

Dear mouse friends,
Welcome to the world of



Geronimo Stilton



Geronimo Stilton

A learned and brainy mouse; editor of *The Rodent's Gazette*



Thea Stilton

Geronimo's sister and special correspondent at *The Rodent's Gazette*



Trap Stilton

An awful joker; Geronimo's cousin and owner of the store Cheap Junk for Less



Benjamin Stilton

A sweet and loving nine-year-old mouse; Geronimo's favorite nephew



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THE TREASURE OF EASTER ISLAND



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AN ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER!

I'm ready to tell you about an **incredible** adventure I'll never **forget**. This story is very special to me because it takes place in one of the most mysterious places on **Earth** . . .



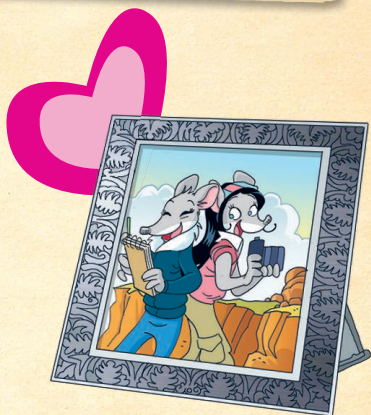


The whole thing started on a beautiful spring **MORNING**. Oops! What terrible manners! I haven't introduced myself yet. My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*, and I'm the publisher of *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most **famous** newspaper on Mouse Island.

Anyway, that **spring** morning I was hard at work in my office. (For the record, I'm **always** hard at work when I'm in the office, even if my grandfather, William Shortpaws, says otherwise!) I was with Susie Shuttermouse, our new staff **photographer**. We were deciding which photo to put on the front page of our next issue. Susie is also **best friends** with my sister, Thea. And Thea is the newspaper's special correspondent.

Susie pointed to a photo of the **Amazon**

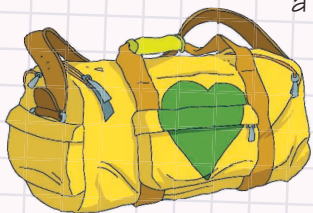
Susie Shuttermouse



Susie Shuttermouse is The Rodent's Gazette's official photographer and Thea's best friend. They travel the world together looking for exclusive stories. Susie wants to be ready for anything and everything, so she never travels anywhere without her equipment bag.

Susie's Equipment Bag

Susie's bag is enormous! It has lots of hidden, zippered compartments. Each pocket holds a different item, such as a camera, pliers, scissors, energy bars, a toothbrush, etc. The bag also has many special features. It can become a backpack, a parachute, or an umbrella! And it's made of very lightweight but durable waterproof material.





rain forest. The image showed a crew of **rats** chopping down trees and vegetation.

“Listen to me, Geronimo,” Susie squeaked. “You should put a story about the Amazon on the **front** page. We have to do something to keep these rats from **destroying** the rain forest! I risked my **fur** to take these photos. Now the least you can do is **PUBLISH** them!”

AMAZON RAIN FOREST

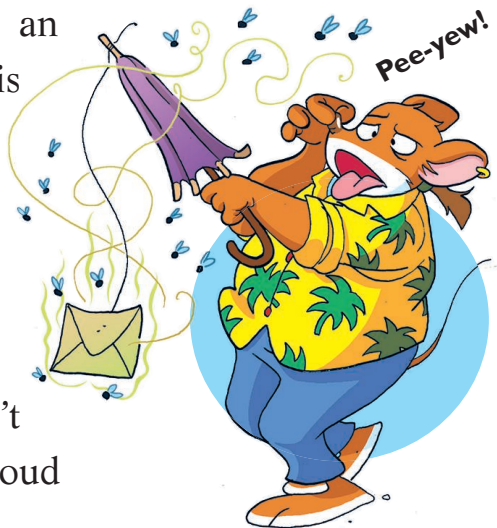




“Nice work, Susie,” I said proudly. “I can already see the **HEADLINE**: ‘Amazon Rain Forest in Danger from —’”

Before I could finish, my office door **FLEW** open and my cousin Trap **BURST** in. He also works for the **newspaper**, though you’d never know it! He only shows up in the office when it’s **convenient** for him. Anyway, he was pinching his nose with one paw, and he held an **umbrella** in his other paw.

A **letter** dangled by a string from the tip of the umbrella. And as if that wasn’t weird enough, a cloud





What is it?

You've got mail!



of flies **buzzed** around the letter!

“You’ve got **MAIL**, Geronimo!” Trap squeaked. “And boy, does it **stink!**”

He snipped the string with a pair of scissors and the letter landed on my desk with a **flutter**.

“Yuck, yuck, yuck!” Trap screeched. “Rat-munching rattlesnakes, where’s this thing from? A **garbage** dump? A sewage treatment plant? An underground cave full of **rancid roaches** that haven’t bathed in years?”

He turned to leave, calling over his shoulder: “You’d better close the door before you open that thing, Cuz! Everyone in the newsroom is complaining about the awful **stench!**”

I sighed. Was it my fault someone had sent me the **stinkiest** piece of mail in all of

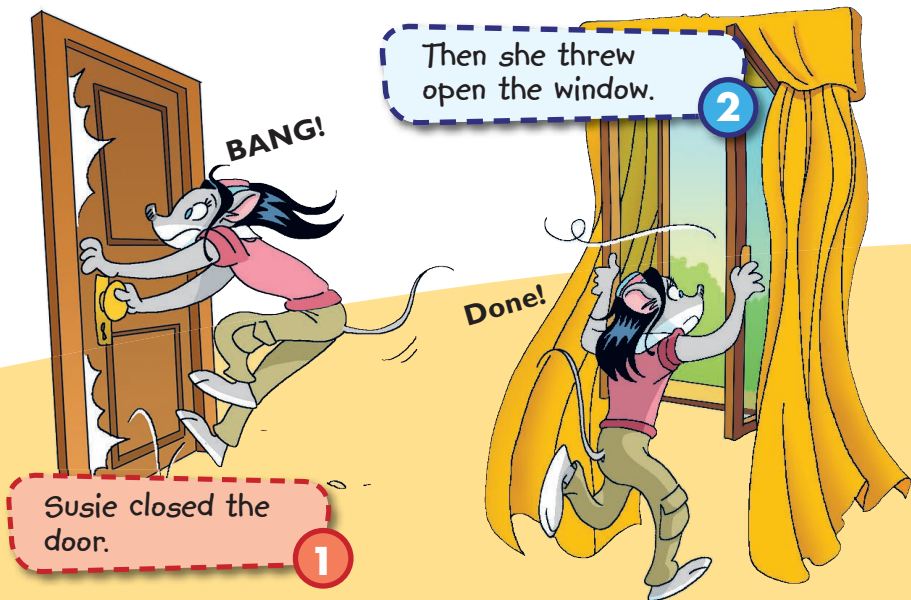


New Mouse City?!

A second later, Susie closed the door with a **BANG!** ①

Then she **dashed** to the window and threw it open. A **GUST** of wind blew into the office, making it much easier to **breathe**. ②

Next she took a pair of **Tweezers** out of her giant equipment bag. She **carefully**





picked up the envelope. **3**

Finally, she pulled out a **Magnifying** glass and used it to examine the foul piece of mail. **4**

“That’s odd,” Susie remarked. “This comes from **EASTER ISLAND**. Who would write to you from there, Geronimo?”

I **shook** my head in surprise.

“Musty muenster, I have no idea!” I

What a stench!



She picked up the letter with a pair of tweezers . . .

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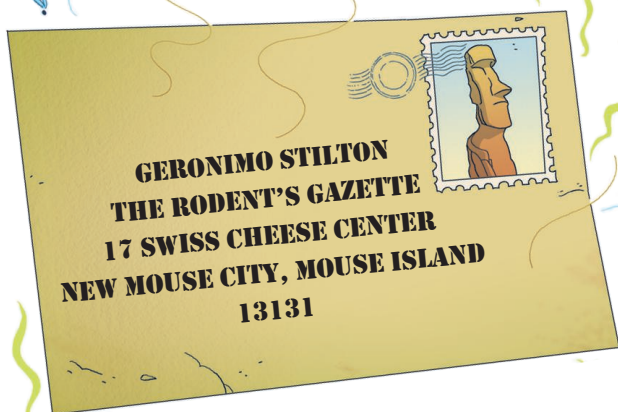
How odd!





exclaimed. “Easter Island is one of the most **M Y S T E R I O U S** places in the world . . . and it’s in the middle of nowhere!”

My paws trembled with excitement as I opened that **strange**, stinky envelope. Another surprise awaited me inside . . . The letter was from my sister, **THEA!**



Dear Geronimo,

I've found a map that leads to treasure on Easter Island, and I've decided to search for it! I'm on the island right now. But I'm afraid finding the treasure could be very difficult, so that's why I'm sending you a copy of the map. If you receive this letter before I'm able to call you, it's because I may be in danger and I need your help. Find me by following the directions on the map. See you soon!

Love,

THEA

P.S. Don't dillydally. Leave immediately!

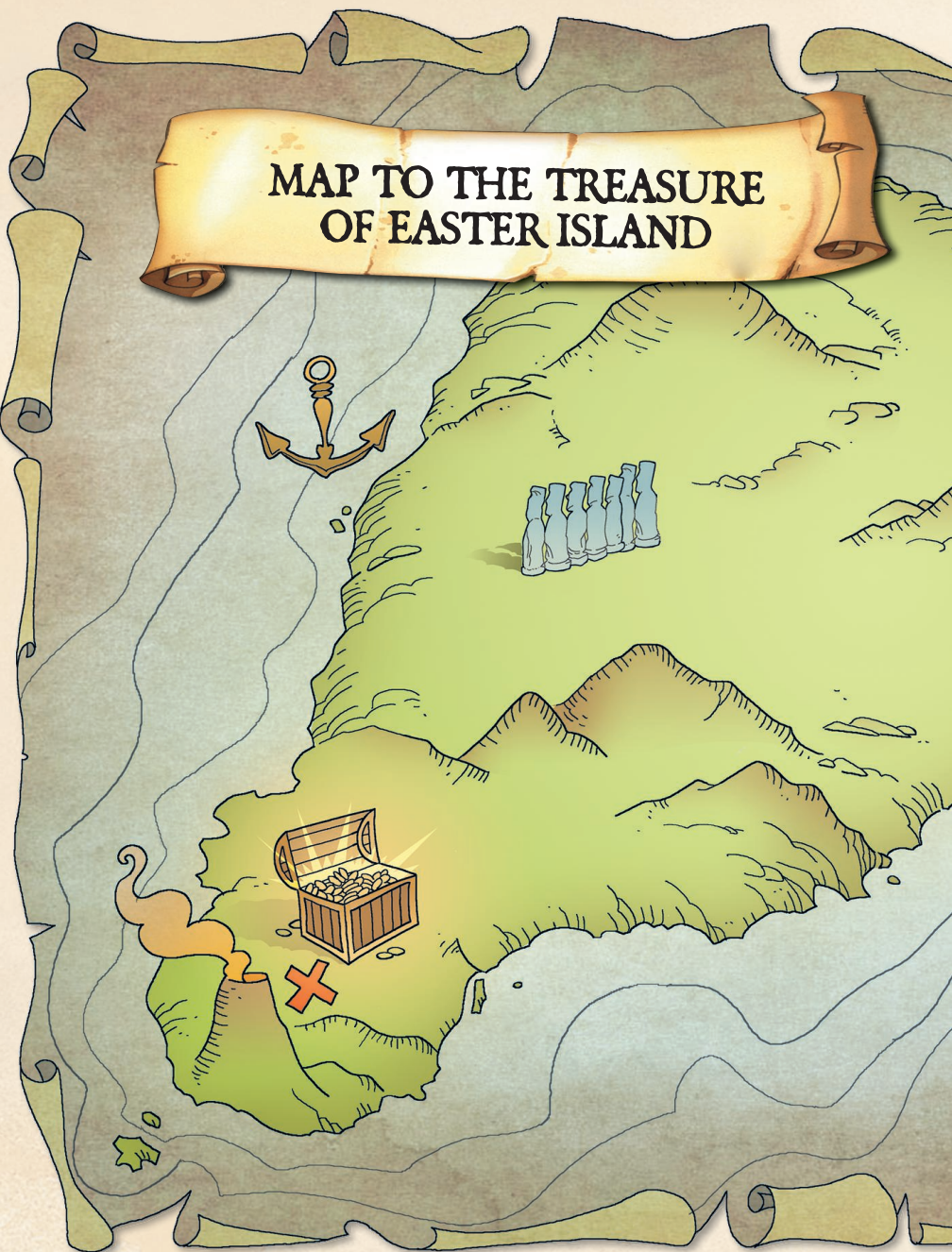
P.P.S. Invite someone adventurous to come with you — someone like Wild Willie!

P.P.P.S. Take Susie with you as well. She can take photos to go along with my story, and The Rodent's Gazette will have the scoop of the year!

Furthermore: Remember to update your will before leaving. This island is very mysterious, and who knows what might happen on a search for treasure. You may be leaving your fur behind!

One Last Thing: I hope you didn't find this letter too stinky. I wanted to keep any sneaky rodents from opening it and reading the map, so I dipped this letter in guano (that's bird poop, in case you were wondering). It stinks so much no one would ever want to open it! Aren't you impressed with my ingenuity?

MAP TO THE TREASURE OF EASTER ISLAND





Find the biggest ahu and its fifteen protectors.

Turn west and search for the Great Water that is and isn't.

At the end of the day, follow the sun and you'll find the Seven Young Explorers.

Take seven gigantic steps to the right, three warrior steps to the left, and one baby step forward.

The Sigh of the Wind will take you far away to the Big Black Bubble.

There, the sea hides an ancient secret . . .

THE TREASURE OF EASTER ISLAND!