



AHH, MICEKING WINTER!



Excuse me — I haven't introduced myself yet. My name is **GERONIMO STILTONORD**, and I am a mouseking!

As I was saying, in **MOUSEBORG** the winter is very cold, but it's also the most peaceful time of year.

Why? The answer is simple: **DRAGONS** hate the winter! They are fiery beasts, and the cold and snow cools them down. So these enormous, **hungry** creatures leave us micekings alone for a few months.

Ah, winter! What a fabumouse season!

Back to that wintry morning. I was snoring under a wool blanket in my cozy bed when a tremendous noise suddenly awakened me.

GUUUUUUUURGLE!



“Huh? Who said that?” I yelled.
My whiskers **curled** in fear, but then
I heard the noise again.

GUUUUUUUURGLE!

The sound was coming from . . . my
STOMACH! It was complaining because
I hadn’t had breakfast yet.

Still in my pajamas, I **DROGGED** myself to the
window, yawning like a bear coming out of
hibernation. I **PEERED** outside.

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The bread was . . . gone! The goat butter was . . . gone! The eggs, the stinky Stenchberg cheese, the wild blueberries . . . **ALL GONE!**

My cupboard was as **EMPTY** as a groundhog's den in spring. There wasn't even a piece of pickled seaweed left!



THE SPECIALTIES OF MICEKING COOKING

We micekings have a true passion for the fish of the cold north seas. We also love **CHEESE**, of course!

What a smell!



An ancient miceking saying is: **CHEESE IS LIKE FISH — THE STINKIER THE BETTER!**

In fact, **STENCHBERG CHEESE** (1), one of the most prized miceking cheeses, has an odor that will make you collapse from a thousand tails away!

For dessert we love herring ice cream topped with melted goat cheese, and **PIE** made with fjordberry jam and seaweed (2). It's delicious!

Slurp!



Tasty!



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During grand miceking feasts, we drink **FINNBREW** (3), made of equal parts codfish juice and herring juice, with a splash of squid ink.

But the greatest **MICEKING SPECIALTY** of all is a stew called **GLOOG** (4). Included in the ingredients are herring scales, crab claws, melted Stenchberg cheese, and seagull eggs. Mousehilde, the wife of our village chief, makes the best gloog anywhere — but her complete recipe is a secret!

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So cold!