During chapter 1 there are a few conflicts that arise. The first conflict involves a bully named Nancy Bobofit. She likes to pick on both Grover and Percy. In this chapter she throws wads of her peanut butter and ketchup sandwich at Grover. Later in the story, she dumps her half eaten lunch on Percy's lap. Both of these incidents are a conflict because Percy is on probation. If he gets into any more trouble, he could be expelled from Yancy Academy. Nancy knows this and is doing her best to get Percy to react in hopes that he gets kicked out of school. Percy struggles with not reacting because he doesn't want Nancy to get away with what she is doing. However, he doesn't want to get into trouble either.

A second problem occurs between Mrs. Dodds and Percy. Percy feels that Mrs. Dodds has it out for him. She seems to always catch Percy doing something wrong, and she always punishes him. Part of this conflict is also the fact that Mrs. Dodds never catches Nancy doing anything wrong and thinks she is wonderful. For example, Percy gets in trouble for soaking Nancy with water, but Nancy doesn't get into trouble for dumping her lunch on him. This bothers Percy because Nancy is not innocent. This conflict seems to get really bad at the end of the chapter. Mrs. Dodds pretends to yell at Percy for soaking Nancy with water. However, she actually tries to kill him. Percy has no idea why she is trying to kill him. This event leads to a final conflict in the chapter. After Percy kills Mrs. Dodds, he goes back outside and finds that everyone is acting like nothing happened. In fact, no one even knows a Mrs. Dodds. It is as if she never existed. This is a huge conflict for Percy because he is 100% sure Mrs. Dodds is real and tried to kill him, but he is the only one that thinks she exists. Percy struggles with trying to figure out if he has gone crazy or if everyone is telling him lies.