

The Old Lord stood there coughing and staring, a dirty grey satin robe wrapped about him, from which hung an edge of bedraggled fur. Once it had been a fine garment, as anyone could see, for the satin was still heavy and smooth, although stains and spots covered it, and it was wrinkled as though it had been used as a bedgown. Wang Lung stared back at the Old Lord, curious, yet half-afraid, because all his life he had half feared the people in the great house; and it seemed impossible that the Old Lord, of whom he had heard so much, was this old figure, no more dreadful than his old father, and indeed less so, for his father was a cleanly and smiling old man, and the Old Lord, who had been fat, was now lean, and his skin hung in folds about him and he was unwashed and unshaven and his hand was yellow and trembled as he passed it over his chin and pulled at his loose old lips.

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الألفاظ والعبارات :

To cough	يسعل
A robe wrapped about him	متلفف في رداء
Bedraggled fur	فروة وسخة
Wrinkled	مجعدة
Bedgown	مبندل
Dreadful	مفزع
He was unwashed and unshaven	لم يستحم ولم يحلق ذقنه