

Dear mouse friends,
Welcome to the world of



Geronimo Stilton

THE RODENT'S GAZETTE
EDITORIAL STAFF





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An awful joker; Geronimo's cousin and owner of the store Cheap Junk for Less

Benjamin Stilton

A sweet and loving nine-year-old mouse; Geronimo's favorite nephew



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MOUSE OVERBOARD!



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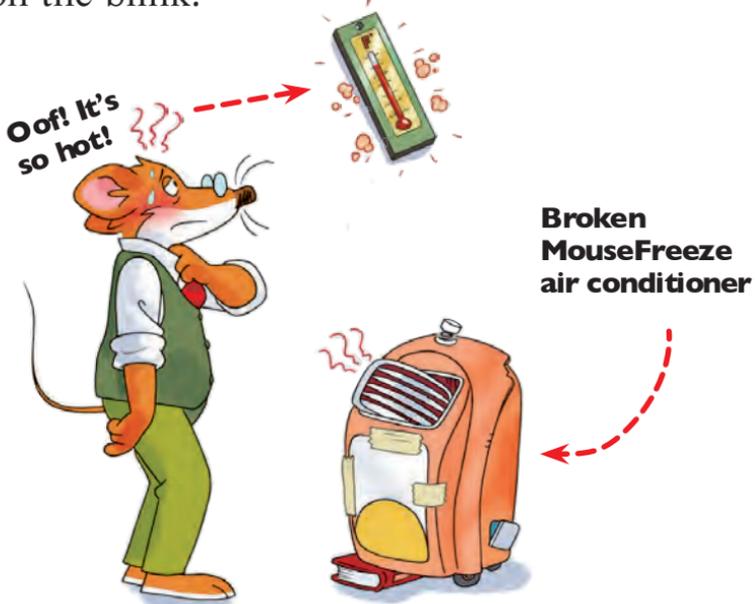
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A WHISKER SCORCHER

Holey **MELTED** cheese sticks, it was a hot day — a real **WHISKER SCORCHER**! The sun sizzled high over New Mouse City, and there wasn't a hint of a **breeze**. To make things worse, my **air conditioner** was on the blink.





Oops, I almost forgot to introduce myself! My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*. I run *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most **famouse** daily newspaper on Mouse Island. Anyway, that day I was home catching up on my accounting. I was **head over whiskers** excited to see that my newspaper had also become the **BESTSELLING** paper on Mouse Island!

Then the phone **rang**. At the other end, a familiar voice shrieked in my ear.

“Stilton!

You cheddarhead! I can't believe your newspaper has **outsold** mine! You better watch your tail! I will destroy *The Rodent's Gazette!*”

I will destroy
The Rodent's
Gazette!



Sally Ratmousen is the publisher of *The Daily Rat* and Geronimo's number one competitor



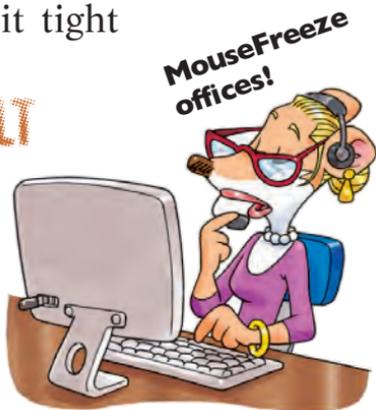
It was Sally Ratmousen, editor of *The Daily Rat* — my nemesis! I wanted to tell her not to take my **success** so personally, but she had already hung up on me.

I tried to go back to my work, but I was **worried** about what Sally might do. And the heat was making fondue out of my brain!

In a panic, I called the repairmice at **MouseFreeze** Cooling Company. I had to get my **air conditioner** fixed! But the MouseFreeze receptionist had bad news.

“With this **heat wave**, all the repairmice are busy. You’ll have to sit tight today!”

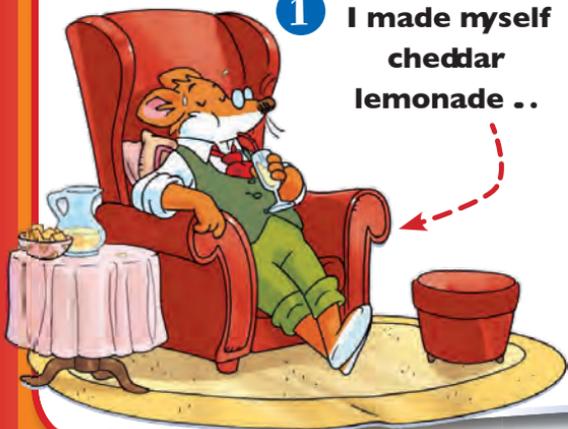
Sit tight?! I would **MELT** if I had to wait until **TOMORROW**. So I decided to get a little creative . . .



HERE'S WHAT I DID TO TRY TO KEEP COOL . . .

FIRST TRY:

- 1** I made myself
cheddar
lemonade ..



- 2**
but it was too cold,
and I got an awful
STOMACHACHE!

SECOND TRY:

- 1** I took an
ICE BATH ...



- 2**
but I had to get out quickly
because I was turning
into a **MOUSTICLE!**

THIRD TRY:

ffffff**ICE POPS**fffff fffffff
 fffffff ffff ffff fff

1



2



ffff fffffff fff
 fff**STICKY** fffff
 attracted fruit flies!

FOURTH TRY:



1

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2

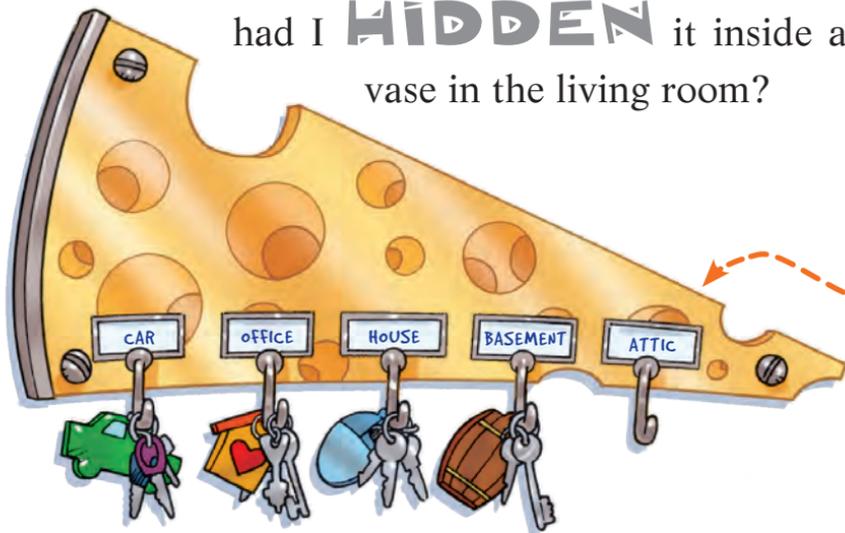


fffff **SLIPPED** fffff
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After all of that, I finally remembered that I still had an old **FAN** in the attic. It was my last hope for staying cool!

But . . . where had I put the key? Was it **HANGING** in the hall? Did I put it in my desk drawer? Was it in the kitchen? Or had I **HIDDEN** it inside a vase in the living room?



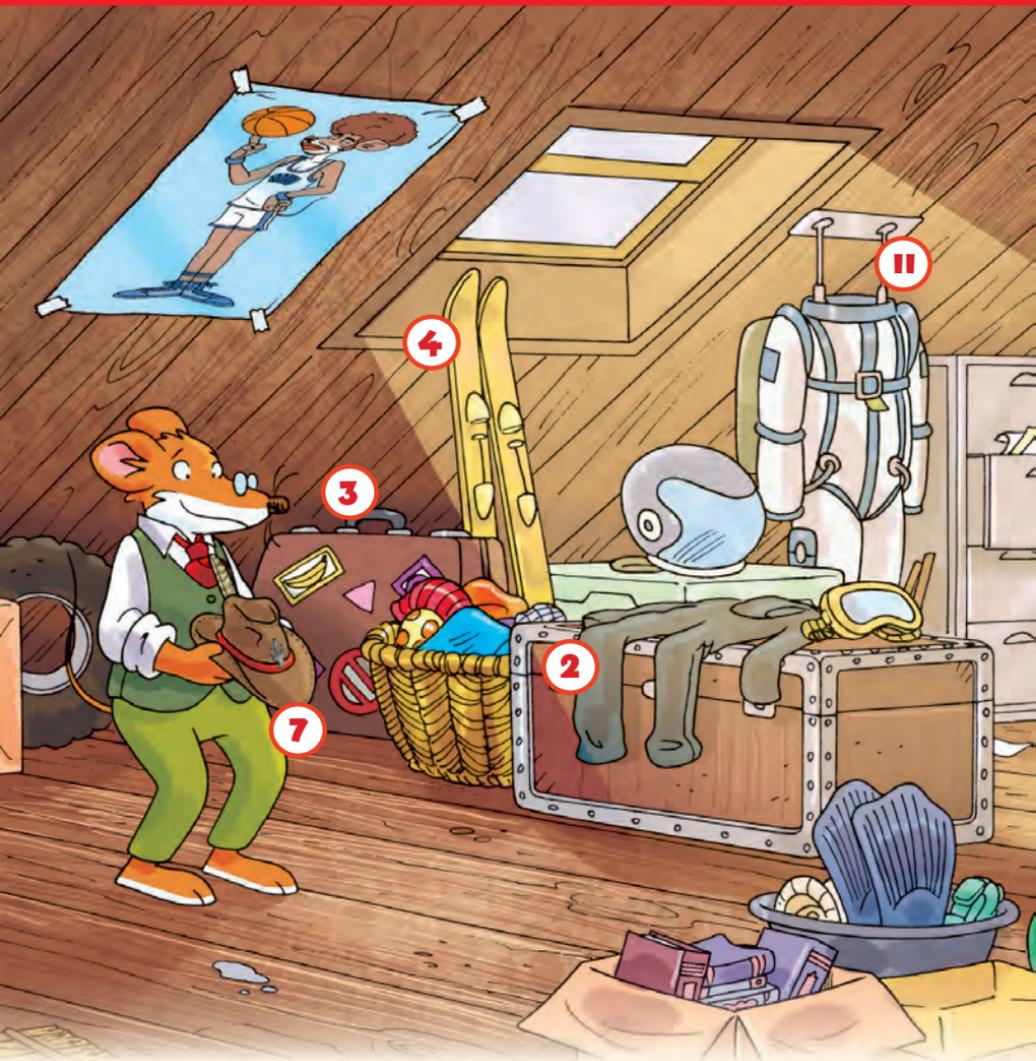
I looked everywhere until I **finally** found it — still inside the attic door's keyhole! I went in and started to look for the



fan. But I quickly got distracted. The attic was full of mementos from my many **ADVENTURES**. I spotted the **cowboy** hat the Red Bandit had given to me, and the uniform I had worn when I won the Karate World Championship!

**SO MANY
MARVEMOUSE
MEMORIES!**





My Attic

- 1) The golf clubs I used when I won the Super Mouse Cup with Grandfather William.
- 2) The wet suit I wore while scuba diving off Shell Island.
- 3) The old suitcase I used while vacationing at the Ratty Tatty Hotel.
- 4) The skis I used while skiing on Frozen Fur Peak.
- 5) The basketball signed by Bounce Ballmouse.
- 6) The soccer cleats I wore when I won the Mouse Island soccer tournament.
- 7) The cowboy hat the Red Bandit gave me.



- 8) The chef's hat I wore during the Super Chef Contest.
- 9) The uniform I wore during the Karate World Championship.
- 10) My favorite furry snow boots.
- 11) The astronaut suit I wore during my space mission.
- 12) The crystal gondola Petunia Pretty Paws bought me, which led to my adventure in Venice.
- 13) My great-grandmother Raticia's collection of chamber pots.
- 14) The fan Thea gave me.