

FAMILY RECIPE

Genre: Suspense Thriller

LOGLINE: A teen girl controls her wicked stepmother by addicting her to the secret recipes she found in her newly inherited farmhouse.

Worn out and opinionated estate agent Carsey drives young Dani and her nasty stepmother Karen to Dani's inherited farmhouse that's seen better days. Dani isn't any happier than Karen to leave the city. Despite herself, Dani loves the huge kitchen, even if she has to clean it while Karen tours the house.

Dani springs a hidden door above the cupboards. Pulling out a shark-skinned book, Dani is awed and scrambles to put it back before Carsey and Karen come in from upstairs.

Wasted thanks to country wildlife, Dani starts her first day working in the house. By afternoon she is drawn into the recipe book's pulsing word, blood, and adds three drops of her blood to the bowl. She panics as the recipe fades taking her blood with it and draws more from her cut.

When Milo arrives, Dani is drawn to him. She pays with cookies when he cuts the lawn. After Karen wolfs down most of the cookies, Milo helps Dani gain full control of her baking. Which Carsey and the town happily pay huge for.

Karen distains Milo and his raggedness, but not as much as sharing Dani's cooking. Dani has had enough. She uses Karen's addiction to force her into a blood oath for the next recipe, Family Fair Lasagne.

Dani is caring, even if she does lock Karen in her office to work while Dani mixes the oath blood into supper. Milo understands and is honoured to be tied to Dani by blood for both the Love Knot recipe that follows and the completion of Family Fair Lasagne. Karen is childishly happy at Dani and Milo's union so long as her addiction is fed.

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