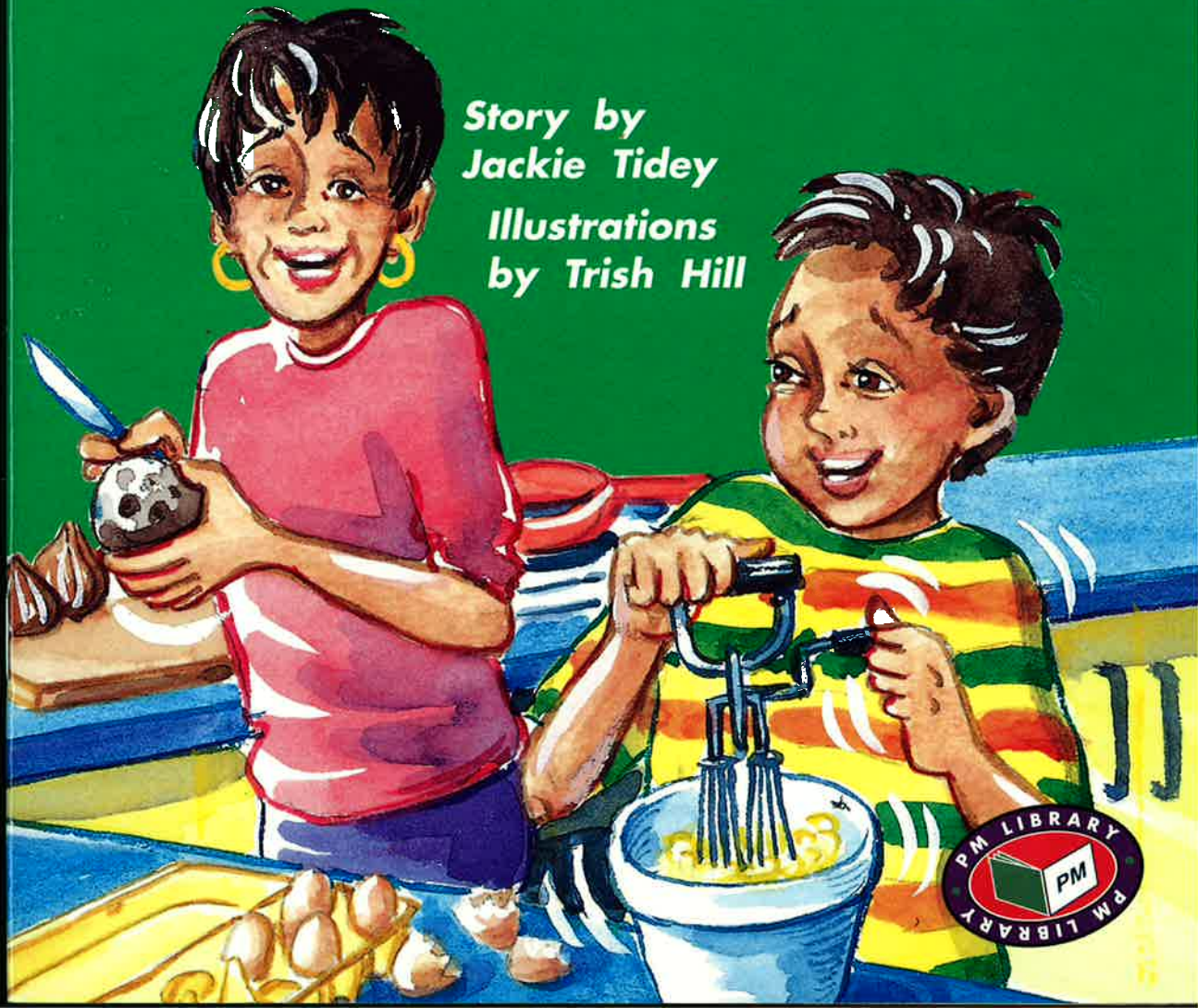
Spanish Omelet

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Kel Ryan stayed with his dad for the school holidays. For the rest of the year, he lived with his mum, far away in another city.

Kel didn't see his dad very often, but when he did, they always had a good time.

"It will be fun at the beach today," said Kel, as he and his dad ate their breakfast. "I'm going to try out my new board. Can we go soon?"

"Yes. Go and get your gear. If we leave now, we'll be there before the beach gets crowded," said Dad.

Kel was in his room, getting his gear ready, when he heard the phone ring. When he went back to the kitchen, his dad said, "That was my boss at the airport. I have to go in to work this morning because they are very short of baggage handlers. People are away sick."

"Oh, no!" said Kel. "What am I going to do while you are at work?"



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"I'll call Mrs Navarro from the apartment upstairs. She might be able to stay with you until I get back. Don't worry. I'll be finished by one o'clock. We can go to the beach this afternoon," said Dad.

Kel turned to the window and looked out at the lovely sunny day. He didn't want his dad to see how disappointed he was. Mrs Navarro! All she ever did was watch TV. He was going to be stuck inside the flat with her all morning, when he really wanted to be at the beach with Dad, trying out his new board in the surf.

"I'm sorry about this, Kel, but I won't be too long," said Dad, trying to cheer him up. "You could help Mrs Navarro with her English again. Last time she stayed with you, she told me afterwards what a good reader you were."



Just then there was a knock at the door and Mrs Navarro came in. Dad called "Goodbye" to Kel and was gone.



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Mrs Navarro switched on the TV and sat down.

"Hello, Kel. You having good holiday?" she said in her not-very-good English.

"Hello, Mrs Navarro," said Kel. "We were going to the beach today, but now Dad's gone to work."

"He home soon," nodded Mrs Navarro.

"He **will be** home soon, Mrs Navarro," said Kel politely.

