

Guardian Articles on Lucretius by Emma Woolerton

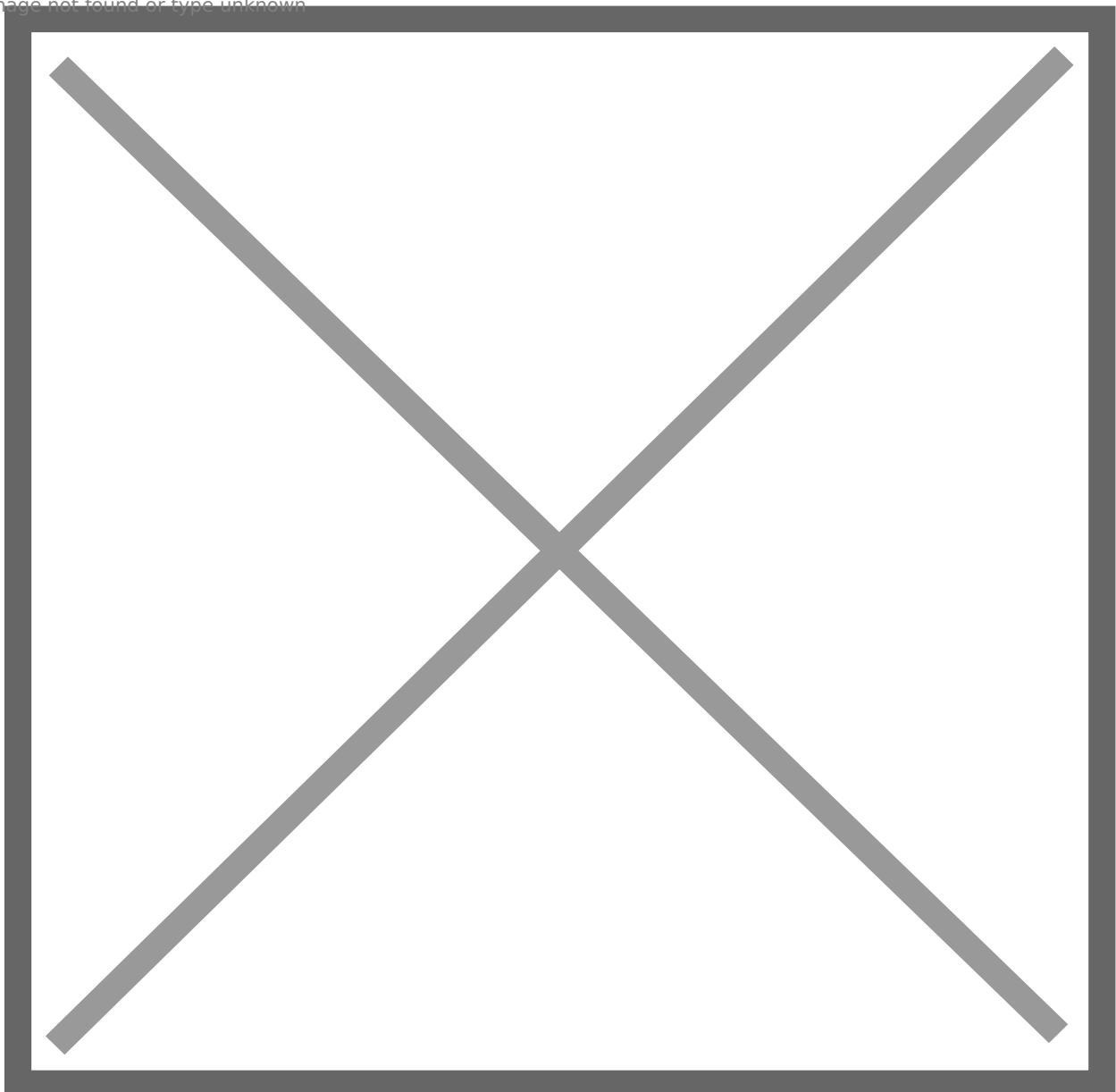
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Here is a series of articles from 2013, from The Guardian website. (I have not read these yet but they look good).

The website says: "Emma Woolerton wrote her PhD on Lucretius at Cambridge, where she taught for several years. She now works in London."

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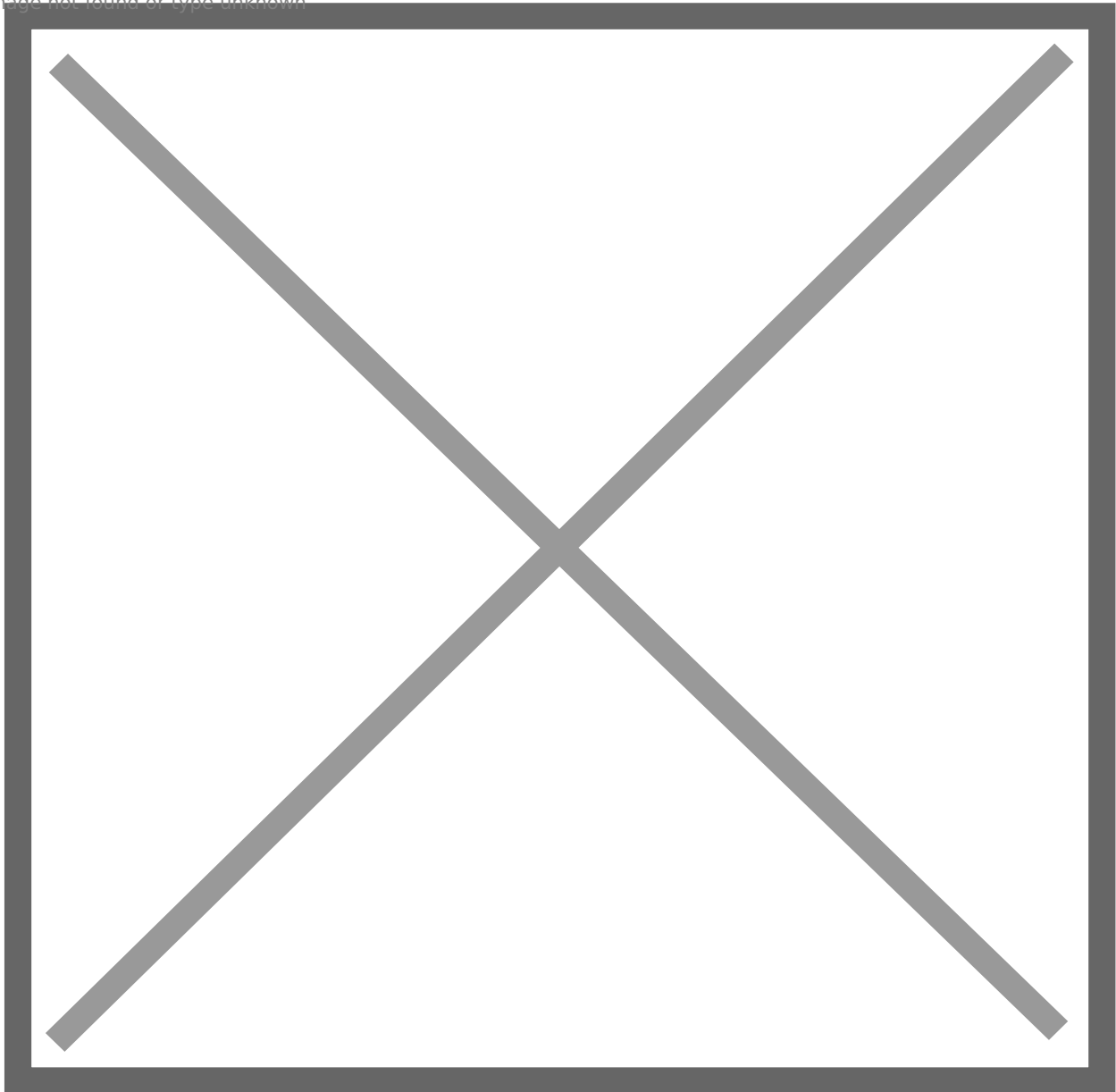


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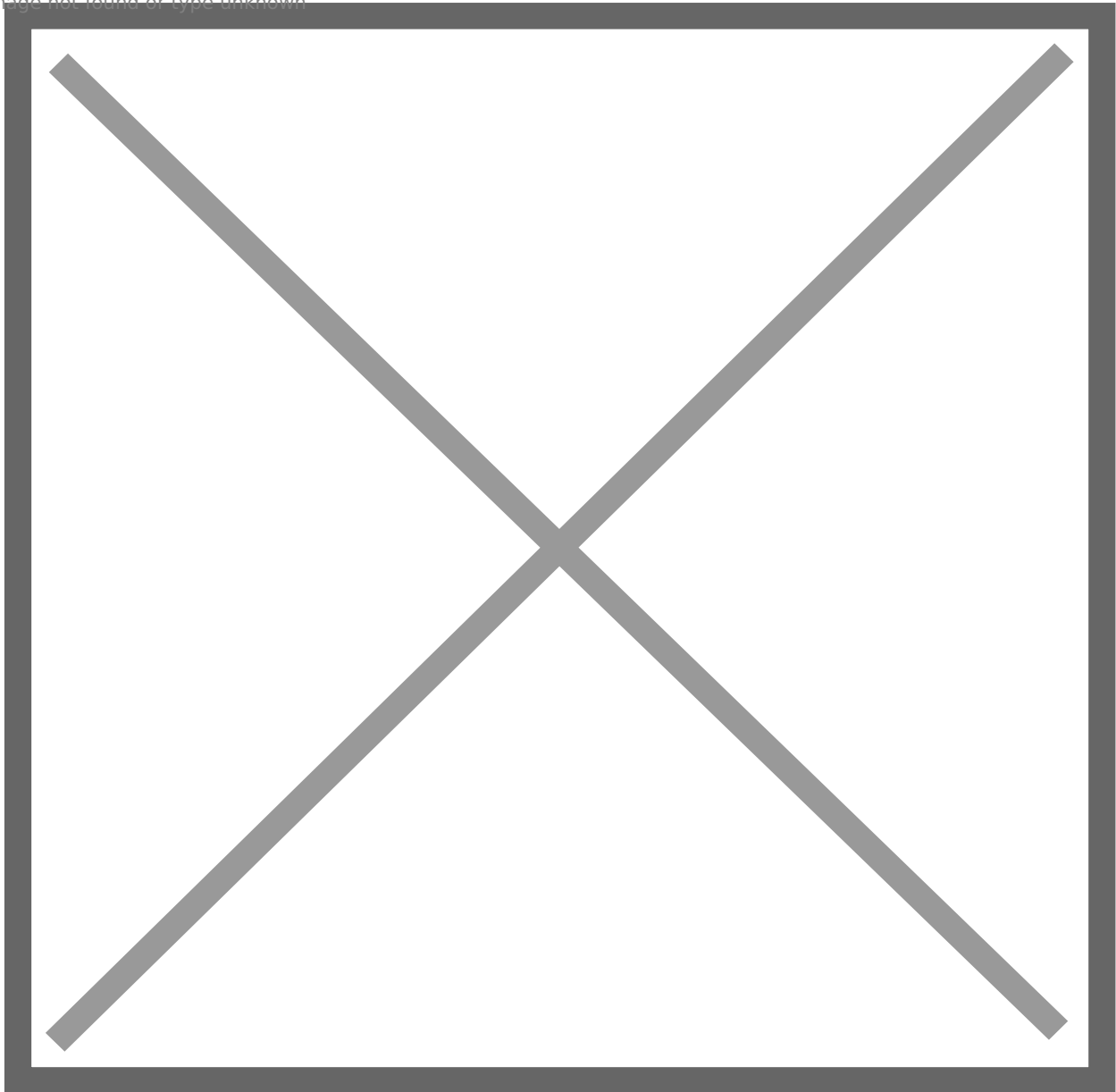


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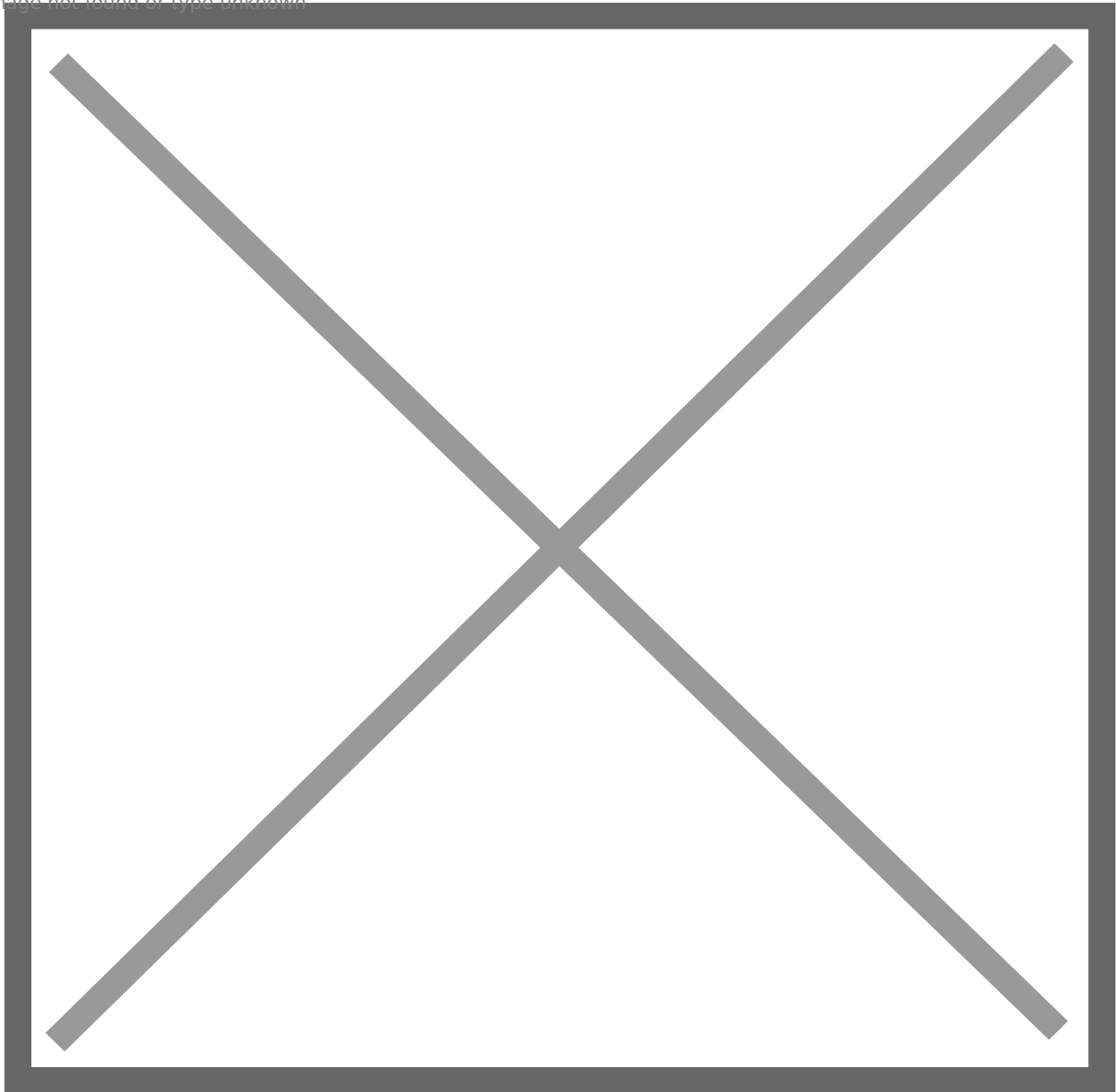


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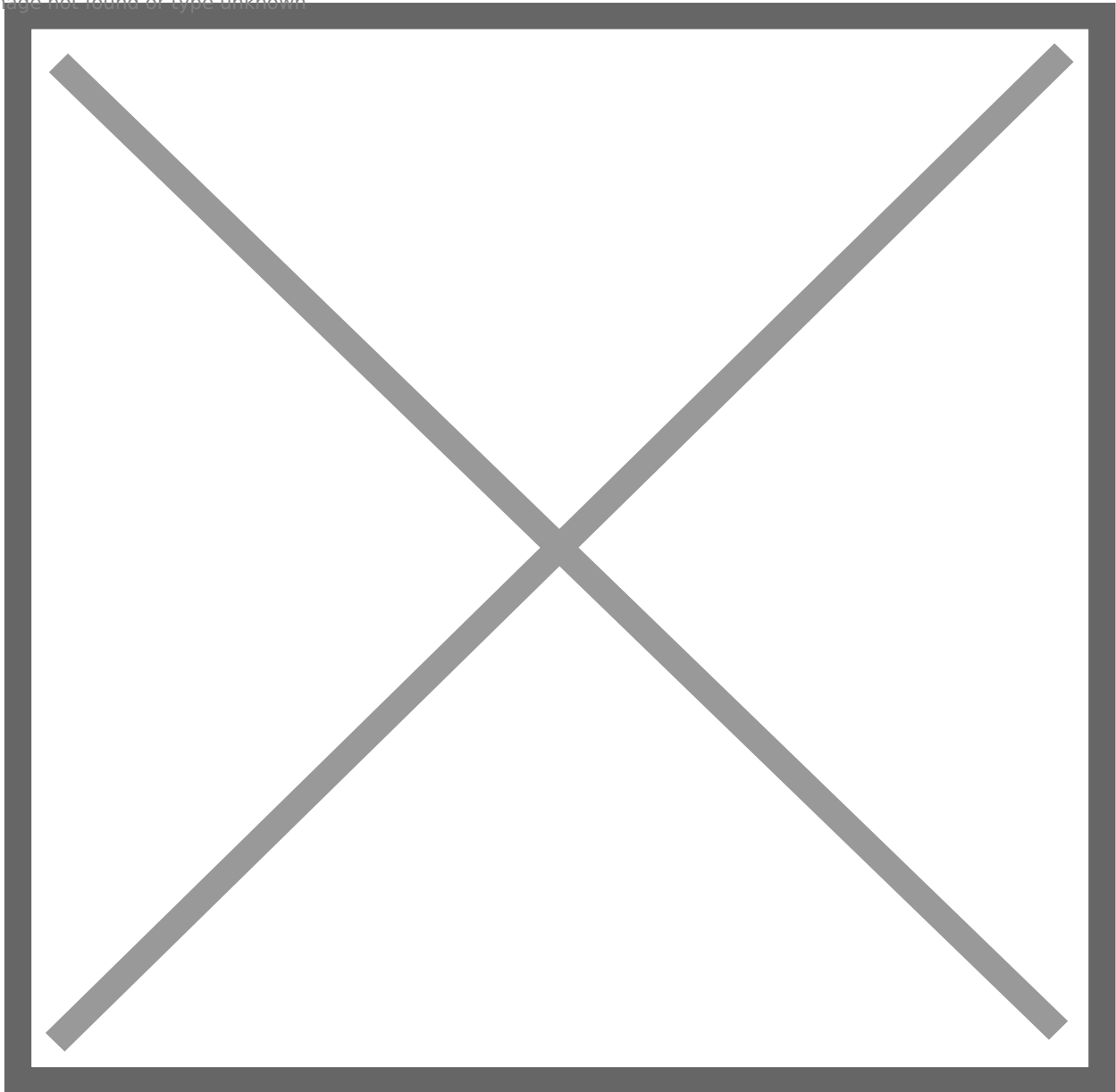


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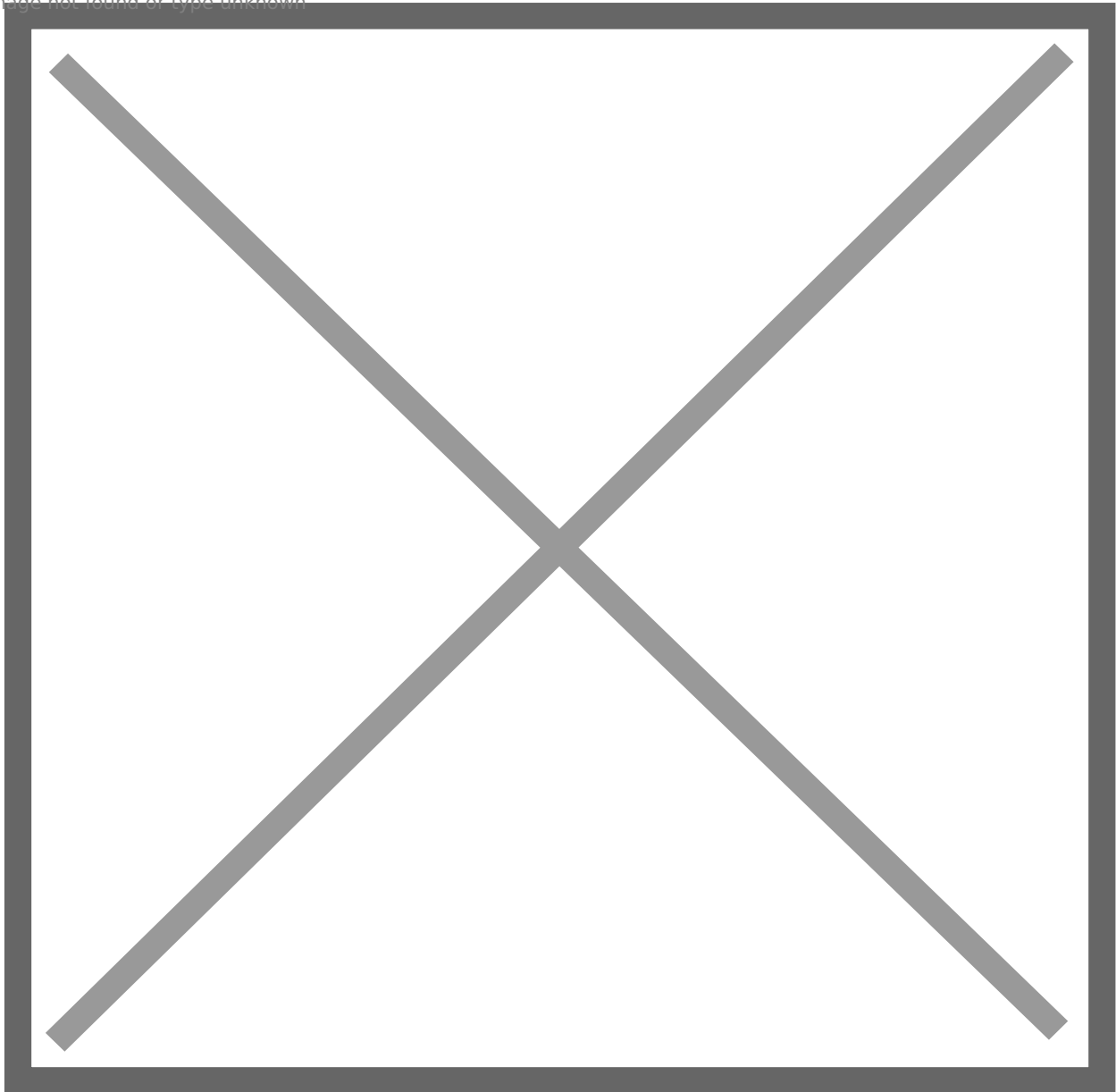
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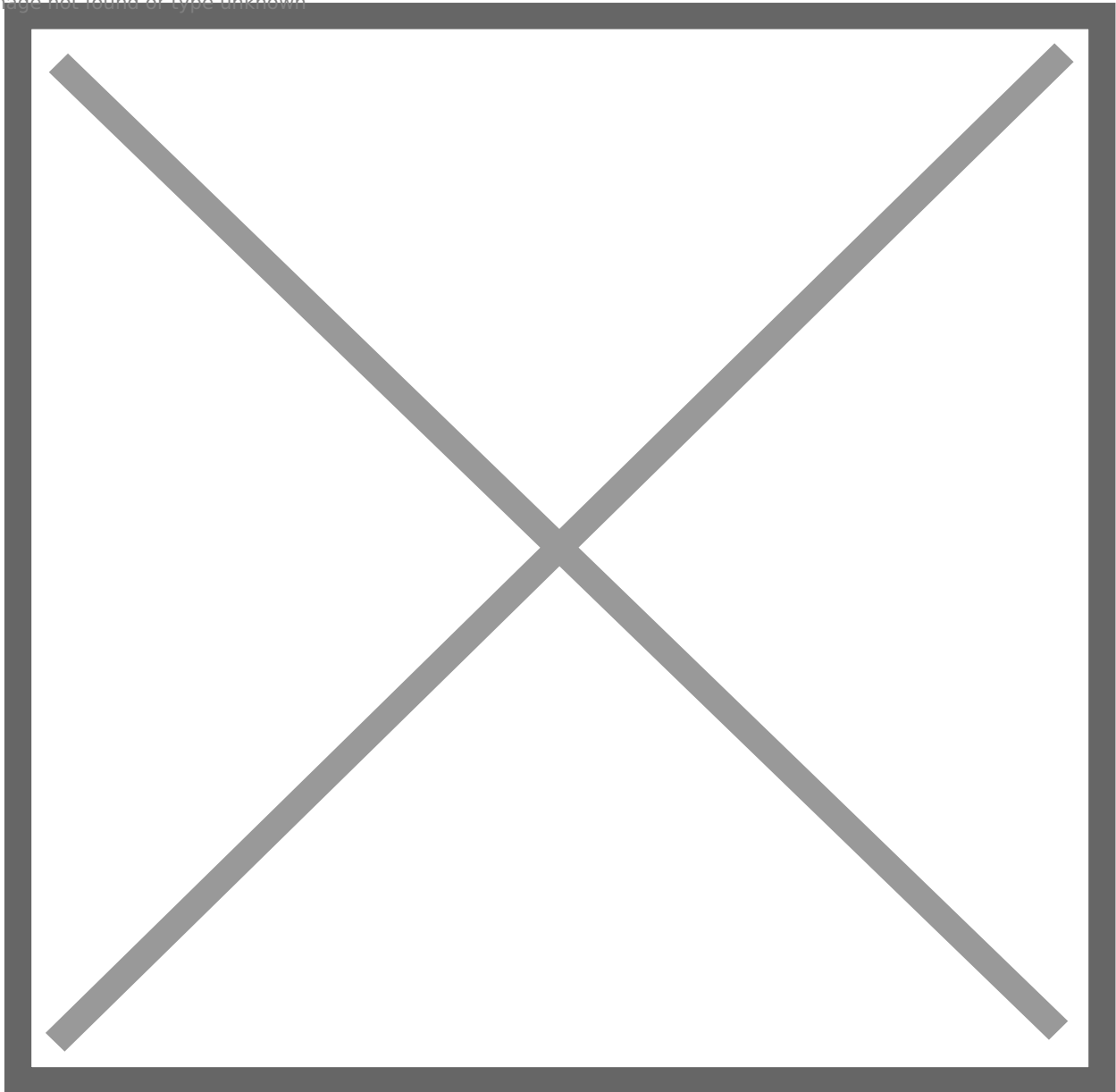


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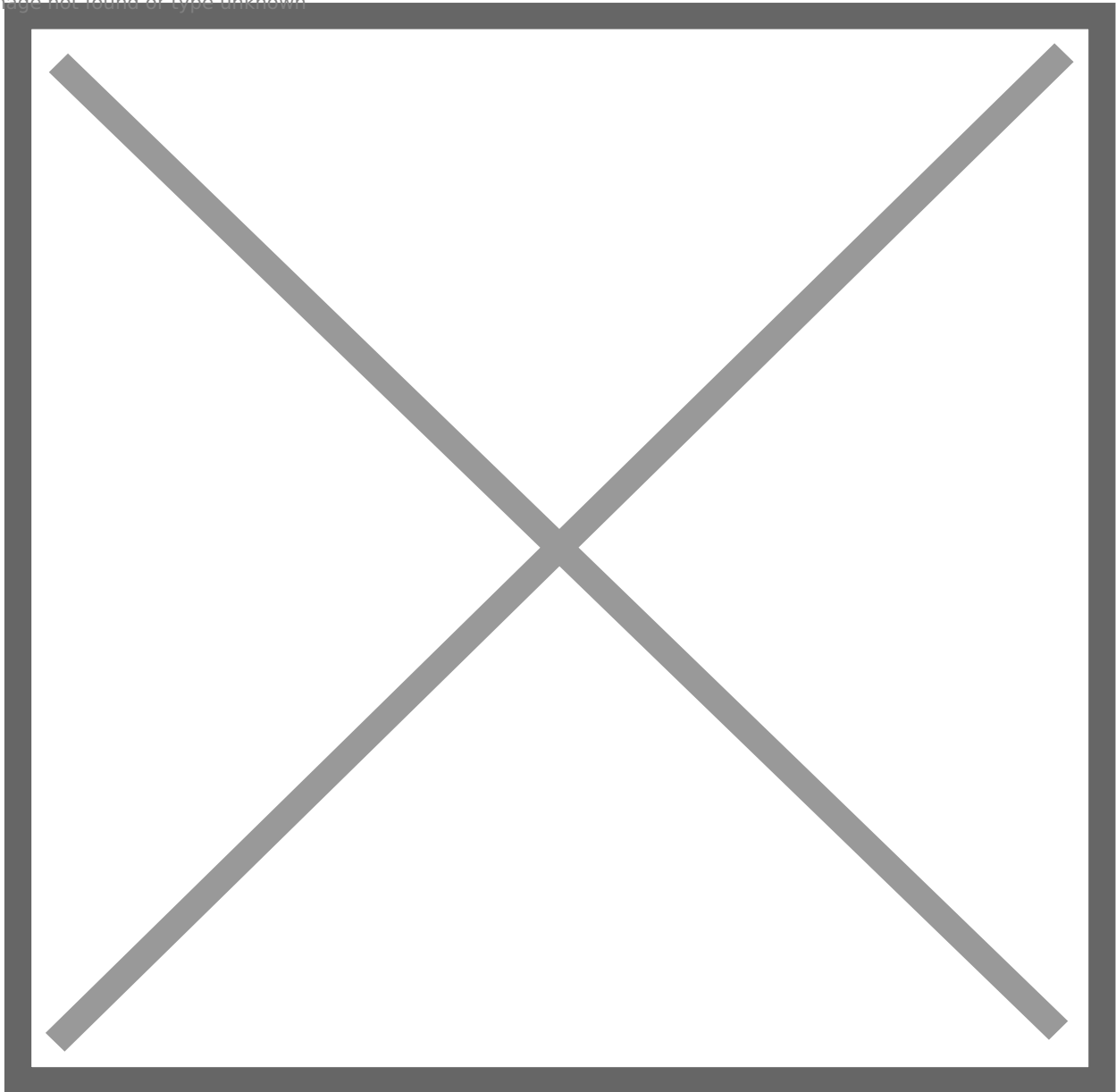


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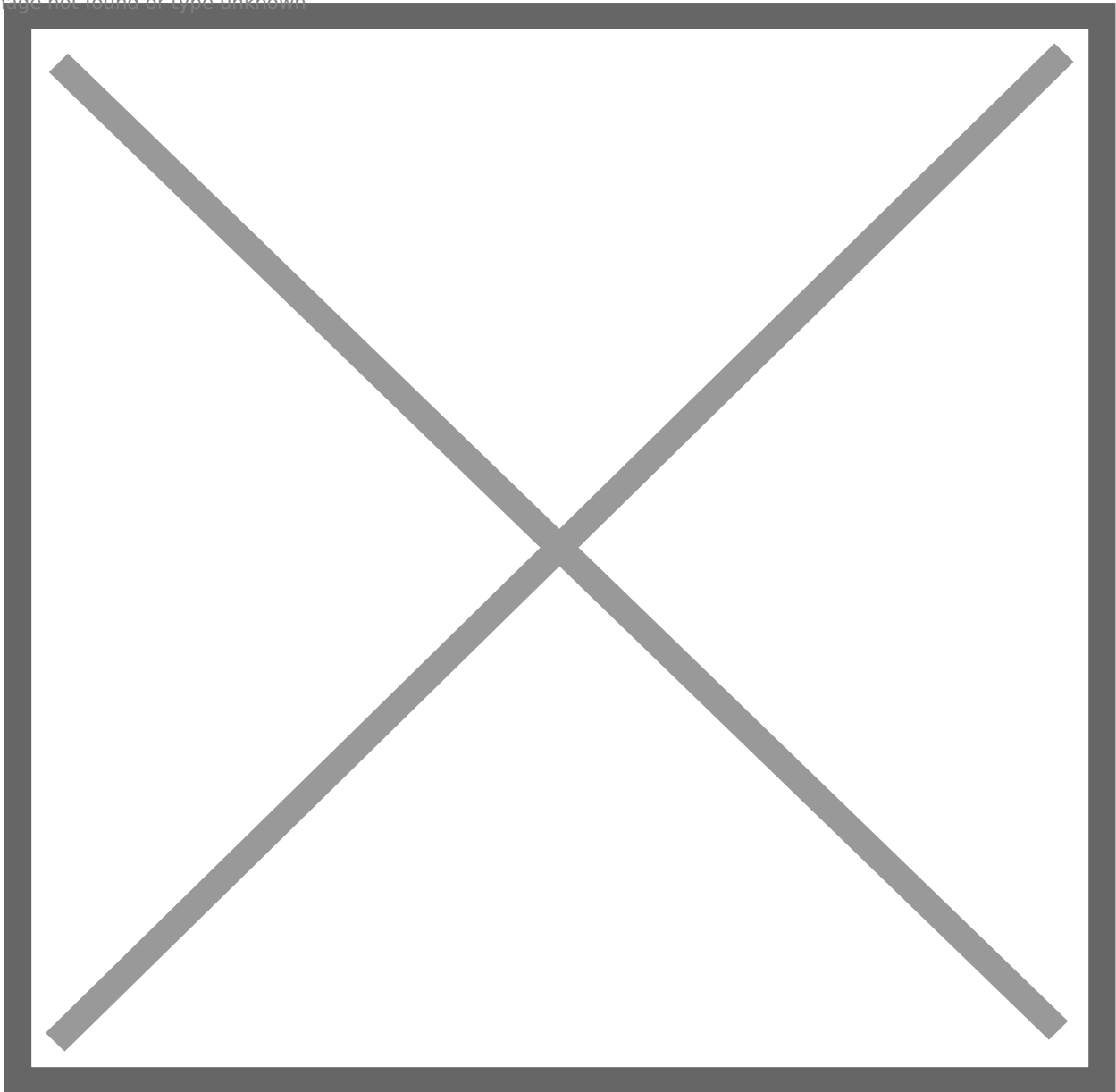


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