

There Are Always Thorns In the Garden...

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The company Montaña Adentro is dedicated to manufacturing gardener's equipment.

This company has great prestige because of the quality of their products and the way they treat their employees.

In the first few hours of the meeting between Mr. Canario and Mr. Gladiola, they didn't speak of the audit, but discusses trivial matters. During the conversation, the details of the audit came into the conversation. Mr. Canario proposed to Mr. Gladiola, in a friendly way, that in his report he should only consider the documents that he is going to provide him, which will the Purchasing Department look good. While Mr. Canario is making the proposition, the auditor is thinking about every detail he is saying.

Mr. Gladiola (the auditor), was reluctant to consider such a proposition, saying he had a family to sustain, and a title that cost him a lot of work to obtain that he didn't want to loose. Mr. Canario insisted in telling him that there are two reasons why he should accept. First, he could receive very interesting benefits, that would help his beloved family and second, there might possibly be some things in his personal life that Mr. Gladiola's firm wouldn't like to know. Mr. Gladiola told Mr. Canario that he had to think about it, after which he left the restaurant.

Questions:

1. Identify the main ethical problem of this situation.
2. Propose a solution to the problem.