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You know the Panda Garden was a great Chinese take-out with a phenomenal General Tso's; nice crispy chicken and light brown sauce and they had a real nice hot and sour with fresh red peppers and nice shitakes. But best of all they have this dish called pepper-pot mussels. They come in a garlic sauce cooked in a pot and set on the table in the pot still boiling. The landlord evidently raised the rent to twice the rate so the owner; she ends up buying some property across the street and opening up there. I'm going in there twice a month for six years. For the last ten visits the food is getting worse and worse. Now the husband cooks and the prep guy looks like an opium dealer. It's still packed but the sauce is gummy and the veggies are soggy and too much salt. Worst of all; they just discontinued the mussels. Man; this is a real disaster. Every time the chinese restraurants get a following they bring in all the relatives to cook and send whatever indentured servant they had working to pay off his passage they send over to a new place. Nothing pisses me off more than this chef jocky'ing. I live in a primarily Italian neighborhood. They don't know shit about Chinese; you need to be buy the Jewish to get real chinese unless you want to schlep into Chinatown. And forget about bagels; they make them in a regular oven. Unbelievable; this is a real disaster.

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