

An illustration of a woman with dark hair, wearing a black sleeveless dress, standing in a lush green jungle. She is holding several thin, light-colored strings that are attached to the necks of a group of bright red birds with long, curved beaks. The birds are standing on a brown ground. The background is filled with various green plants and trees.

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