



## The Blue Woman

Silvia Viana-Chaves | 54 x 73 cm, oil on board

The artist represents a blue woman. Blue is symbolic of sadness, and this figure looks sad. To increase its impact, the face of the woman has no mouth or lips. The expression is of a person who has been or is starving and shows physical evidence of suffering. The background, filled with carnivorous plants, adds drama to the scene.

Silvia Viana-Chaves is a fine art graduate from Elche, Alicante, Spain, and is an established artist. She has had many exhibitions and has received an important number of awards. Her artwork is currently present in many private collections and museums in Spain. This artwork reflects well the personality and the artistic moment of the author.

*Description by Jorge L. Alió*

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