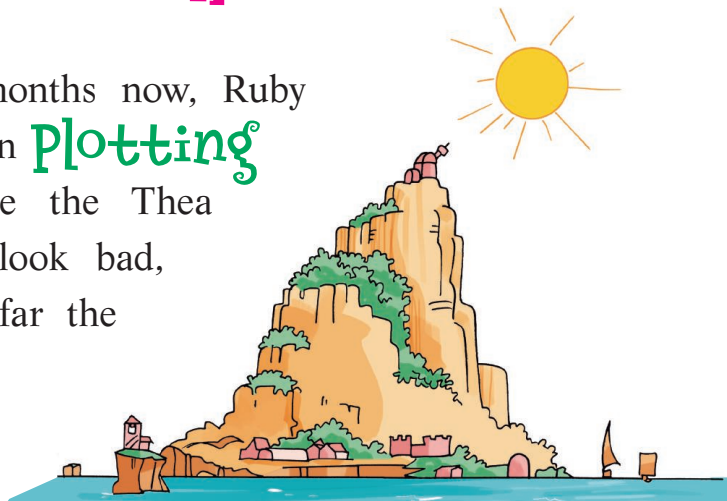


# STRANGE SPRING BREEZES

It was early spring on Whale Island, and a **STRONG WIND** had been gusting for a few days. The gale had swept away the clouds, and a bright *spring* sun was shining in the clear blue sky.

Despite the nice weather, Ruby Flashyfur was in a **stormy** mood. The rivalry between Ruby and the Thea Sisters was getting more **tempestuous** by the hour.

For months now, Ruby had been **plotting** to make the Thea Sisters look bad, but so far the





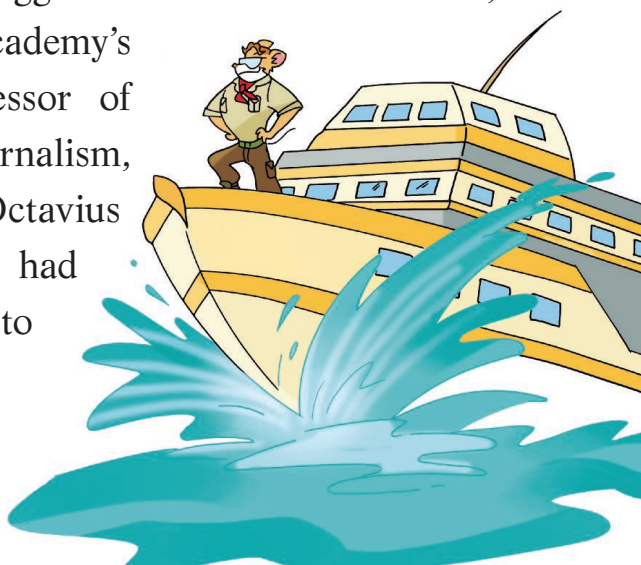


mouselets had foiled all her plans. Ruby was intent on **REVENGE**.

“I’ll find a way to get those **GOODY TWO-PAWS** mice!” she told her friends Alicia, Connie, and Zoe—the Ruby Crew. “I just need the **RIGHT** opportunity.”

She got her chance just a few days later. The morning’s first ferry arrived with a special guest on board. He was a devoted sportsmouse covered in **MUSCLES**. And his name was **Bruce Hyena!**

At the suggestion of Thea Stilton, Mouseford Academy’s visiting professor of adventure journalism, Headmaster Octavius de Mousus had invited Bruce to give a series





of **special** lectures at the school.

“My most adventurous students need a course in **SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES**,” Thea had told the headmaster, “and I know the perfect teacher. Bruce and my brother Geronimo climbed **Mount Kilimanjaro** together. He’s the **perfect** mouse for the job!”

