

March 5th, 1992

As Salaam Aliakum,

Dearest Abu,

I pray that all is well with you and family.

I'm writing in response to a rising conflict around the merchandise in my possession. First, let me state that I'd prefer that if you have concerns about the money or the merchandise that you speak to me directly. since this business was transacted with you. I understand that Bambi is taking care of your business during your illness, however, Bambi and I seem to conflict. Our latest conflict occurred last night when I expressed a dissatisfaction with the pressure I feel is being put upon me concerning the merchandise and money. Bambi refused to have any further discussion with me, and without any warning she slammed the phone down. This kind of disrespect I don't have to tolerate from anyone.

Secondly, my life right now is shadowed with some very serious problems that warrant my attention constantly.. I am under the doctor care for a heart related matter--any additional amount of stress could be fatal to my well being. I am not revealing all of this to you to avoid my responsibility or obligation, but i thought you should be informed of how things really are with me. There is only one me, and my immediately family depends largely on me, therefore I have to take care of me before all else.

Thirdly, most of my life I've tried to live independently as much as possible, borrowing and owing little to anyone. Stealing or taking what doesn't belong to me has been and still remain below my integrity, I recognize that I owe you for some merchandise that I've sold (a breakdown of this will be forthcoming and an inventory of what I have in my possession will also be sent to you). As far as the trip to Africa, I was never quite clear on how much was expected of me or how much you planned to contribute (you did say that you would help out) In addition, I did render a service to you by taking the trip, notwithstanding the fact that I'm very grateful that you made it possible for me to set my feet for the first time on the homeland.

Finally, I understand that as much as some of us don't like conflict, sometime

it is unavoidable, however, there is no need for conflict here, I will return your merchandise and pay you monies owed on items sold and I'm open for discussion around the trip.

May you continue to get stronger with Allah blessings.

Salaam



Malika

P.S. Enclosed, please find a check for \$100.00.

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