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Blessings in Disguise

Pages from the script of a story written for the comic book anthology Welcome to Mina's published by Cloudscape Comics.

PAGE 7 (5 panels)

7.1

Laura, Elizabeth, LAWRENCE, and HAMILTON (both wearing chef aprons) are all gathered in the kitchen. It looks like a chaotic assembly and each of them is doing a different thing.

Laura grasps her hair in exasperation, Elizabeth and Lawrence argue with each other, while Hamilton flicks through a huge cookbook.

LAWRENCE: I've got some leftover fries and cheese curds here. What if I mix them with some gravy and --

LAURA: That's not what he asked for, Lawrence!

ELIZABETH: I don't know what the words mean, but I remember hearing that name before.

HAMILTON: I'm looking for Chinese recipes here. I think it's something with beef.

LAURA: Our only customer in so long and we can't serve a single dish!

7.2

Suddenly JIE walks into the kitchen with MINA. She's excited to see her mom.

MINA: MOMMA!

ELIZABETH: Mina, darling!

LAURA: Jie, why are the two of you here?

JIE: Your mom needed to run some errands and I volunteered to help. Thought Mina could use the field trip.

ELIZABETH: Only this is less of a trip and more of a nightmare.

7.3

Jie notices Hamilton reading the cookbook and decides to investigate. Elizabeth is still hugging Mina.

JIE: I noticed. What's wrong?

ELIZABETH: Gen-Gao-Yuck is what's wrong!

JIE: A beef what?

HAMILTON: I knew it! I knew there was beef in it.

LAWRENCE: We're trying to figure out this Chinese recipe.

[lawrence] LAURA: Hey, Jie! Do you know it?

7.4

Jie closes the book in Hamilton's hand and takes the lead.

JIE: Geung Ngao Yuk? I had it a few times long ago.

Oooh, do I remember the strong taste of ginger... And beef. Yes. I think we can make it work.

LAURA: You heard the man! Everyone, to your posts!

7.5

Elizabeth is kneeling and holding Mina's shoulders with her two hands. Meanwhile, in the background, everyone has begun working.

ELIZABETH: Mina, dear. Momma has to take care of the customer in the dining room, but you stay put here. I need you to be a good girl. Ok?

MINA: OK... I'll watch.

ELIZABETH: That's my girl.

PAGE 8 (6 panels)

This page resembles the steps of a recipe in a cookbook.

8.1

Elizabeth brings a jar of water and fills Li's glass.

8.2

Jie gives orders in the kitchen to Laura, Hamilton, and Lawrence.

8.3

Laura sets the pots on the stove and sets the temperature.

8.4

Hamilton is immersed in chopping carrots, ginger, garlic, and hot peppers. His skills reveal a promising chef.

SFX: CHOP, CHOP, CHOP.

8.5

Mina is bored and sits on the floor as her point of view reveals Jie and Lawrence at work. Lawrence deep fries the beef strips and catches Jie's attention.

SFX: TSSSSSS...

JIE: Lawrence, what are you doing?

LAWRENCE: What do you think? Deep frying, of course.

8.6

Mina tugs at Jie's trousers, trying to get his attention. Jie's face is not visible, but he's still busy talking to Lawrence.

SFX: TUG. TUG.

JIE (OP): But I don't think --

MINA: Can I help? I'm bored.

JIE (OP): Uh... Yes, Mina. You can help with...