

Crime and Punishment: The SUPER, DUPER Abridged Version

Raskolnikov: Woe is me! I am a poor student in Russia in 1860. Things are very bad for students right now because the czar is a big meanie - but that doesn't matter to the plot of this novel, so I will just say I am poor and unhappy. Oh, woe is me!

<enter Razumihin>

Razumihin: Hey Raskol! It's me, Raz! Your BFF! How are you?

Raskol: I am poor.

Raz: Me, too. I tried to pawn my cigarette case with the local pawnbroker, Alyona. She is a horrible person! She made fun of me and teased me! She totally cheated me! The world would be a better place without her! Oh well, see ya!

<Raz leaves>

Raskol: This Alyona woman sounds awful! I wonder if Raz is right, if the world would be a better place without her.

<all exit>

<TIME PASSES>

<Raskol enters>

Raskol: I am still poor, cold and unhappy. I need to visit the mean pawnbroker, Alyona, and pawn my ring even though I don't want to.

<Raskol goes to see Alyona who has entered stage-right>

Raskol: I need to pawn this.

Alyona: Okay. I will only give you 25% of what it is worth because you are stupid and ugly. And you smell bad, too!

Raskol: I have no other choice. BTW, you are really mean.

Alyona: *<as she exits>* But richer than you!

<Raskol goes to meet his sister, Dounia, who is dating Raz, and their friend Sonia, who have entered stage-left.>

Raskol: I had to pawn my ring with Alyona. I hate her. I really hate her. I REALLY hate her!!

Sonia: Don't worry about her. She is awful. Focus on how much I like you and want to be your girlfriend.

Raskol: Yes, yes, I like you too, but I can't stop thinking about how much I hate Alyona.

Dounia: Raskel, my brother, calm down and enjoy this time with your friends.

Raz: Yes, Raskol. Calm down. We are here with two lovely girls who love us - calm down and relax.

Raskol: I can't! Why don't you all just leave?!

<They leave>

Raskol: *<to himself>* I've got it!! I'm going to kill her! Raz was right, the world will be a better place without her! I will come up with a plan to kill her and I won't feel bad because I am doing the right thing for society.

TIME PASSES

<One night Raskol goes to Alyona's shop/home with a package he has tied up with a knot that is really hard to get undone.>

Raskel: I want to pawn this suspicious looking package that I have tied up with a knot that is really hard to get undone.

Alyona: I sense something is wrong but I will let you in anyway.

<She lets him in.>

Raskol: You shouldn't have done that! *<Raskol bashes Alyona over the head with an axe and kills her.>* Now I need to make it look like she has been robbed to throw off the police.

<While he is doing this, Lizaveta (Alyona's really nice sister) comes home and sees her sister dead in the doorway.>

Lizaveta: Oh no! My sister was super mean but she didn't deserve this! What have you done?

Raskol: How did you get in here?

Lizaveta: The door was wide open.

Raskol: I can't believe I forgot to shut the door! Oh well, now I have to kill you, too. *<He hits Lizaveta over the head with the axe and kills her.>*

<Raskol immediately starts feelings stressed and confused.>

Raskol: I wonder if this is how all murderers feel . . . if going crazy is their punishment. OMG! I just noticed the door is still wide open! Oh well, I'm not just any old murderer, I did this to rid society of an old mean woman, I am a good person - an EXTRAORDINARY person! Yet, I still feel like I am losing my mind.

<Raskol is able to escape and buries the things he took from Alyona.>

<TIME PASSES and Raskol keeps acting stranger and stranger.>

<enter Sonia, Dounia and Raz>

Sonia: I'm worried about Raskol.

Dounia and **Raz:** Us, too.

<enter Raskol>

Sonia: We have put up with your strange behavior for months now. Tell us what is wrong.

Raskol: No.

Sonia: Yes.

Raskol: I am the person who killed Alyona and Lizaveta.

Sonia: You must turn yourself in.

Raskol: But I didn't do anything wrong.

Sonia, Dounia & Raz: Turn yourself in.

Raskol: Sheesh. Okay.

<Raskol turns himself in and is sentenced to 8 years in Siberia. He is really bitter about this and continues to take it out on Sonya who has moved to Siberia so she can visit Raskol on the weekends. Dounia and Raz get married and move to Siberia to help Sonya.>