Chapter IV

Vocabulary

dandling – dancing up and down on the knee or in the arms
dram-shop – a bar; saloon
pikestaff – a traveler's staff with a sharp iron or steel point
rigmarole – foolish or incoherent rambling talk; nonsense
stagnating – without motion or current; lacking in activity
taradiddle – a petty lie; fib

1. Give a description of Zossimov, and explain why he comes to see Raskolnikov.

2. Why does Razumihin believe the painter, who is arrested for the pawnbroker's murder, is innocent?

3. How does Razumihin criticize the legal system for the method in which Nikolay is accused and held accountable for the murder?