

# The Amino Children

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Susan Amino was having a fine day. Her children were growing to be exceptional adults. She has raised them to be brave and considerate of others, and today was an important day. It was time for her children to leave their Amino family and to out on their own.

Susan called them and they gathered around her in a happy cluster.

“Who will speak up first?” she questioned. “Me, me,” they shouted together. They all knew that today was the special day.

“Let me be the first”, said Tony. “I am strong. I can become the very best Peptide, and all of our Amino family will be so proud of me”.

But Susan knew her children could not go it alone, not even her oldest, Tony. They needed one another, and so she told them, “there is an old but true saying, united we stand, divided we fall. You cannot leave out your brothers and sisters Tony”.

The children were silent, hoping that Tony would include them. Tony really wanted to be the only Peptide in the Amino family, but he knew his mother was right, so he admitted he was being selfish and embraced his brothers and sisters.

What a fine group of Amino’s they made! All bright and shiny and anxious to become Peptides. Finally, a real badge of honor! They clustered together and became magnificent radiant Peptides. It was just so great!

Today was such a happy day for them. It was beginning, and they knew that someday as they got older, they would gather again as a Peptide cluster and become the most important of all part of the Protein family.

Susan’s work was done. She was so proud of her Amino children. She had raised them well, and now they would become a vital part of all existence on earth. Surely a badge of honor!