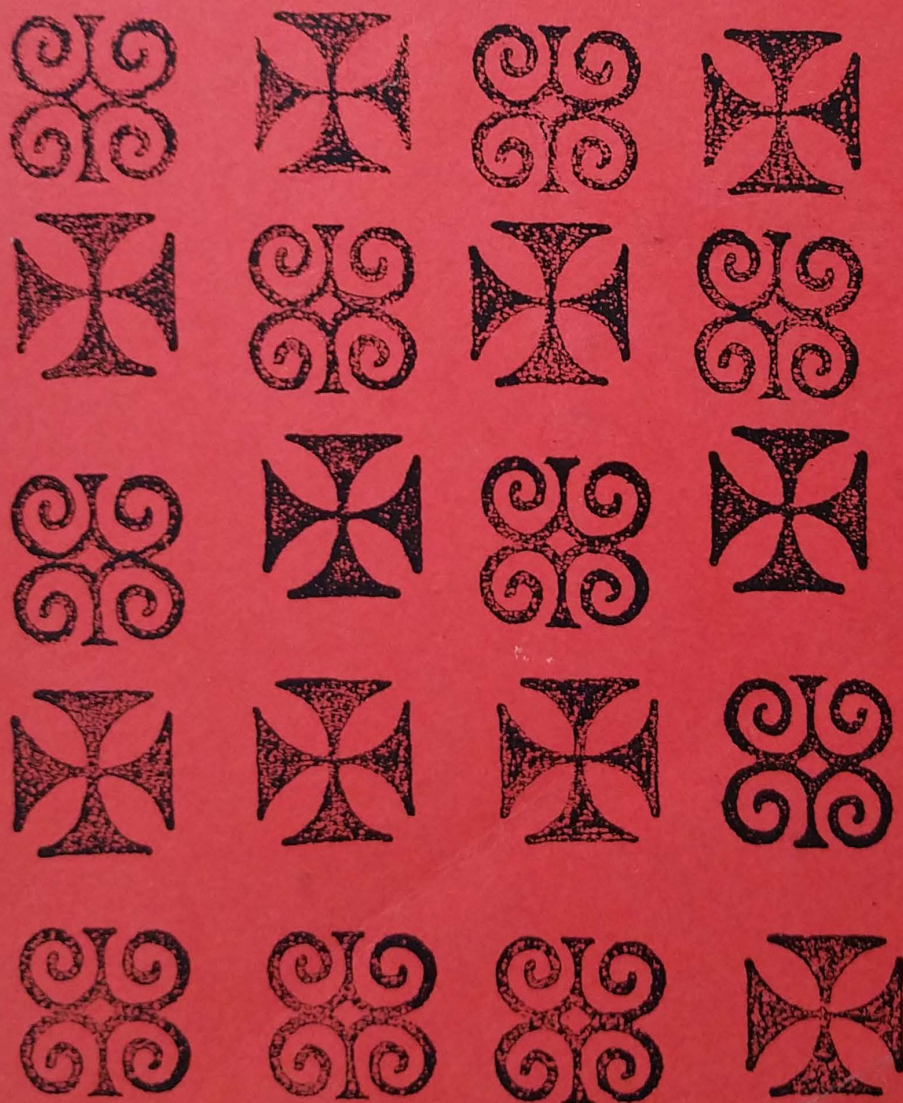


ADINKRA
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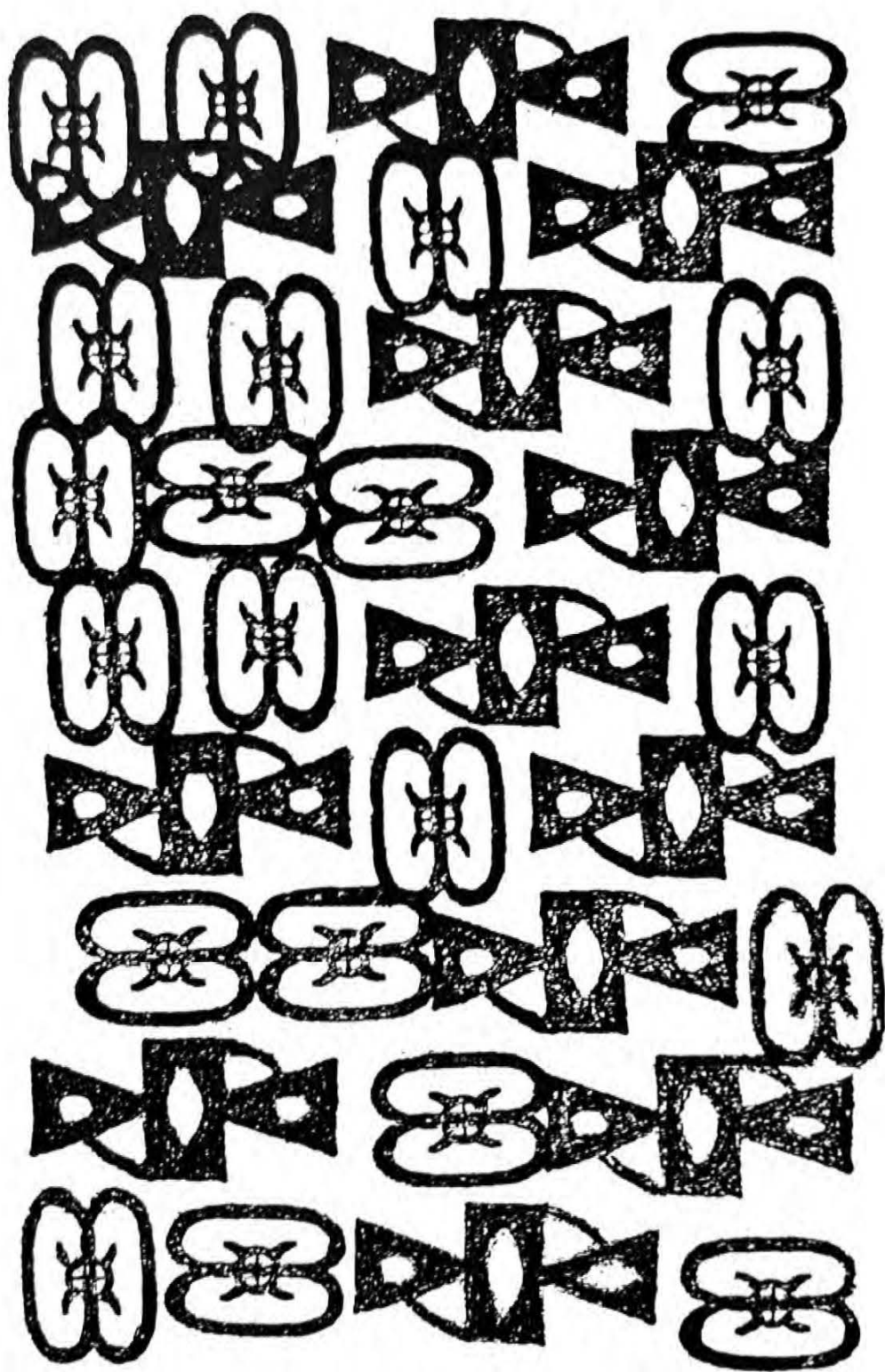


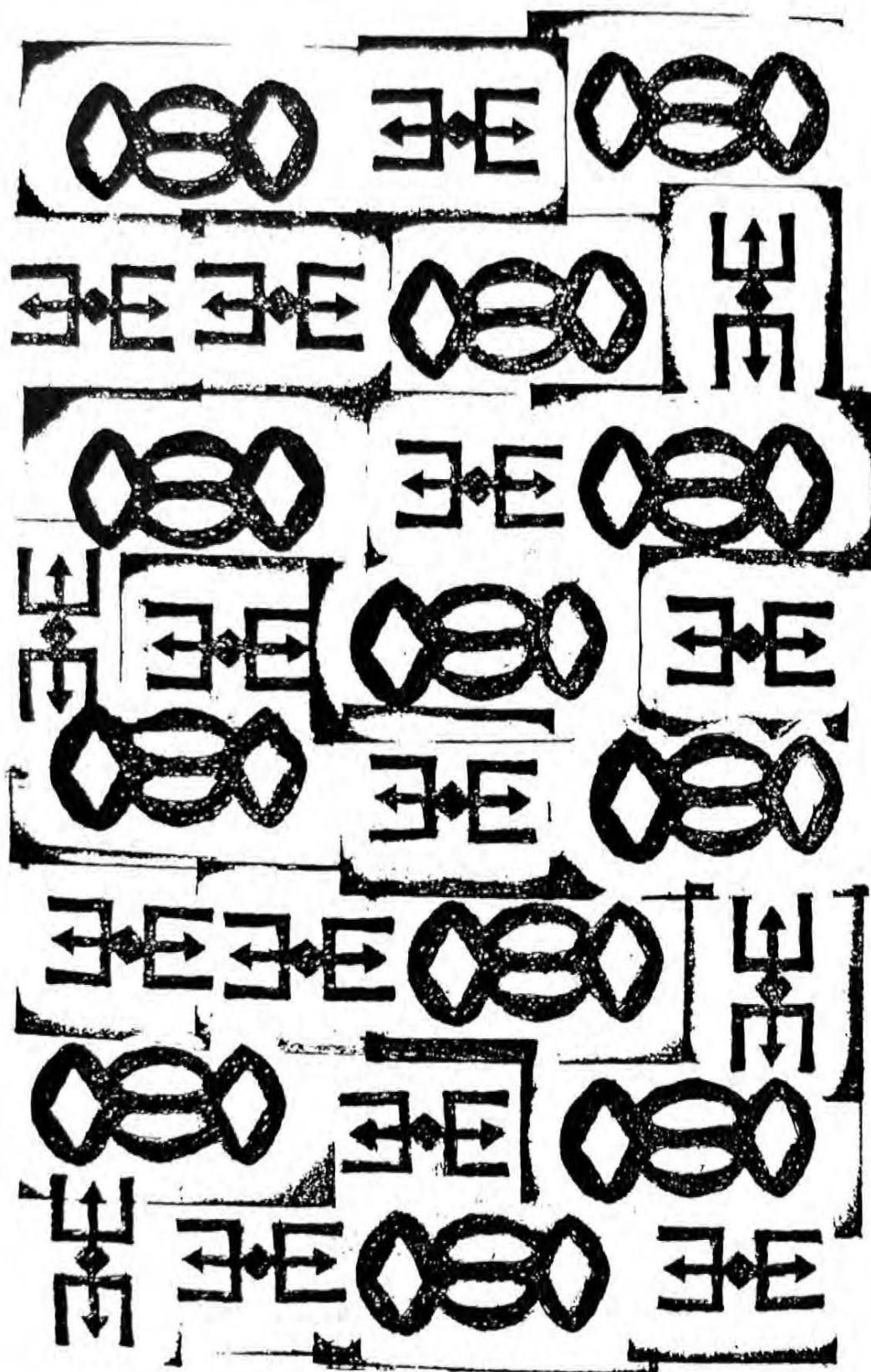
Adinkra are West African symbols named after a 19th Century Ivory Coast King. The symbols were copied from the Ashanti royal stool. An interpretation of Adinkra holds that the word is composed of "di", to employ or make use of, and "nkra", message or intelligence.

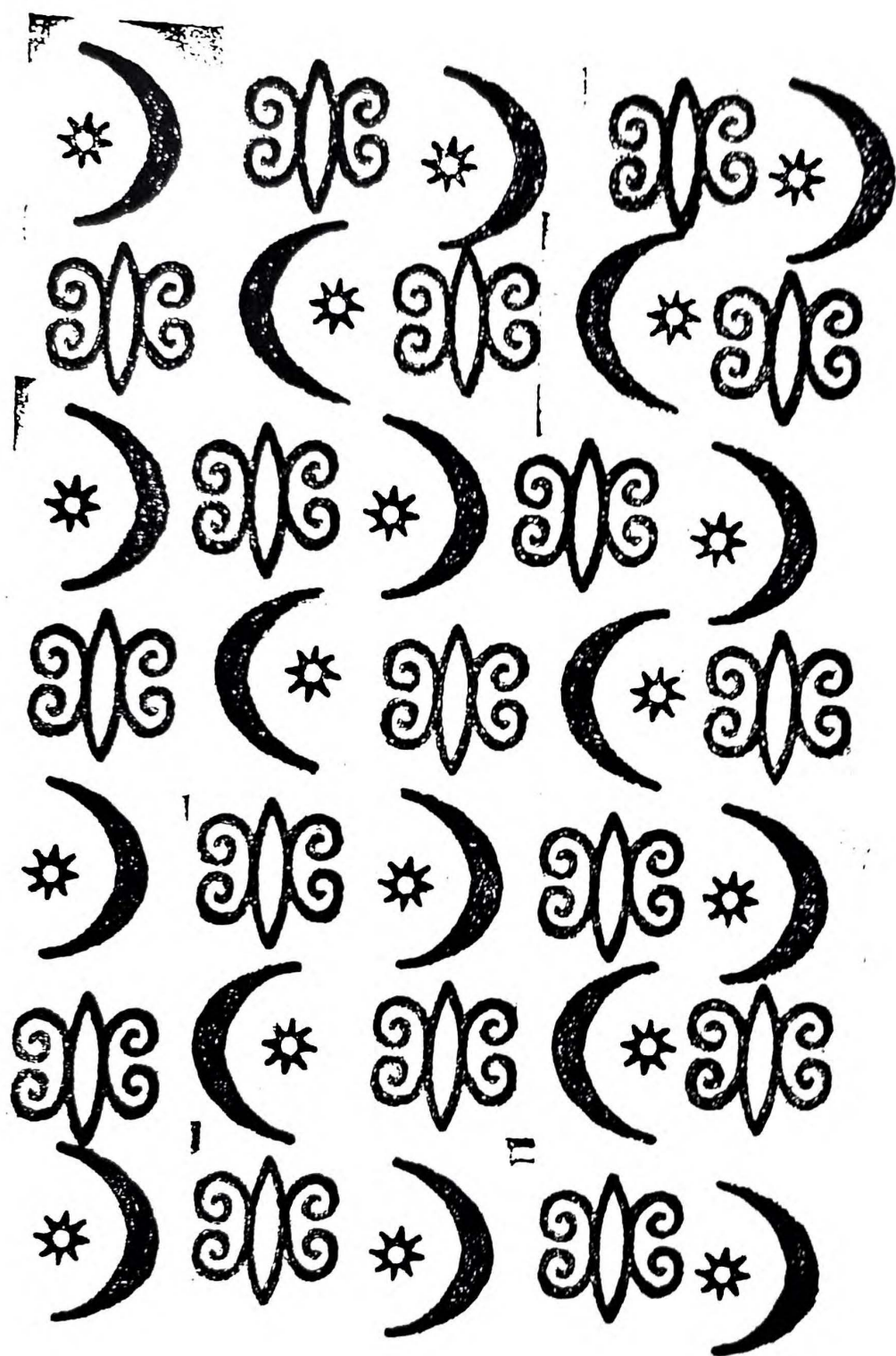
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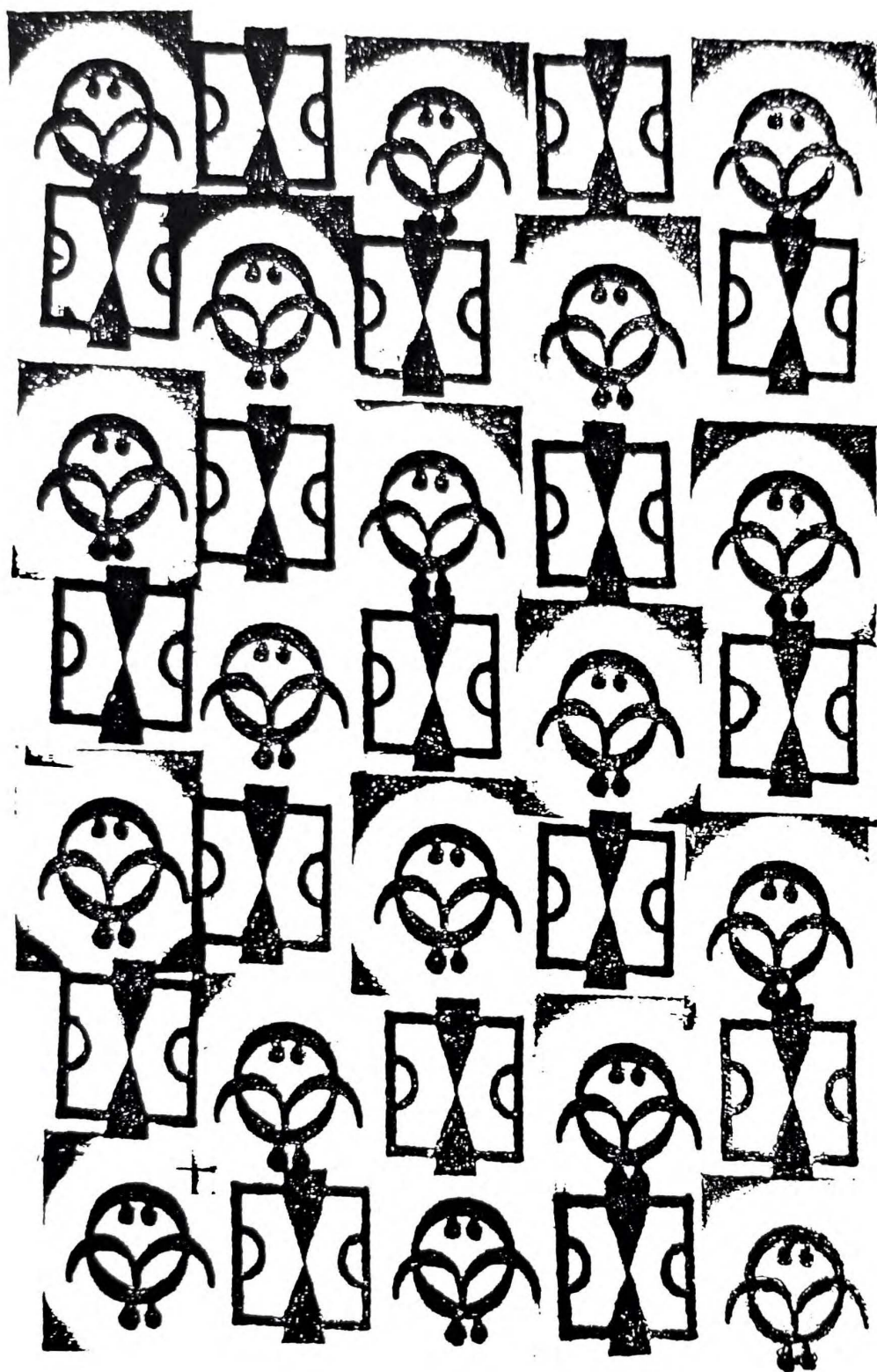
- 1) Welcome! I salute you!
- 2) I salute you with understanding.
- 3) Forgiveness and faithfulness.
- 4) Enjoy yourself, but two heads are better than one.
- 5) With understanding comes wisdom.
- 6) The king sees all performance of the unusual.
- 7) Two good friends see one another with love.
- 8) Drum: hand comes, hand go.
- 9) Learn from your mistakes but think ahead.
- 10) Strength brings good fortune.
- 11) Have the courage to give your heart.
- 12) The King knows all.
- 13) Hope for understanding.
- 15) Understand the truth.
- 16) Goodbye! I shall meet you again.

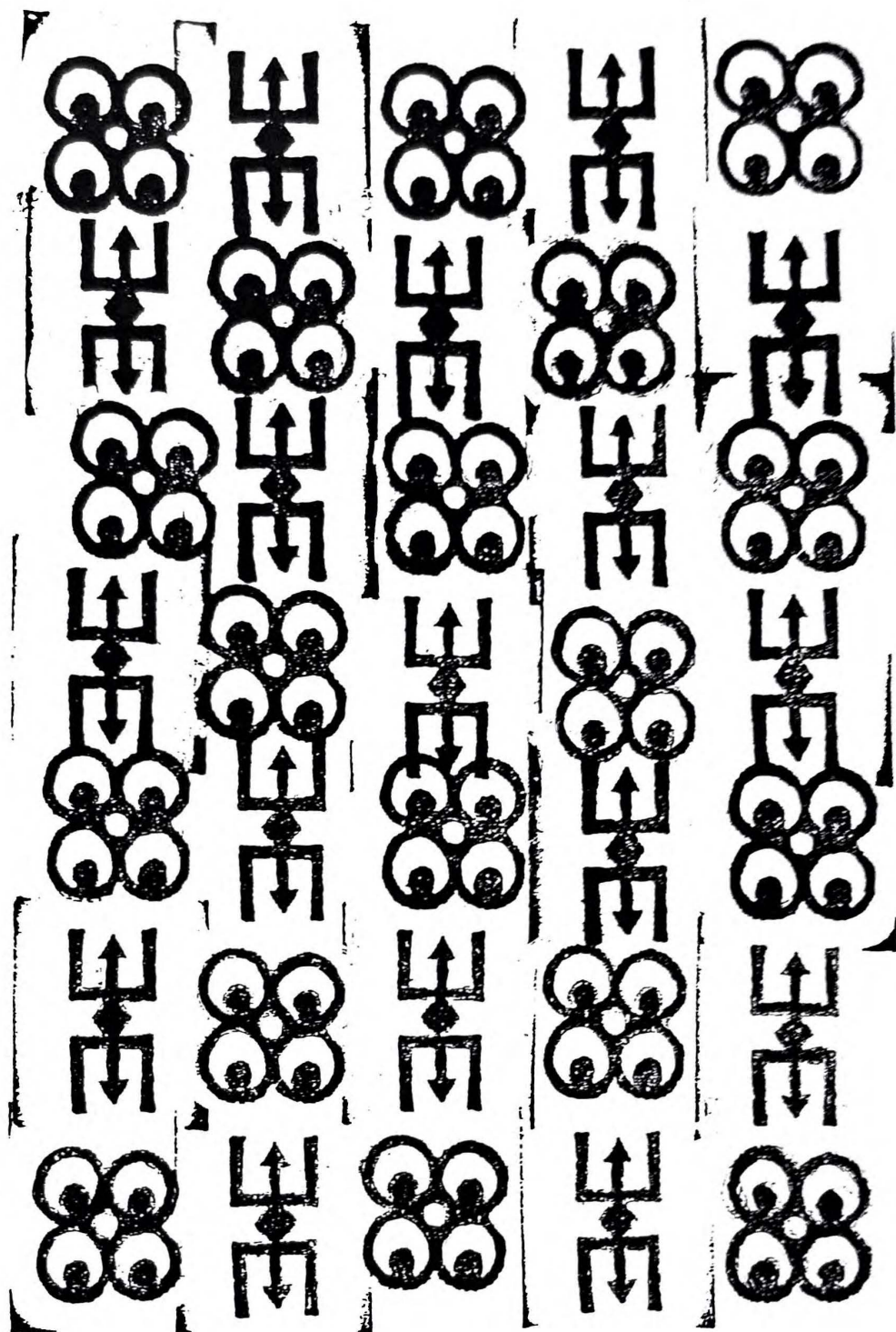
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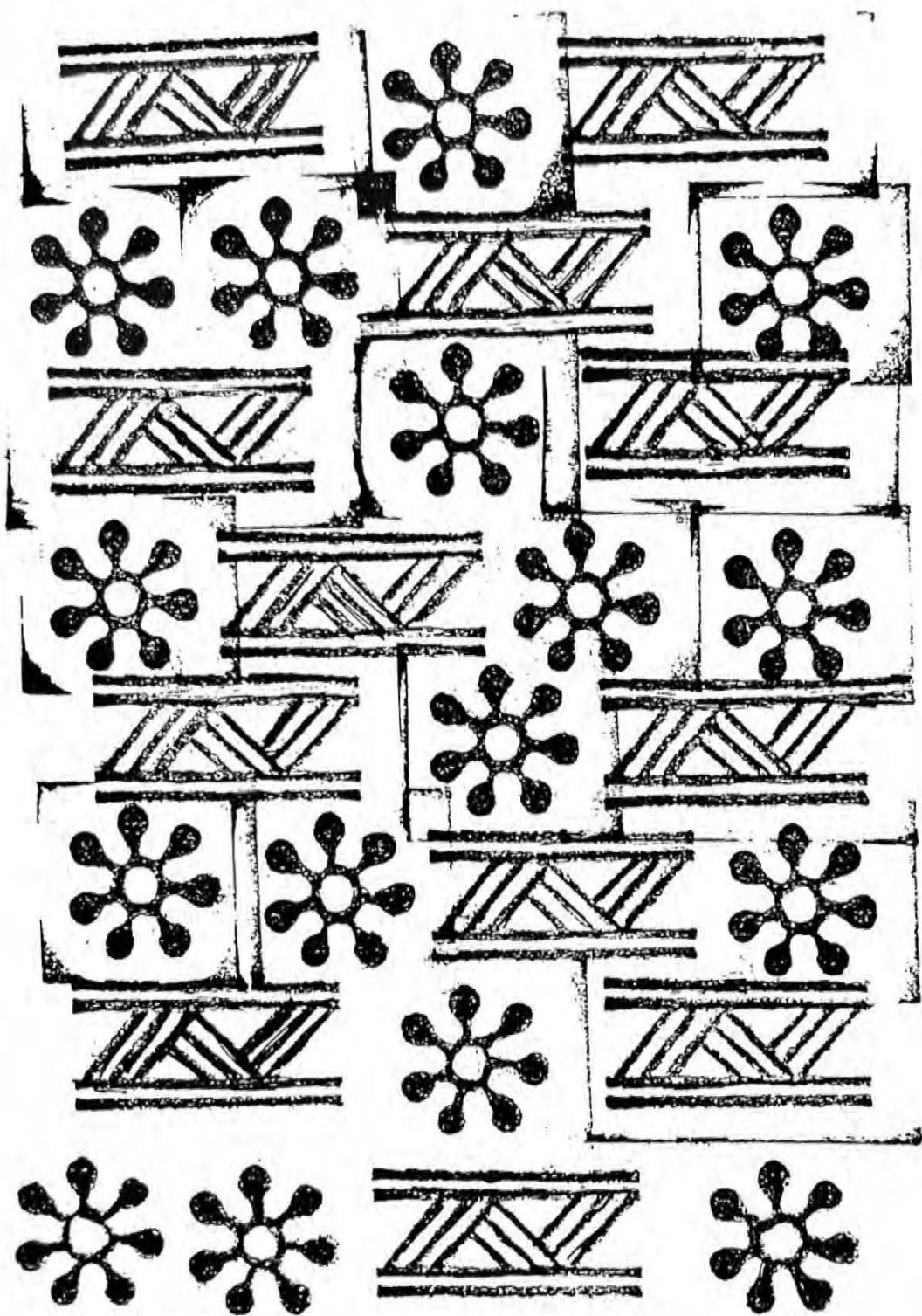


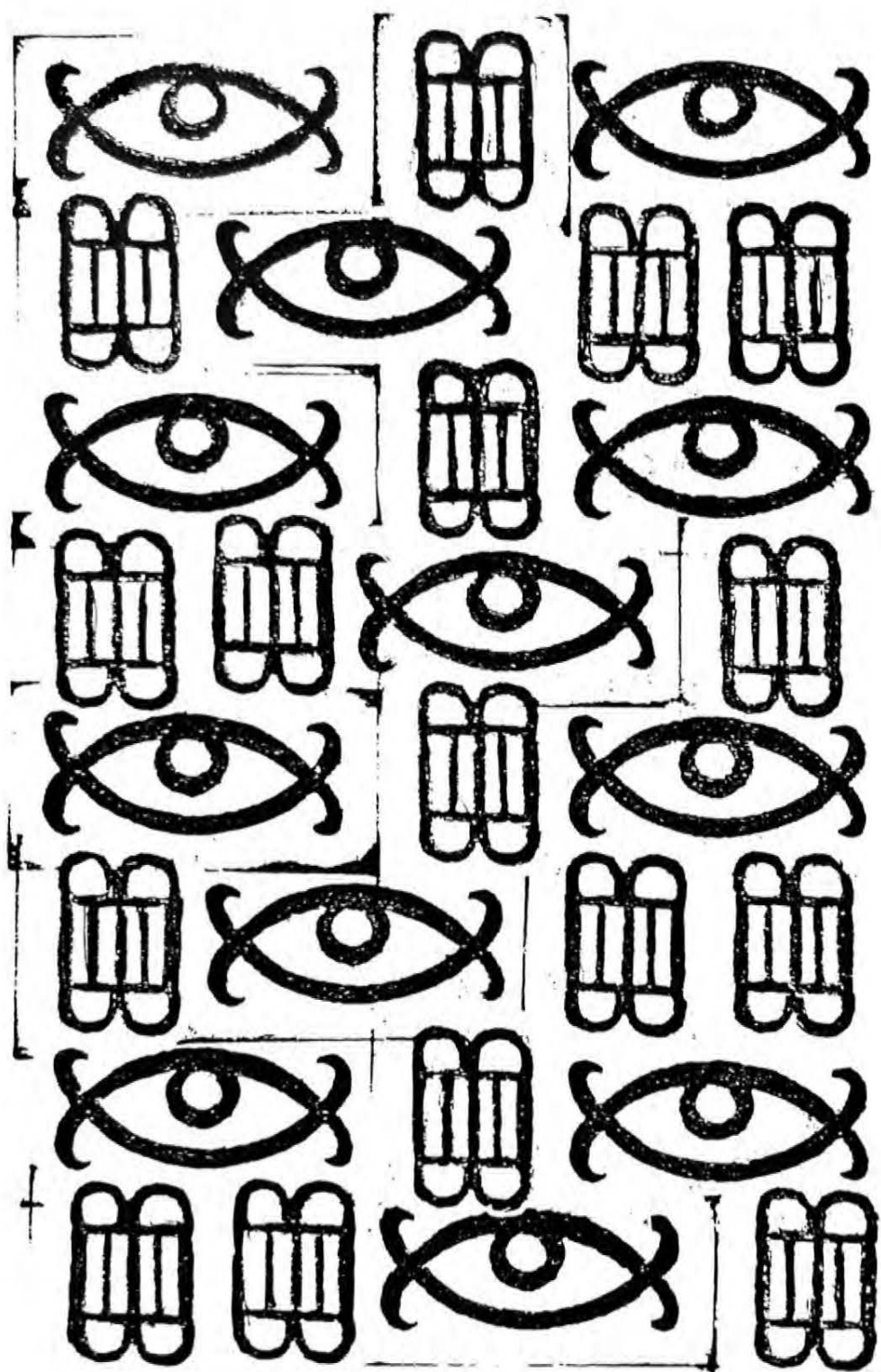


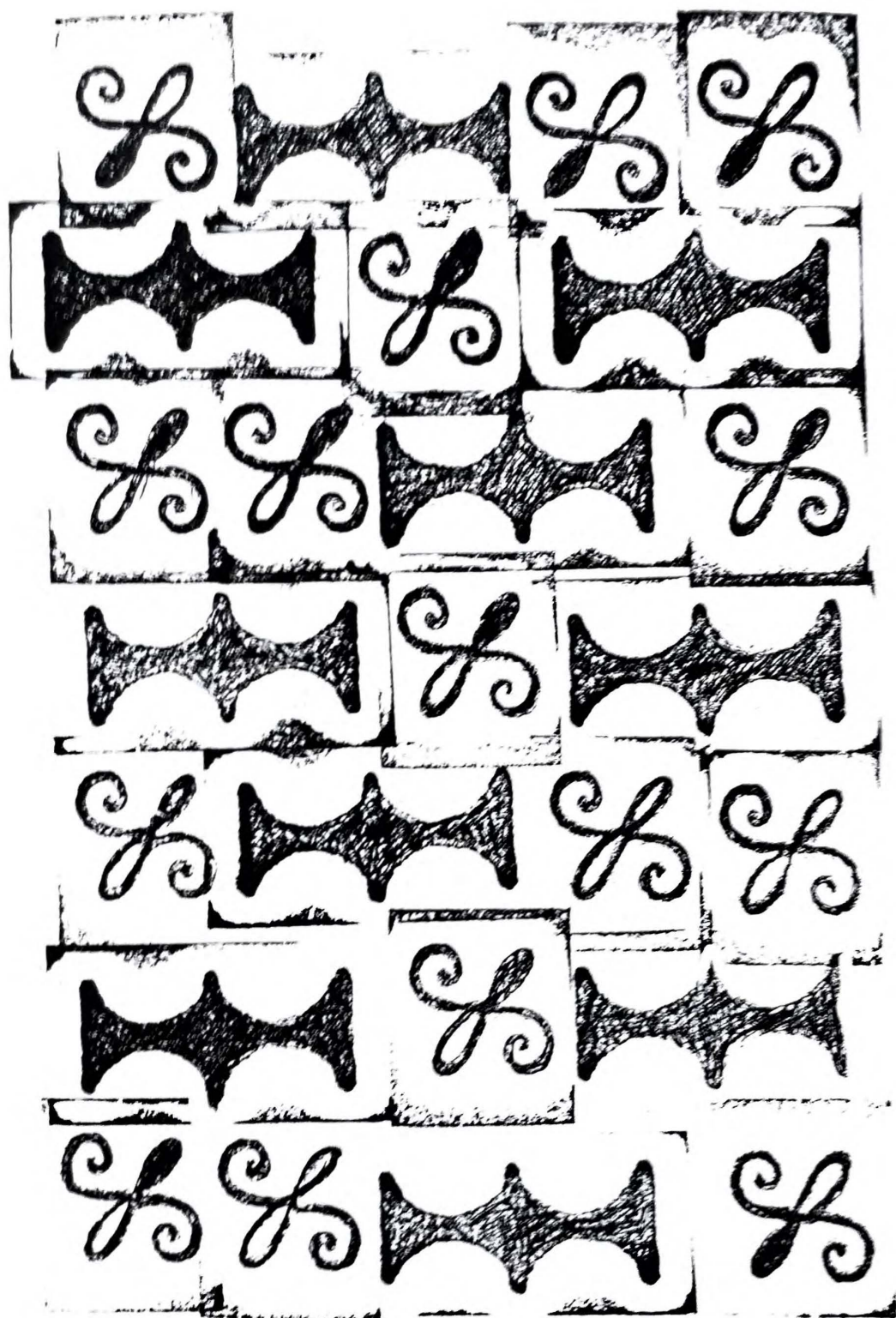


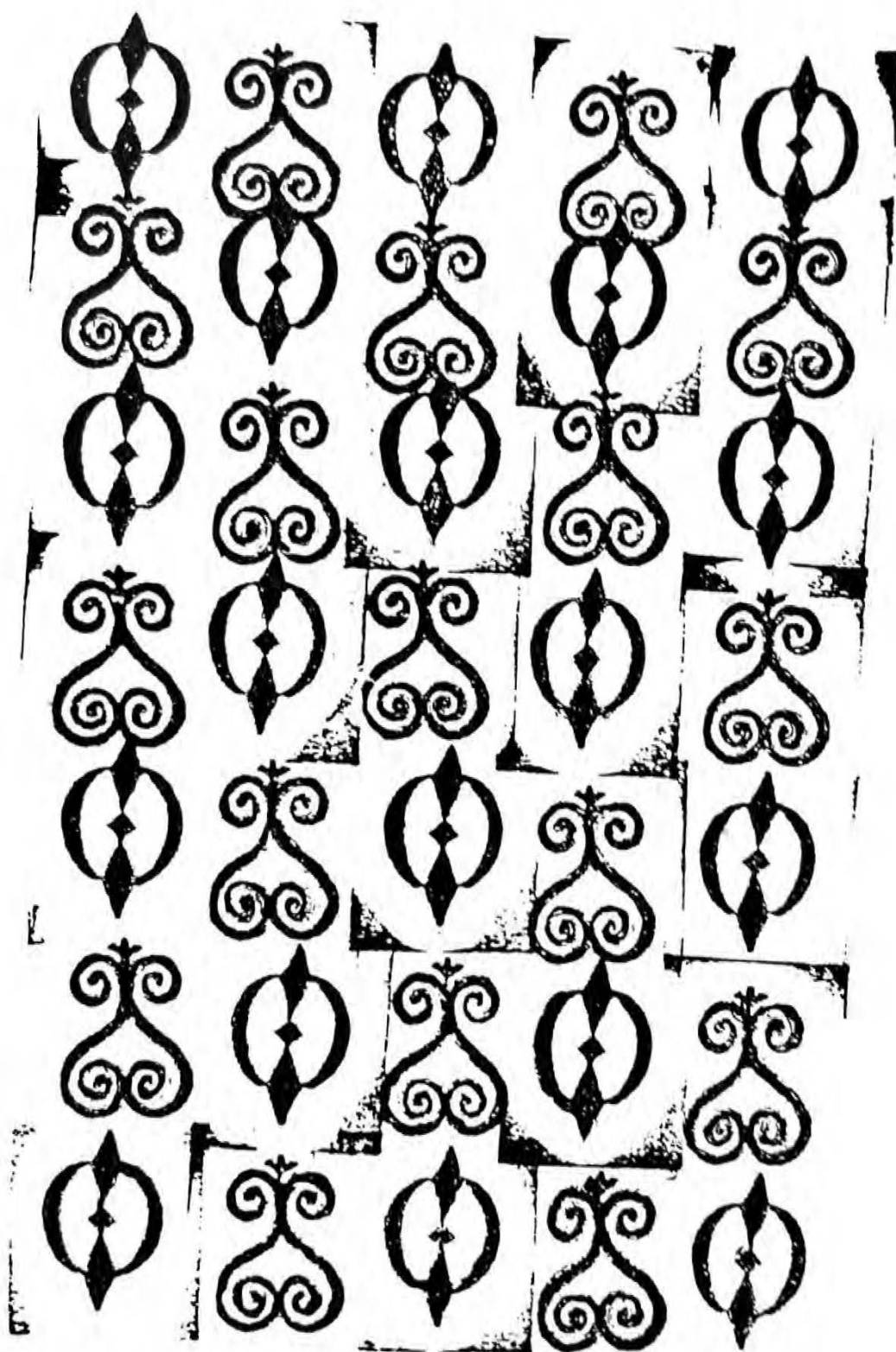


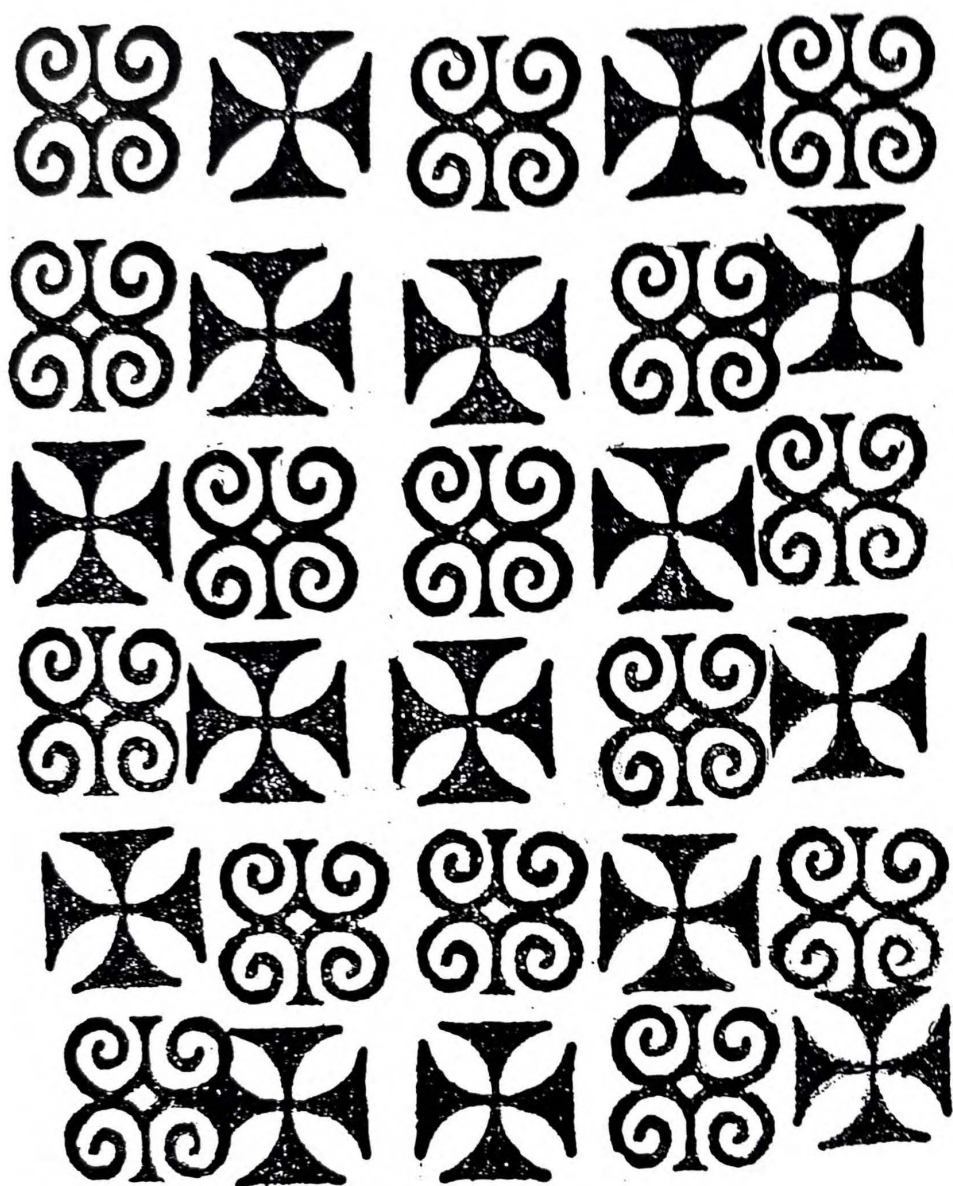


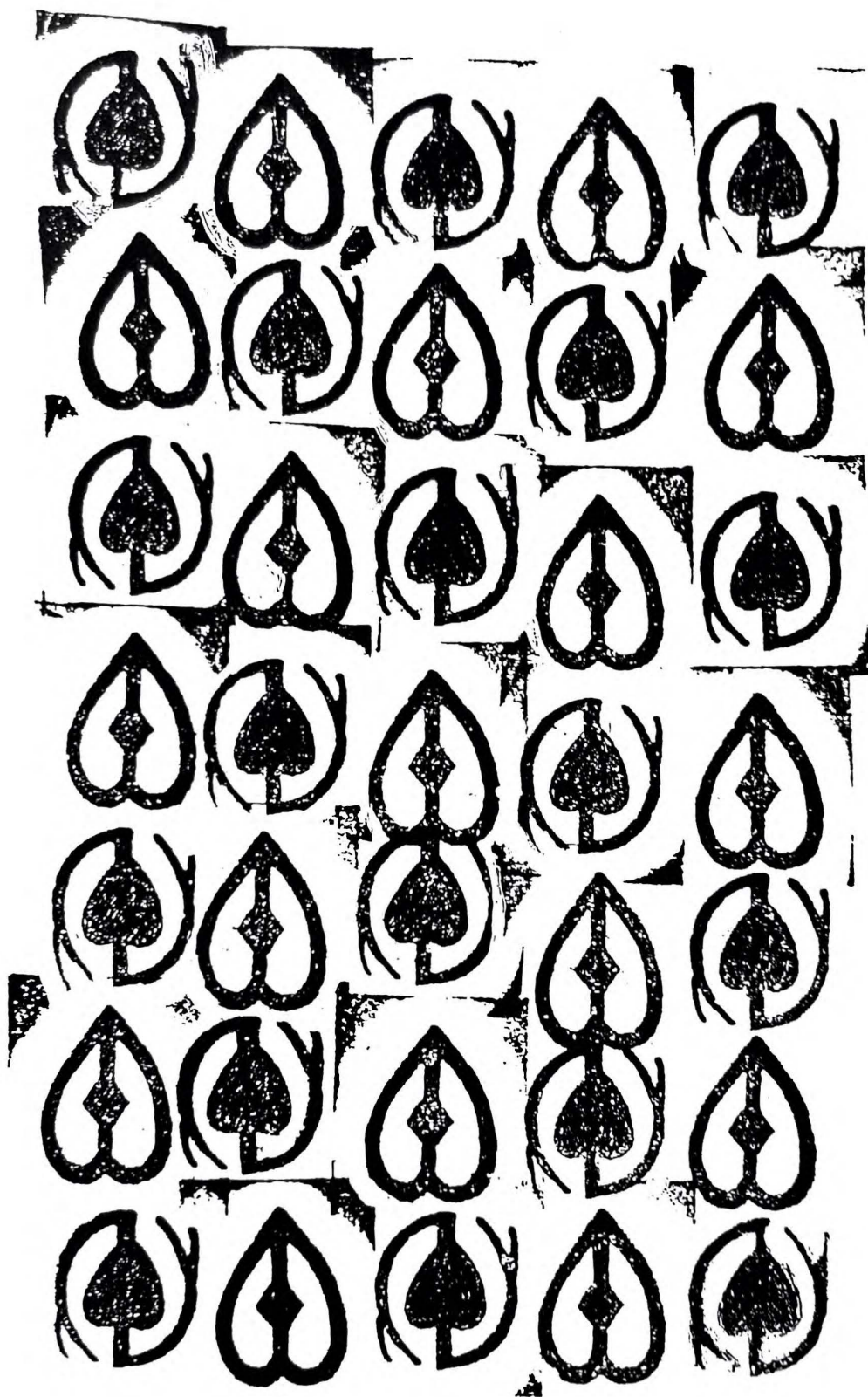


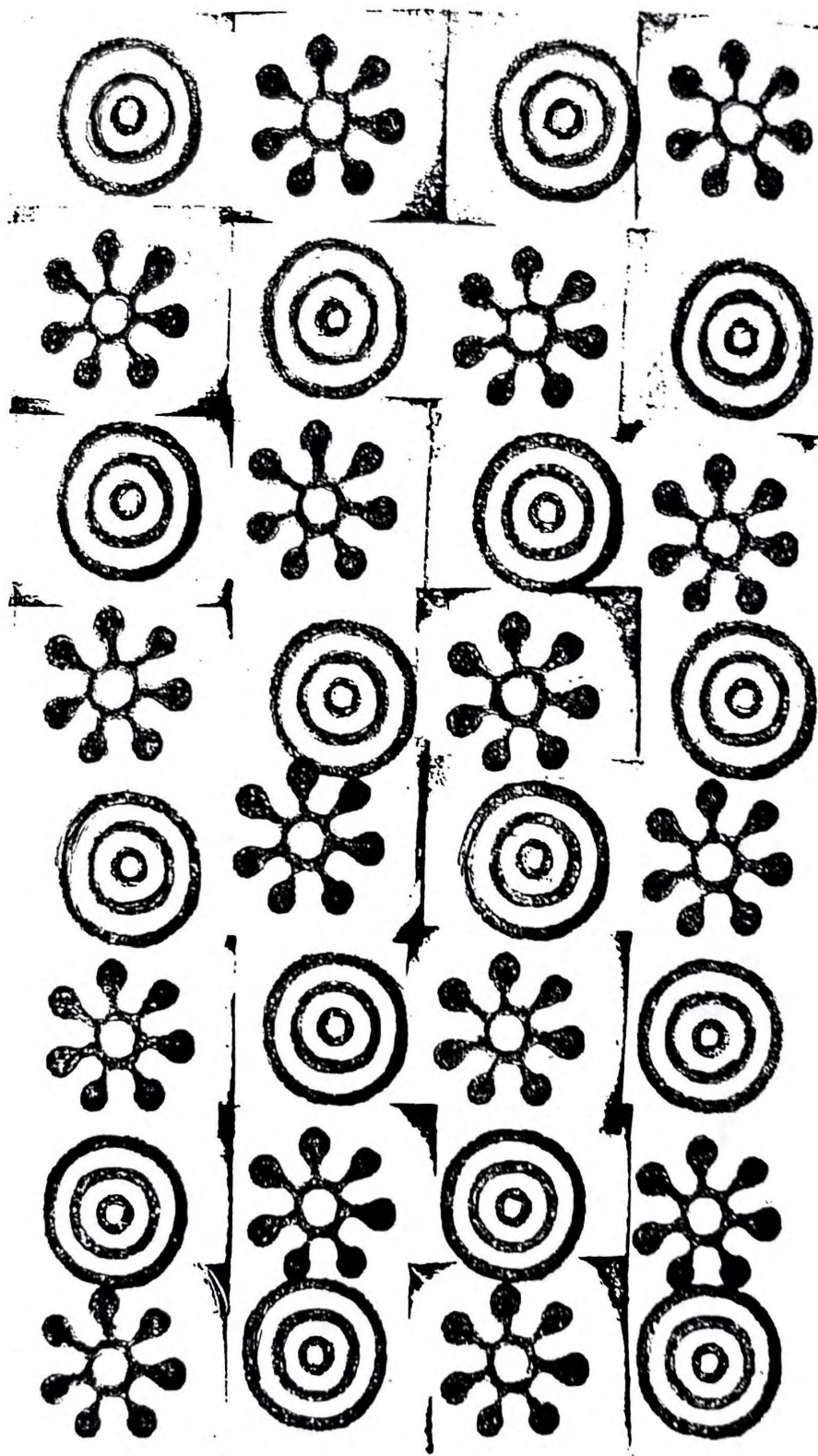


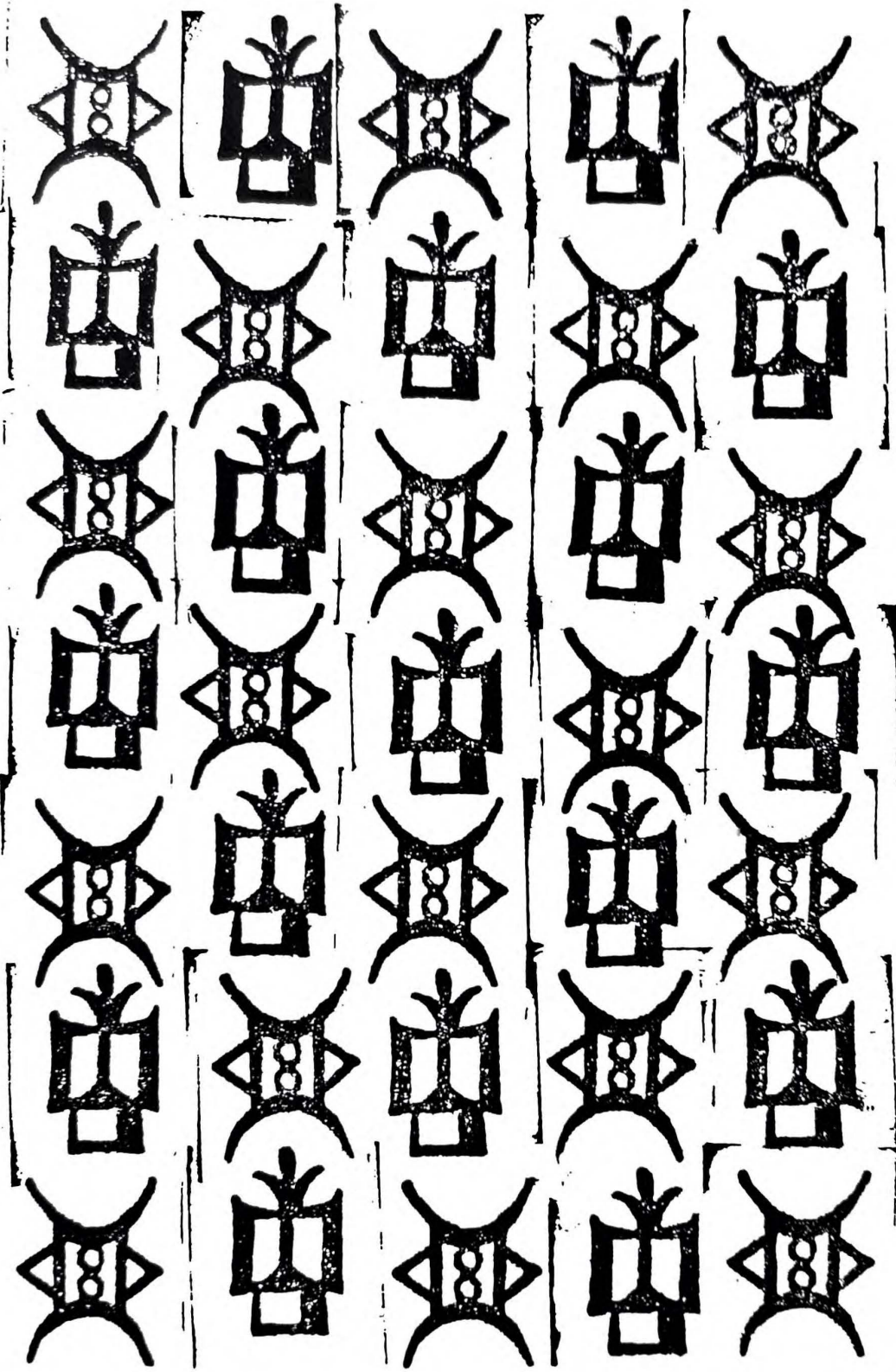


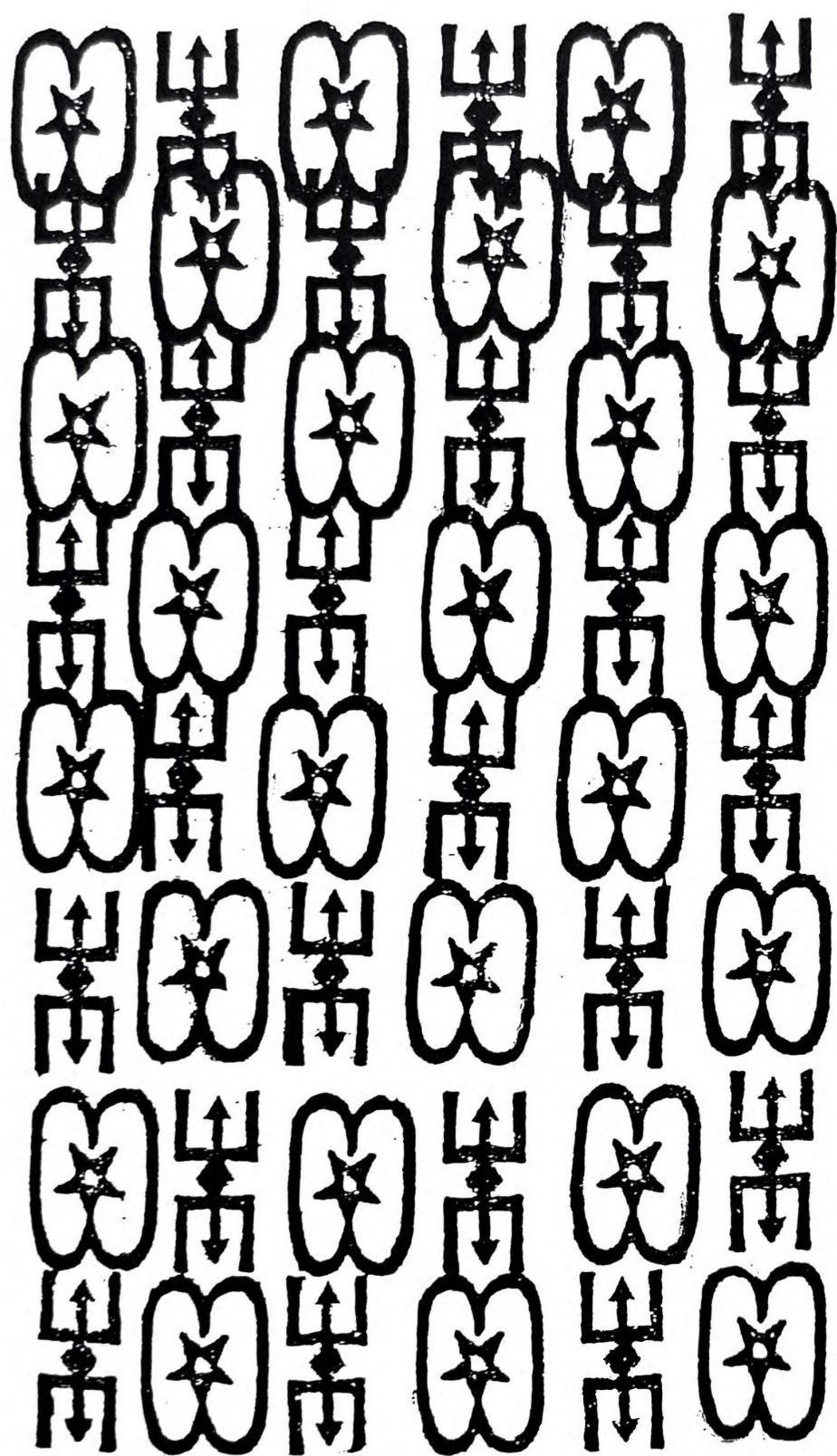


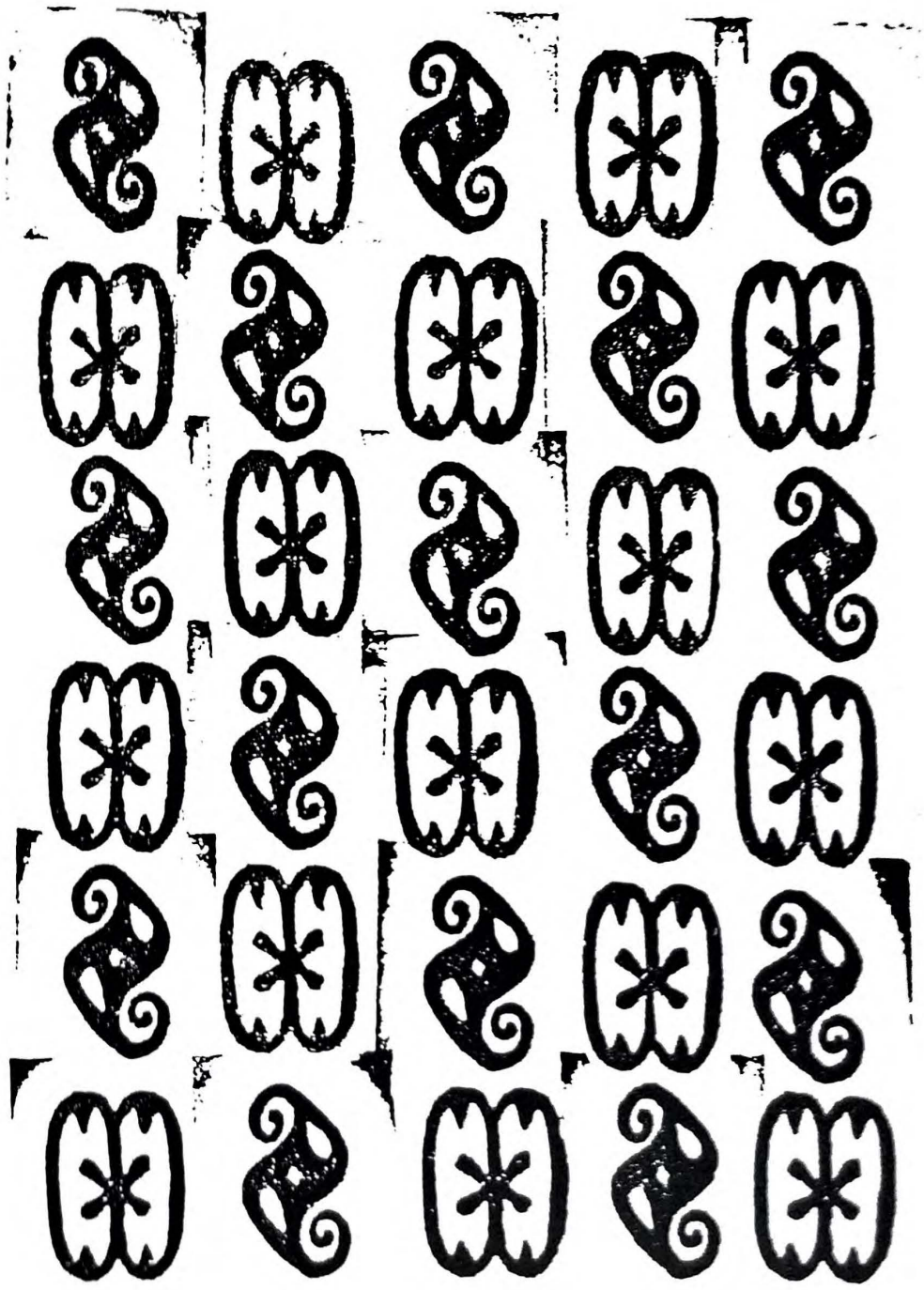


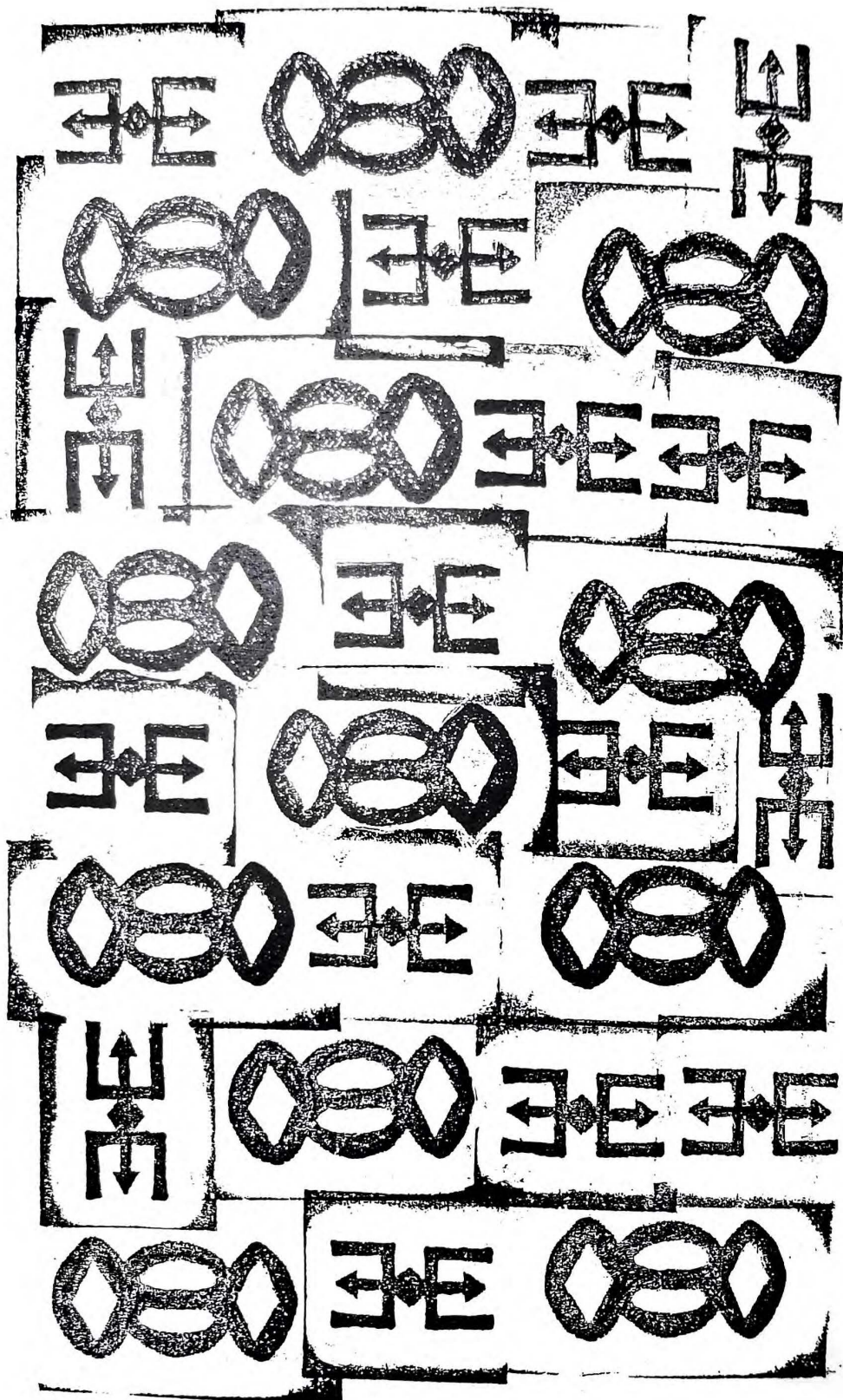












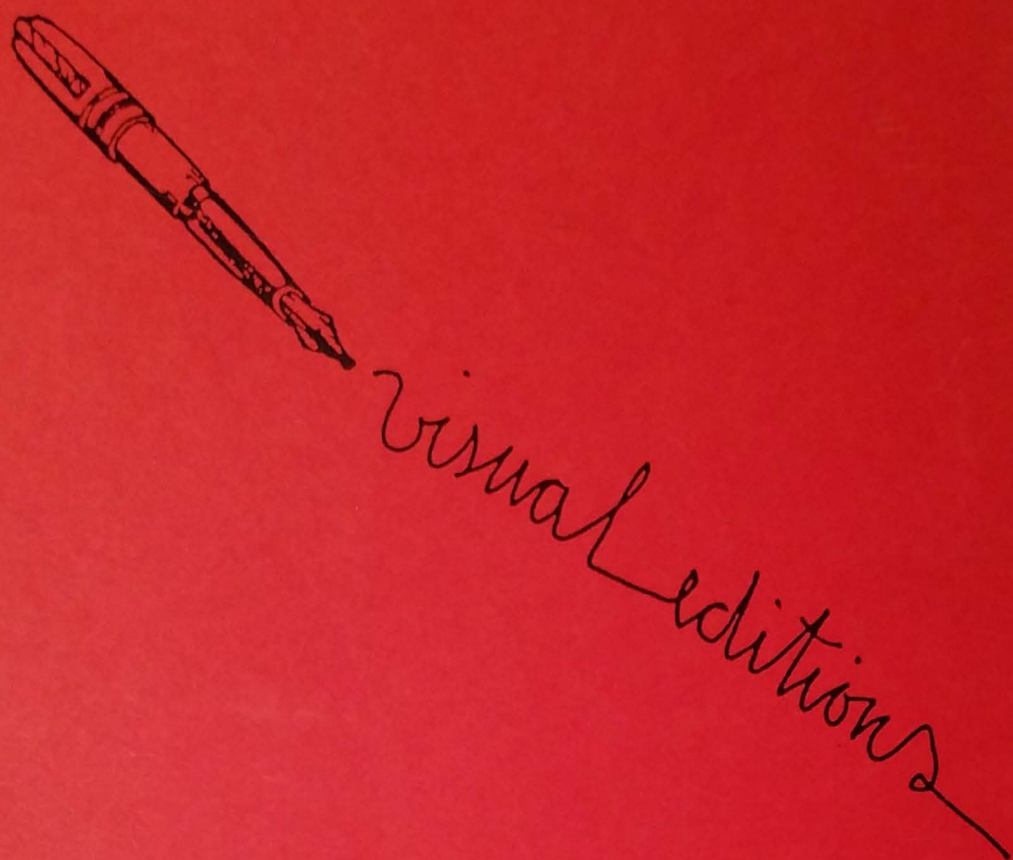
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