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Geronimo Stilton

THE GREAT ICE AGE



PAPERCUT 



A HALF HOUR LATER, WE WERE IN PETUNIA'S SUV, FOLLOWING THE FROG ROBOT'S DIRECTIONS...

AT THE NEXT LIGHT,
TURN RIGHT!

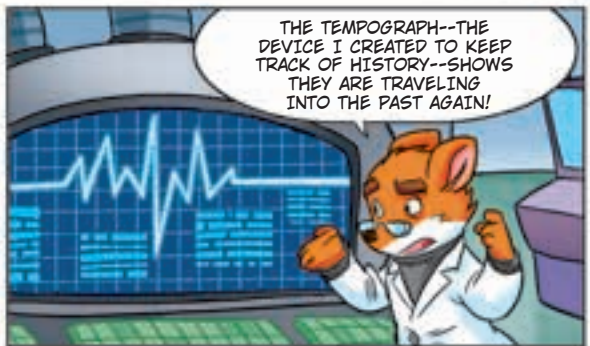


...WHICH QUICKLY TOOK
US TO PAWS VON VOLT'S
SECRET LAB!

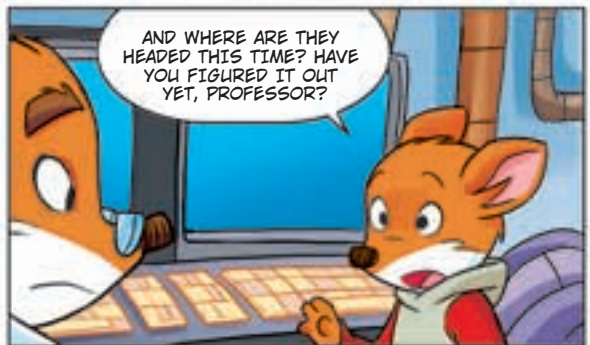
HELLO,
PROFESSOR!
TELL US
EVERYTHING!

ARE THE
PIRATE CATS
BEHIND THIS?

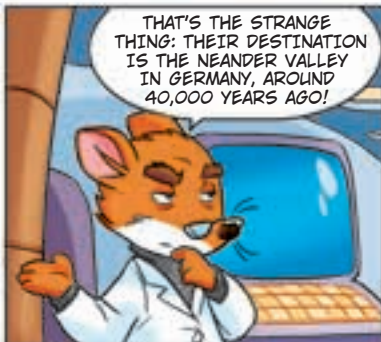
UNFORTUNATELY,
YES, GERONIMO.
YOU GUESSED
RIGHT!



THE TEMPOGRAPH--THE
DEVICE I CREATED TO KEEP
TRACK OF HISTORY--SHOWS
THEY ARE TRAVELING
INTO THE PAST AGAIN!



AND WHERE ARE THEY
HEADED THIS TIME? HAVE
YOU FIGURED IT OUT
YET, PROFESSOR?



THAT'S THE STRANGE
THING: THEIR DESTINATION
IS THE NEANDER VALLEY
IN GERMANY, AROUND
40,000 YEARS AGO!



40,000 YEARS AGO? BUT
THAT WAS DURING THE
PLEISTOCENE!

PLEISTOCENE

IN THIS GEOLOGICAL ERA (1,800,000-11,000 YEARS AGO) THE EARTH LOOKED A LOT DIFFERENT FROM TODAY. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE PLEISTOCENE WAS CHARACTERIZED BY THE CLIMATE CONSTANTLY GETTING COLDER, WHICH CAUSED THE NORTH POLE ICE SHEET AND GLACIERS FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO INVADE MOST OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE. THIS PHENOMENON IS KNOWN AS GLACIATION AND WAS THE START OF THE ICE AGE. THE AREAS SHELTERED FROM ICE, LIKE THE NEANDER VALLEY (NEANDERTHAL) IN NORTHERN GERMANY, WERE FILLED WITH GRASSLANDS AND FORESTS IN WHICH MANY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS (DEER, BEAR, WOLVES, MARMOTS, AND MAMMOTHS) AND THE ANCESTORS OF MODERN HUMANS LIVED.



IF I'M NOT WRONG, THERE WEREN'T ANY CITIES IN THIS ERA, ONLY FORESTS!

YES, THAT'S RIGHT! AND WIDE GRASSLANDS, TOO!



HMM...A PERFECT PLACE TO PLAY GOLF! HOW NICE!

HMPH, TRAP...HOW CAN YOU THINK OF PLAYING RIGHT NOW?



BETTER YET, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE PIRATE CATS' GOAL COULD BE?

NO, NO IDEA AT ALL!



THE AREA BORDERED BY THE ICE SHEET WAS PRACTICALLY UNINHABITED, EXCEPT FOR...EARLY NEANDERTHALS!



EARLY NEANDERTHALS

LIVED BETWEEN 100,000 AND 30,000 YEARS AGO. THEIR NAME COMES FROM THE FACT THAT IN 1856, SOME OF THEIR REMAINS WERE FOUND IN A CAVE IN THE NEANDER VALLEY. COMPARED TO MODERN HUMANS (HOMO SAPIENS), NEANDERTHALS WERE SHORTER AND HAD SHORTER ARMS AND LEGS. THEIR TYPICAL FACIAL FEATURES WERE A LOW, FLAT SKULL, PRONOUNCED CHEEKBONES, AND A RECEDING CHIN.



WHATEVER THOSE CRUMMY CATS MAY HAVE IN MIND, WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE RIGHT AWAY!





I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOUR HELP! THE **SPEEDRAT** IS READY!

HURRAY!
WE'RE OFF ON ANOTHER TRIP THROUGH TIME!



I'M GIVING YOU MY SPECIAL EARPHONES THAT LET YOU SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE OF THE TIME!



I'LL PUT MY GOLF BAG NEXT TO THE CLOTHES WE'LL WEAR WHEN WE GET THERE!



PLEASE KEEP THE PIRATE CATS FROM CHANGING HISTORY TO BENEFIT THEMSELVES!



DON'T WORRY, PROFESSOR, WE'LL STOP THEM!



TAKE-OFF!!!

MEANWHILE, THE PIRATE CATS HAD ARRIVED IN THE NEANDER VALLEY IN THE YEAR 37993 BC.

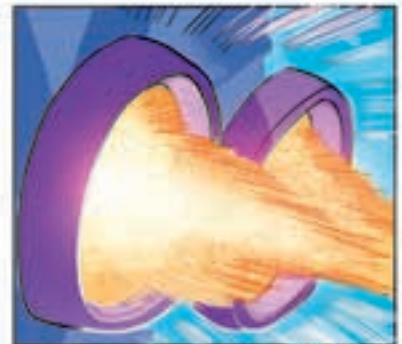
THIS TIME,
YOU'VE REALLY
MESSED UP,
BONZO!

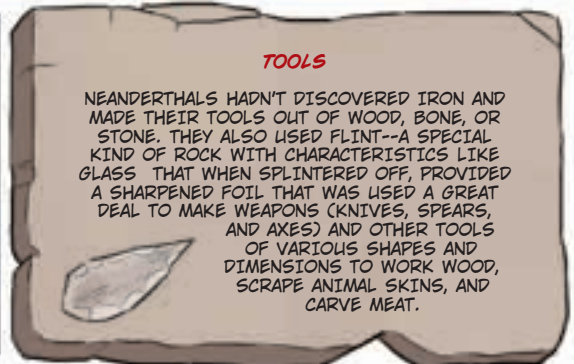
B-BUT
TERSILLA, LET
ME EXPLAIN!
I...UM...

THERE'S NOTHING
TO EXPLAIN! OUR
DESTINATION WAS
PARIS, IN FRANCE, IN
THE YEAR 1889...AND
LOOK WHERE YOU
BROUGHT US!

BUT I DIDN'T MEAN TO...I WAS TAKING
SOME SOUVENIR PHOTOS AND...I
HIT THE WRONG BUTTON!

BONZO, YOU
ARE A REAL
IDIOT!









DO WHAT? SIMPLE:
PLAY THE ROLE
OF GODS!
HEE, HEE, HEE!



I GRANT YOU
PERMISSION TO
GET UP, RAT-KUN!

TH-THANK
YOU...



YOU KNOW WE NORMALLY
WOULD HAVE ALREADY PUNISHED
YOU FOR YOUR ATTACK
BY INCINERATING
YOU WITH LIGHT-
NING!

>GULP!<



BUT WE FEEL GENEROUS
TODAY AND HAVE DECIDED
TO SPARE
YOU!

TH-THANK YOU...
AND OUR APOLO-
GIES, ONCE AGAIN!



FROM A DISTANCE,
SOME OF MY COMPANIONS
CONFUSED THE STRANGE
ANIMAL YOU TRAVEL ON
WITH THE ICE GIANT!



**THE ICE
GIANT?!?**



EXPLAIN THAT TO US,
RAT-KUN! WHAT IS
THIS MYSTERIOUS
ICE GIANT?



IT'S A HUGE, HORRIBLE
CREATURE...IT'S FIVE TIMES
BIGGER THAN A MAMMOTH AND
HAS ENORMOUS TUSKS!