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CONFLICT: *The Cricket in Times Square*

Describe the conflicts present in the story by giving each of the characters below a single sentence that describes his or her *personality*.

1. *Chester Cricket*

Chester Cricket is kind, gentle, and soft-spoken, traits which make it difficult for him to leave the Bellinis in their poverty to return to home and freedom.

2. *Tucker Mouse*

Tucker Mouse is good natured but a bit selfish and tight-fisted making him unsympathetic to Chester's internal dilemma.

3. *Mario Bellini*

Mario Bellini is a caring and considerate friend whose hospitality makes Chester feel indebted to him, intensifying the conflict in Chester's conscience.

4. *Harry Cat*

Harry Cat is kind and perceptive, but he does not understand where Chester is coming from or why he can not simply return to his home without a second thought.



5. *Mama Bellini*

Mama Bellini has a temper and a very low tolerance for pets, a trait which makes her antagonistic to Chester's presence in the newsstand.

6. *Papa Bellini*

Papa Bellini's kindness and long-suffering intensify Chester's sense of duty to the Bellini family which keeps him from seeking his freedom.

7. *Mr. Smedley*

Mr. Smedley has an eye for musical talent and a supportive personality, a trait which makes him a great proponent of Chester's musical career, another obstacle between Chester and his freedom.

