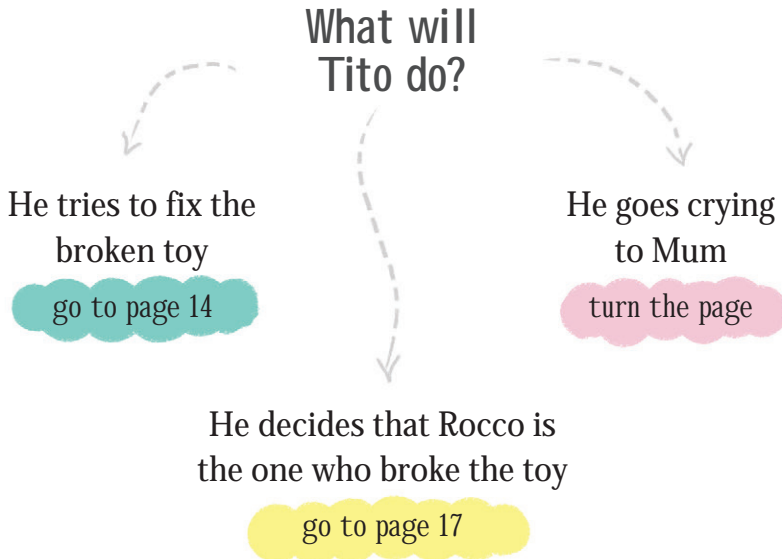


THE ADVENTURE OF TITO, ROCCO AND MARIA BEGINS

Today, back from school, Tito finds his favourite toy on the ground. It is a beautiful fire truck, all red and with the alarm. But now, two wheels have broken off and the ladder, which could be raised and lowered, is also broken!

«Who played with it, while I was at school?» Tito thinks. He tries to fix the wheels, but without success. The toy has been ruined forever!

«Someone took it without my permission and broke it!» Tito ruminates. TAll this is unbearable for him.



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Tito goes to his mum with the little truck in one hand and the wheels in the other.

«Mum, mum!» he moans, showing her the toy.

«Someone broke it!»

He is so angry that a strangled voice comes out of his throat and two big tears gather in the corners of his eyes.

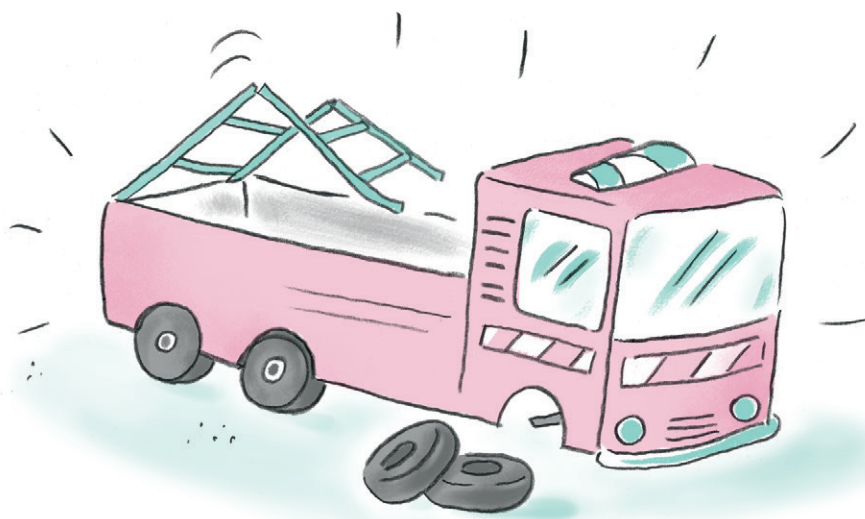


His mum interrupts what she's doing, gets closer to him and strokes his head to console him.

«I'm so sorry, honey, let me see. We could ask your dad to fix it. You know how good he is at fixing things».

Tito slowly begins to feel better. The lump in his throat is disappearing. Sure, Dad is great with glue: he has fixed a lot of things already!

«I have an idea» Mum says. «We leave the truck here on the table, as if it was at the mechanic's, waiting to be repaired. Meanwhile, why don't you play with another toy?»



Tito is now convinced. Mum is right: there are a lot of toys in his room! The race track for cars, the miniature train, the rubber ball or the little soldiers.

With the kitchen table converted into a mechanic's workshop, the broken truck is a fun game too. He can't wait to assist his dad with the procedure!



Tito runs to his room: he wants to check all his toy cars to see whether any fixing is needed.

«What are you doing, Tito?» asks Maria from the bedroom door.

«I'm searching for sick cars, so that I can fix them with Dad» her brother answers.

Maria sits down next to him: «Wow! Can I be the nurse?»

Tito is not able to say no, especially when Maria has those innocent eyes!

Just then, Rocco comes in: «I'm back!» he shouts happily.

Hearing his brother's voice, Tito has an idea: that's who took his truck.

Rocco, as usual! He plays with toys as if they all belong to him!



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«Ehy, hi!» Rocco says, when they are close to them. «We are Rocco, Tito e Maria. And you, who are you?»
«We are the Biters» replies one of them.

The others don't even wait for him to finish the sentence: one bites Rocco's hand and the other tries to bite Tito's calf!


Maria starts screaming, scared.

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against the Biters using
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They run away as fast
as they can until they
are safe

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