

APPENDICES

Synopsis of *The Barbarians are Coming*

Being the second generation of a Chinese immigrant Sterling Lung does not attracted to the idea of accepting his legacy. He lives with his parents in the first level of their house. As being an American appeals him the most, Sterling is having conflicts not only with his Chinese parents but also with the American society.

Genius, Sterling's father, wants him to become a doctor but Sterling ruins his father's dreams by becoming a European chef. He also ruins her mother's dream of marrying him to a Chinese woman, as he marries his American girlfriend and has a son from their marriage. While in his workplace, he is expected to cook Chinese dish but he does not like to do it. Just like in his workplace, when Sterling's wife, Bliss, confronts him to act as a Chinese, he does not do his part as one.

Now that Genius has passed away, Sterling realizes he has a son and must act as a father for him, especially a Chinese father. On Genius's funeral, Sterling brings Moses to Genius's funeral. After that, when Zsa Zsa urges him to feed Moses, Sterling chooses to give him many kinds of Chinese food that Moses usually likes. However, Moses rejects them, and somehow it triggers him to remember his childhood when Genius makes a concoction of food for him.

Eventually, Sterling decides to give the same concoction for Moses. They make it together then Moses eats it.

Biography of David Wong Louie

Born in Rockville Center, New York in 1954, David Wong Louie is the second child from four children of Chinese immigrants. His family arrived after the World War II and run a laundry in the suburb. He graduated from Vassar College in 1977 and received B.A and M.F.A. for Creative Writing from the University of Iowa in 1981. He was also awarded a Lannan Writing Fellowship from Lannan Foundation in 2001 and received fellowship the National Endowment for the Arts, the California Arts Council, the Mac Dowell Colony and Yaddo.

Pangs of Love in 1991 was his first short story collection and becomes *New York Times* Notable Book, won Voice Literary Supplement Favorite, *The Los Angeles Times* Art Seidenbaum Book Review First Fiction Award and *The Ploughshares* First Fiction Book Award in 1991. His first novel *The Barbarians are Coming* in 2000 won the Association for Asian American Study Award for Prose in 2000.

Louie taught at Vassar College where he received his B.A from 1988 to 1992. He was also Associate Professor of English and Asian American Literature at the University of California in Los Angeles. He now lives with his wife in Venice, California.

- “Davis”, “Lannan – David Wong Louie”