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# Opening extract from **Fleabag**

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# flea bag



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There was once a dog who had no name,  
and he had no home.

What he did have was  
fleas,



but they weren't much company.

He lived all alone  
in the big city,



and found  
his dinner  
wherever he could.

He liked to bark at  
the huge blue things  
that thundered past...



...and to run in the big green place where he saw lots of other dogs.  
The other dogs all had people to take for walks.  
He wished he had a person, too.



Sometimes, he tried to join in the other dogs' games,  
but their people called him "fleabag!"  
and told him to "shoo!"