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CHARACTERS: *The Cricket in Times Square*

Create a “Cast List” of the story by giving each of the characters below a single sentence that describes his or her *personality*.

1. *Chester Cricket*

Honest and loyal, Chester will do his utmost to help his friends prosper, even if it costs him his freedom.

2. *Tucker Mouse*

Never unwilling to help a friend in need, even though he likes to complain about it, Tucker robs his own hoard to replace the money Chester has unwittingly eaten.

3. *Mama Bellini*

Concerned, weary, and suspicious, Mama Bellini works hard at the newspaper stand to help the family – but it never seems to be enough. She thinks perhaps that Chester Cricket is bad luck.

4. *Mr. Smedley*

Optimistic and open, Mr. Smedley appreciates Chester’s musical talent and sees a great opportunity in the idea of staging a concert at the newspaper stand.

5. *Mario*

Hard-working and friendly, Mario makes a pet of Chester and shares with him the Bellini family’s struggles.