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CHARACTERS: *The Cricket in Times Square*

Answer the following question in a single (sentence / paragraph) on the lines below. Be sure to refer to the events of the story to explain your answer.

What actions does the antagonist take to oppose the protagonist in this story?

There is not a particular character who opposes Chester consistently throughout the story, so Chester's conflicts stem from the forces of chance and nature.

Mama Bellini doesn't like him at first because he's a dirty bug and has supposedly jinxed the family, but her antagonism is mild and she eventually comes to love Chester. Mario acts against Chester's long-term interests unwittingly by caging him during his musical career, but Mario has no evil intent. The real problem in the story initially is that Chester is far from home – a Man v. Nature or Man v. Fate struggle. Later on, Chester's desire for freedom presents a further problem, but you might say it is a conflict without a human antagonist.

