

# Geronimo Stilton

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### **BIG TROUBLE IN THE BIG APPLE**



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# ON THE WAY TO WHALE ISLAND

It was a gorgeous fall morning in New Mouse City when I boarded a ferry headed straight for **Whale Island**. I was so excited, my fur *tingled*. I was making a visit to my old school, **MOUSEFORD ACADEMY**.

Oh, excuse me. I forgot to introduce myself. I'm **THEA STILTON**, a special correspondent for *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most famous **NEWSPAPER** on Mouse Island.





Professor *Octavius de Mousus* had invited me for some sort of special event. (He was being very secretive about it.)

So I asked my brother, Geronimo, if he needed me for the newspaper, and he said I was free to go. You know Geronimo, right? He's the head of *The Rodent's Gazette*, and technically my boss.

I said good-bye to everyone at the office, packed my suitcase in record time, and

**SAILED** off from New

Mouse City in a **ferry**

to Mouseford. Yes,

**CAPTAIN vince**

**GUYMOUSE'S** ferry

is still the **only** way

to travel to Whale

Island, where Mouseford

is located.





“We’ll be there so **FAST** your fur will fly, Miss Stilton!” Vince **PROMISED** when I told him I was in a hurry. But a few minutes later, Vince slowed to a crawl. I was **FLABBERGASTED**.

I marched into the pilot’s cabin. “What are you **DOING**?” I squeaked. “At this rate my fur will be **WHITE** by the time we reach Whale Island!”

Vince pointed to a nearby cruise ship. A group of pretty female mice were **sunbathing** on the deck. “I was just being friendly,” he said, waving desperately at the sunbathers. They ignored him.

I glared at Vince.

Then I **WRENCHED** the controls from his paws, increased the speed of the engine, and took off. **VROOOOOOOOM!**

Whale Island appeared on the horizon.



I laughed. “If you want something done right, sometimes you have to **do it yourself!**”

