

## **“PLEASE LOOK AFTER THIS BEAR”**

Although Paddington now lives in London, England, he is originally from Darkest Peru where he was brought up by his aunt Lucy after he was orphaned following an earthquake when he was just a few weeks old.

When Aunt Lucy went to live in the Home for Retired Bears in Lima, she decided to send him to England to live. After teaching him to speak English she arranged for him to stow away in a ship’s lifeboat.

Eventually, Paddington arrived on Paddington Station in London.

*“Mr. and Mrs. Brown first met Paddington on a railway platform. In fact, that was how he came to have such an unusual name for a bear for Paddington was the name of the station.”*

The Browns were at the station to meet their daughter Judy when Mr. Brown spotted a bear sitting all alone on a suitcase, behind a pile of mail bags, close to the lost property office. The bear was wearing nothing but a hat and he had a label round his neck bearing the words

*“Please Look After This Bear. Thank You.”*



## **”PLEASE LOOK AFTER THIS BABY”**

Although Tobias now lives in Stockholm, Sweden, he is originally born in 1970s’ impoverished South Korea, where he most likely spent his first month with his family or at least mother in the remote and destitute Cholla province.

He was put on a train and travelled alone going from the coastal city of Yosu towards the capital Seoul. Somewhere in the Cholla province, on this train on the move, he was found and picked up by an anonymous person and handed over to the police, and thereafter to a temporary home for foundlings in the rebel city of Kwangju.

He was baptized with the traditional name of Sam-dol, registered as belonging to the once royal clan Chonju Lee, and for a while put into a foster family in Seoul.

Re-baptized Tobias, he grew up in a small industrial town in the mid-south of Sweden together with a sister from that same country, who arrived three years later.

The story went that he carried nothing with him on the train from Cholla Province and all the way to Sweden but his birth family’s heartfelt wish

*“Please look after this Baby, thank you”.*

