

Geronimo Stilton

CREPELLA VON CACKLEFUR

**MEET ME IN
HORRORWOOD**



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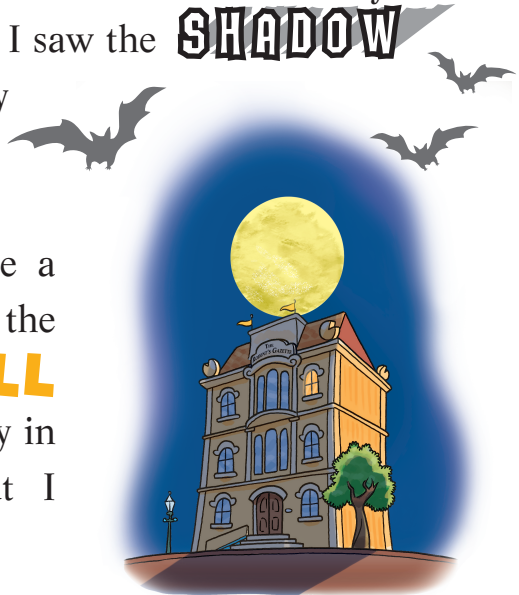


A SHADOW IN THE NIGHT . . .

It was almost midnight. I was working late in my office at *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most famous newspaper in New Mouse City. Suddenly, I thought I saw the **SHADOW** of a bat outside my window.

WEIRD!

Could it really be a bat? I looked out of the window. A **FULL** moon shone brightly in the black sky. But I didn't see any bats.







Oh, I'm sorry! I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*. I'm the editor of *The Rodent's Gazette*. I turned back to my computer, but I felt strange, as if somebody was staring at me. **WEIRD!**

I headed to the office kitchen. A nice **CUP** of hot cheddar tea was just what I needed to calm down.



A shiver ran down my back, **curling** my whiskers. I couldn't shake that creepy feeling. So I turned off the light and headed home.

As I walked, I had the **ODD** feeling that someone was following me. I walked faster and faster. Finally, I reached the front door of my house. I **quickly** went inside and locked the door behind me. Then I breathed a sigh of relief.



I was just putting on my apron when a **chilly** breeze hit my whiskers. The window was wide open. **WEIRD!** I was sure I had closed it that morning. As I moved to shut it, I thought I heard the rustling of wings outside.

Zoom! Something zipped right past me! I felt it brush against my **whiskers**. Then something heavy landed right on my tail! I let out a bloodcurdling scream:

SQUEAK!





A large package wrapped in purple paper bounced off of my tail and landed on the floor. Then a tiny voice yelled in my ear:



*“Message for you!
Message for you!
Message for you!”*

I recognized that voice. It was **Bitewing**, Creepella von Cacklefur’s pet bat!

I rubbed my bruised tail.

“Open the box! It’s for you!” the purple bat screeched.

I tore off the purple paper and opened the box. The first thing I saw was a card shaped like a **TOMBSTONE!** There were two hearts on the front of the tombstone, with the initials *G* and *B* underneath. **WEIRD!**

Underneath the tombstone were a computer disc and a letter written on purple paper.



The label on the disc said *Meet Me in Horrorwood*. The letter read:

*To my little cheese nip, Geronimo,
I'm sending you a new adventure
(on the disc!). You must publish it
immediately! It's a scary love story!*

*Inside this purple box, you will also
find a tombstone-shaped wedding
invitation. If you want to find out
who's getting married at Cacklefur
Castle, read the story!*

I was so curious, I began to read it right away. . . .

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