

Dear mouse friends,
Welcome to the world of



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THE SUPER CUP FACE-OFF



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One morning, I **woke up** bursting with energy. I'm usually a bit of a **lazy** mouse, but that morning I jumped out of bed before my **alarm** could even go off.

I was very **excited**. It was the day of the





championship soccer matches in the Mouse Island Super Cup tournament — and my two **favorite** teams were in the finals! Squeak!

Oops, I haven't introduced myself!

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

That morning, as I was saying, my **FUR** was bristling with excitement. Like everyone in New Mouse City, I'm a soccer fan, although I must admit that I'm not really an expert on the sport. My favorite team in the women's division is Turbo Cheese, which my sister, Thea,



MY FAVORITE TEAMS!



THE SQUEAKERS



FOUNDER AND OWNER:

William Shortpaws

CAPTAIN: Chip Cross

COACH: Fleetpaw Ratford



TEAM TURBO CHEESE

FOUNDER AND OWNER:

Bella Ball

CAPTAIN: Hope Goalfur

COACH: Feint van der Foot





GO, SQUEAKERS! GO, TURBO!

**SUPER CUP
FINAL**

Go, Squeakers!

Tonight's the final!

Go, Squeakers!



HELLO

GO SQUARES

Hooray!

The final is tonight!

Go, Turbo Cheese!

WATCH THE
SUPER CUP
FINAL
HERE

SO



plays on. In the men's division, I **cheer** for the Squeakers, which was founded by my grandfather William Shortpaws.

THAT EVENING, BOTH TEAMS I CHEER FOR HAD THE CHANCE TO WIN!

I ran to the newsstand and bought every kind of sports news I could find. Then I went to have **breakfast** at my favorite café, to read all the information and expert opinions



I could about the matches.

The teams playing in the **double final** were the Squeakers versus the Mighty Mice and Turbo Cheese versus the Sewer Rats. What I learned was this:

The Mighty Mice and the Sewer Rats were two new teams, both sponsored by Madame No. **Hmm . . . how strange!**

These two teams have each won all their matches up to now. **Hmm . . . how strange!**

Every report agreed that the teams have only won their matches thanks to mysterious accidents happening to their opponents. **Hmm . . . how strange!**

Madame No!



Madame No is the CEO of EGO Corp. (Enormously Gigantic Organization), a very powerful firm that conducts business of all kinds — even the suspicious kinds! — on Mouse Island. She wants to win, anytime, anywhere, in any way! She has only one answer to any question: “**No!**”



I was **nibbling** on the last few bits of a cheesy roll when my phone rang.

It was my sister, Thea. “Geronimo! Come to the stadium where I’m practicing with Turbo Cheese right now! **Immediately!**”

I tried to protest. “But I’m having breakfast and reading the sports pages —”

“Forget breakfast!” Thea squeaked. “We urgently need your help. Something **suspicious** is happening at the Super Cup, and if we don’t find out what’s going on, the Squeakers and Turbo Cheese could be cheated out of a win!”

My whiskers trembled with anxiety. “Moldy mozzarella! That would be terrible! I’m coming **immediately!**”

I **hurried** to pay . . . but my **WALLET** slipped out of my paws and coins fell everywhere!

THE SPORT RAT

**Mysterious Accidents Happen
to the Opponents of the Mighty Mice
and the Sewer Rats!**



MIGHTY MICE VERSUS THE CHEESE CURDS

The jersey all the Mighty Mice's opponents wear mysteriously extremel itchy, so the players couldn't stay on the field. *Strange!*



SEWER RATS VERSUS THE CHEDDAR SLICES

The Sewer Rats' opponents mysteriously slipped on the grass! It seemed as though the soles of their shoes were covered in something. *Strange!*



MIGHTY MICE VERSUS THE RATZILLAS

The Mighty Mice's opponents mysteriously broke out in purple spots and couldn't play. *Strange!*



SEWER RATS VERSUS THE LIGHTNING

The soccer ball floated as though it were filled with helium, and the Sewer Rats won by scoring all headers! *Strange!*



Heeeelp!



I **hurried** to the bus . . . but my **newspapers** started flying away and I had to chase them down!

I got off the bus and **hurried** toward the stadium . . . but I slipped in a **puddle** and ended up smeared on the ground like cream cheese on a bagel!



Noooooo!



Argh!