

Alberto,

I received your short letter with great disappointment. Unfortunately, today, I cannot accept your "resignation". I'm sorry, but it is not that simple to abandon a "family member", no matter how frustrating or good-looking he may be.

If my appreciation for both you and your talent has not been adequately expressed as you and I have not spoken directly, I apologize.

I am sure you have forgotten, but you had initially assured me that the island project would be done for *last Christmas*. I have always been both gracious and generous in forgiving the dates that have slipped by. You and I have, I thought, a unique understanding.

Jean, who assured me the project would be complete by the end of July, when in fact, for example, till this day there are still wooden packing crates for side tables in the living room, has yet to contact me. Furniture was supposed to arrive, but even until today, I have not been told what and when to expect the balance.

Alberto, it is your right to take on only jobs you want. It is both unfair, unfriendly and unprofessional to simply leave a job undone in the middle. This is not your way. I don't believe that you would treat a less friendly client with the same disregard.

I would hope that you will reconsider the big house Island project. As you know, we have bought many things for the interior and have incurred great expense to get permits and drawings in a Moroccan style, but if you choose not to move forward, I think at a minimum, my house should not be left in the state of disrepair in which it currently sits and should be brought to completion as soon as possible. If Jean, who I have great respect for, does not want to complete it as I believe he is only an employee and as I have my total relationship not with Jean, but with Cabinet Pinto, the obligation falls on you personally. This is only right, you know it is. As you are aware, I was told repeatedly that you would call me upon return from your vacation and both visit and finish the project. You and I have more of a friendship than my receiving, in a

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frankly impolite way, only a letter and not even the phone call I was repeatedly promised.

(However, I know you don't like tension) Please call me at your earliest convenience.

I remain your friend

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