

# Geronimo Stilton

## Thea Stilton **AND THE STAR CASTAWAYS**



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# HOLEY STRING CHEESE!

When I scampered off the airplane during my last layover before reaching New Mouse City, I had only one thing on my mind: **getting** home!

Oh, pardon me. I haven't introduced myself yet. My name is **THEA STILTON**, and I'm a special correspondent for **The Rodent's Gazette**, the most famous newspaper on Mouse Island.

I had been on the road for more than a month. I'd **TRAVELED** far and wide across the **Gobi Desert**, in an SUV and on





## GOBI DESERT

This enormous desert in central Asia extends about 500,000 square miles.

The majority of the desert is arid and rocky—only a small portion is sandy.

a camel's back. It was a fabumouse trip, but **Verrrry** exhausting!

While I was waiting for my **flight** to New Mouse City, I sat down to watch the news. Suddenly, what do you

think I saw on the TV? The smiling snouts of the **THEA SISTERS!**

“Holey string cheese with Swiss on top!” I exclaimed. “It’s really them! **Colette**, **nicky**, **PAMELA**, **PAULINA**, and **Violet!**”

They were all wearing space suits, even the usually fashionable Colette. It was clear they were about to leave for a trip to the moon!

“For the love of sliced cheddar!” I cried. I was so excited I was **squeaking** out loud. The other rodents in the waiting area all



looked at me like the **cheese** had slipped off my **cracker**.

“Pardon me,” I muttered. I was so embarrassed! “You see, those mice were my students at **MOUSEFORD ACADEMY!**”

I could still hardly believe what I was seeing. Since the moment I met *Colette*, *Nicky*, **PAMELA**, **PAULINA**, and **Violet**, they’ve **AMAZED** me with their **adventures** around the world, and now





they were about to blast *out* of this world on a trip to **space!**

I was **excited** for them, but I was also a little **NERVOUS**. So I pulled out my cell phone and called **OCTAVIUS DE MOUSUS**, the headmaster of Mouseford Academy.



He confirmed that it was true: My five young friends were headed to the moon! “**Colette**, **nicky**, **PAMELA**, **PAULINA**, and **Violet** asked me to tell you that they’ll share all the **details** with you when they return!”

Of course, that’s exactly what they did. So now, dear readers, I can share the most **EXTRAORDINARY** adventure of the **THEA SISTERS!**