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for free it has cost more than \$3 million so far and the blythedale children ' s hospital in valhalla agreed to donate housing and therapy. the children ' s hospital team of neurosurgeon dr. james goodrich and plastic surgeon dr. david staffenberg separated the boys in a gradual "staged" approach, pushing apart their brains and dividing the blood vessels in four operations from october 2003 to august 2004. in between, the boys were given time to heal. it was a departure from the more common single marathon operation. during the final operation, the surgeons found that the boys ' brains, which scans had indicated were abutting but separate, were actually shared and seamless at one point. dreading whatever complications he might cause, goodrich studied and consulted and finally found a place to cut where veins seemed to go in opposite directions. "i am not a religious person," goodrich said last week. "but i do think there was something guiding us along there." marion said carl suffered some seizures in the month after the separation, but goodrich said his principal fears neurological problems and liquid on the brain did not develop. during a reporter ' s recent visit to blythedale, clarence walked proudly, holding onto a therapist with one hand and pushing his stroller with the other. he was so energetic that at one point he stepped out of his pants and staffers had to find him a belt. meanwhile, carl stood, a bit unsteadily, to play a bead game on a table. later, the boys laughed as they tumbled down a padded slide together. though their skulls have not yet been reconstructed doctors don ' t want to interrupt their therapy and specially designed plastic helmets haven ' t fit well, the doctors say

the boys ' heads are protected well enough by their bandages even for horseplay. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)