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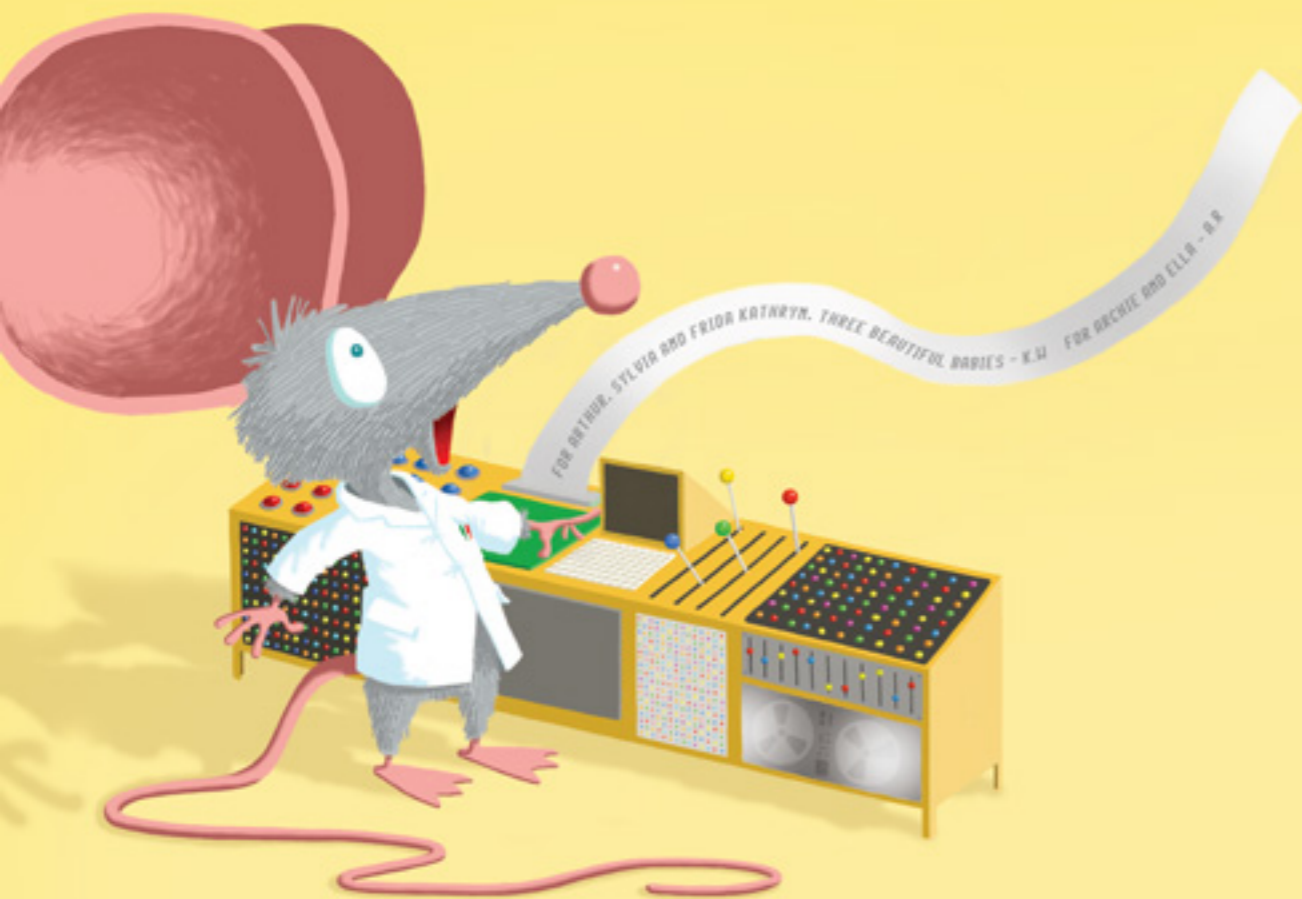
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# THE TICKLE TEST

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A cartoon illustration of a giraffe in a savanna setting. The giraffe is leaning forward, laughing with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth and tongue. A small grey mouse with a red ball is tickling the giraffe's neck. Another mouse is visible in the background. The scene is set against a blue sky with a sun and green hills.

It's easy to  
tickle a  
tall giraffe,

she'll giggle and gurgle  
and chuckle and laugh.

He's taking  
the best to join  
Tickle Squad  
staff.