

Geronimo Stilton

THE TEMPLE OF THE RUBY OF FIRE



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A MYSTERIOUS YELLOW ENVELOPE

Early one morning, I got up and ate breakfast. *Another day, another cheese danish*, I said to myself. Then I ran to the subway. I didn't want to be **late** for work.

Oops, I almost forgot to introduce myself. My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*. I run the most popular newspaper on Mouse Island. It's called *The Rodent's Gazette*.

Now wait, let's see, where was I . . . oh, yes, I was on my way to the office. When I got there, I found a
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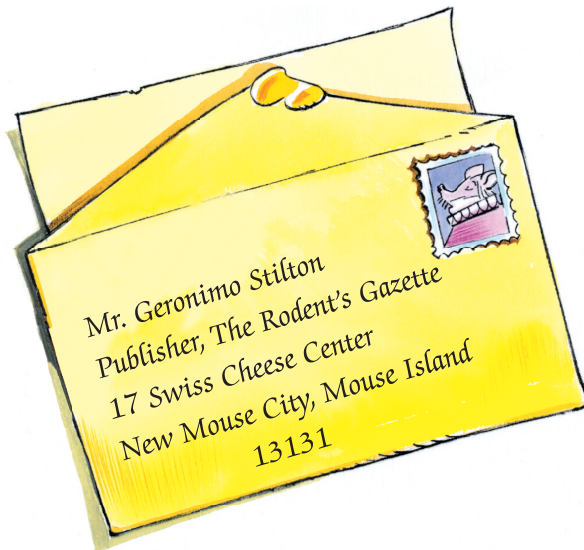


yellow envelope on my desk. It was addressed to me. I recognized the handwriting. It belonged to Professor Paws von Volt.

The professor was a famous scientist. We became friends during one of my many adventures.

I slit open the envelope. My paws were **trembling** with excitement.

Any message from the professor is always thrilling. But it wasn't a message that thrilled me this time. It was four plane tickets to **CLUB MOUSE** in Crocodilia.





Do you know where **Crocodilia** is? It is on the Amazon River in **Brazil!**

The tickets were made out to me; my nephew Benjamin; my sister, Thea; and my cousin Trap. I **wondered** why the professor needed our help in the Amazon. It was all very mysterious.

I called my sister. She is the special correspondent for *The Rodent's Gazette*. "Hold on to your whiskers! I have incredible news!" I announced. "Professor von Volt has sent us tickets to join him on the Amazon!"

My sister squeaked so loud, my ears rang. "**HOLEY CHEESE!** What a fabumouse scoop for *The Rodent's Gazette!*" she cried. "You get the gear. I'll tell the others. We'll meet at the airport in fifteen minutes."

One thing you should know about my sister. She **LOVES** to give orders.