Baño de Pájaros / Bird Bath
Leonora Carrigton, 1974

Gentle jazz music plays

This is Redstart Radio, the station that brings you all the hottest art news and stories by Chard's finest art detectives.

In this episode, agents investigated a silkscreen print by the Mexican-American artist Leonora Carrington. You'll hear what the agents uncovered very soon. But first, a little about the picture.

It is called Baño de Pájaros, or Bird Bath, and Leonora Carrington made it in 1974. It features mysterious black-robed figures in the act of spray-painting a bird. Are there any birds around you at the moment, as you stand under the trees?

Now it's time for you to hear the story written and performed by the agents who investigated this artwork.

Slow, moody, ominous percussive music with an eerie zither, and echoey sounds of water sloshing about, and the cawing of birds

In front of a house in a large field, two men were washing their bird.

More echoey cawing of birds.

Filthy bird! I'm never gonna get this red stain off you.

Sounds of wings flapping.

Stay still, you stupid bird! You're splashing water at us!

More wings flapping.

Really? Your towel's wet! I can't dry you now. You got my cloak wet.
I'm never washing you again.

More sounds of water sloshing, wings flapping and birds cawing.

Soon after taking the bird out of the bath, they slowly walked into the house.
After that, the men and their bird were never seen again.

Eerie echoey zither music swells, with more birds cawing.

Gentle jazz music plays.

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