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**The Adventures of Beekle: the
Unimaginary Friend**

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—for Alek

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“Beekle!”

—Alek, Age 1





He was born on an island far away where imaginary friends were created. Here, they lived and played, each eagerly waiting to be imagined by a real child.



Every night he stood under the stars, hoping for his turn to be picked by a child and given a special name.

He waited for many nights.