

2 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.