My dear mouse friends,

Have I ever told you how much I love science fiction? I've always wanted to write incredible adventures set in another dimension, but I've never believed that parallel universes exist . . . until now!

That's because my good friend Professor Paws von Volt, the brilliant, secretive scientist, has just made an incredible discovery. Thanks to some mousetropic calculations, he determined that there are many different dimensions in time and space, where anything could be possible.

The professor's work inspired me to write this science fiction adventure in which my family and I travel through space in search of new worlds. We're a fabumouse crew: the spacemice!

I hope you enjoy this intergalactic adventure!

Geronimo Stilton



PROFESSOR PAWS VON VOLT

## THE SPACEMICE







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Printed in the U.S.A. First printing 2015 In the darkness of the farthest galaxy in time and space is a spaceship inhabited exclusively by mice.

This fabumouse vessel is called the **MouseStar 1**, and I am its captain!

I am Geronimo Stiltonix, a somewhat accident-prone mouse who (to tell you the truth) would rather be writing novels than steering a spaceship.

But for now, my adventurous family and I are busy traveling around the universe on exciting intergalactic missions.

THIS IS THE LATEST ADVENTURE OF THE SPACEMICE!



### DARKER THAN A BLACK HOLE!

It all started on a Friday. But it wasn't a regular Friday — it was a very **special** Friday. Every mouse in the galaxy had been **squeaking** about this Friday for days — no, weeks — no, months! That's because it was the release date for the 5-D mega mouserific movie, *The Lord of the Asteroids*. And you know what it means to see a 5-D mega mouserific movie, right? It means strapping yourself into the movie theater's floating seat to watch fabumouse **holograms**<sup>\*</sup> and intergalactic visual

\* A hologram is a three-dimensional image that is projected from a light source.



#### From the Encyclopedia Galactica 5–D MEGA MOUSERIFIC MOVIE

This five-dimensional movie takes place in a special circular screening room. Moviegoers strap themselves into special extra-comfy moving seats. Then holograms seem to emerge from the screen and float around the room while the superstellar surround-sound system kicks into high gear.

WARNING: 5-D mega mouserific movies are not recommended for anyone who is a jittery scaredy-mouse!

effects while listening to the universe's most superstellar surround-sound system!

Oh, excuse me! I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Stiltonix, **Geronimo Stiltonix**. I'm the captain of the legendary **MOUS2STAR 1**, the most mousetropic spaceship in the universe! Now, what was I **SQUECKING** about? Oh, right! I had promised my nephew Benjamin and his friend Bugsy Wugsy that I would take them to see *The Lord of the Asteroids* that Friday.

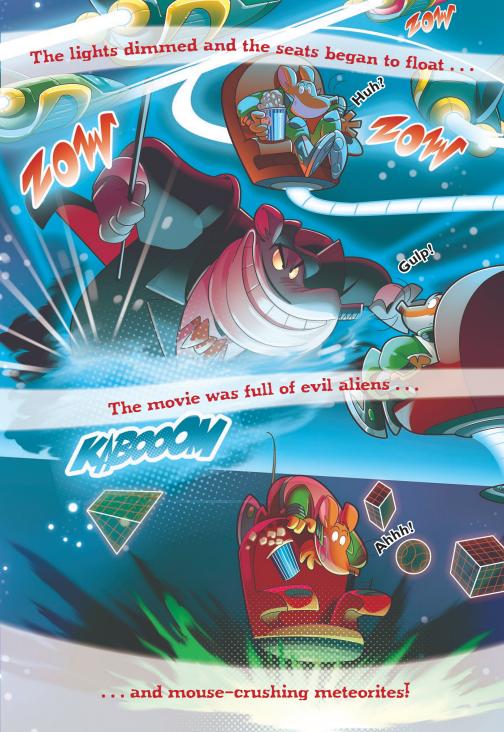
"Uncle, we're ready!" Benjamin's and Bugsy Wugsy's SHRILL voices shouted happily as they burst into the control room.

"Super!" I answered with a big smile. "Let's go!"

Even though I appeared excited, deep down, I was a little worried. I don't know about you, but those floating holograms make me nauseous! We got to the theater a little early, but it was already packed with mice munching on mouthwatering triplecheese-flavored **POPCOP1**.

As soon as the lights dimmed, the seats began to float and The Lord of the Asteroids began. The movie was full of speeding space shuttles, evil aliens, and mouse-crushing meteorites.

SQUEAK! HOW TERRIFYING!



#### DARKER THAN A BLACK HOLE!

After a few minutes, the images suddenly started flickering and became **plurry**. Then the screen began to **VIBRATE**.

"Uncle, is this a new **special effect**?" Benjamin asked.



Before I could answer, the movie suddenly cut out completely and we were plunged into **darkness**. It was darker than the

black hole!

