

ABU Children's Drama Series

The Omelet

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In a certain residential area in Tokyo (10:00:12:00)

Riku (7 years old) and his younger brother Sora (5 years old) are looking up into the sky.

An airplane comes flying from beyond the buildings.

Riku notices the plane and shouts.

Riku **(10:00:26:10)** "It's daddy!"

The sky is bright and clear. The plane goes flying across the sky.

Riku starts to run after the plane.

Sora follows him.

Narration (10:01:0:20) "My dad is working in Brazil. He is coming home today for the first time in a long while.

(10:01:14:25) Sora and I wished to the sky that dad will come home safely."

[Title] (10:01:39:05)

At the front door of the apartment room (10:01:46:03)

Riku and Sora come rushing through the door.

Riku **(10:01:47:15)** "We're home!"

Riku says as he walks though the hall way.

Riku / Sora **(10:01:49:18)** "Hi, mom!"

On the balcony

Mom comes into the living room from the balcony and starts to tidy up the room.

Mom **(10:01:53:25)** "Hi, boys. Riku, help me put away these things. Your dad is coming home soon. Sora, come on, you have to help too."

Mom is now cleaning up the room and preparing to welcome dad home. The vacuum cleaner is lying on the floor. The grocery for tonight's dinner is still piled up on the table. The flowers bought from the flower shop are left undone.

The phone rings. Mom hastily runs up to the phone saying, "Who can it be at a busy time like this..." She answers the phone. "Hello? Oh, today...All right, I'll be there," she says and hangs up.

Riku understands that mom has some urgent business to take care of.

Narration (10:0:17:19) "Mom has some unexpected business and must go out."

At the front door of the apartment room (10:02:20:16)

Riku and Sora are having a fight.

Mom "Come on you two, now don't fight."

Mom is getting ready to go out to collect materials for her article.

Riku and Sora sees her off.

Mom **(10:02:24:27)** "I have to go now. I'll be back as soon as I can. Riku, you look after your brother, all right? I'll be home in a little while. See you, boys."

Mom shuts the door and leaves.

Riku **(10:02:36:15)** "Oh..."

In the apartment room

Sora is lying on the couch.

Riku **(10:02:46:15)** "Sora! Help me clean up!"

Sora **(10:02:48:24)** "No, I don't want to!"

Riku sighs and looks at dad's photograph.

Narration (10:02:59:26) "Dad is coming home but nothing's ready. Dad..."

Dad is wearing a helmet and has a big smile on his face. Riku looks at the photo for a short while. And then, all of a sudden, dad's words flash across Riku's mind.

Dad's voice "This omelet is really good!" **(10:03:11:18)**

flashback/ in the apartment room (10:03:12:25)

Mom has just made an omelet and brings it to the table.

The bright red ketchup looks good.

Dad, sitting in his own chair, begins to eat.

Dad looks really happy.

The omelet shines. (Image)

Narration (10:03:29:07) "An omelet!"

Riku stands up.

In Riku's room (10:03:34:19)

Riku turns his toy box upside-down and empties all his toys onto the floor. He carries the empty box to the kitchen.

In the kitchen (10:03:37:23)

Before the refrigerator.

Riku takes out the eggs and places them one by one onto a small pan that was nearby. He is taking extra special care.

In the kitchen

Riku lays the toy box upside-down in front of the induction-heating cooker to stand on it.

He stands on the box and says "Now, here it goes."

The frying pan is in front of him.

He takes an egg in his hand and tries to break it by knocking it on the kitchen counter top. It doesn't break.

Riku then tries to break an egg by hitting it on the edge of the kitchen sink. The egg crushes and the yolk and white dangle down the side of the sink. Riku scoops up the egg and puts it into the frying pan.

(10:04:33:22) "Let me try," says Sora, "No!" says Riku.

As Riku says this, he hits the egg too hard. The egg smashes.

This time Riku tries hitting an egg on the edge of the frying pan. Tap, tap, tap.

The egg breaks! Riku cautiously empties the egg into the frying pan. The yolk has lost its shape.

In front of the induction-heating cooker

In the frying pan, there are three and a half eggs (including the one that dangled down the side of the sink) and some pieces of eggshells.

Riku presses one of the buttons of the induction-heating cooker. The power turns on.

The orange light of the touch panel lights.

Riku **(10:05:14:13)** "It's working!"

Riku looks satisfied. He starts to cook the eggs.

Sora is watching the turtle in the fish tank eating its food. "It's eating!"

Riku turns the omelet over.

Riku **(10:05:53:00)** "Oh, I've made a mess."

At the table (10:05:56:13)

The egg is burnt.

Riku sets it in the center of the table.

A solid lump with the yolk and white not mixed up.

Riku and Sora look at each other.

(10:06:01:03) "This isn't an omelet!" says Sora.

"What?" says Riku.

"This isn't an omelet!" Sora says again.

"Oh, shut up." says Riku.

In the kitchen (10:06:13:06)

Riku takes out the eggs from the fridge. There are no more left.

In the living room (10:06:17:25)

On the bookshelf, there are many books concerning cookery written by mom.

Riku chooses a book from the shelf.

In the kitchen (10:06:21:08)

On the dining table, a cookbook with a recipe of an omelet is laid open.

Riku tries to pour in two spoonfuls of milk in the eggs as written, but spills in a whole lot more. Riku stirs the egg.

By the induction-heating cooker (10:06:41:26)

Riku pours oil into the frying pan. This too, plentifully.

Then he immediately pours in the egg.
The oil and egg melt into each other and become a strange color...
Riku mixes the egg and oil with chopsticks.

At that moment, the doorbell rings.

Riku **(10:07:09:01)** "It's daddy!"

Riku runs for the door.

At the front door (10:07:12:18)

Riku unlocks the door and finds the woman living next door standing there.
She points outside and says with an exaggerated gesture,

Neighbor **(10:07:14:00)** "Riku, it's raining outside! Don't you have to take in your futon (Japanese mattress)?"

Riku **(10:07:17:20)** "Oh no!"

Riku runs for the balcony

On the balcony (10:07:19:12)

It is raining heavily.
Riku makes a frantic effort to take the futon inside. The futon is already soaking and heavy.
Riku wrestles with the futon with all his might in the pouring rain.
At last, he succeeds in taking in the futon.
Then, Sora comes and calls him.

Sora **(10:07:49:05)** "Riku, come here a second! Hurry!"

Riku **(10:07:55:04)** "Oh!"

In the kitchen (10:07:56:04)

Thick clouds of smoke are coming out from the pot on the induction heating cooker.
Riku soaks the frying pan in water.

In a different room (10:08:28:03)

Dad's futon is soaking wet.

Riku tries to dry it with a hair dryer. But it is no use.

It is still raining outside. Riku stares out the window...

Riku (10:08:34:14) "Sora, move over a little."

Sora (10:08:37:20) "No."

Riku "(sigh)"

By the refrigerator (10:08:44:04)

Riku opens the fridge and checks what is inside.

There are no more eggs.

In the sink is the frying pan with the omelet still sticking on.

On the floor are some pieces of eggshells.

The stainless steel bowl and chopsticks are also scattered.

Riku "(feeling tired)....."

Then, Sora walks up to him with his penny bank (which looks like a toy) in his hand.

When Riku sees it, he runs up to Sora and says,

(10:09:13:15) "Could you lend me this?"

Riku takes Sora's penny bank and empties it. Coins worth about 300 yen roll out.

Riku (10:09:18:00) "Good doing Sora!"

Sora "???"

On the street (10:09:27:04)

Riku and Sora walk along the street under one umbrella.

In front of the supermarket (10:09:42:25)

Riku and Sora arrive at the supermarket. Riku closes the umbrella and they walk in.

In the supermarket

The aisles in the supermarket are like a maze.

Riku walks and walks to find the eggs.....

Sora stops at the candy lane and picks up a snack with a free toy attached to it.

(10:10:03:25) “No, Sora,” says Riku, and holds his hand and walks on.

At the area selling eggs (10:10:07:27)

Before them are eggs. There are many kinds of eggs on the shelf.

Riku holds with both hands a pack of ten brown-colored eggs.

He walks up to the checkout counter. Sora hurries after him.

At the checkout counter (10:10:25:28)

Riku and Sora are waiting in a line.

It is Riku’s turn now.

The woman behind the counter passes the eggs through the scanner and says,

Woman in counter “2## yen, please.”

Riku takes out from his pocket all his coins and spreads them out in his hand.

...Riku’s heart beats quickly.

Woman in counter “Now, I have received 2## yen.”

Riku and Sora exchange glances.

Riku stuffs the remaining coins in his pocket and holds the eggs with both hands.

Riku bobs his head to her and leaves the supermarket.

On the way home (10:10:42:15)

Riku holds his ten-egg pack with both hands.

Sora holds the umbrella for Riku. Sora himself is almost totally wet.

The two walk cautiously but at a quick pace.

In the kitchen (10:11:05:27)

On the table is a new stainless steel bowl.

Riku is breaking the eggs. Sora helps him.

Riku **(10:11:17:03)** “Egg!”

Sora "Egg coming!"

Sora hands over an egg from the pack.
Riku hits it on the table and breaks the egg shell.
The inside of the egg slips into the bowl. The yolk is swelling.
Sora hands over another egg.

Riku **(10:11:29:15)** "Sora hand me over the milk."

Sora **(10:11:34:10)** "Sure."

Sora holds the spoon and Riku pours in the milk.

In the kitchen (some time has passed)

In the cookbook it is written "add in a pinch of salt."
Sora is about to throw in a handful of salt.
Riku says,
(10:12:01:05) "Enough salt! Open your hands and let it go!"

Sora **(10:12:07:28)** "That's no fun."

Sora wants to add the salt himself. The two boys stir the egg together.

In front of the induction-heating cooker (10:12:46:02)

Riku puts oil into the frying pan.
After that he stares at the frying pan.

In front of the induction-heating cooker (some time has passed)

Riku pours in all the egg.
A delicious sound occurs.
Riku quickly stirs the egg. Sora stands by him and watches.
Riku stirs the egg carefully with a solemn expression.

In front of the apartment (evening) (10:13:42:16)

It has already stopped raining.

In the apartment room (10:13:49:26)

Riku and Sora are asleep on the couch.
The light turns on.

Dad (10:14:21:15) "Riku, Riku."

Riku wakes up at last.

Dad (10:14:24:27) "I'm home."

Riku "Daddy!"

Riku is so happy!

On the table is a large dish and on it is a disc-shaped omelet, which looks a little like a Spanish omelet. There are some cracks in it, which shows that three or more split pieces are put together.

On the omelet is dad's face drawn with red ketchup.

Ending