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## Passage one

### Ben the benevolent

My small cat hospital was busy enough, but rescues kept it even busier. So when the door opened just before closing on a Friday night, and a man walked in carrying a shoebox, I wasn't really surprised. "I have a cat," he said with a Spanish accent, "a little cat." "Oh," I said, "have you tried taking it to the shelter?" After a brief conversation in broken English and broken Spanish, I learned that he had tried, but the shelter would not take the cat because it was too sick. He had tried another animal hospital but they did not accept homeless animals.

I looked into the box and found a skinny cat whose nose and eyes were covered with mucus (黏液), and of course there were fleas. "Okay," I said, "I'll take the cat," knowing that I wouldn't be leaving the office on time. "Can you make a donation to the hospital?" I asked embarrassedly. Fifty dollars later, I was in charge of saving this male cat and his road to recovery began.

Months later, after plenty of good food and lots of tender loving care provided by a devoted and nurturing staff, the kitten turned into an adorable, noisy ball of fire. His left eye had become large and painful and had to go, but he didn't seem to notice. And since he had arrived close to the fourth of July, I chose to name him after one of our founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin. He became "Benjamin" when he was sweet and "Ben!" when he was naughty. Very quickly, he learned what he could get away with.



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Eventually, the time came to find Ben a forever home, but there was a small problem.

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Over the course of the week, I found myself becoming less excited at Ben's potential adoption. \_\_\_\_\_

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