

# Geronimo Stilton

## **SHIPWRECK ON THE PIRATE ISLANDS**



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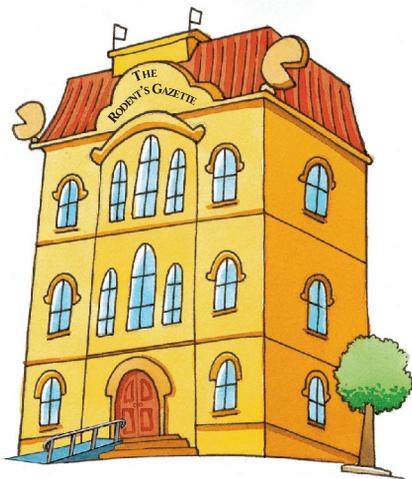
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# BUT WON'T IT BE . . . DANGEROUS?

I was working peacefully in my office one morning when my sister burst through the door. Thea is the special correspondent at *The Rodent's Gazette*. What is the *Gazette*? Oops. *Sorry*, mouse fans. I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*. I run a newspaper called *The Rodent's Gazette*. It is the most popular daily on Mouse Island.

“Drop everything, Geronimo!” Thea demanded. “We’re going on a *mini vacation!*”



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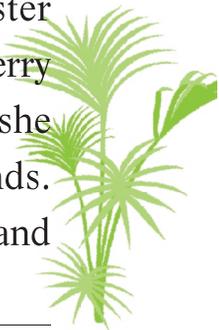


I shook my head. I was way too **BUSY**. I had to meet with the printer. I had to meet with the photographer. I had to meet with the cafeteria mouse. I had found a tuft of fur in my macaroni and cheese last week. **Yuck!**

Just then, my favorite nephew, Benjamin, appeared. “Uncle, have you heard the news?” he squeaked happily. “We’re all going on vacation! I’m so **excited!** This is going to be the best vacation of my whole life!”

How could I say no to my dear, sweet nephew? “Well, all right,” I agreed. “Why don’t we go to the *Soft Squeak Resort*? It’s on a beautiful, relaxing island. . . .”

Before I could continue, my sister interrupted me. “Forget *Soft Squeak*, Gerry Berry. That place is for senior citizens,” she scoffed. “We’re going to the Pirate Islands. White beaches, crystal-clear water, and



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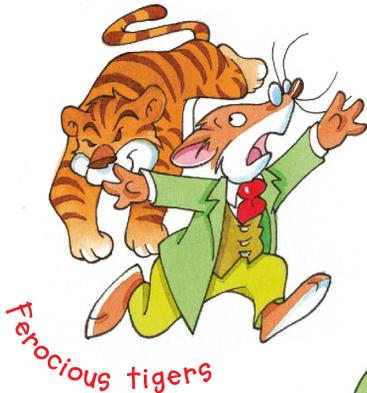
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jungles filled with wild animals! There are tigers, pythons, and even gigantic tarantulas!”

I shivered. “Um, well, the white beaches and crystal-clear water sound great. But won’t all those wild animals **BE DANGEROUS?**”

Thea snickered. “Oh, Geronimoid, stop being such a **SCAREDY MOUSE!**” she scolded. “Go pack your suitcase. We’ll meet at the airport in twenty minutes!”

Twenty minutes? I barely had time to comb my fur!



Ferocious tigers



Gigantic tarantulas



Terrifying pythons