

# Geronimo Stilton

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# CHEDDAR CHEWS OR MOZZARELLA MUFFINS?

It was a chilly October evening. A tail-rattling *wind was roaring* through the streets of New Mouse City. I *shivered* and buttoned my jacket up to my snout. Then I locked the door to my office and started home at a *brisk* scamper.

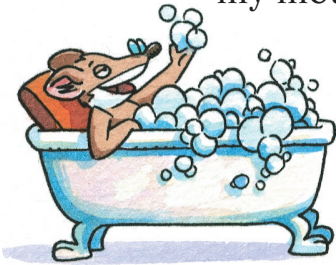
Oh, excuse me, I almost forgot to introduce myself. My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*. I run *The Rodent's Gazette*, the



most *famouse* newspaper on Mouse Island.

I couldn't wait to be home at 8 Mouseford Lane. **FROSTY** cheese pops, it was cold outside!

As soon as I opened the door, I sighed with relief. It was so cozy and warm inside my mouse hole!



I hurried into the bathroom and ran a hot bath. Ahh, there's nothing *better* than a good soak on a cold autumn evening!

After my bath, I put on my favorite flannel pajamas and slippers. Rubbing my paws in satisfaction, I opened the fridge.



**Yum, yum, yum!** There was so much to choose from! Should I have cheddar chews or mozzarella muffins?

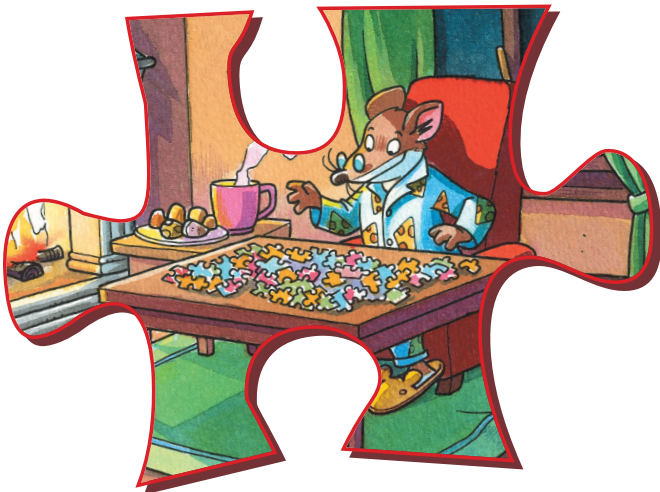




Monterey Jack pie or Swiss fondue? Three-cheese pizza or baked Parmesan cheesecake? **They were all so delicious**, it was difficult to pick just one!


Since I was unable to make up my mind, I decided to treat myself. I grabbed the **largest** plate I could find and filled it with a selection of every **fasty** tidbit inside the fridge. Then I made a cup of hot cheddar and headed to the living room to light the fire.

A huge jigsaw **puzzle** was sprawled on the dining table. It was a map of New Mouse





City, and it was **tricky** with a capital **T**!

I had been working on the  for months, and I was just a few pieces away from completing it. I was **savoring** these last moments.

*I might frame it and hang it up, I thought. It's not every day a mouse gets to finish a jigsaw as challenging as this one!*

I set down my cup of cheese and looked at the remaining pieces. In went one, then another, then another. Whiskers tingling, I inserted the very **L A S T** piece.

