



Geronimo Stilton

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PARADISE

THE RETURN TO THE
KINGDOM OF FANTASY



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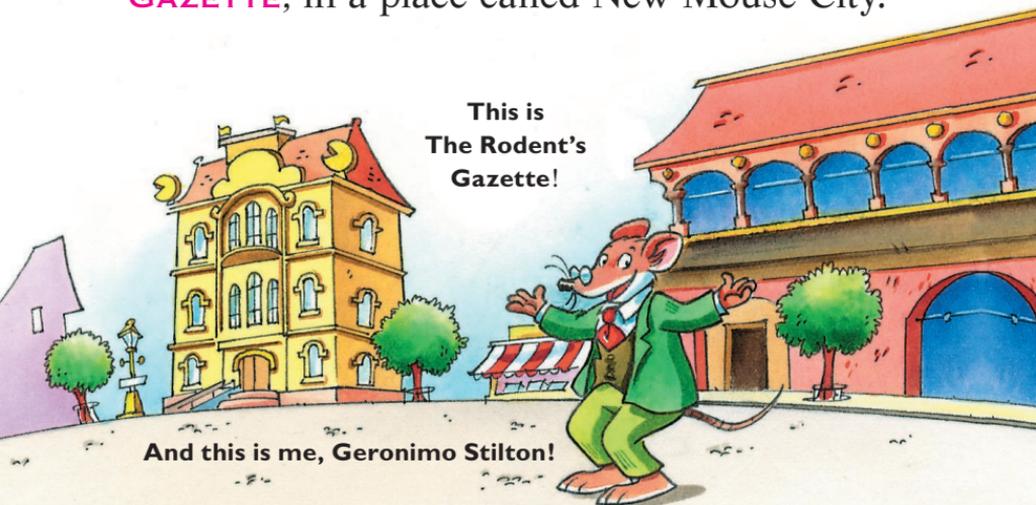
I AM JUST AN ORDINARY MOUSE....

I am just an ordinary mouse. But I have had some **EXTRAORDINARY** adventures — adventures that will curl your whiskers! This story takes place in a *strange* and **magical** land called the Kingdom of Fantasy.

Oh, how could I *forget*? I haven't introduced myself yet. My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*. I run a newspaper, **THE RODENT'S GAZETTE**, in a place called New Mouse City.

This is
The Rodent's
Gazette!

And this is me, Geronimo Stilton!





A GREAT IDEA

It was a **normal** evening, around dinnertime. I was **HURRYING** home from work. I couldn't wait to eat the **tasty** cheese casserole I had made. But just then I ran into my **ANNOYING** cousin Trap.

“**Geronimoid!**” he squeaked. “Have I got some **EXCITING** news for you!”

“What is it?” I asked suspiciously. I'm always **wary** around my cousin. That's because he likes to play tricks on me.





“My **FIRST NEWS FLASH** is . . . tonight, I’m opening a restaurant!” he announced.

“Great idea,” I said, thinking just the opposite. My cousin is an **AWFUL** cook.

“My **SECOND NEWS FLASH** is . . . there will be a show for the grand opening. A **very special** mouse will attempt to beat the **WORLD RECORD FOR STUFFING YOUR FACE** by eating more than **ONE HUNDRED** plates of spaghetti!” he continued.



“Great idea,” I said, thinking just the opposite. What kind of a **nut** would stuff his face like that?

“And my **THIRD NEWS FLASH** is . . . *the rodent who will try to break the RECORD is **YOU!***”

“Great idea,” I said, without thinking. Then it **hit** me.

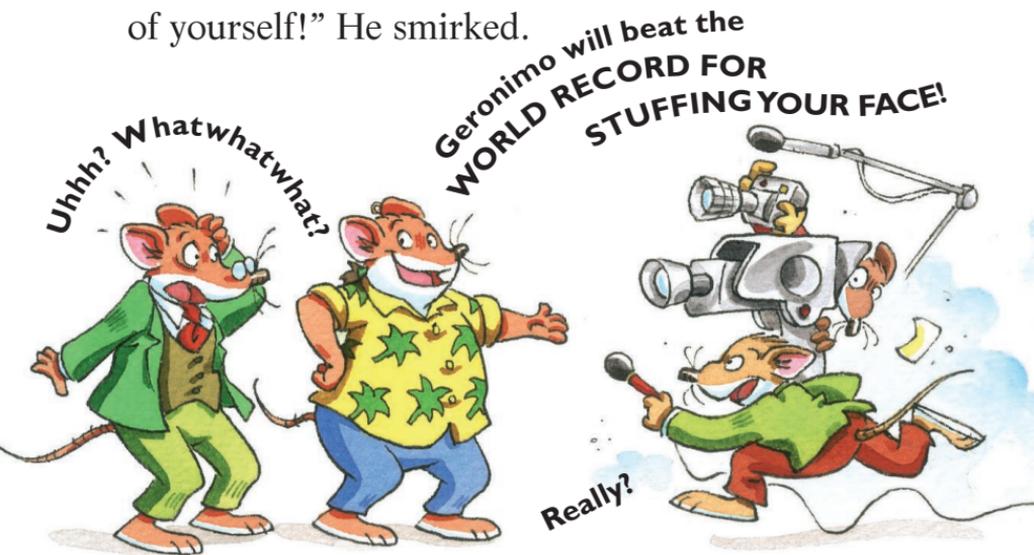
BAD IDEA! BAD IDEA! I thought. But it was too late to say it out loud. I had already fainted.



When I came to, Trap was busy **COMBING** my fur. “No need to thank me, Cuz,” he said. “I know you want to look **good** for the cameras.”

“**C-c-c-ameras?**” I stammered.

My cousin grinned. “Of course, Gerrykins. Thanks to me, **THOUSANDS** — no, **millions** . . . no, **Billions** — of mice all over the world will see you. I invited **all** the journalists and **all** the photographers and **all** the television reporters on **MOUSE ISLAND!** They were very interested. Everyone wants to see you make a **pig** of yourself!” He smirked.





I felt sick and I hadn't even taken one **nibble** of spaghetti! Oh, how did I get into such a **mess**?

"But, Trap, you know I have a weak stomach," I whined. "I'll **never** be able to do it!"

My cousin rolled his eyes. "Oh, don't be such a **wimp**," he scoffed. "You **love** spaghetti, and my restaurant needs the publicity! You have to do it!"

I chewed my **PAWNAILS**. I was about to scamper away when someone grabbed my tail. When I looked up, two **violet-colored** eyes were staring back at me. They belonged to my sister, **Thea**.



The Stilton Family



Thea Stilton *Geronimo's sister*

Special correspondent for *The Rodent's Gazette*. She flies her own airplane, rides a motorcycle, and loves adventures.

Trap Stilton *Geronimo's cousin*

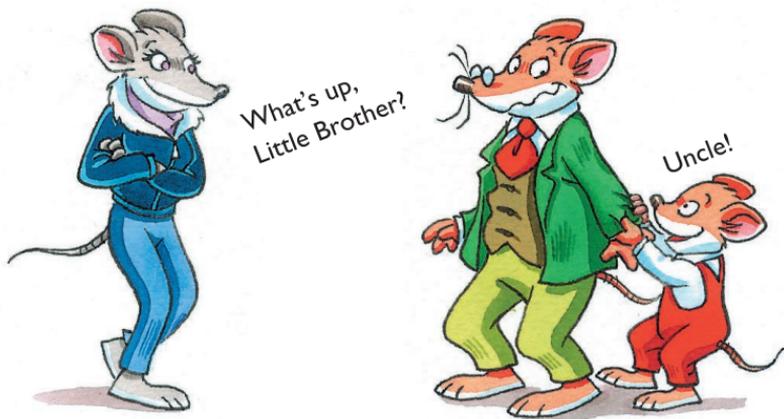
His dream is to open a restaurant. He tells awful jokes and loves to play pranks — especially on Geronimo!



Benjamin Stilton *Geronimo's nephew*

He's super-sweet. When he gets older he wants to be a journalist, just like his uncle Geronimo.





“What’s up, Little Brother? Are you about to **SCAMPER**?” Thea asked.

I groaned. I was like a mouse caught in a maze.

Then I felt a paw **tugging** at my sleeve. “Uncle! Are you really going to beat the **WORLD RECORD FOR STUFFING YOUR FACE**? That’s so **AWESOME!**” my nephew squeaked.

I sighed. **That did it.** I told Trap to start his stopwatch. You see, I can **NEVER** say no to my **dear** nephew Benjamin. Trap brought me my first plate of spaghetti. “You have one hour to break the **WORLD RECORD!**” he announced.

And so I began. . . .

Geronimo Stilton and THE WORLD RECORD FOR STUFFING YOUR FACE!

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1 PLATE OF SPAGHETTI ...

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10 PLATES OF SPAGHETTI ...

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70 PLATES OF SPAGHETTI ...

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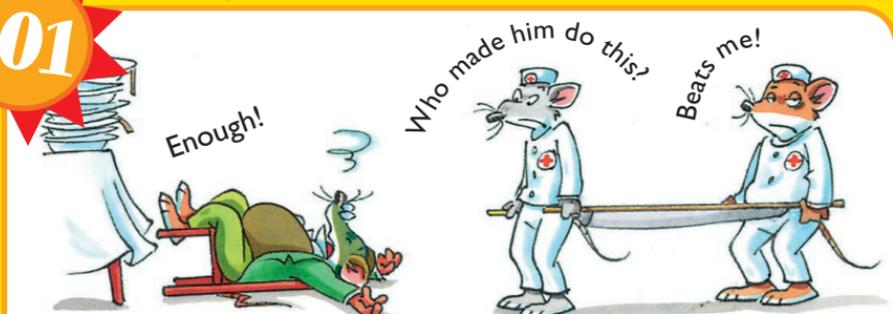
80 PLATES OF SPAGHETTI ...

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90 PLATES OF SPAGHETTI ...

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101 PLATES OF SPAGHETTI: NEW WORLD RECORD FOR STUFFING YOUR FACE!

Who made him do this?

Beats me!