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Drawn by Agnes "Pet" Miclat-Cacayan who explains, thus: "A woman who personifies the Eve in each one of us moves away from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. She moves, as in a prance or a dance - towards the woman God meant her to be. Her nakedness at once symbolizes her vulnerability and empowerment. The earth, like a woman's body, also opens up, and becomes one with her in her process of rebirth. The bamboo plants symbolize the home she is returning to or heading towards. In the Philippines, the story of the first creation of woman and man is one of equivalence. Side by side, man and woman came out from a bamboo joint, split open by the tapping of a bird. Woman, man, birds - all creatures are equally sacred in God's eyes."

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