Chapter II

Vocabulary

consternation – great fear or shock that makes one feel helpless or bewildered
diffident – lacking self-confidence; timid; shy
juxtaposition – placing things side by side or close together
vouchsafed – granted; guaranteed

1. Find a passage in this chapter that illustrates Razumihin’s recognition of Raskolnikov’s dual personality.

2. Why does Pulcheria admit to rejoicing at the death of the landlady’s daughter?

3. In a letter to Pulcheria, how does Luzhin falsely slander Raskolnikov? Why does Luzhin lie about Raskolnikov?

4. Luzhin announces in his letter that he plans to visit Dounia and Pulcheria the following evening, but he does not want Raskolnikov to be present. Why does Dounia disregard Luzhin’s request and insist that her brother be present at the meeting?