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“Judy Moody and Stink”

LAURA & JUDY

(The Hospital)

The Hospital Playroom.

PLEASE NOTE: The actress playing SOPHIE OF THE ELVES doubles as LAURA

JUDY MOODY is likeable; has a great capacity to be kind and thoughtful; can be moody; smart; high emotional IQ; wears her emotions on her sleeve; can be tough on herself; has a habit of being too boisterous in class; feuds with her brother Stink but loves him; strong-willed; wants to get famous; close to her Dad; can be a bit bossy; and likes to tell Stink what to do.

LAURA is recovering from a heart transplant; innocent; lonely at the hospital; wants to make friends; physically weak but emotionally strong and kind-hearted; is open and honest with her emotions; and grateful to Judy and Stink for engaging with her.

While Judy, Stink, and Sophie are playing in the backyard, Judy accidentally steps on Sophie’s finger and breaks it. Dad drives all three children to the hospital. Sophie goes to the emergency room. Before Dad leaves to be with Sophie, he accompanies Judy and Stink to the playroom. He instructs them to wait there and asks that they not talk with anyone.

In “The Magic Playroom,” Judy meets Laura who is recovering from a heart transplant. Laura explains how lonely it can be with few other children around and a playroom full of broken toys and dolls.

LAURA

(LAURA is recovering from a heart transplant. She's still a little weak.)

Hello. Are you a new patient?

JUDY

(Hesitates for a moment, remembering Dad's instructions.)

No, I'm just waiting for my friend to get a splint on her broken finger. She's in the emergency room. Hi. I'm Judy.

LAURA

I'm Laura. I got a new heart a couple of days ago. My old heart was sick.

JUDY

(Doesn't know how to respond.)

Oh...That's one brave heart you've got there, Laura.

LAURA

Daddy says I'm a brave girl. And guess what?

JUDY

What?

LAURA

I'm getting a new hamster when I go home. Do you have a hamster?

JUDY

Stink has a guinea pig named Astro.

So, Laura. What do you do while you're waiting to get better?

LAURA

Sometimes I come in here. This place is called "The Magic Playroom," but they should really call it "The Tragic Playroom" instead!

Every single puzzle has a missing piece and all the board games are old. The dolls have broken parts, missing heads, and missing legs. It's not so much fun to stay here.

(Laura starts to cough.)

JUDY

Oh, no! Laura! Are you ok?

LAURA

I'm ok. I should probably go back to my room.

JUDY

Here, let me help you to the door.

LAURA

(Very heartfelt.)

It's ok. I'll be fine. And thank you.

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