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## Making Pancakes

11           As Connie was getting dressed, she could hear Debra  
20 doing something down in the kitchen. *Oh, no*, Connie  
29 thought, *Debra must be fixing breakfast again. My sister*  
39 *does many things well, but cooking breakfast isn't one of*  
51 *them*. Connie sniffed the air to see if she could tell what  
57 her sister was trying to make.

66           When Connie got to the kitchen, she discovered that  
75 Debra was making pancakes. She was also making a  
85 mess! Flour, eggshells, and puddles of milk were all over  
97 the counter and on the floor. The flame on the stove was  
107 very high, and the pancakes were burning on the skillet.

116           Connie didn't want to hurt Debra's feelings, so she  
126 sat down and tried to eat. Suddenly Connie didn't feel  
133 well. "Maybe you're coming down with something,"

135 Debra said.

144 Connie nodded. She just couldn't tell Debra that she  
153 thought the pancakes were making her sick. "I'm okay,"  
163 Connie said weakly. "Maybe I'm still full from dinner last  
164 night."

169 "Have some more," Debra offered.

180 "No, thank you, really. One is just enough for me. By  
191 the way, did you add any special ingredients to the batter  
199 that were not part of the cooking instructions?"

209 "Oh, yes, I did. Just a little leftover chopped celery  
219 from the fridge and some chili powder. Can you taste  
220 that?"

230 Connie's eyes opened wide, she let out a gasp, put  
242 her hand over her mouth, and ran to the bathroom as fast  
245 as she could.