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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 *primary motivation*.

1. *Chester Cricket*

Chester's desire to see his friends prosper is at odds with his desire for freedom and home because he can help them most by becoming a performing cricket.

2. *Mr. Smedley*

Mr. Smedley wants Chester to become a star musician, a desire which intensifies the story's conflict because it offers Chester a way to help the Bellinis – while also limiting Chester's freedom.

3. *Mama Bellini*

Mama Bellini is primarily motivated by concern for the prosperity of her family, a motive which threatens Chester at several points in the story, for she initially sees him as a nuisance and a threat.

4. *Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat*

These two characters act from a desire to befriend, support, and guide Chester Cricket, a motivation which actually creates conflict in the story by creating a home for Chester in New York and making it difficult for him to decide to leave.