

THE HELICOPTER WHO WAS SCARED OF HEIGHTS

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Once upon a time, there was a little purple helicopter called Holly. She used to be a great flyer, but then she crashed. Now Holly was broken and her owner didn't want her, so another man came and took her away. "You should be a rescue helicopter," said the man. He took Holly home on the back of his truck. But Holly wouldn't fly. Her pilot didn't know what to do. He fixed all her broken parts but he couldn't make Holly fly. He took Holly to the repair shop, but they couldn't make Holly fly either. He took Holly to see other helicopters flying, but they couldn't make Holly fly either. He didn't ask her what was wrong, because he didn't know that she could talk.

One day there was a little girl called Laura who needed to go to hospital. Holly's pilot tried everything, but Holly still wouldn't fly. "I'm afraid you'll have to take a different helicopter," said Holly's pilot, to Laura's mother. But Laura was only three years old, so she asked Holly, "What's wrong?" Holly was so surprised that a person was talking to her! "I'm scared of heights," she replied. Laura was shocked. She'd never met a helicopter who was scared of heights. So she said to Holly, "Why are you scared?" And Holly said to Laura, "Because when I was younger I crashed and got broken. I don't want to crash again." "But I really need you to fly, so I can get better at the hospital," said Laura. So Holly said, "Ok, I *will* fly, just for you." So Laura hopped in Holly and Holly started to fly. She was very scared but Laura told her, "You can do it, Holly!" and Holly could! She flew Laura all the way to the hospital and she didn't crash. Holly's pilot was so amazed that she could actually fly after all, and could talk!

When Laura got better, she invited Holly to a party with all her friends. "Would you like to ride in me? I'm great at flying now!" said Holly. And all the little children said yes. So Holly took all the children really high, and she wasn't scared at all. "Thanks for helping me fly again, Laura," said Holly. "You're welcome," said Laura.

When Laura grew up, she became Holly's new pilot. Now Holly is fully grown too and she rescues lots of people. Laura painted her different colors so she looks like a normal rescue helicopter. She flies very high and is very brave. If you see a rescue helicopter flying past, it might be Holly, the helicopter who isn't scared of heights!

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