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THE JOURNEY THROUGH



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TRAVELERS ON

THE JOURNEY THROUGH TIME



Dear rodent friends,
My name is Stilton, Geronimo Stilton. I am
the editor and publisher of <u>The Rodent's Gazette</u>,
the most famouse newspaper on Mouse Island.
I'm about to tell you the story of one of my most
amazing adventures. Let me introduce you to the
other mice you will meet. . . .

THEA STILTON

My sister, Thea, is a special correspondent for The Rodent's Gazette. She is very athletic and one of the most stubborn and determined mice I have ever met!





BENJAMIN

My nephew Benjamin is the sweetest and most affectionate little mouselet in the whole world.

TRAP

My cousin Trap is an incredible prankster. His favorite pastime is playing jokes on me.





PROFESSOR PAWS VON VOLT

Professor von Volt is a genius inventor who has dedicated his life to making amazing new discoveries. This time, he built a time machine!





THE MYSTERIOUS LETTER

It was a VOOT December morning.

I left home, got a coffee at a nearby

café, and munched on a **cheesy** croissant as I leafed through my newspaper, *The Rodent's Gazette*, while walking to work. Five minutes later,

I was in my office.

I immediately noticed a mysterious letter sitting on my desk. The envelope was sealed with a yellow wax stamp with a peculiar symbol on it: a QUESTION MAPK.

The handwriting looked **very** familiar to me. I opened the

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envelope cautiously. A **fusty** key slipped out along with a sheet of **crumbly** old notepaper that smelled like **moldy** cheese.

Intrigued, I read the note.



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