

were right. Alphonso immediately fired old staff without an ounce  
of remorse. He even fired the Jamaican chefs and hired foreign ✱  
ones. (*"Tourists want to eat their own food on the island. They don't*  
*come to eat Jamaican food wid all dat spice."*) New boys were hired  
from other parts of the island, as far as Portland, to work in the  
kitchen under chefs that came from Europe.

When he saw her that first day, he lifted his shades, appraising her.