

# Geronimo Stilton

## THE GOLDEN STATUE PLOT



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# A PERFECT TAN!

It was Monday morning, and I went to work wearing movie-star sunglasses and a **perfect** tan. Well, um, an almost-perfect tan . . .

I said hello to everyone and **RUSHED** to my office.

Oh, I'm sorry, let me introduce myself! My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*.

I run *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most





famous newspaper on Mouse Island.

Anyway, where was I again? Oh yes. As I **scampered** by my staff, I heard them all whispering.

“Love the **GLASSES!**”

“So **COOL!**”

I closed the door to my office behind me with a **SIGH** of relief. Then I turned on all the lights and began to work, without taking off my sunglasses.

Okay, I know you’re wondering why I was acting like some sort of famous **celebrity**. Well, I’ll tell you. . . .

It happened that weekend when I went to the beach. I fell asleep in the **SUN** for hours and hours. Too bad I forgot to take off my sunglasses. When I woke up, I was left with ridiculous **white marks** around my eyes! I looked like a reverse **PANDA!**



I was so **EMBARRASSED**, I decided there was only one thing for me to do. I had to keep my sunglasses on . . . at all times! I wore them at the supermarket, I wore them on the **SUBWAY**, and I wore them to work.

Of course, in order to read anything in my office I had to turn all the **LIGHTS** on, even though it was the middle of the day. What a waste of **energy**! I felt terrible!

The next morning I felt even worse. When I went to the office, my whole staff was wearing **SUNGLASSES**, just like me.



And they had also turned all the lights on, even though it was sunny! **Holey cheese!** I had started a trend! A trend of wasting **energy!**



Plus, I felt like I was working with a bunch of **SECRET AGENTS** (like my friend **OOK**).

I should have spoken up,

