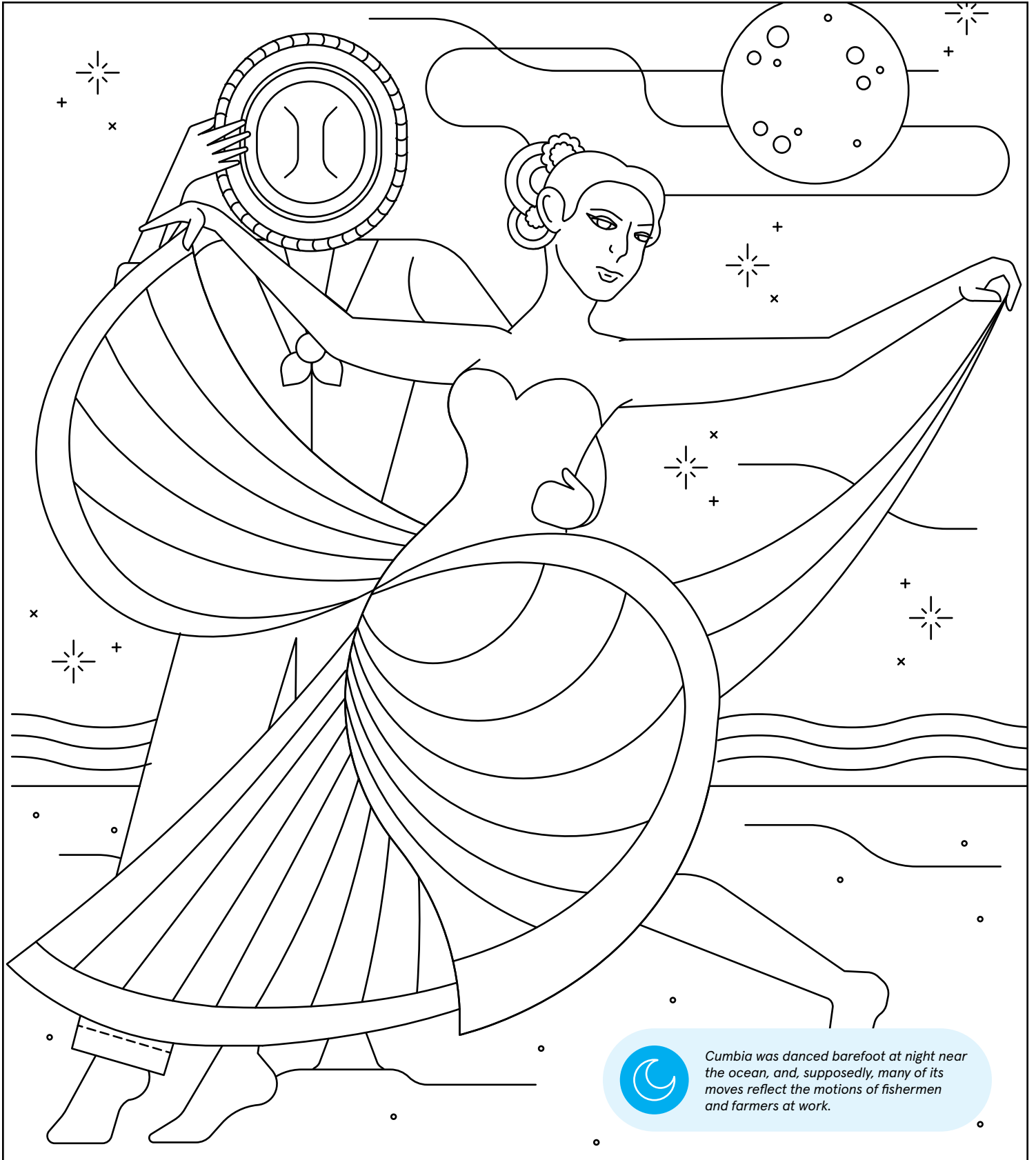


Cumbia Coloring

Cumbia originated when enslaved Africans were brought to Colombia by the oppressing culture, Spain, and the two cultures fused with that of the indigenous people in Colombia. It was considered a music of rebellion and, as the cultures mixed, a dance of courtship.



Cumbia was danced barefoot at night near the ocean, and, supposedly, many of its moves reflect the motions of fishermen and farmers at work.