Chapter VI

Vocabulary

ambiguous – having two or more possible meanings
condescended – lowered voluntarily to the level of the person that one is dealing with
insinuation – a sly hint or suggestion
knave – a dishonest, deceitful person

1. How does Raskolnikov explain the nature of his conversation with Porfiry to Razumihin? What is Razumihin’s reaction?

2. Describe the man whom Raskolnikov encounters outside his home, including his behavior and the accusation he makes. How does Raskolnikov react to the confrontation?

3. Raskolnikov states, “I didn’t kill a human being, but a principle!” What is the principle that Raskolnikov wants to kill?

4. Briefly describe Svidrigailov. Give one possible explanation as to why he visits Raskolnikov.