

# Tino's Cracked Shell



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Tino was a small African snail who lived by the tall red mountains. He had a perfect golden brown shell.



One bright morning, Tino wandered around humming when suddenly, “*BANG*,” a load of mud fell on his lovely shell leaving a big crack in it, like a broken zipper.



First, Tino tried to patch the crack with large taro leaves, but the rain washed them off. He got tired of patching with taro leaves.



Next, he tried to patch the crack with long banana leaves. Still it did not work. The wind kept blowing them off.



Then, Tino found a piece of paper in the grass and covered the crack. At that moment, a girl happened to be picking up trash. She saw the paper and dumped it, along with Tino, into the bottom of her garbage bag.



Now Tino had a new problem. He had to figure out how to get out of the garbage bag. When he finally found a way out, he crawled under a small rose bush where he discovered an empty coconut shell. He crawled under it and stayed there until his own shell mended. Soon Tino's shell was as good as new. Now he was ready for more adventures.

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