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São Paulo, February 24, 1941

Dear Henriqueta

One day you'll come to this house, Henriqueta, and you'll see how lovely the little corner where I live is—my books, my collections of drawings, of folk art, of old images, and my paintings and my endless knickknacks.

São Paulo, January 20, 1945

Dear Henriqueta

It's 8 o'clock in the morning; the day hasn't warmed up yet. I'm writing to you, feeling your presence in the gentle, blessed breeze that's blowing through the studio here. I've noticed that this street of mine has something of you about it. It's a nice neighborhood, a middle-class neighborhood. But God made a rich man plant some big trees right in front of my house, so that the birds fill our mornings and afternoons, bringing the scent of stolen fruit to our noses. The streetcars pass a block away; they don't really get in the way.



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