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**SCORE/GRADE:**

**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.