



Geronimo Stilton

THE WIZARD'S  
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THE NINTH ADVENTURE  
IN THE  
KINGDOM OF FANTASY



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# Protectors of the Kingdom of Fantasy



## *Geronimo Stilton*

I am a bestselling author and publisher of *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most famous newspaper on Mouse Island. This is my ninth trip to the Kingdom of Fantasy.



## *Scribblehopper*

I'm a literary frog and I dream of someday writing a book! I am Geronimo's official guide on his visits to the Kingdom of Fantasy.



## *Blossom*

I am the Queen of the Fairies. Some call me the White Queen or the Lady of Peace and Happiness. I hope to unite the world in love, light, and harmony.

## *Blue Rider*

I am a brave, daring, and courageous knight. They call me Defender of the Weak, and Hero to the Helpless and Hopeless!



## *Chatterclaws*

I am a chatty, opinionated hermit crab. I am the messenger for Her Royal Majesty, Queen Blossom.



## *Invisible Cloak*

I was created by seven generations of spiders, but no one has ever seen me! I am completely invisible.



## *Cleverwing*

I am the slyest raven in the Kingdom of Fantasy and a cleverness expert. You can find pretty much anything in my treasure chest.



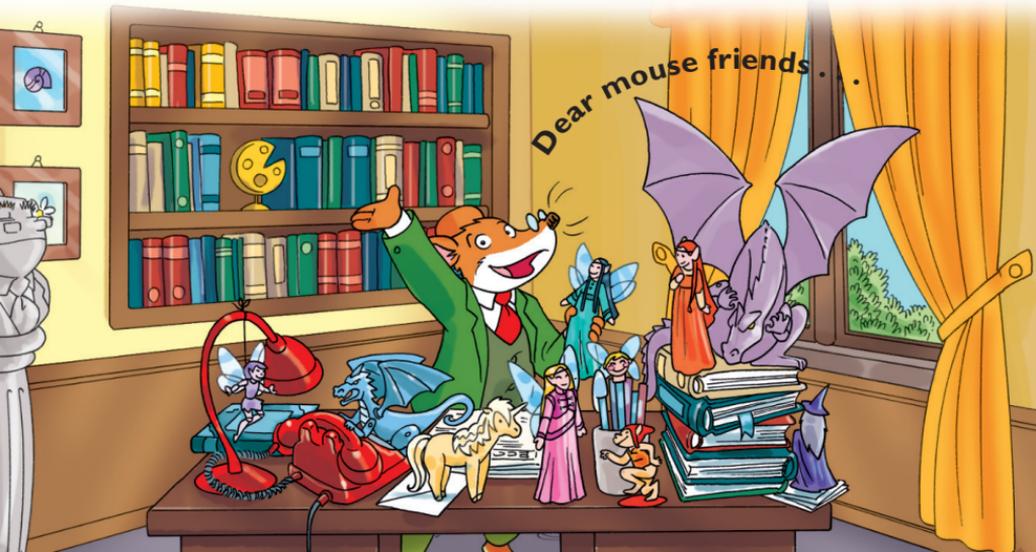


# IT ALL STARTED LIKE THIS . . .

My dear mouse friends,  
you know who I am, right?

My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*, and I run *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most famous newspaper on Mouse Island!

I'm about to tell you the story of another one of my magical journeys to the *Kingdom of Fantasy* . . .

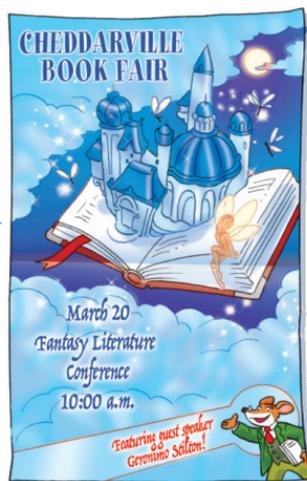




Yes, I'm talking about the **most beautiful place in the world**, the home of fairies, gnomes, giants, elves, pixies, dragons, unicorns, and mythical talking animals!

*It all started exactly like this . . .*

It was March 20, the first day of **Spring**. That morning I was supposed to attend a conference in **Cheddarville**. I had to wake up **super early** to get to the airport in time for my flight. So I set my **ALARM CLOCK** . . . but it didn't work! Instead of being super early, I woke



up **super late!**

I jumped in the shower, but the water was **freezing** —



the hot-water heater was broken!

I got dressed quickly and left in a hurry, but a button got caught on the doorknob and my jacket **ripped!**

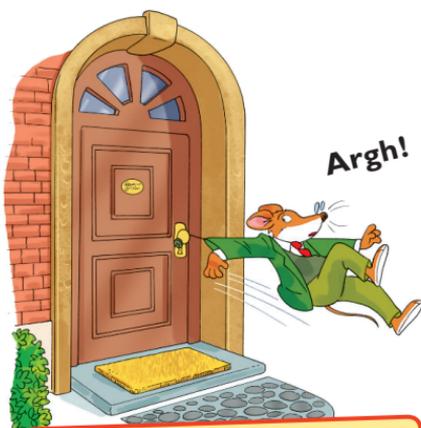
So I went back inside to change. At that point, I was **extremely late!**

I finally got outside and looked for a taxi, but of course I couldn't find one!

Luckily, I arrived at the airport just in time to board the plane. But the flight was **terrible**. I suffered from **airsickness** the whole time!



I took a freezing shower ...

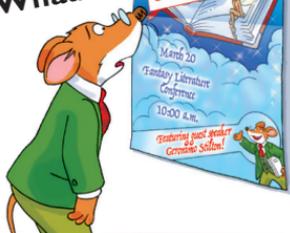


I caught my button on the doorknob and ripped my jacket ...



and the flight was terrible!

Whaaat?



The conference was canceled . . .

I arrived just in time for the start of the **conference**, only to discover that it had been  **canceled**  at the last minute with **no notice**!

When will the locksmith get here?



I had lost my keys . . .

I returned home, only to discover I had lost my house keys and was now **locked out**!

When the locksmith **finally** let me in, I discovered that the house was **flooded** because I had left the **shower** running that morning!

Ugh!



and the house had flooded!

I went straight to bed. But I was **so tired**. I



couldn't fall asleep.

So I turned on my **computer** to write a new chapter of my latest book. But I accidentally pressed the **wrong** button and erased everything!

"Nooooo!" I squeaked.

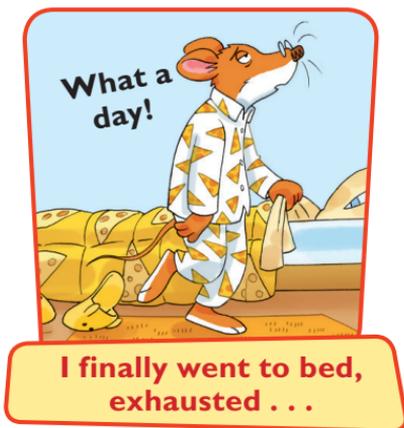
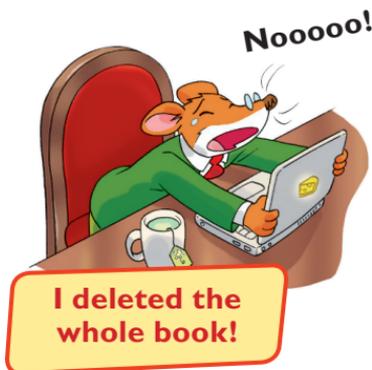
"Why me?!"

**What a horrible day!**

I **SIGHED**. How I wished I were in the *Kingdom of Fantasy*! There, I could use my **imagination** to fix any problem.

I finally fell into a restless sleep, full of strange

**dreams**



I DREAMED . . . AND DREAMED . . .  
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At midnight I woke up suddenly because I heard bells **jingling**. I ran to the window. Outside, I saw a **SILVER carriage** being pulled through the air by **THIRTEEN SILVER UNICORNS**.