



Geronimo Stilton

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IT ALL STARTED LIKE THIS . . .

Dear Rodent Friends,

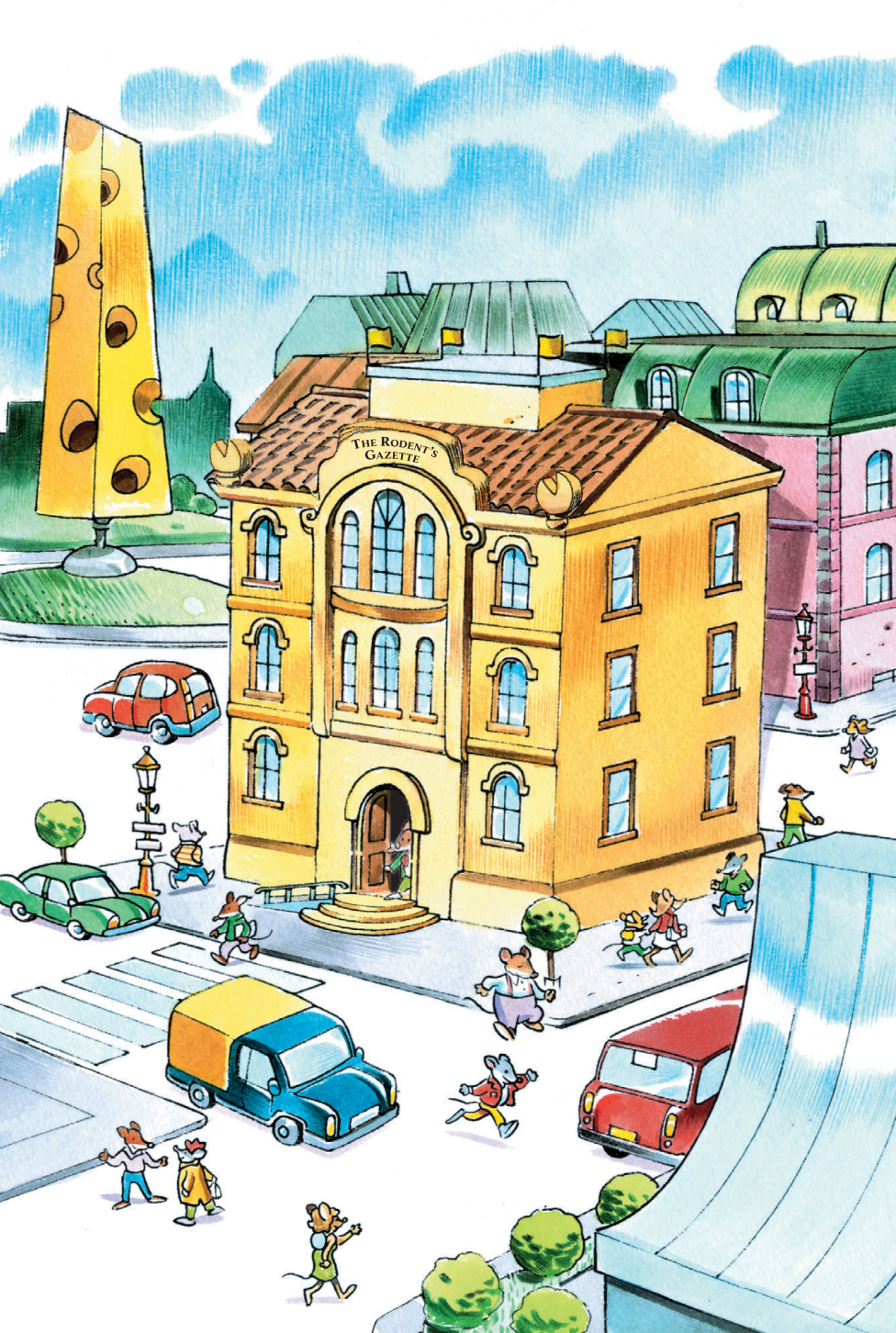
Do you know me? My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*. I run a newspaper called *The Rodent's Gazette*. It's the most popular paper on Mouse Island. But I'm not here to squeak about the paper. I want to tell you a story that will make your fur stand on end!

It all started like this . . .

*It all started like this . . .
exactly like this . . .*

Geronimo Stilton







RATS! WHY TODAY, OF ALL DAYS?

It was the morning of June 21,* and I had just set paw in the office. Right away I could tell it wasn't going to be a good day. My staff was running around like a pack of rats in a maze. And everyone was **COMPLAINING** about something.

“Geronimo, the air-conditioner's broken!” yelled my secretary, Mousella MacMouser.

“Geronimo, we're out of **COFFEE!**” shrieked Blasco Tabasco, one of my designers.

“Geronimo, the **computers** are all down!” cried my proofreader, Mickey Misprint.

“Geronimo, I want a **RAISE!**” squeaked my assistant editor, Pinky Pick.

“Geronimo, did you know you have a pimple on your snout?” my cousin Trap asked.

*June 21 marks the beginning of summer. Legend has it that the evening of June 21 is a magical night when anything can happen.

The editorial offices of THE RODENT'S GAZETTE





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**HERE'S WHAT WAS HAPPENING
AT *THE RODENT'S GAZETTE* . . .
TODAY, OF ALL DAYS!**

1. **Hercule Poirat** wanted to talk about a new case.
2. **Yogi Fur** was practicing standing on his head.
3. **Kreamy O'Cheddar** was spraying perfume on my prize pepper plant.
4. The **architect** was redesigning the office.
5. The **cleaning mouse** was washing the floor.
6. **Thea** was doing wheelies on her new motorcycle.
7. **Blasco Tobasco** was conked out on the couch.
8. **Tina Spicytail** had made an extra-smelly blue cheese pie.
9. **Coral Cockle** had brought over a sack of slimy fish.
10. **Stephanie von Sugarfur** had returned my love letter.
11. The **delivery rat** from the café brought the wrong order.
12. **Penelope Poisonfur** wanted me to go mountain climbing.
13. The **janitor's** three-year-old niece came to visit.
14. **Professor Paws von Volt** was working on the computer cables.
15. The **water delivery rat** brought saltwater by accident.
16. My uncle **Samuel S. Stingysnout** wanted to talk about the meaning of life.
17. Someone kicked a soccer ball through our window.
18. I, **Geronimo Stilton**, had a pimple on my snout.
19. A **sculptor** was hammering out a bust of my grandfather.
20. An **illustrator** and an **editor** were arguing.
21. **Benjamin** wanted to do his homework in the office.
22. The **technicians** were repairing the air-conditioner.
23. Three hundred and three contracts had to be signed.
24. **Bruce Hyena** brought his new weights to the office.
25. **Pinky Pick** and her uncle **Mousias van Raten** were singing.
26. **Shorty Tao** was practicing karate chops.

RATS! WHY TODAY,



OF ALL DAYS?

Was it true? I grabbed a mirror.
Rats! There really was a
pimple on my snout.
Oh, why did I have to
get a pimple **TODAY,
OF ALL DAYS?**

After a million hours,
the day finally ended. I
was exhausted. I headed
for home. That's when things went
from bad to worse.

I began walking home just as it started raining.
Suddenly, a bolt of **lightning**
almost hit my tail. My fur
stood on end. My teeth
chattered. My paws
went weak. Oh, why
did I almost get struck
by lightning, **TODAY, OF ALL DAYS?!**

What a **HUMONGOUS** pimple!



ZZZt! ZZZZZt! ZZZt!

BOOM! KABOOM!
BOOM! KABOOM!
BOOM!