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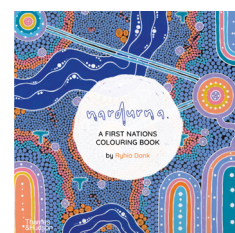
My name is Ryhia Dank. I am a Gudanji/Wakaja woman sharing my stories through art. Drawing from my upbringing in a remote Indigenous community in the Northern Territory, I've created this colouring book. It invites individuals from all backgrounds to connect with my art and discover the beauty of Gudanji/Wakaja storywork. Embark on a meaningful journey of exploration and embrace the transformative power of art as we celebrate our shared experiences and create connections.

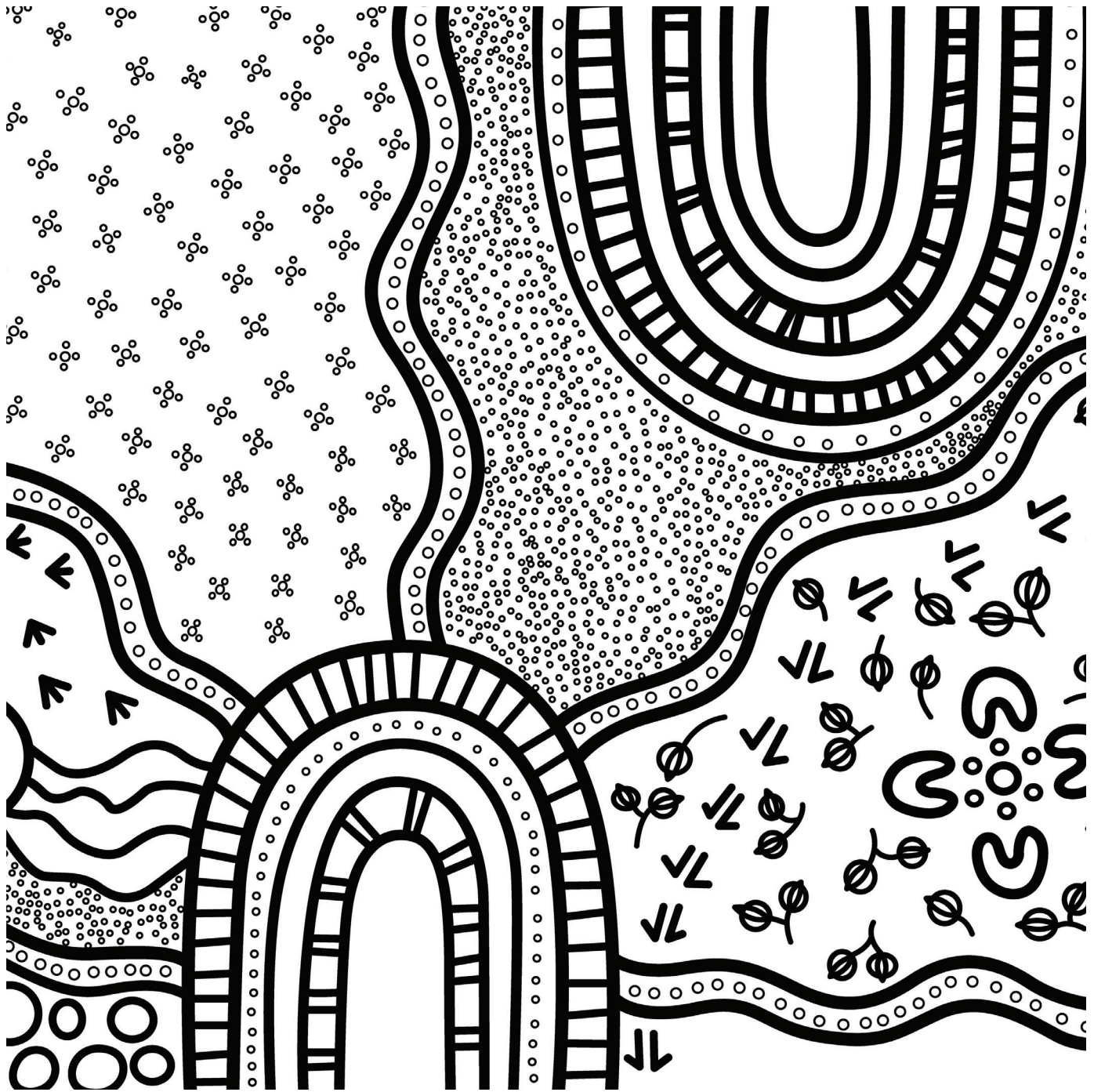
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## EARTH AND SKY

This is a memory of living on my Traditional Land at night, laying in my swag, looking up into the night, feeling like the stars are just there at arm's reach. While feeling the warmth of the earth coming through the swag, I am grounded and know I'm at the right place at the right time.

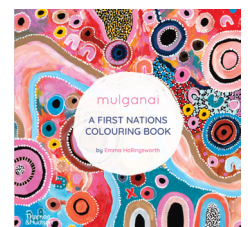
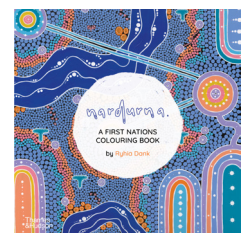
I'm home.

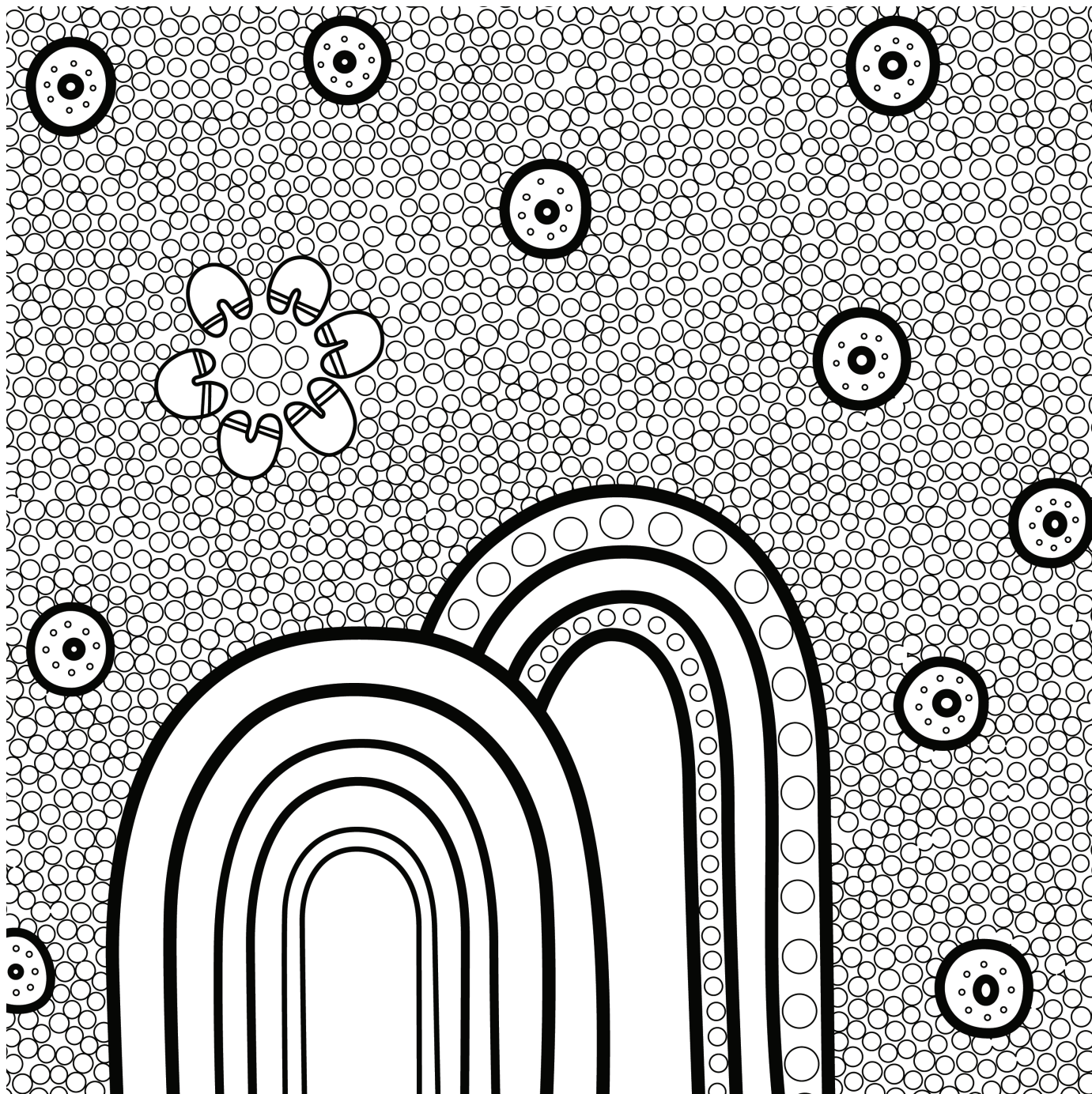
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## MAGAJARRA (COUNTRY)

On the drive from Queensland to the Northern Territory there are a pair of hills surrounded by plains on either side of the road. They sit there overlooking the land, protecting it. We always camped at the base of one of these hills and, like the land, I always felt protected.

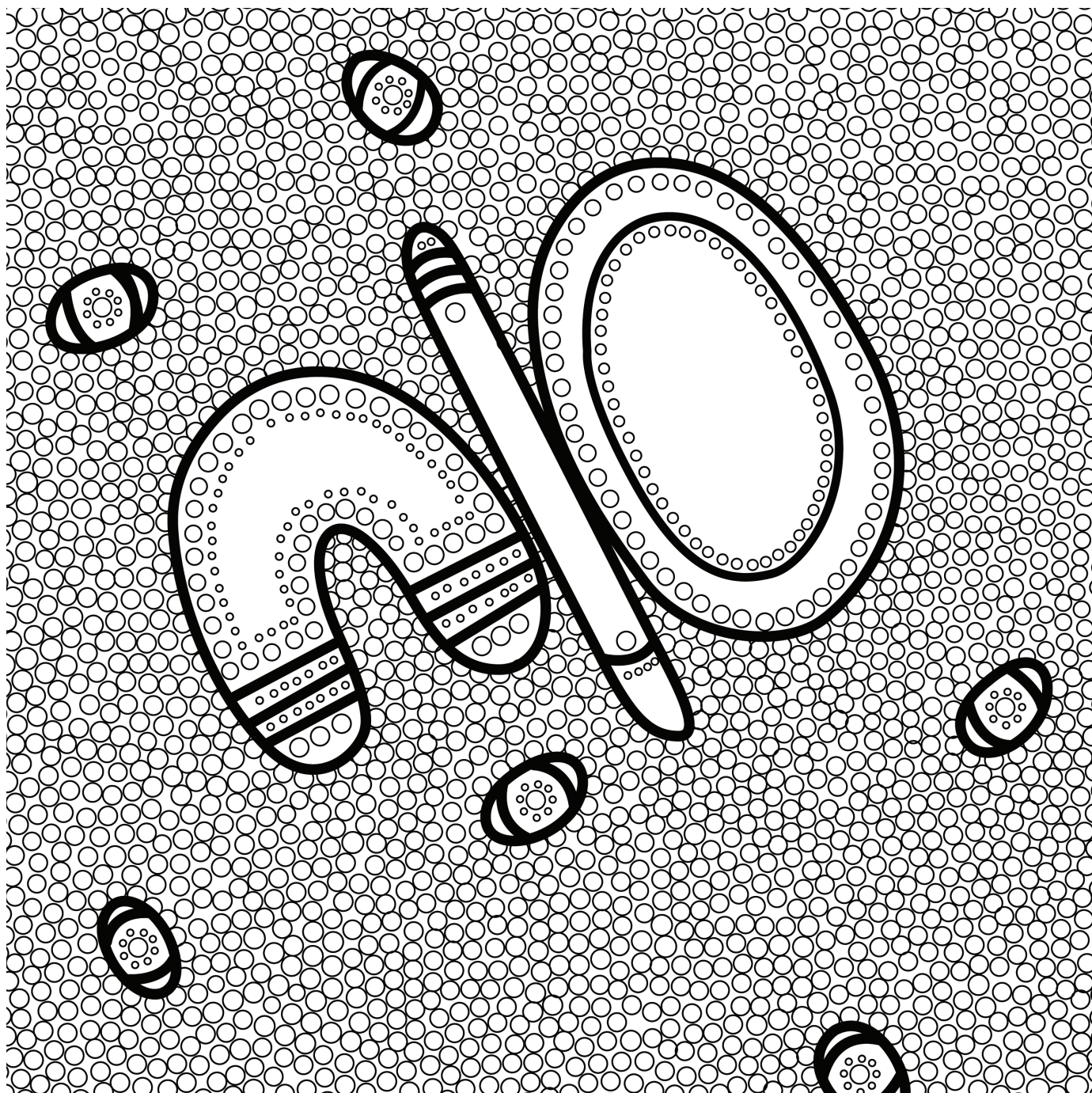
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## LAGIJA (SHALLOW COOLAMON)

Coolamons are used to gather food, hold items, carry hot coals and rock babies to sleep. They are made with a strong light timber and come in many different sizes. Like this artwork, they are about healing and nurturing.

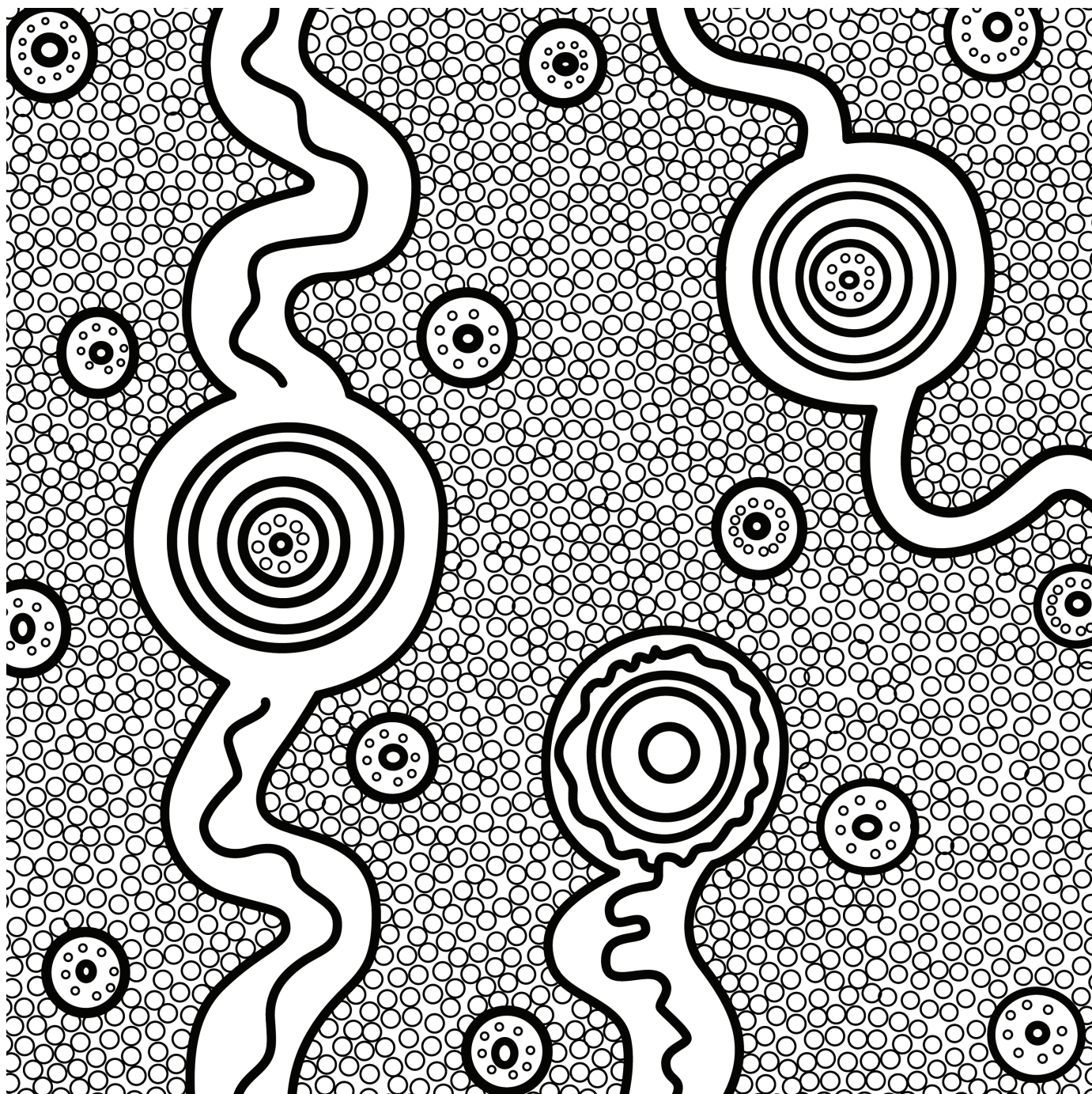
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## GARNUMBA (WET SEASON)

Garnumba is the wet season on Country. The creeks and rivers are flowing and the waterholes are bursting the banks. New creeks are being formed and the fish are biting.

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