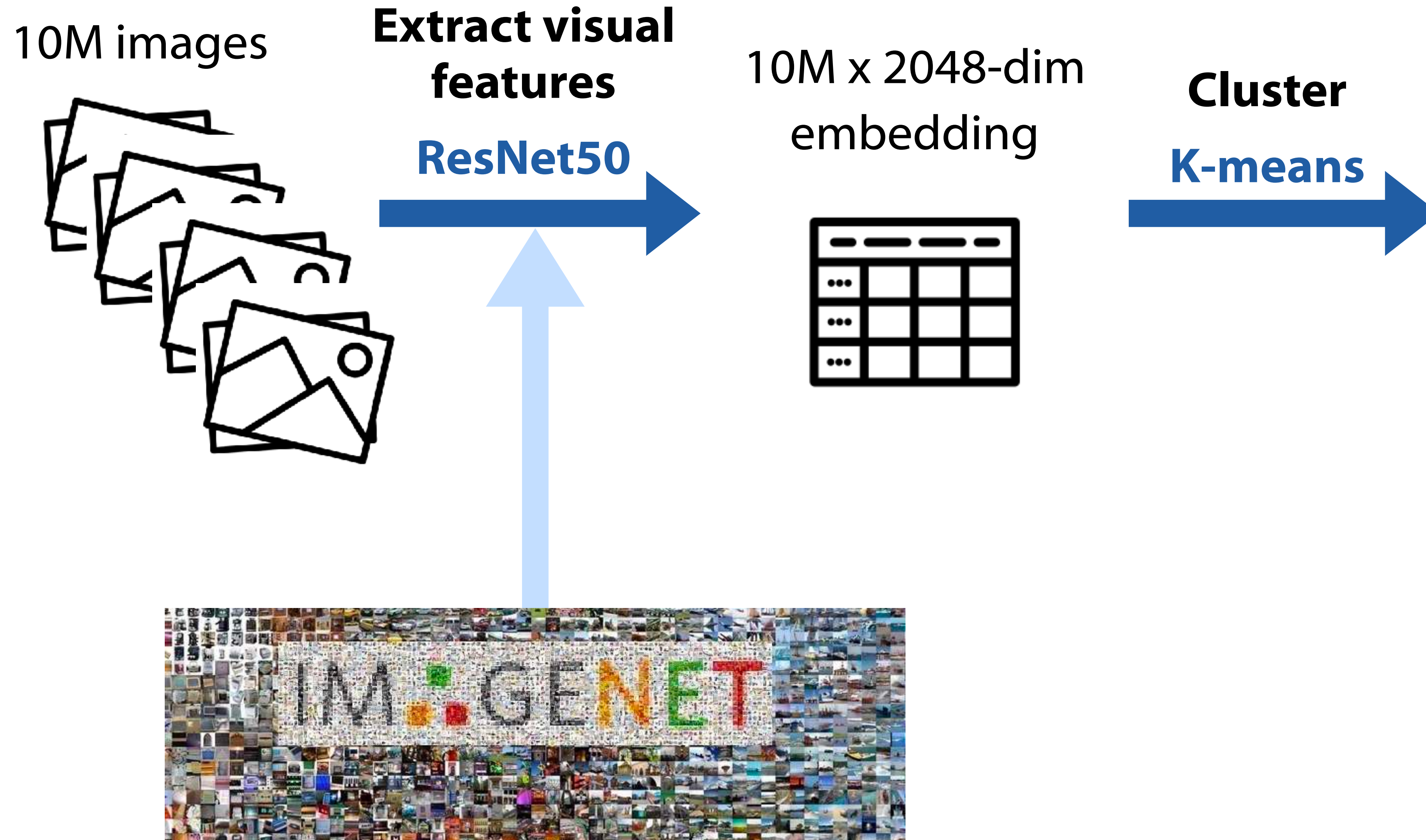
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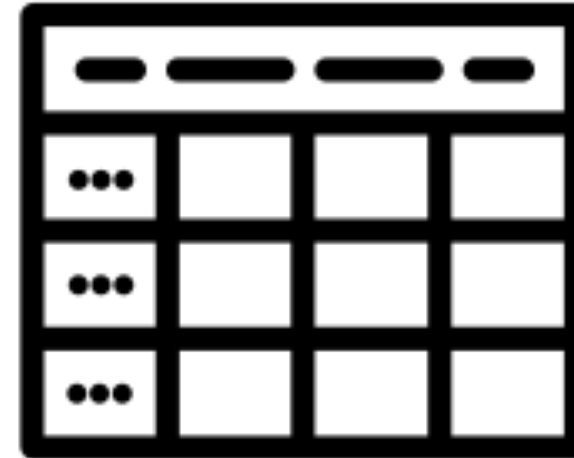


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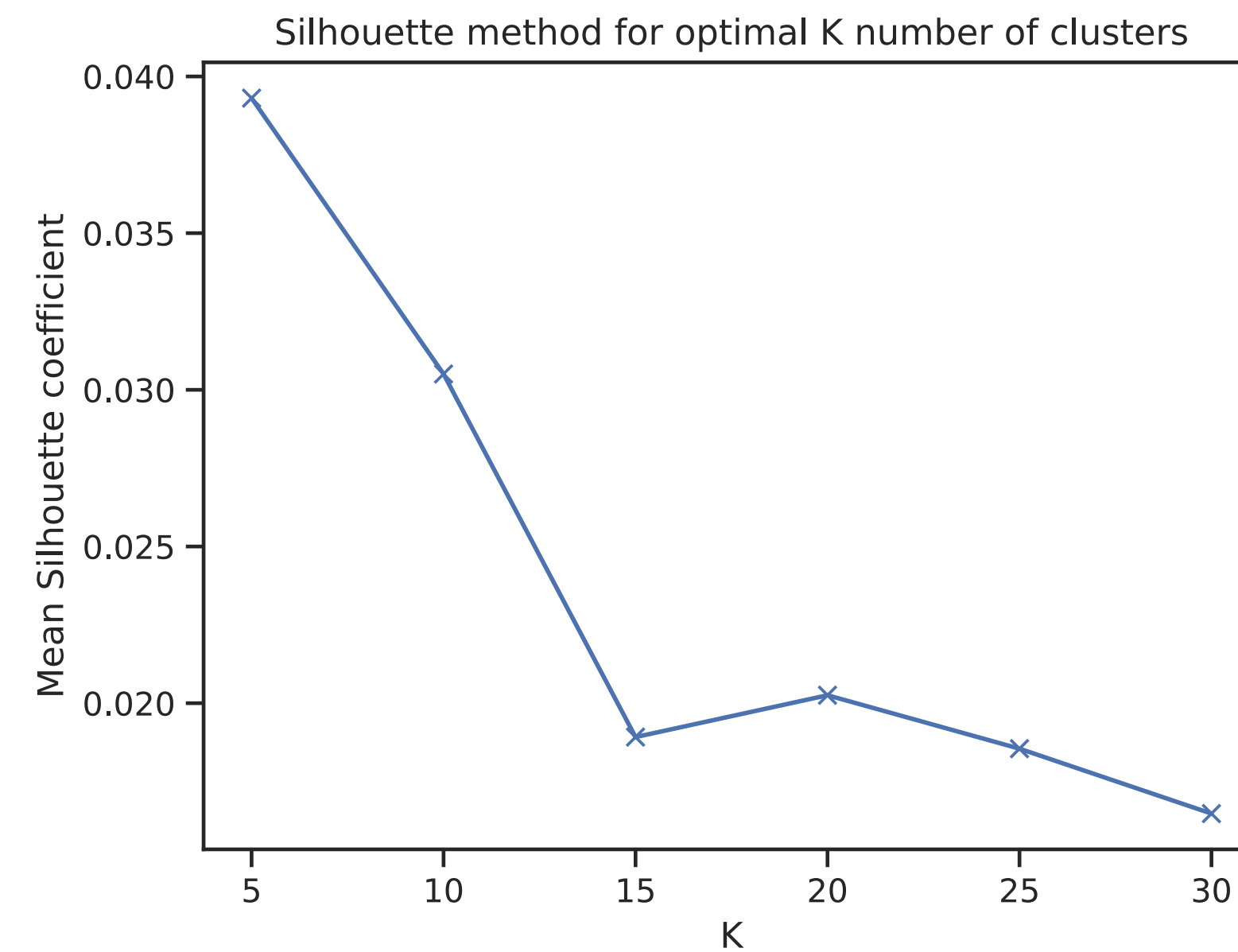
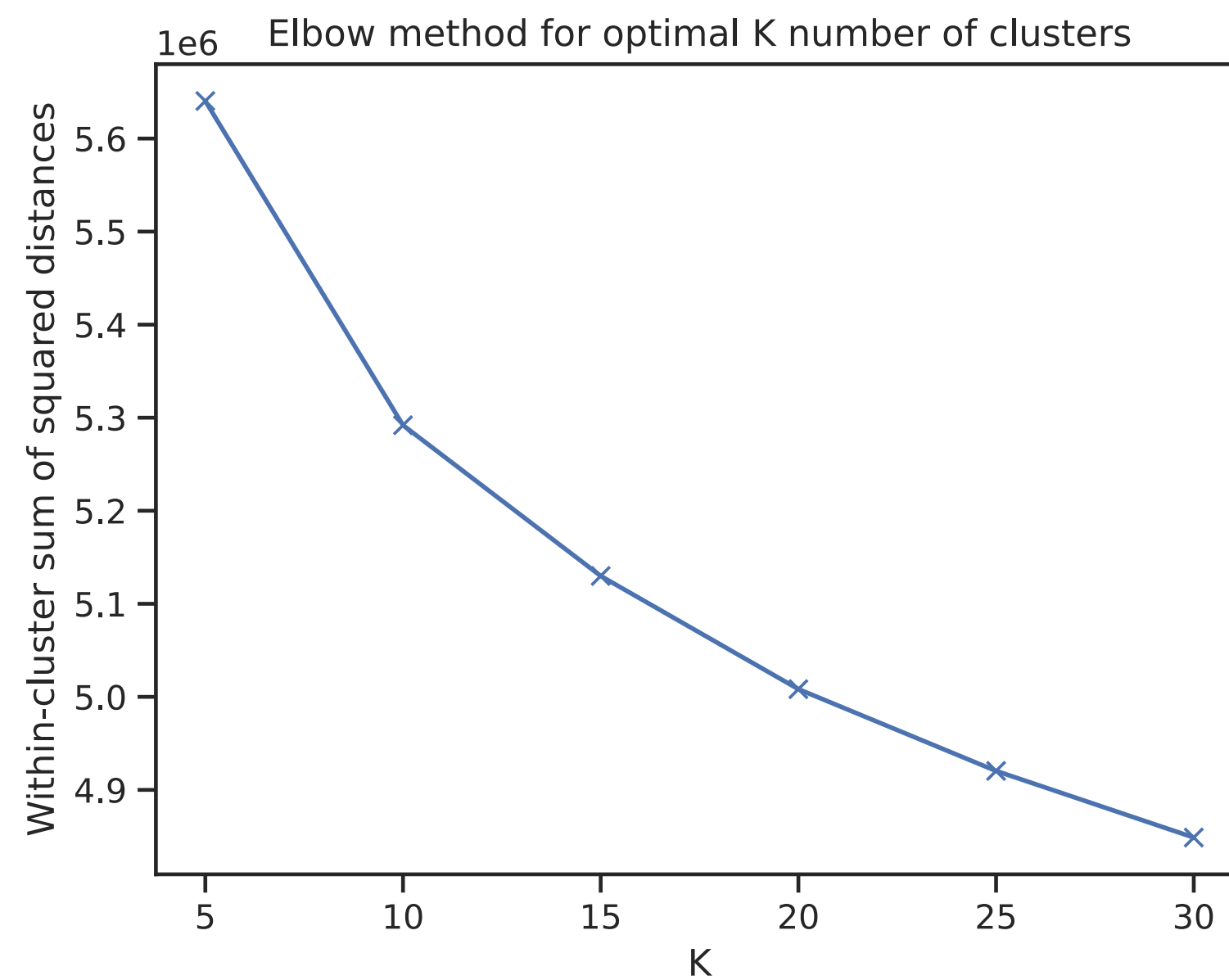


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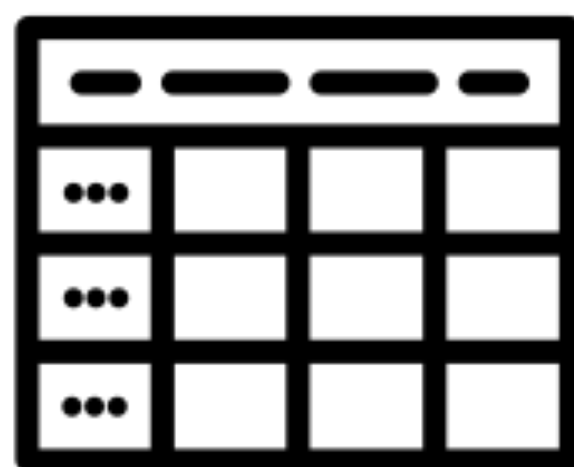


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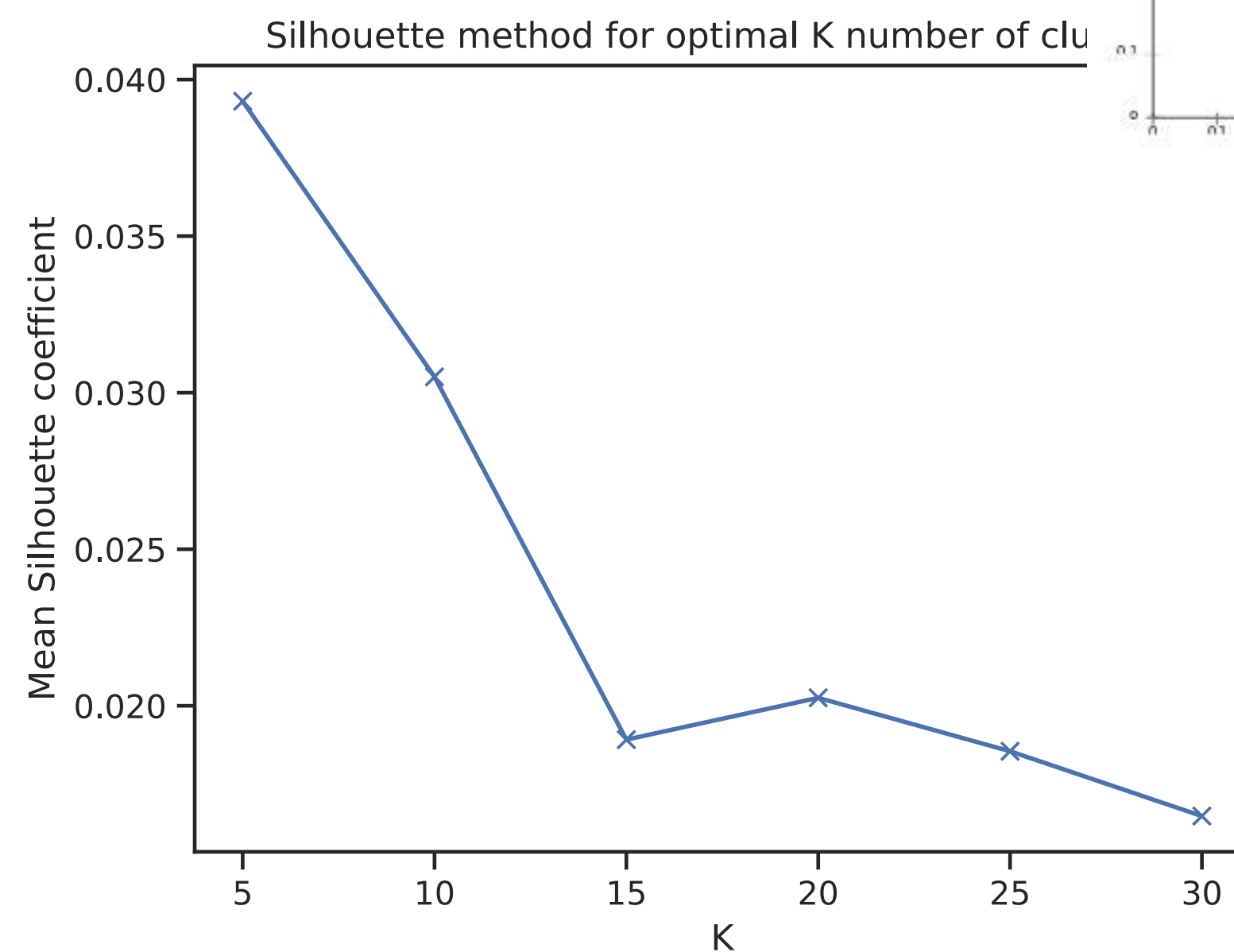
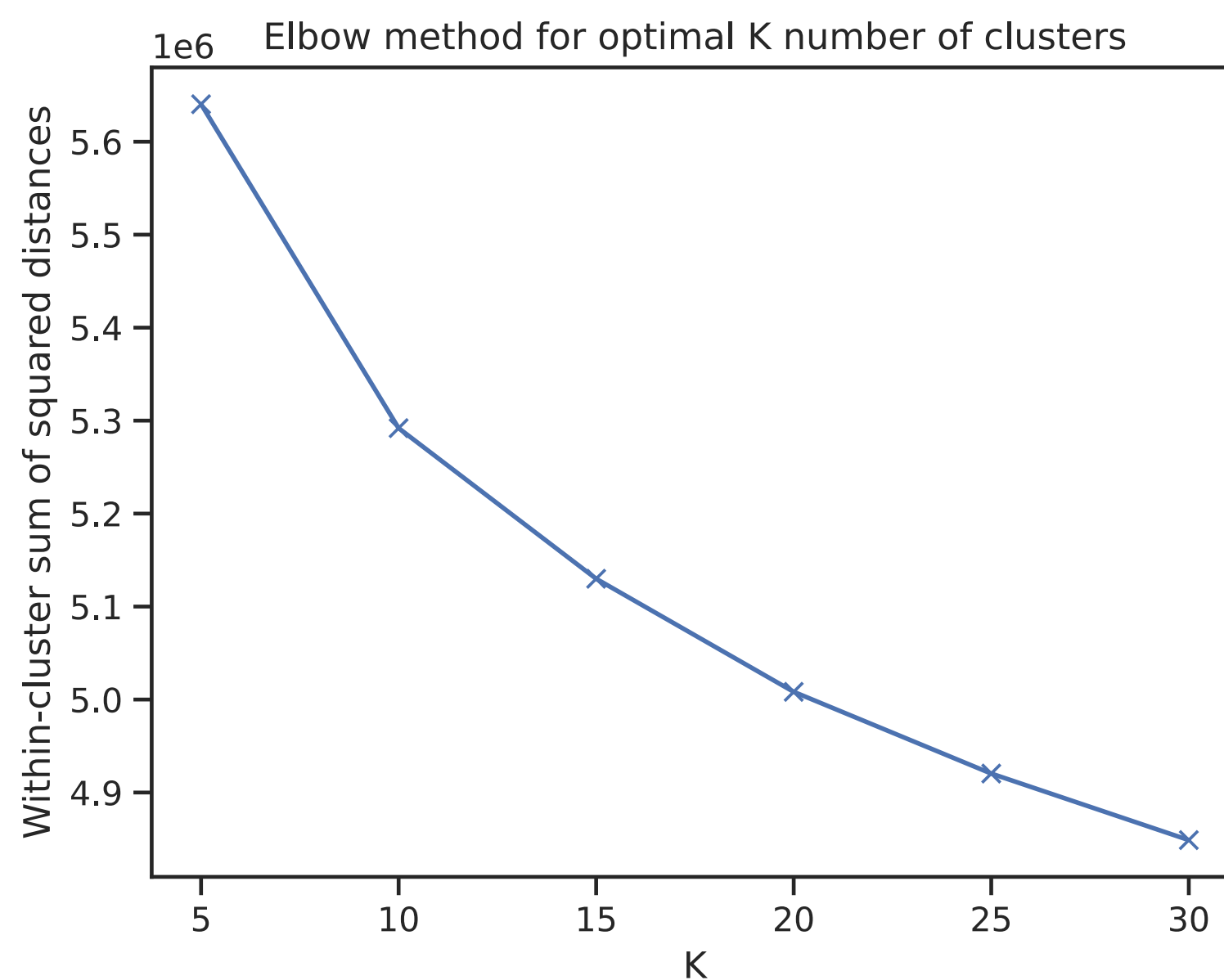
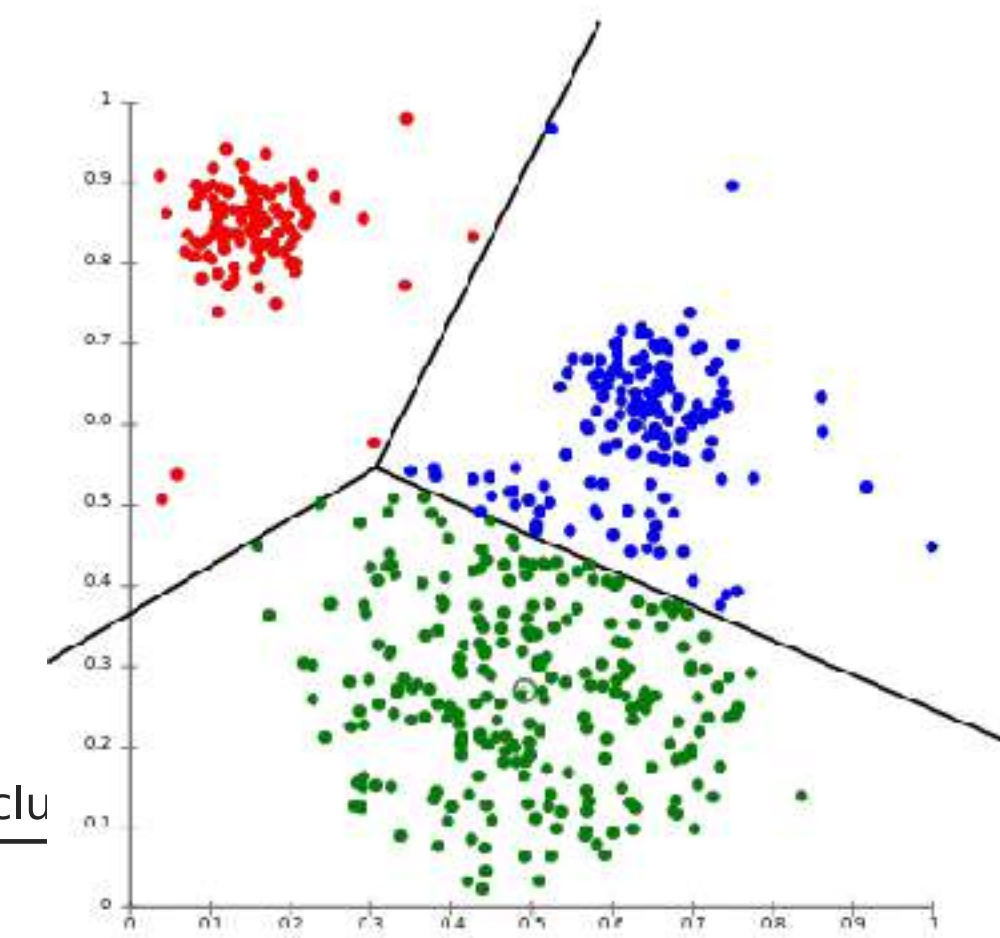


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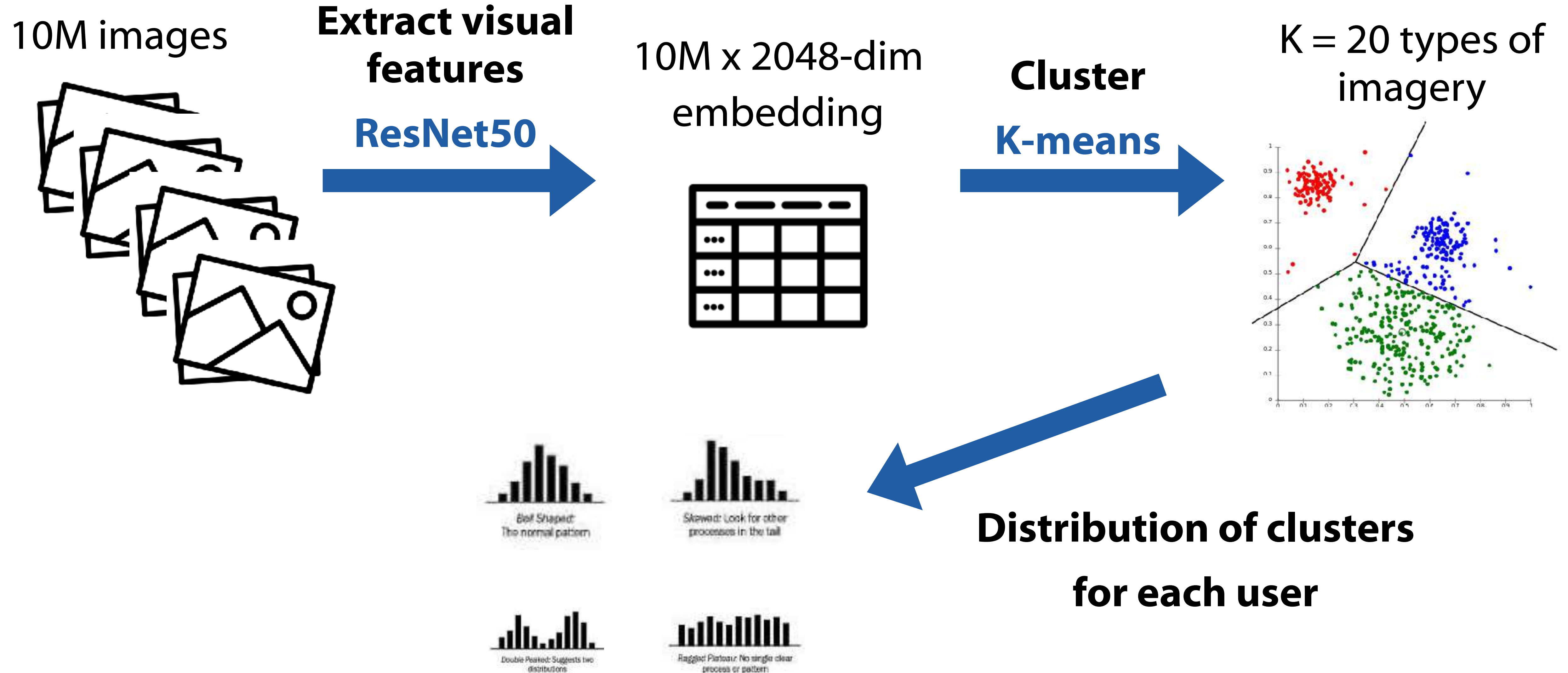
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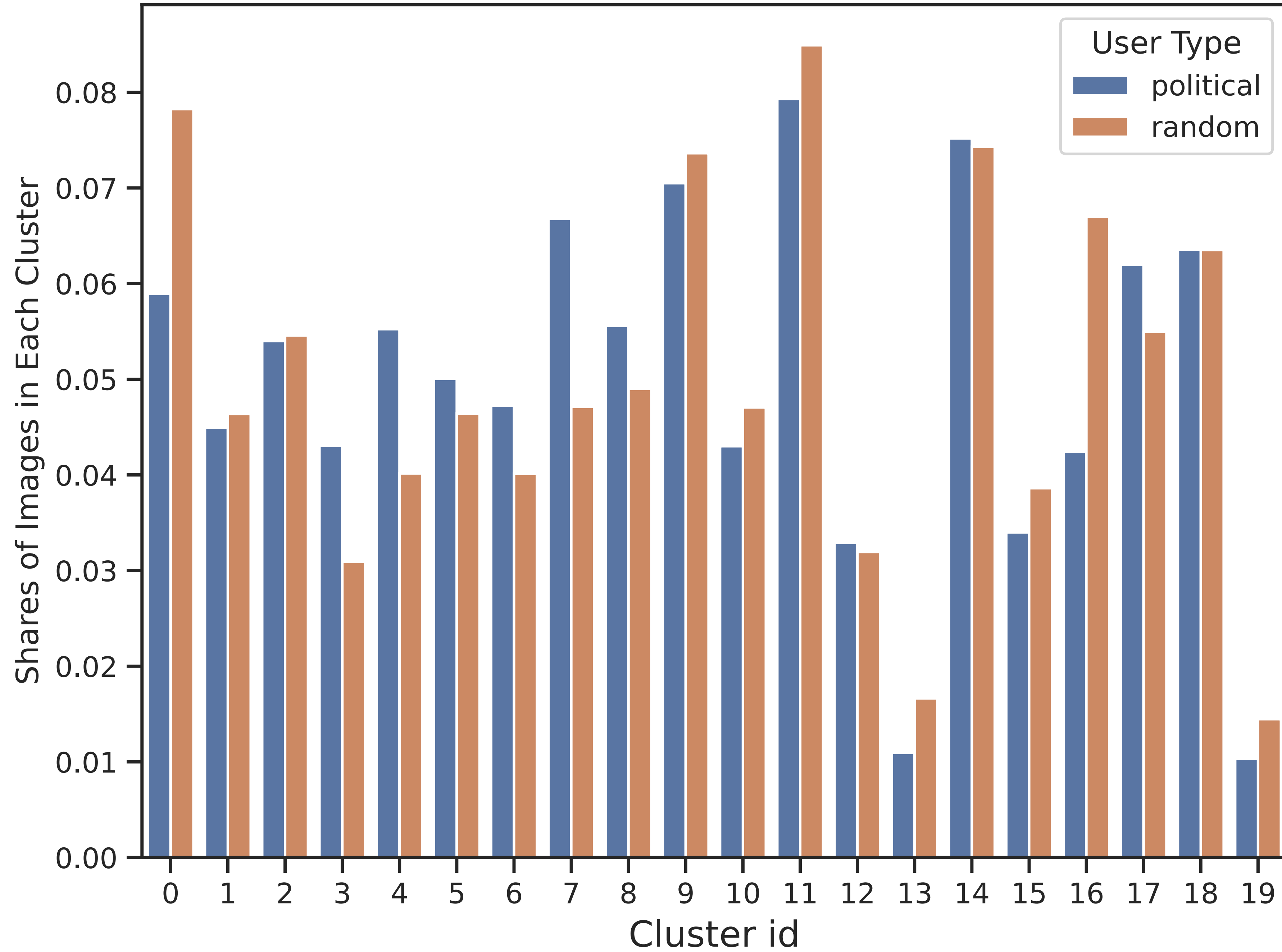
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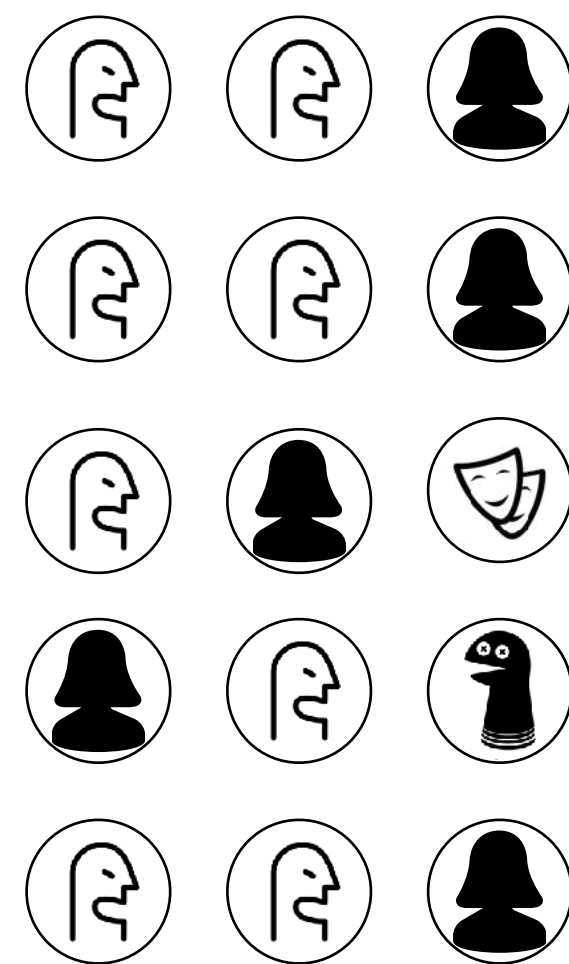
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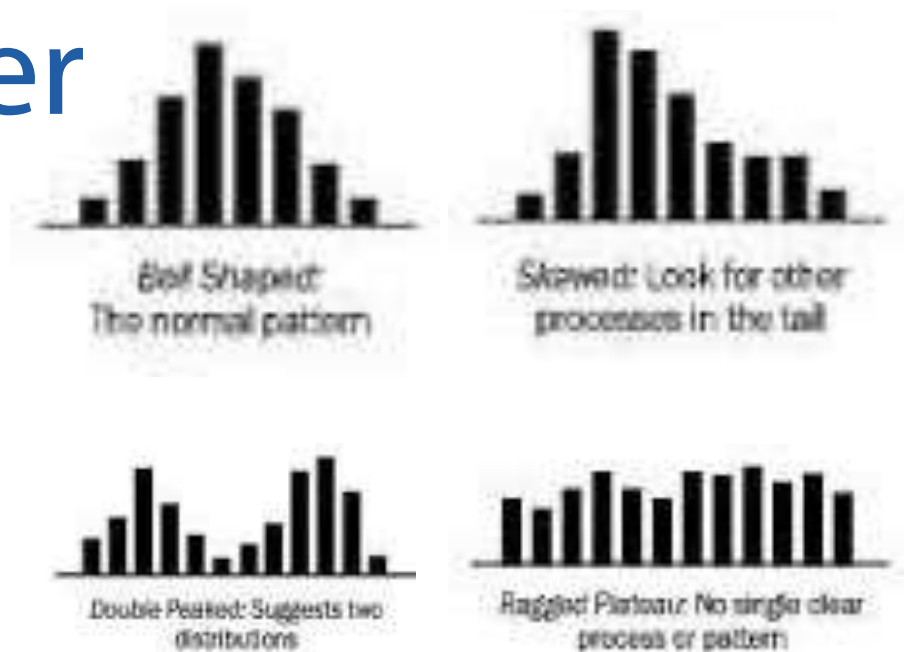


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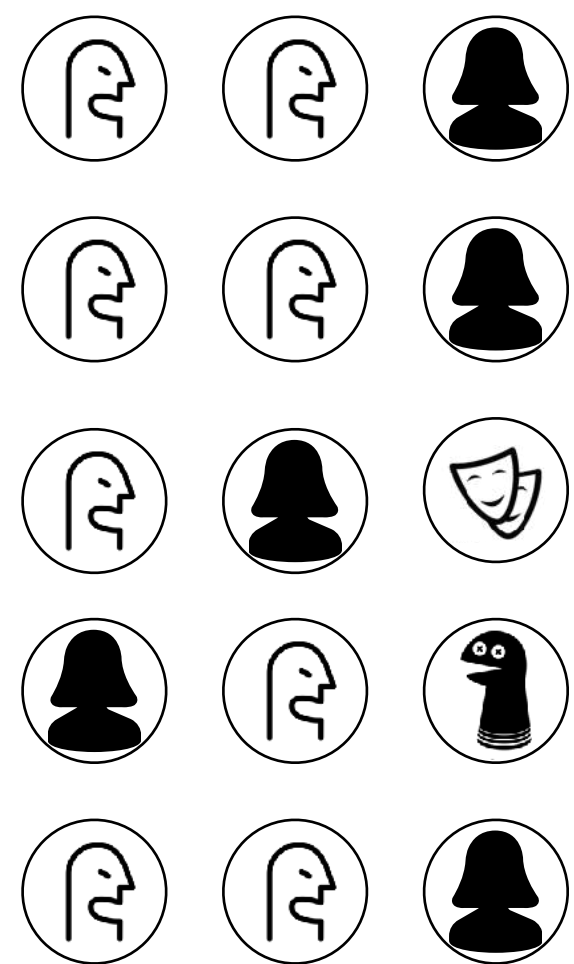
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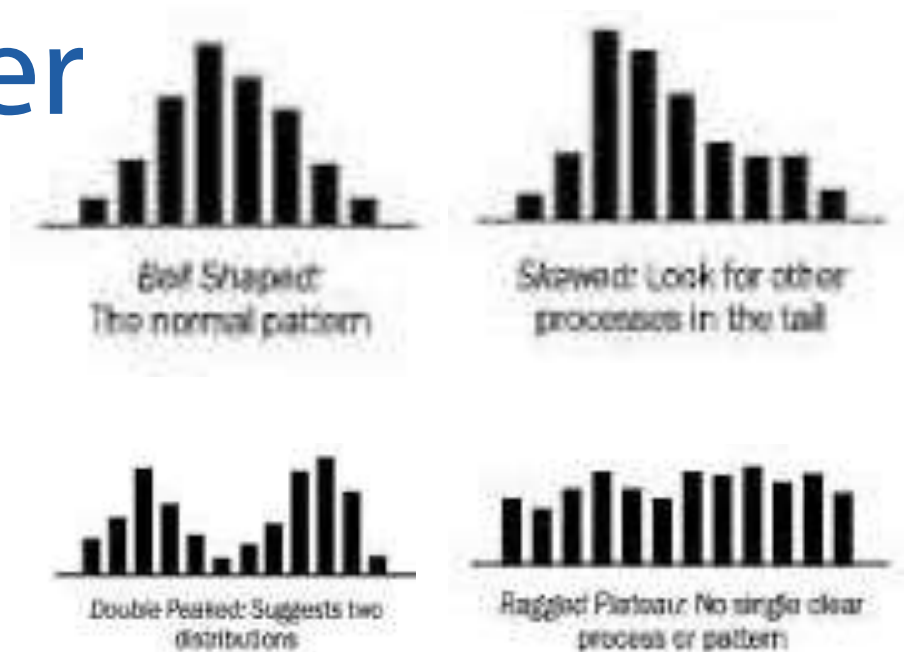
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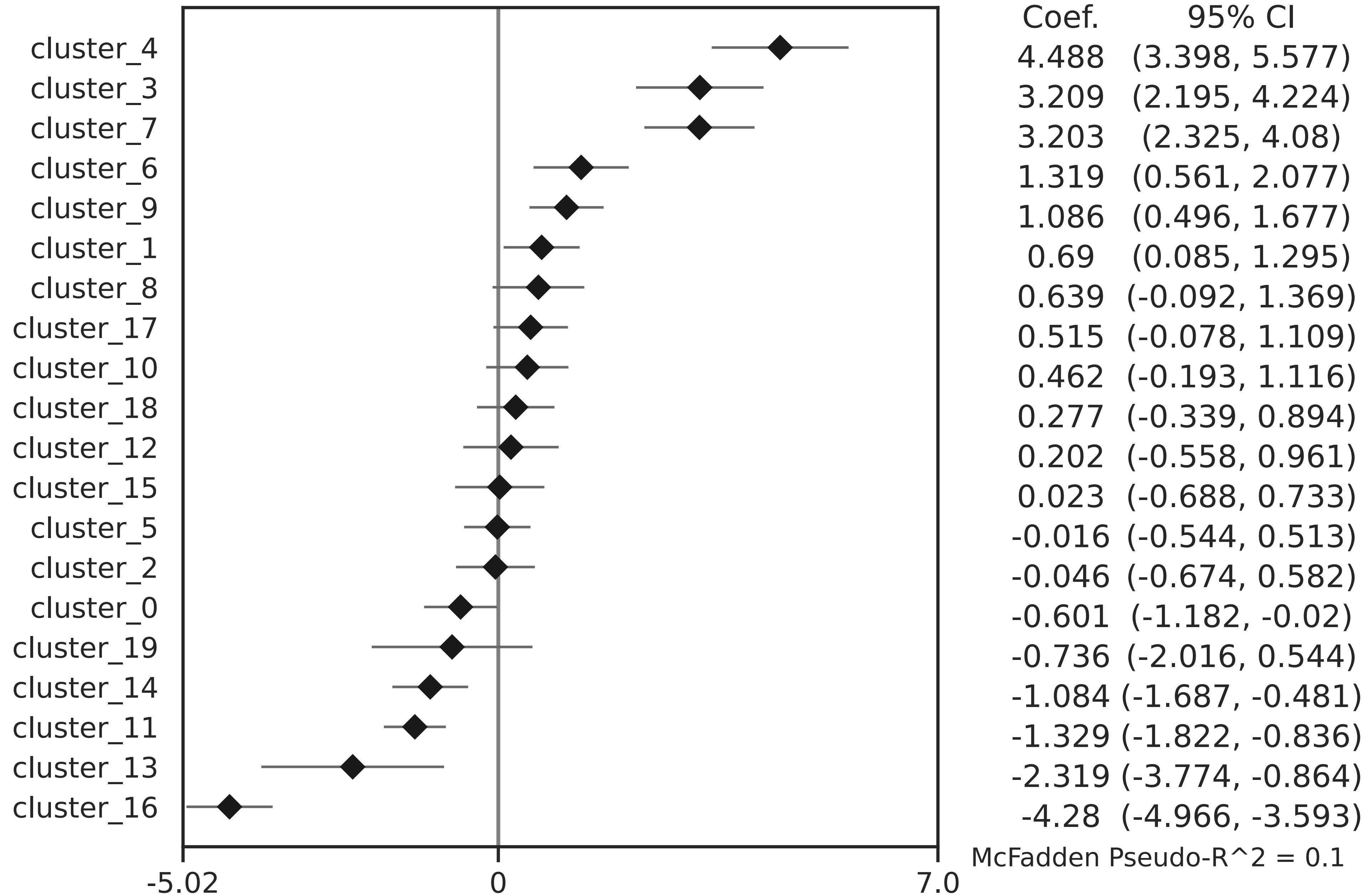
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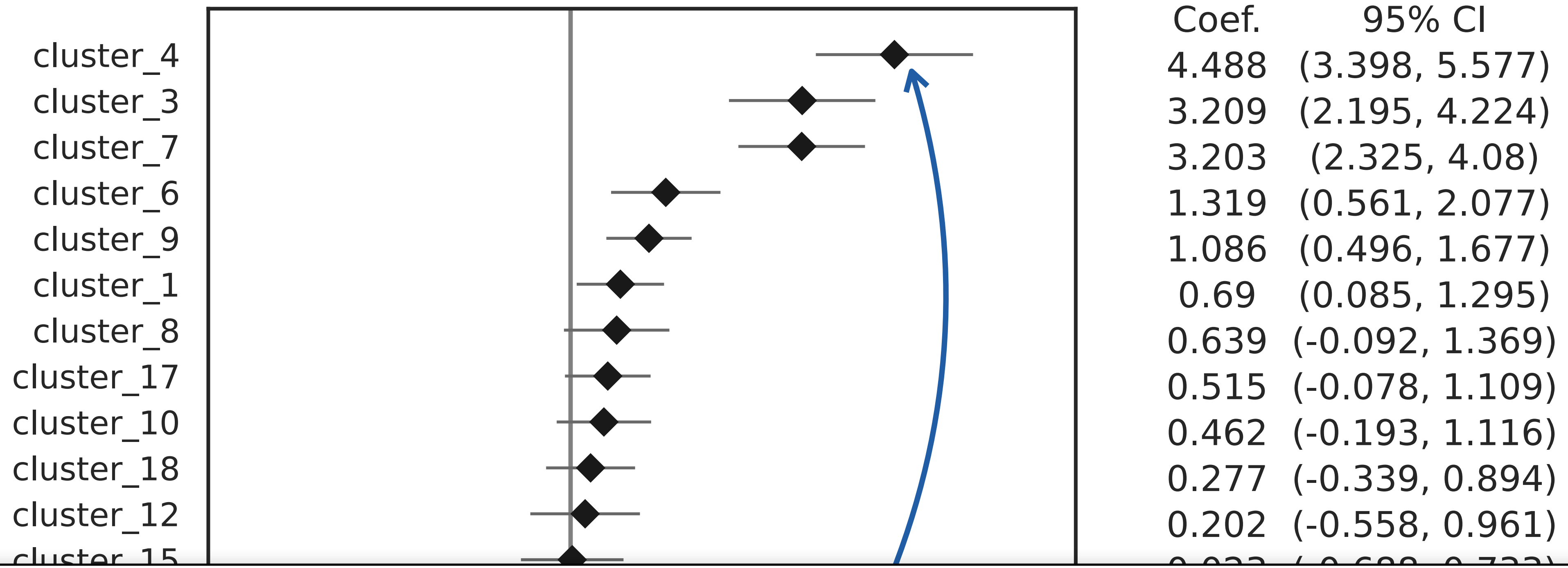


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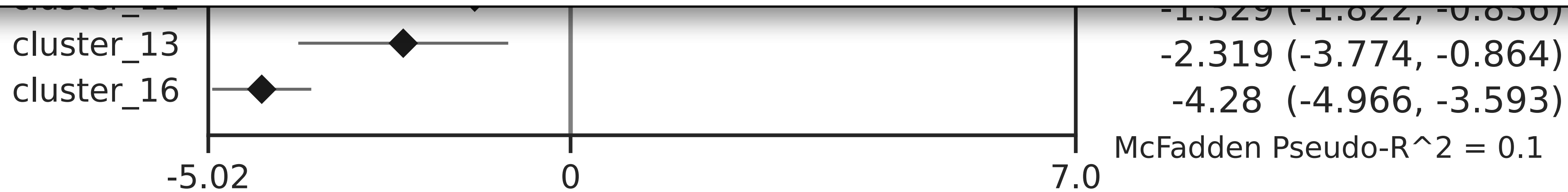
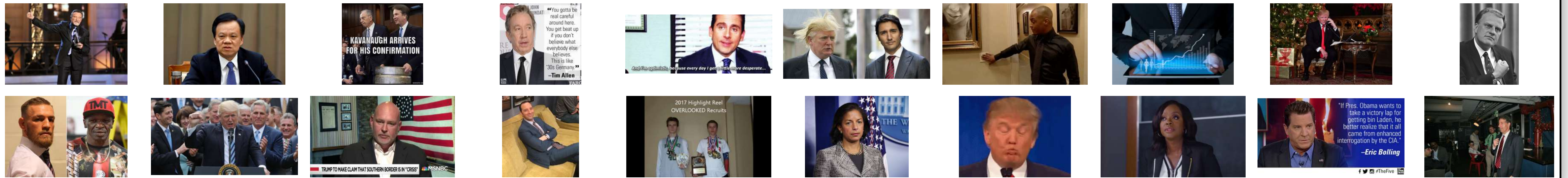


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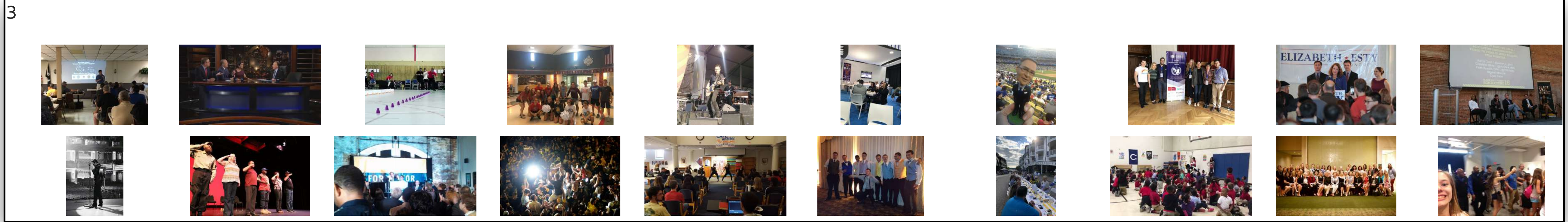
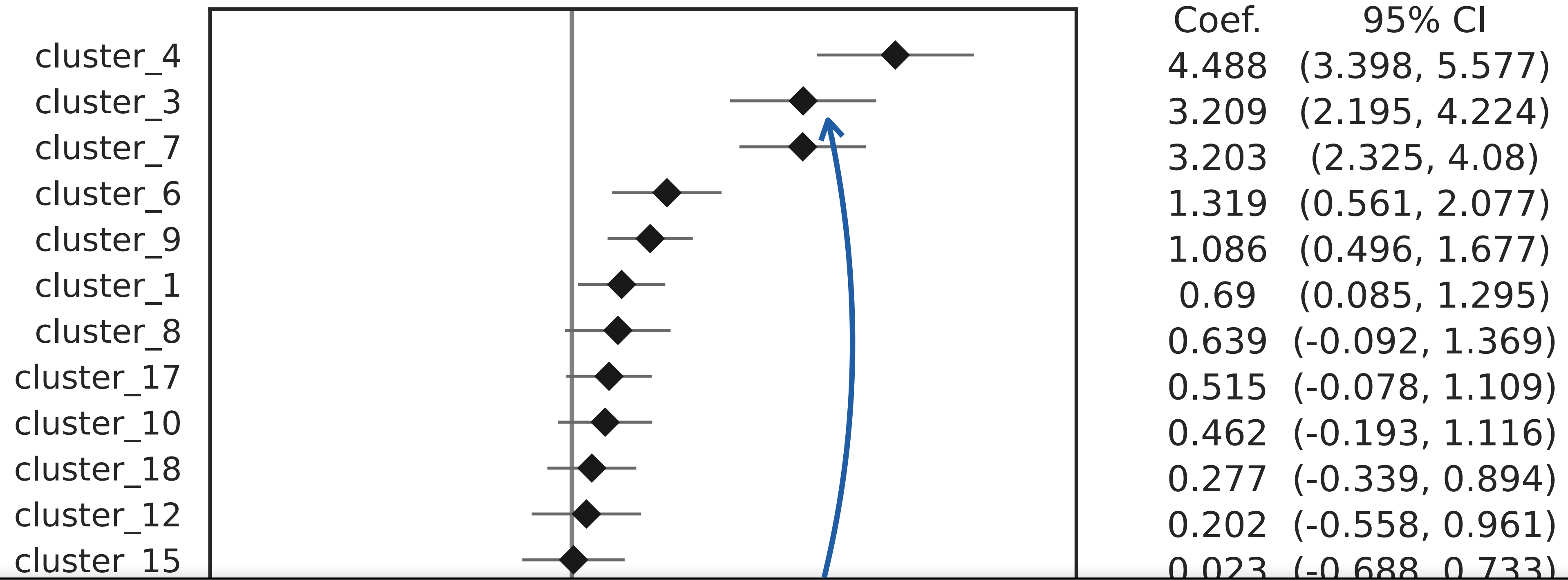
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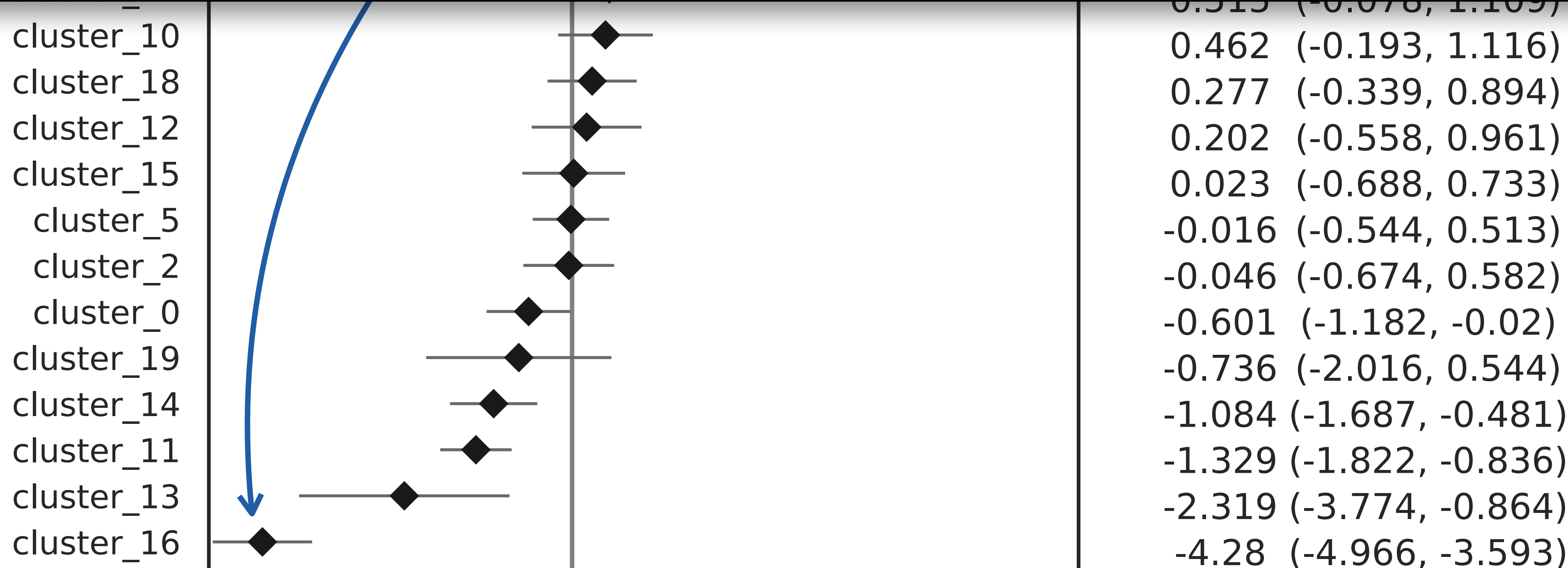
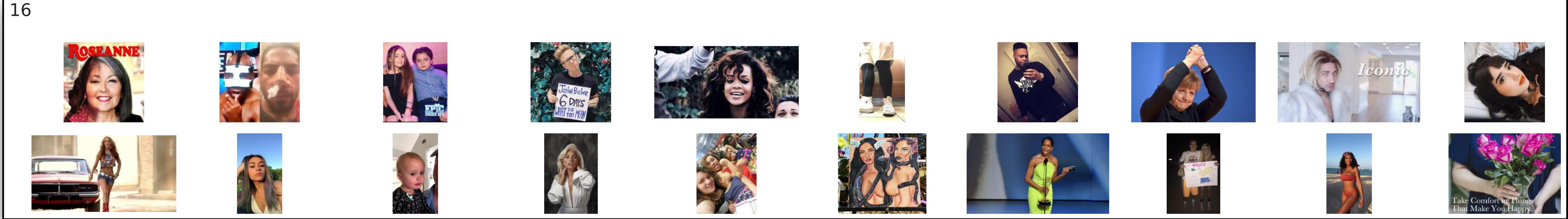
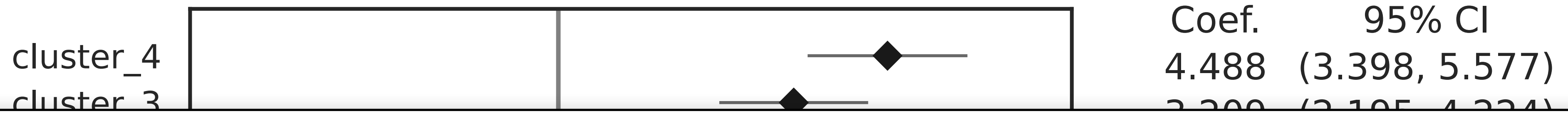
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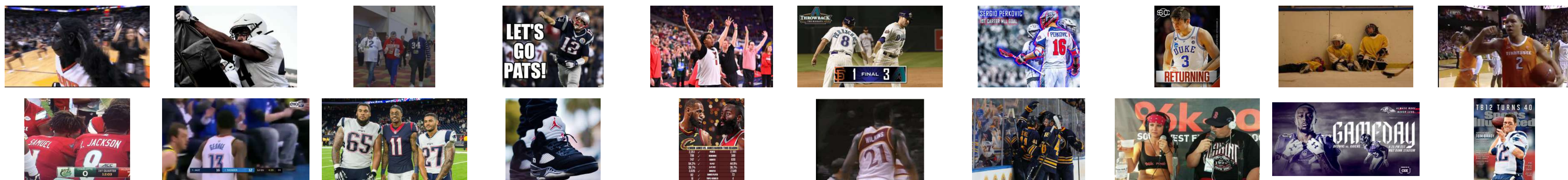


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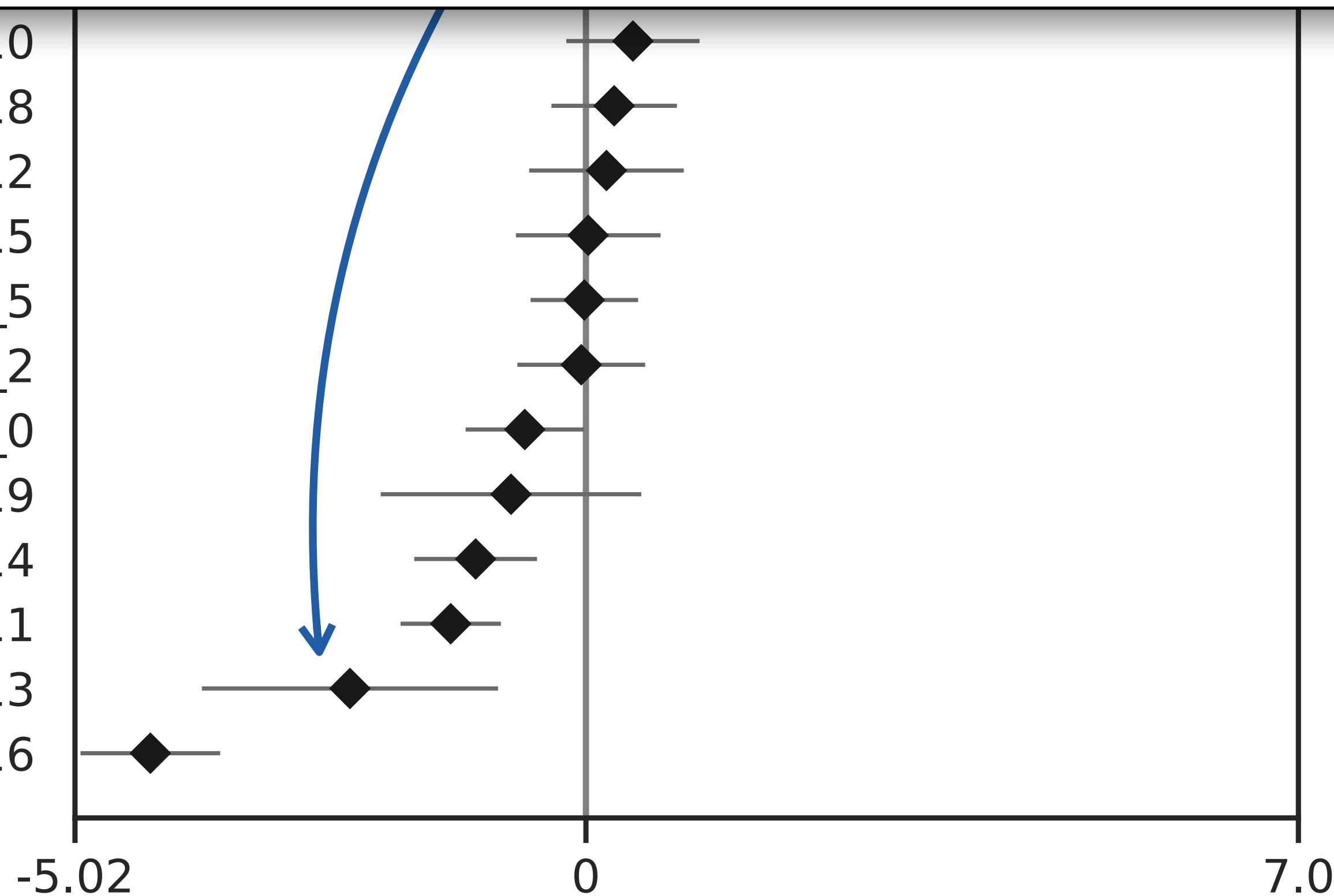
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cluster_4	4.488	(3.398, 5.577)
cluster_3	3.209	(2.195, 4.224)

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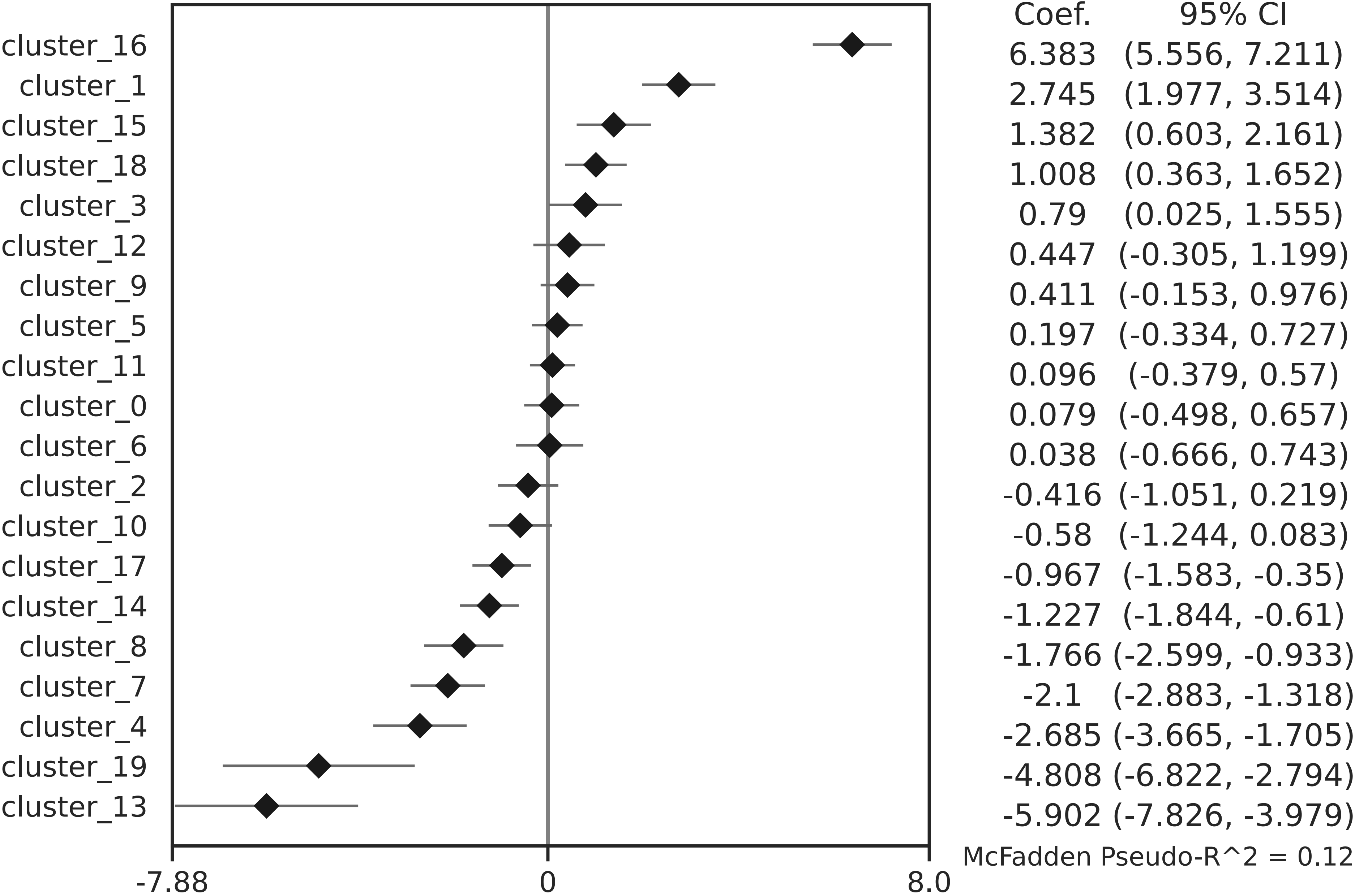


cluster_10	0.462	(-0.193, 1.116)
cluster_18	0.277	(-0.339, 0.894)
cluster_12	0.202	(-0.558, 0.961)
cluster_15	0.023	(-0.688, 0.733)
cluster_5	-0.016	(-0.544, 0.513)
cluster_2	-0.046	(-0.674, 0.582)
cluster_0	-0.601	(-1.182, -0.02)
cluster_19	-0.736	(-2.016, 0.544)
cluster_14	-1.084	(-1.687, -0.481)
cluster_11	-1.329	(-1.822, -0.836)
cluster_13	-2.319	(-3.774, -0.864)
cluster_16	-4.28	(-4.966, -3.593)

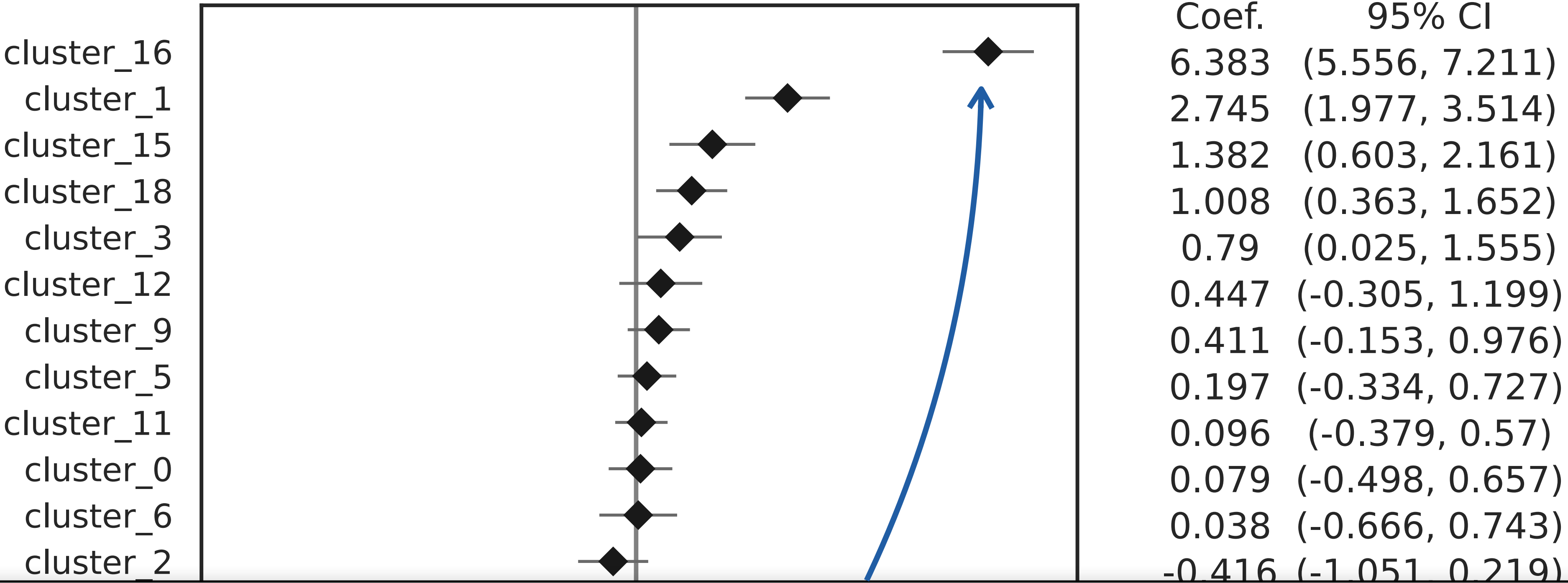


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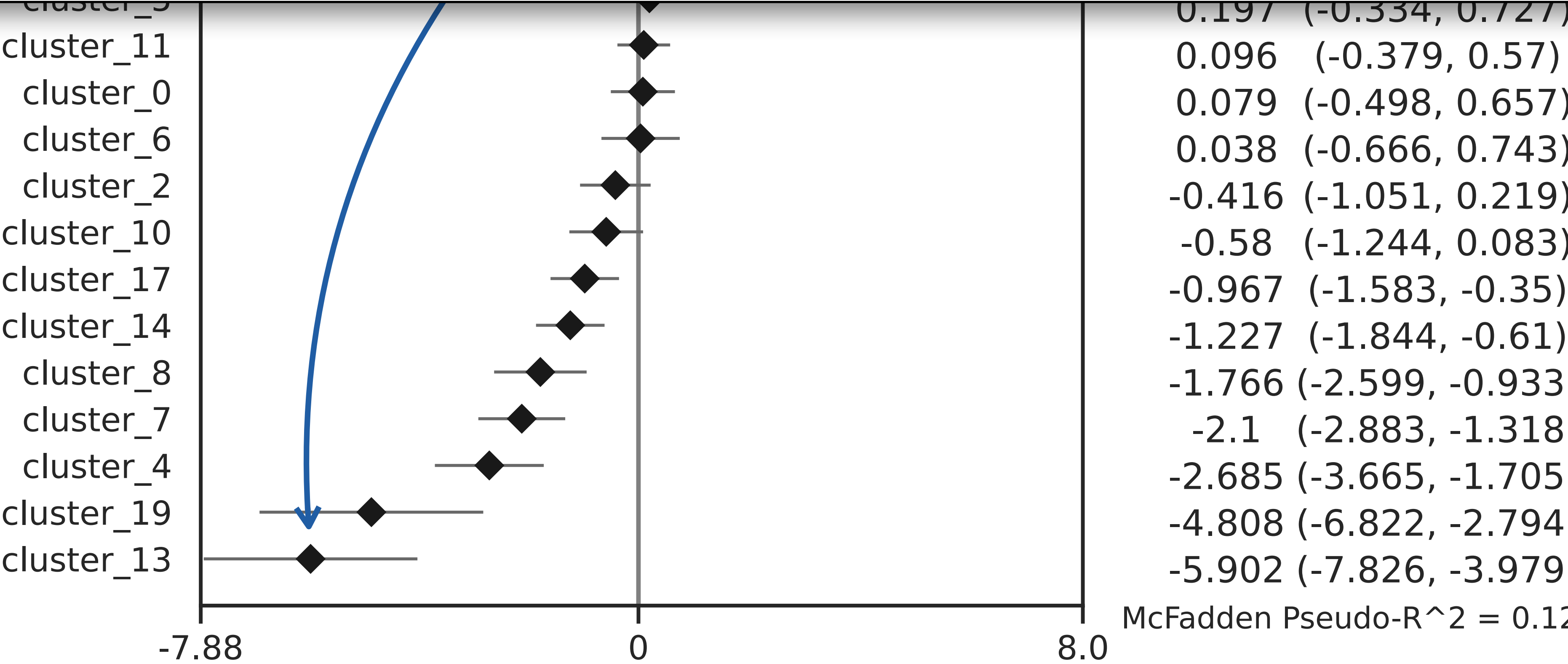
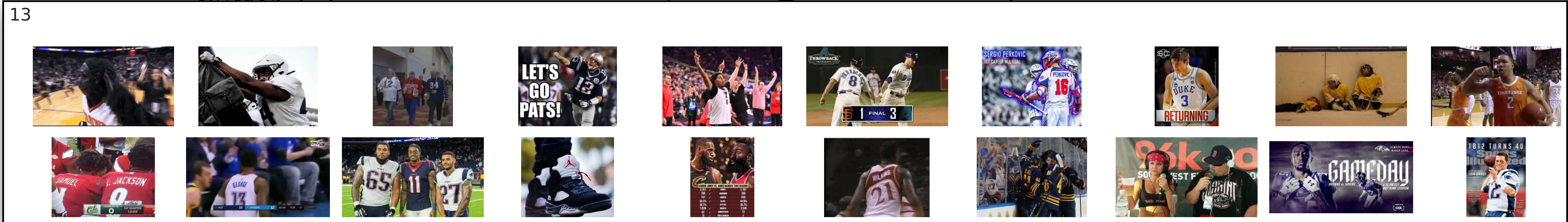


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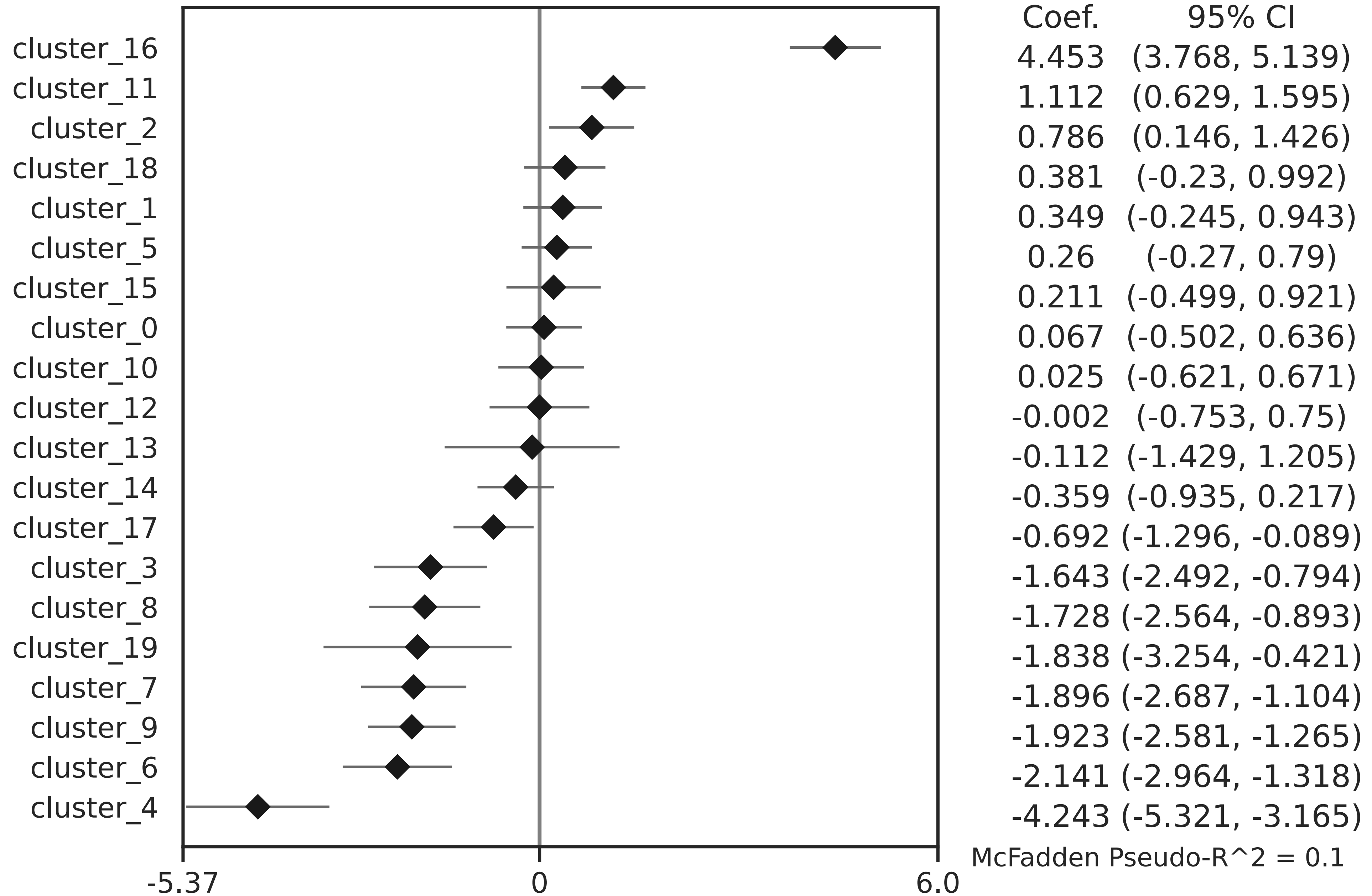


Outcome: Gender = Female, Logistic Regression

cluster_16 Coef. 95% CI
 6.383 (5.556, 7.211)

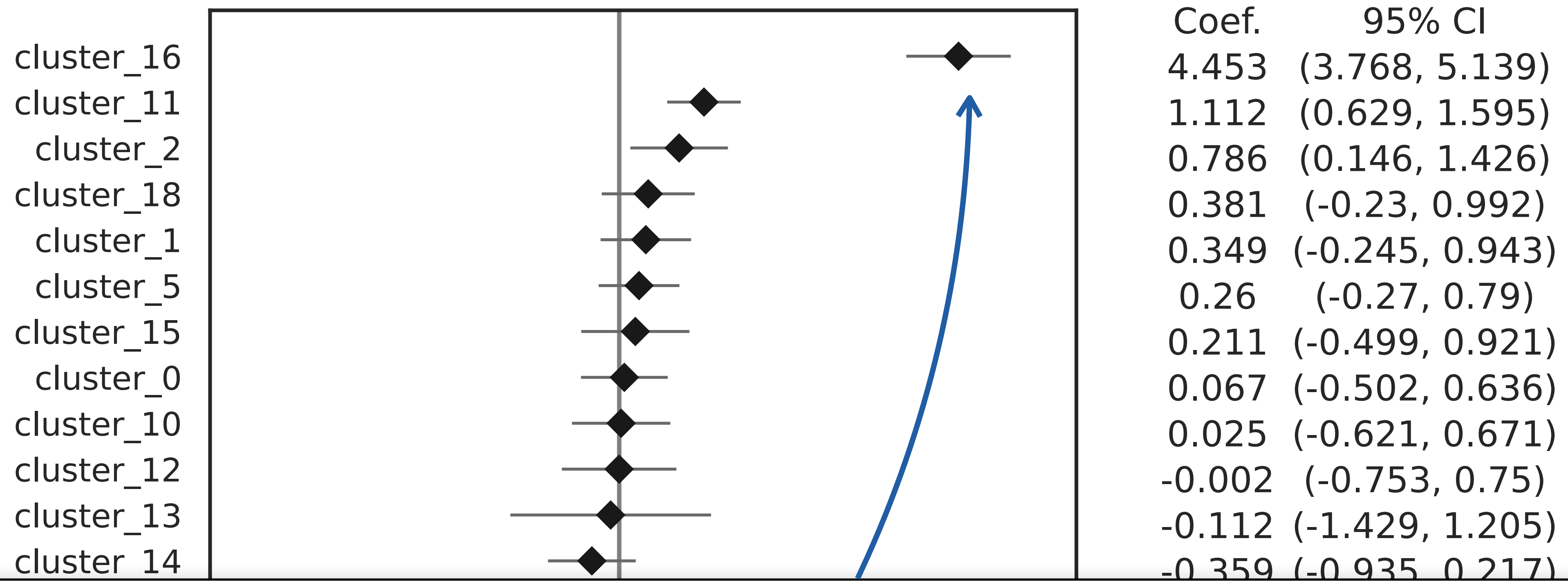


Outcome: Age < 30, Logistic Regression



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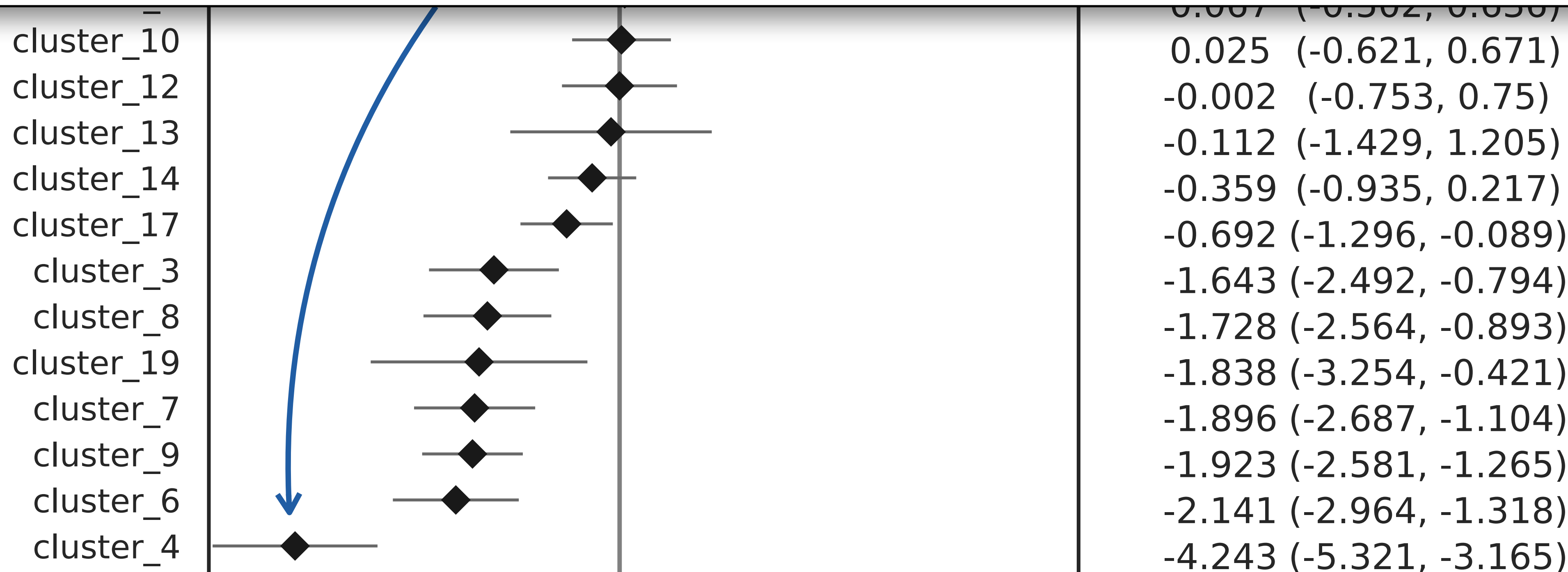
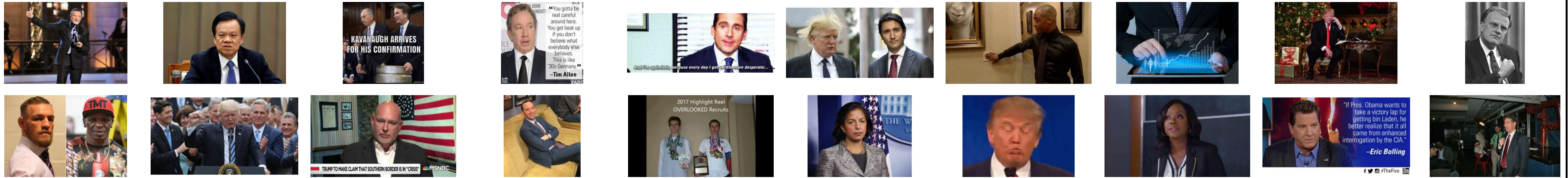
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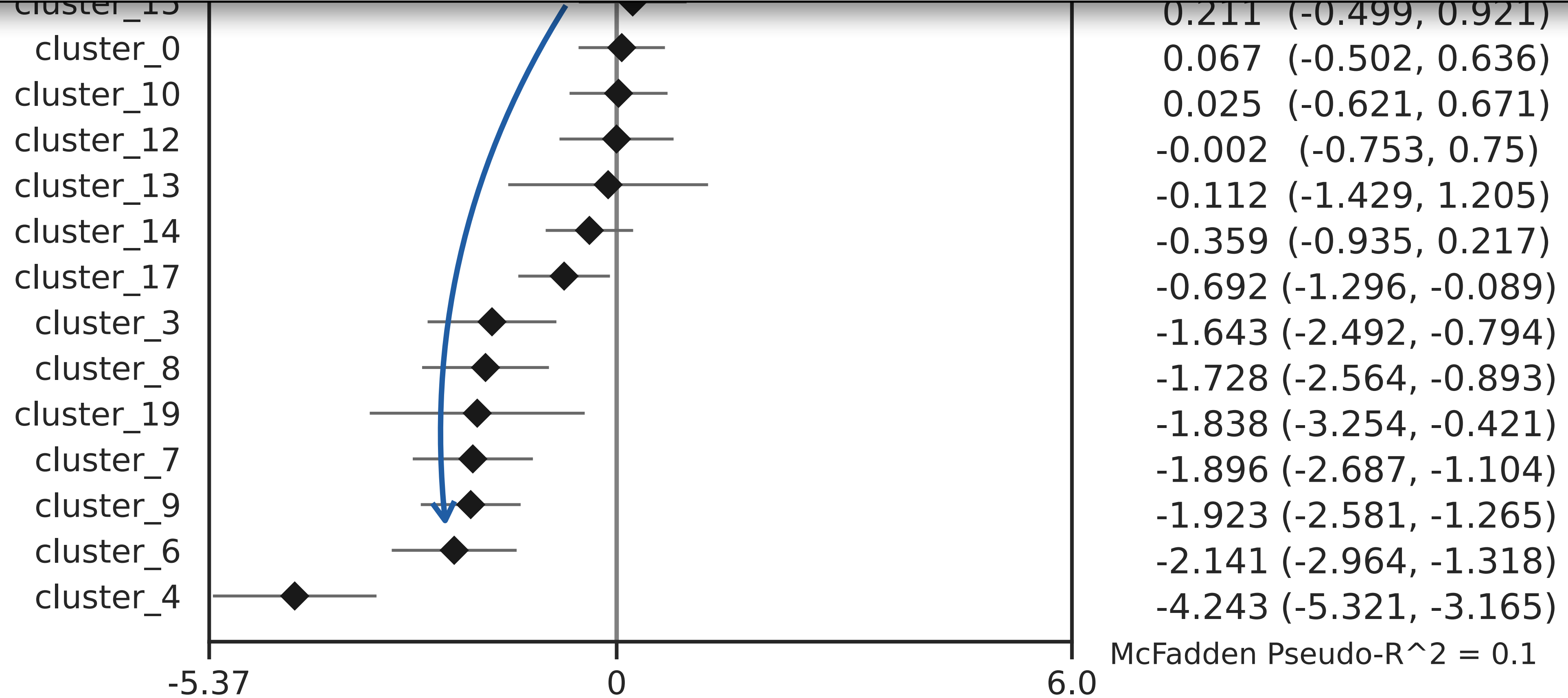
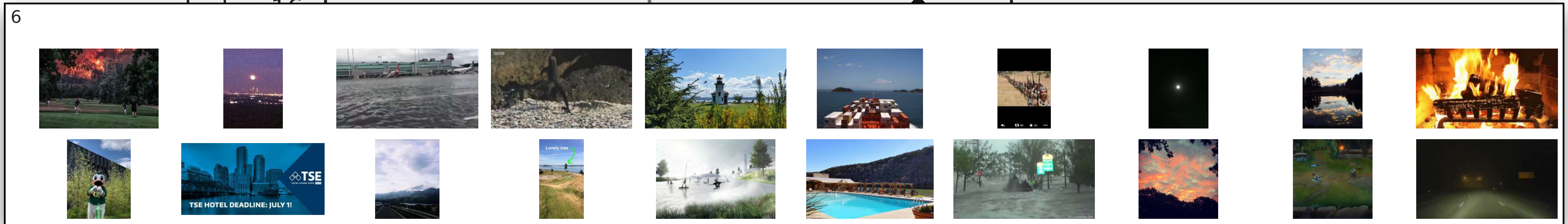
	Coef.	95% CI
cluster_16	4.453	(3.768, 5.139)
cluster_11	1.112	(0.620, 1.595)

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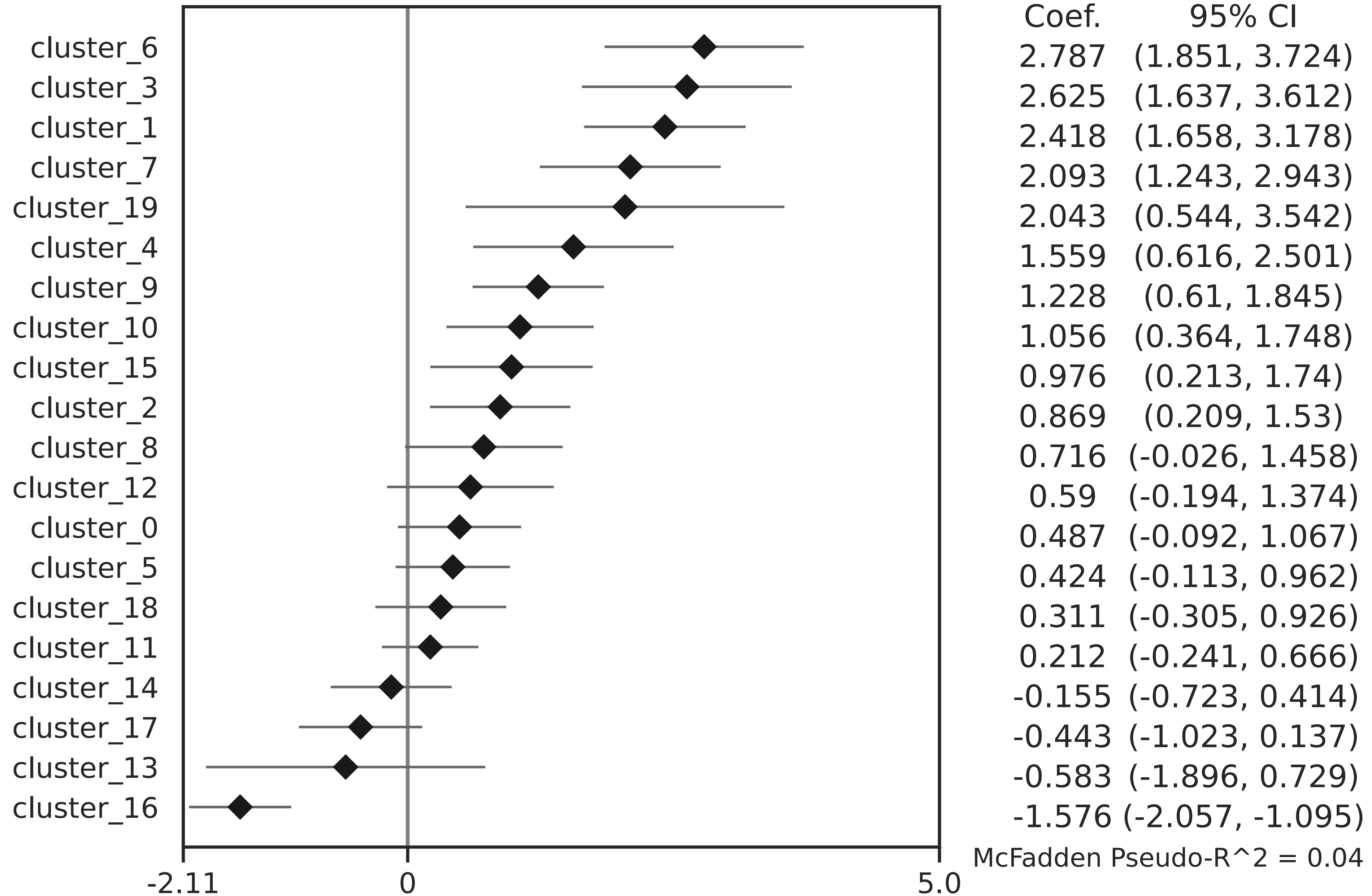


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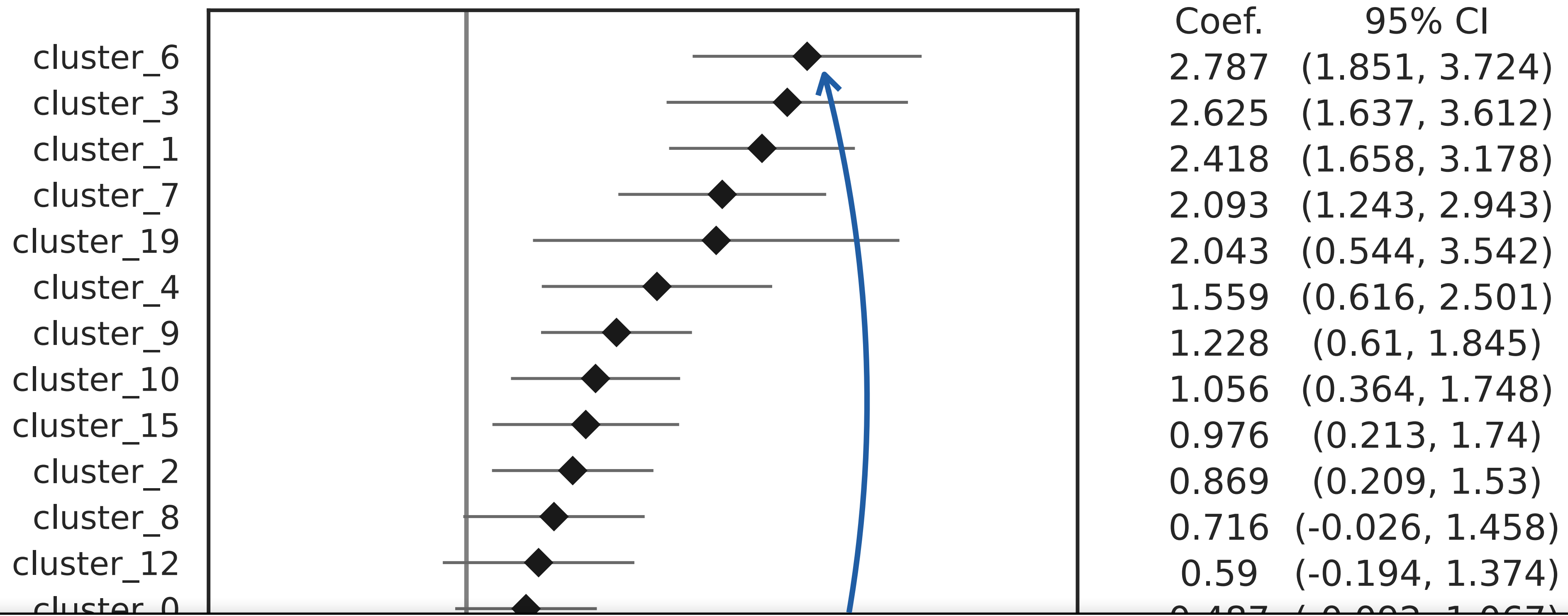
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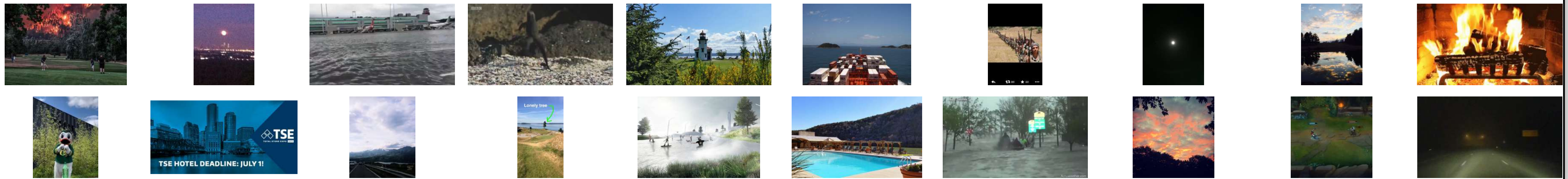
Outcome: Race = White, Logistic Regression



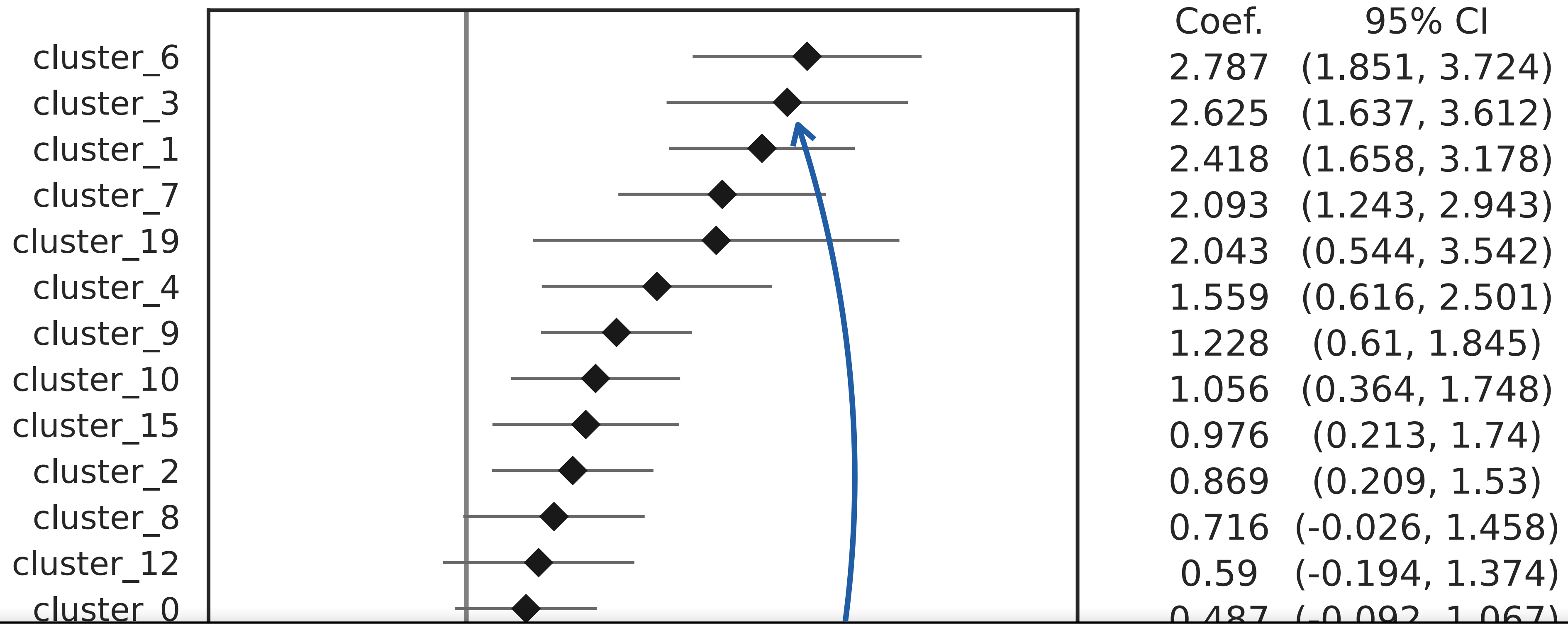
Outcome: Race = White, Logistic Regression



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cluster_6

Coef. 2.787
95% CI (1.851, 3.724)

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cluster_16

1.056 (0.564, 1.748)

cluster_15

0.976 (0.213, 1.74)

cluster_2

0.869 (0.209, 1.53)

cluster_8

0.716 (-0.026, 1.458)

cluster_12

0.59 (-0.194, 1.374)

cluster_0

0.487 (-0.092, 1.067)

cluster_5

0.424 (-0.113, 0.962)

cluster_18

0.311 (-0.305, 0.926)

cluster_11

0.212 (-0.241, 0.666)

cluster_14

-0.155 (-0.723, 0.414)

cluster_17

-0.443 (-1.023, 0.137)

cluster_13

-0.583 (-1.896, 0.729)

cluster_16

-1.576 (-2.057, -1.095)

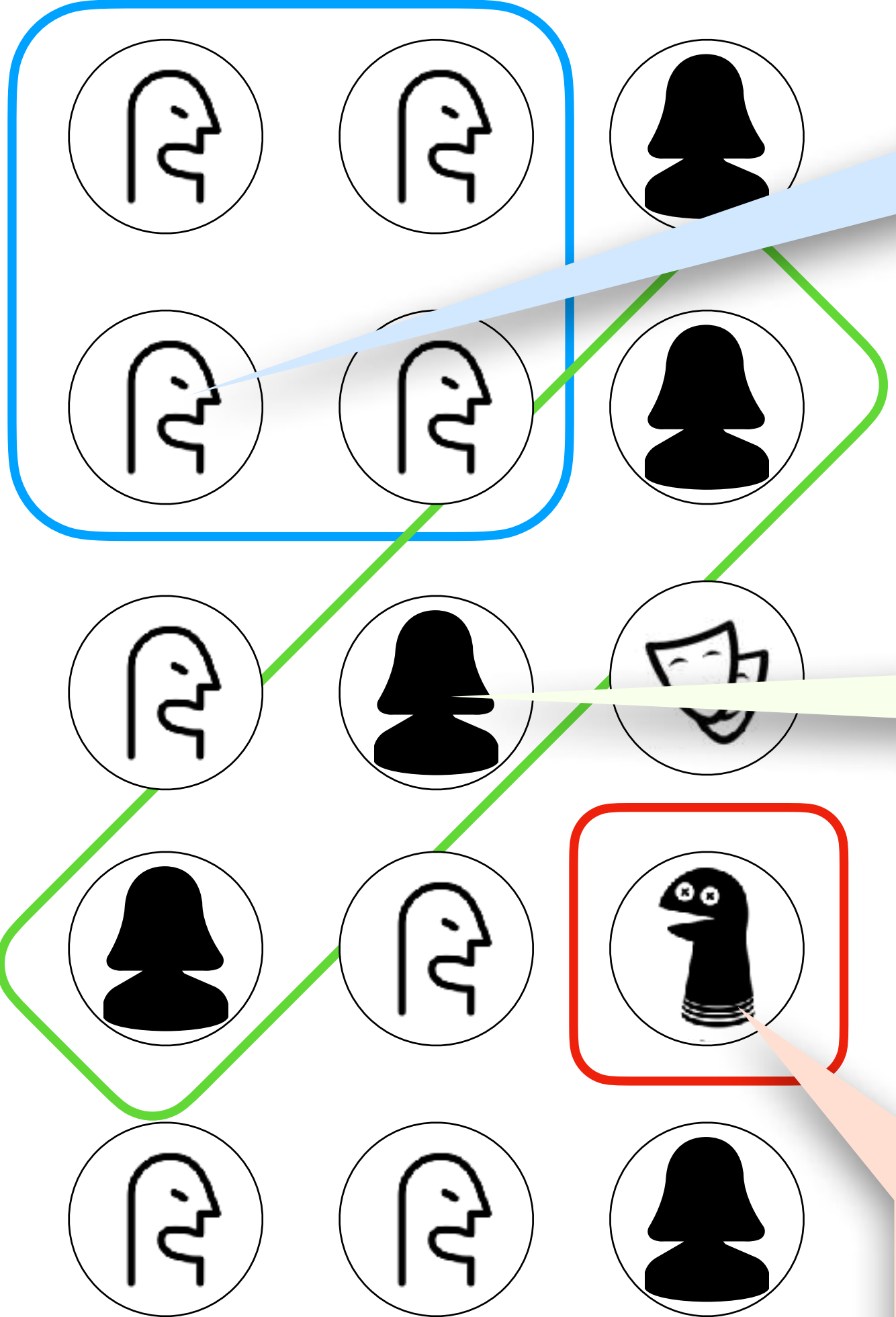
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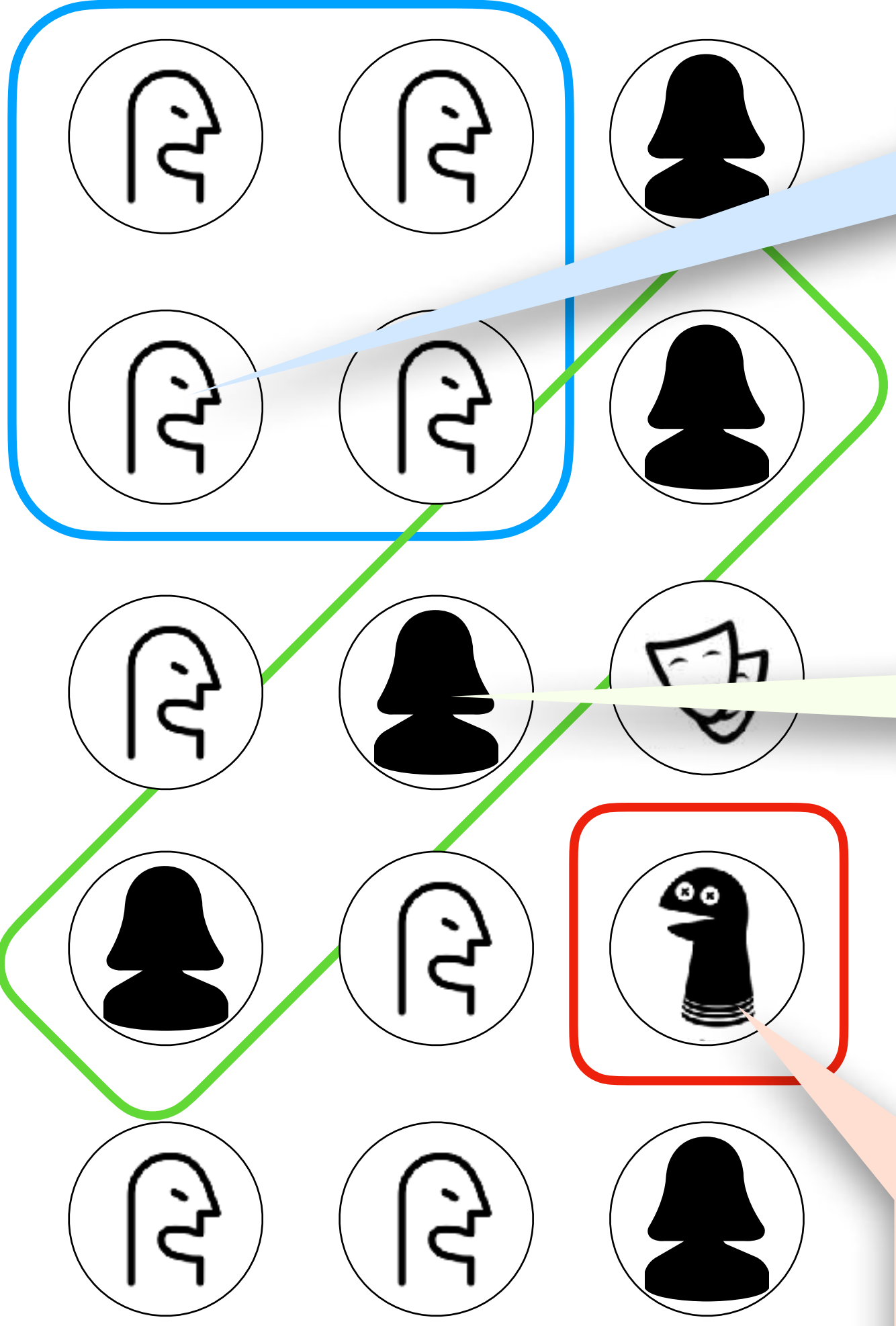
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Findings



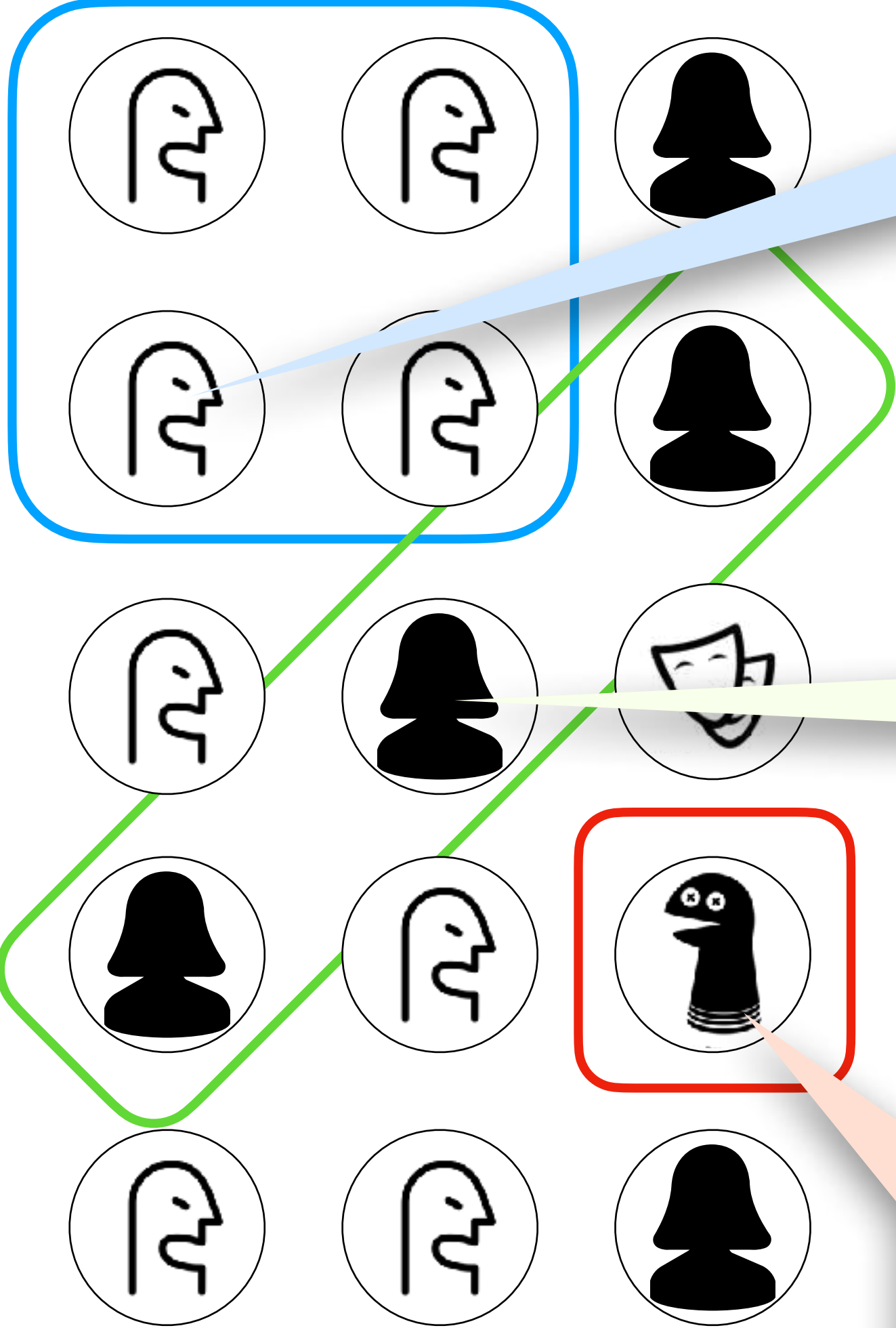
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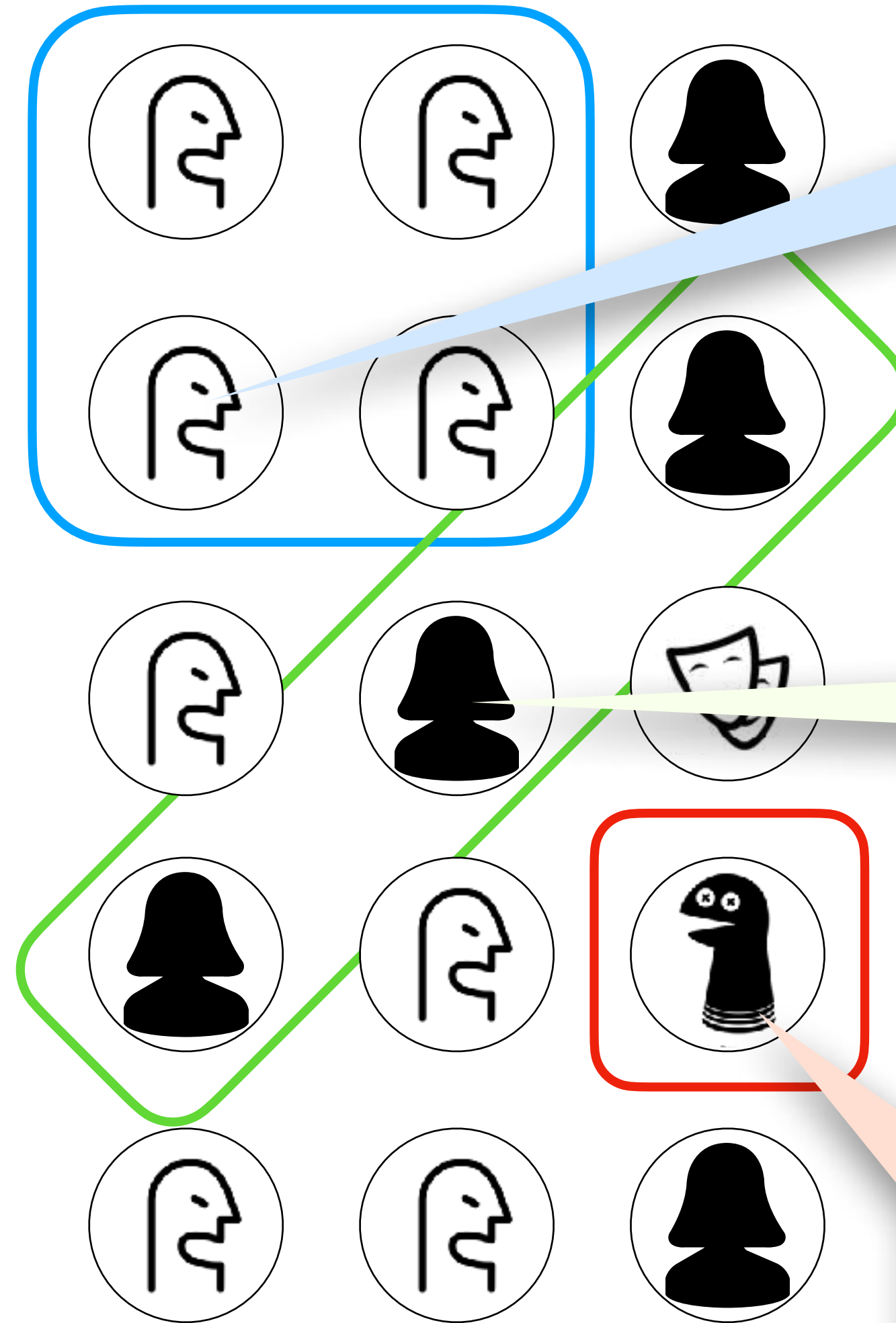
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Thank you! Questions?

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