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ZORBA'S THREE PROMISES

A gull landed next to Zorba. "Help me," the gull cried. "I'm covered in oil. I'm dying."

"What can I do?" asked Zorba.

"Soon I'll lay an egg. Promise me three things. Please don't eat it."

"Okay." Zorba said. "I won't."

"Please take care of the egg."

"Okay. I will."

"And teach my baby to fly."

"Me?"

"Yes, you."

"Okay. I'll try."

"Thank you." the gull said.

She soon died. Under her body was an egg.

Taking care of the egg was difficult. Zorba warmed it. Day and night he held it.

Early one morning he woke up. A small white head looked at him.

"Mommy!"

"I'm not your mommy. But you're lucky. That's your name. Lucky."

Zorba and his friends took care of Lucky. Rats and strange cats attacked her.

But Zorba and his friends protected her. In time, Lucky became a beautiful gull.

"Lucky," Zorba said. "Now it's time to fly."

"Why do I have to fly? Cats don't fly." Lucky said.

"You're wrong. You're not a cat. You're a gull."

"Me? A gull?"

"Yes. You are a gull. I am a cat. Cats do cat things. Gulls do gull things. Each is good. Each is different. We must respect differences."

"So I must fly." Lucky said.

"Yes. Gulls fly."

"I can't fly without your help. Will you teach me?"

"Of course. I promised your mother. And I promise you now."

Lucky's flying lessons started. She tried to fly many times, but always failed.

One rainy night Zorba and Lucky went up a tall tower.

"Lucky, all the sky is yours. Open your wings and fly."

"I can't." she cried.

"Yes, you can. You can if you want."

Lucky stepped into the air. At first she fell. Then she caught the wind and started to fly.

"Zorba, you were right. I love you." Lucky said and flew away.

"I love you too." Zorba said to the empty sky.

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