

## **Book I - The history of a Family.**

Fyodor Pavlovitch Karamazov is a senseless man, who married twice. Dimitri is the first-born son of his first wife, Adelaida Ivanovna. Ivan and Alexy are the two sons of his second wife. Adelaida is a rich woman who fancy him for passion. They eloped together, Fyodor for dowry and Adelaida for fancy. After elopement, they found out that they do not have any passion for each other. They fight and some say Fyodor beat her while some say Adelaida is the one who is aggressive. Fyodor got the dowry and out of greed, he tried to procure more but her family intervened. Then one day, Adelaida eloped with a student to St. Petersburg's, and died with emancipation. Some say Fyodor ran wild with passion and some say he wept all day. He forgot the existence of his child, Mitya, and one of the servants took care of him. One of the cousins of his late wife took joint guardian of him, but later he also forgot about him and another relatives told care of him, he did not finish his education and went into military, and spent a lot of money. One day he came back to his father to settle the money, but Fyodor kept him with some doles. Then, he came a second time but found out that his father had nothing.

Fyodor married Sofya Ivanova when he got his hands off his four-year-old first-born son. Like his first marriage, they eloped together but this time, her mother, widow of a general, cursed them out leaving no dowry. But she was meek, and Fyodor made her feel that it was her fault and brought some loose women in their house. She got a nervous disease but bore two sons, Ivan and Alexy, before she died. Like the eldest son, Fyodor forgot about his two sons, and they were cared for by the servant in a cottage. One day, the general widow came to the town and took the two children with him after seeing their conditions. She died later, leaving a thousand rubles each. Her son, a marshal, out of generosity, took care of both and paid for their education out of his own pocket. Ivan became an intellectual and later well-known for his article on ecclesial courts. And arrived at his father's house for the case of his elder brother, Dimitri. Alexy arrived first. He had been a novice and planned to enter priesthood for the rest of his life. Alexy talks little and everyone around him loves him. He never condemns or judges anyone, even his father. He went to see his mother's tomb embellished by the old servant Grigory. Before he entered the monastic life, he asked his father's permission. After a long nonsense talk with him, Fyodor gave permission by saying that you are the only one in this world who has not judged me. Fyodor had come back to the town only three years before their meeting. He had a habit of hoarding money

and opened several taverns in the town, many are now in his debt. But he never dwells on one thing, always doing other things, and drinks more frequently. Alexy was taking care of an elder, who was revered as a saint. The elder was beloved by many for his Miracles. Dimitri and Alexy were having more bonding than Alexy's own brother, Ivan. Ivan still has a lawsuit with the monastery. Fyodor then suggested, out of some buffoon, that his sons should meet at the elder's, Zossima's, room. They agreed but Alexy was worried about the meeting due to Ivan's lawsuit.

## **Book II - An Unfortunate Gathering**

They arrived at the monastery after the mass, but Dimitri was late. They looked around the interior and brooded over the corpse. Then, a man named Maximov showed them the way to the elder. Then, a monk took over his place, and told them that the elder was ready to meet with them but asked them to dine with him at one O'clock. They sat on a mahogany bench opposite the elder. Then, Fyodor said that he was sorry that Dimitri was late and talked nonsense, lies, and a tale about faith and Diderot to the elders. It angers Miusov, who stood out to leave but begged by the elder to stay. The room felt different for the monks as for thirty years, they only saw veneration of the visitors in this room of elders. Fyodor then kissed the elder's hand for blessing. Before the elder left the room for some people waiting outside for a few minutes, he asked again to kiss the elder's hand.

The elders went to the portico blessing and listened to the inquiries and sorrows of the peasant women and some wealthy women. A woman with a child in a wheelchair was also blessed by the elders, and then a girl named Lise gave a note from Katerina Ivanovna to Alexy (Alyosha) come back and see her. The girl is jesting at Alexy as she told the elder that he used to carry her and play with her. The elder replied that he will send him. The wait lasted nearly twenty-five minutes and were arguing about church and state. Ivan, on one hand, wanted Church to be out of State matters, while others wanted State to transform into Church. When the elder came back, he also explained the reasons behind the state transition to church drawing examples from Rome and others. Then, the long-awaited man, Dimitri, entered the room. He said that he was late because his father reassured him twice in the letter that the meeting was to be at one.

After a two-minute introduction, they went on with their talk. Then, Fyodor interrupted and said about his son, Dimitri, and his relationship with a loose woman. It angered Dimitri as his father was jealous of his relationship and asked his enchantress to prison him. All except the elder said "Shameful" to Fyodor. Then, the elder rose suddenly and bowed to the floor in front of Dimitri. It surprised all, then, he said he is too weak and excused himself to leave. The rest went to the dining invited by the father. Alexy accompanied the elder to his room, where the elder said to him that he must leave the monastery when he is dead and married. He also told him that his hours are numbered. Then, he asked Alexy to go to the banquet. Alexy met Rakitin on his way to the banquet. Rakitin talked about possible meanings of elder bowing to Dimitri, then he went on explaining a relation between father and son and a girl named Grushenka and Katerina Ivanova. After a long talk, they saw a scandalous scene of guests leaving the banquet. The banquet was made special by the father. Fyodor said to all the diners that he would not come to the dinner and would leave. All were enjoying the calmness of the banquet and a prayer was done. Suddenly, Fyodor shown up at the door and played his last prank; alleging Maximov as Von Sohn, and the monks of wasting money donated by the laborers and the peasants. He then argued that he would take Alexy out of the monastery. He left with a carriage with Ivan after pointing at Alexy. Maximov got on the carriage but got punched by Ivan in the breast. Ivan did not talk to his father on the way home.

### **Book III - The Sensualists**

The house of Karamazov is a two-storied house painted with gray color and red iron roof. It was a big house and is used to having many servants. But now, there are only three servants, Grigory, his wife, Marfa, and Smerdyakov. Grigory was both loyal and an advisor to Fyodor and saved his masters many times. Grigory and Marfa had one child but died after christening. One day they heard a child wailing near the house and saw the local idiot, Smerdyakov, giving birth. Though the child was alive, the mother was dead. The local idiot was taken care of by the whole town and everyone took care of her for her honesty and condition. A rumor was that Fyodor wronged her, which Grigory defended vehemently. Grigory took care of the baby and named him Pavel, but Fyodor later changed the name to the family name of her mother - Smerdyakov.

Alexy was perplexed for a while and thought about the scene. But what bothered him was not his father's command to come back home with pillows, it was the letter from Katerina Ivanova. He thought of going back to his father's home and then to her. Then he crossed his heart and went in the direction of her. On the way, he decided to meet his father first, and turned his way. He saw his brother Dimitri drunk in a mansion beside his father's. Dimitri was glad that the god had sent an angel to earth to him before the angel went to his father and her. He stopped Alexy and talked about poetry and puns related to his heart being broken.

Then, Dimitri told his confession one by one to Alexy including the one with Katerina Ivanova. Her father was nearly killed himself as he could not pay back the battalion's money, which he had loaned to someone. Then, as told by Dimitri, her sister told his father that Dimitri would pay the money if Katerina showed herself at his dwelling. He saw Katerina standing at his door. He jested that it was a joke, but handed the bank note worth of four thousand rubles, given to him by his father. Dimitri said it was half tragedy and only Ivan knew it before. Ivan was in love with her too. He then went on and said that Katerina and he were betrothed in Moscow after she had paid the money in full and made an offer to marry her. He said that he did not deserve her because of his nature. Then, he asked Alexy to go to Katerina and say to her that he wishes to break betrothal and sent his compliments. He said he went a folly with a girl named "Grushenka" and spent three thousand rubles. It was meant to be sent to her sister, Agfaya Ivanova. He also asked Alexy to go to his father and asked for the money he was preparing to offer Grushenka, as his father also was greatly into her. Only his trusted valet, Smerdyakov, knew about this money. Dimitri was waiting as a watchdog when Grushenka would come to his father. It was four when Alexy went towards his father's.

When Alexy entered his father's house, he heard his laughter and found that he was not drunk yet. Fyodor, Ivan, Grigory, Mafa, and Smerdyakov were at the table. Smerdyakov was a man of twenty-four and has an anti-social character. He despised everything. He developed a disease of fits called epilepsy, which made Fyodor change his attitude towards the boy. He sent him to Moscow to be trained as a cook. When he came back, he was as antisocial as before, and spent all his salary on clothes and perfume.

They were talking about a Russian man whose skin was flayed as he did not renounced his religion to Islam. They went on a debate, Smerdyakov on one side, and Grigory, on other

side. After the controversy, Smerdyakov and his parents left the table. Fyodor started talking nonsense about gods, civilization, and Alexy and Ivan's mother. Suddenly, Dimitri burst into the house; Fyodor begged his sons to stop him as he thought Dimitri was going to kill him. Grigory tried to stop him but got punched and fell like a log. Dimitri asked where the wench was as he saw her crawling into the house. But no one saw her. Dimitri got hold of his father and punched him. He asked Alexy if he had seen her. Alexy replied, "No." Dimitri asked him to go to Katerina and say his words and describe the scene. He went out to find the wench. Fyodor got bruises and fell asleep after he told Alexy to go to monastery and Katerina but come back to see him in the morning.

Alexy went to Katerina's, where she was living with her two aunts. When he arrived, they greeted him. Katerina knew that Dimitri sent him but listened to Alexy's message. Then, she introduced him to a girl behind a curtain. She was no other than Grushenka herself. She possessed a beauty, which no Russian can resist. Katerina thought she was an angel and kissed her hand three times. Grushenka asked with sugary words to kiss Katerina's hand but made a joke by not kissing it. Katerina swore at her and tried to beat her but was held by Alexy. Grushenka left the house and asked Alexy to walk her home as she had a story for him. Katerina asked Alexy to meet her again the next day. When Alexy left, he was overtaken by a maid, who gave him a letter from Madam Hohlakov. He put it in his pocket unconsciously.

On his way, he met his brother, Dimitri, who asked him what happened and Alexy told him everything. Dimitri laughed at the scene and told Alexy that he would never see him again and went away towards town. When Alexy got back to the monastery, he knew that Father Zossima wouldn't live long. So, he decided not to go anywhere the next day, even though there were entreaties from Katerina and others. Before he fell asleep, he found a letter in his pocket. It was a love letter by Lise to him and entreaties to come her. He read twice and fell asleep.

#### **Book IV - Lacerations**

Father Zossima was dying, and monks were waiting for the marvels. Alexy was beside the elder. Then, he was called up for a message by Rakhitin, and it said that father Zossima prophecy to a mother of solider that she will receive a letter from him had come true. The monks

decided that only if the miracle had been verified, they would tell the elder. The elder told Alexy to go to his father and keep his promises, and he would not die without him as he would say his last words to Alexy. He dashed out of the monastery.

He went to his father's and saw him alone with Maryfa as Grigory was still sick and others went out. He saw his father with bruises and listened to his nonsense about Grushenka, his will, and Dimitri. Then, he went to the Hohlaka's. On the way, he saw a group of schoolboys. Among them, one threw a stone at him shouting that Alexy is a Karmarzov. Other boys threw stones back at the boy and he ran away. Alexy followed him and asked what he did to you. Instead of answering, he bit Alexy's finger badly and ran away.

Alexy went on to the Hohlakov's. Hohlakov said Lise had been hiding behind the room when she knew you had arrived. Then, Alexy showed his wounded finger, Lise came out and cared for it. Alexy said he would marry her as suggested by the elder. Lise laughed hysterically. Alexy said he had to leave as he had to meet with Katerina.

Katerina let Alexy sit beside her while Ivan and Hohlakov were sitting opposite. Then, she said that she wanted the opinion of Alexy and went on saying that she loves Dimitri, no matter how the creature, Grushenka, treated her like that. Alexy told her frankly that she did not love Dimitri and was tormenting Ivan with such talks. Ivan went out saying that Katerina tormented him enough. Katerina was furious with him and went into the room. Alexy was sorry that he told the truth. Then, Katerina came out and sent Alexy to compensate an army officer for Dimitri. Katerina was hysterical afterwards.

Alexy went to Lake Street as requested by Katerina to settle the score of Dimitri with a captain named Nikolay. He went into the dwelling of Dimitri but did not find his brother. Then, he got to the house of the captain, which was small and rugged. Four people including the captain, his wife, his daughter, and his son dwelled in it. His son was the schoolboy who bit his finger. He sat down with the captain and told him that his brother would do anything to beg of you for his demeanor. After introduction and some exchange between the family the Alexy, Nikloy asked Alexy to talk outside his house for some business.

The captain explained that his son along with other schoolboys saw the scene and his sons was incessantly jeered by his peers for the scene. Even though Dimitri offered a duel, the

captain said he could not duel as he had to support his family. Then, Alexy gave him the two hundred rubles saying that it was provided by a sister. At first, the captain seemed to take it gladly. But suddenly, he crushed the notes in his hands and said that he could not take the money for his shame and run away.

## **Book V - Pro and Contra**

Alexy went back to the Hohlakov's and found that Katerina was sick due to hysterics and her aunts were here. Then, he talked with Lise and told her how he loved her after dissecting the scene with the officer and deciding to go back to him on the next day. Then, they kissed together. Hohlakov was at the door listening to their conversation.

Alexy then went back to the summer house to find his brother, Dimitri. He climbed the fence and overheard Smerdyakov and Marya cajoling each other. Then, he sneezed and greeted them and asked whereabouts of his brother. Smerdyakov told me that Ivan invited Dimitri to dinner and asked Alexy not to tell Dimitri that he gave the information. Alexy went to the tavern and found that Ivan was dining alone in a room separated by a screen. Ivan was glad to get hold of Alexy. He was waiting for Dimitri, but Dimitri was not there. He talked about his freedom from Katerina and his plan to visit Europe. Then, he confessed his ideas and beliefs around the god and the world. He went on talking about Russian kids, the devils, and asking Alexy questions. Alexy asked him too about what he was driving at. Ivan read a poem named "The Grand Inquisitor" to Alexy. It was a long story about a talk between a grand inquisitor and an old prisoner of ninety, thought to be incarnation of Jesus. After the long talk, Ivan said to Alexy that after thirty, he would break bad. Then, he left and went out. Alexy was overwhelmed and resolved to find his brother, Dimitri.

Ivan found Smerdyakov at the gate and angry at him for no reason. Smerdyakov told him that he spilled the secrets of the signals to communicate with Fyodor when a woman named Agrafena comes, to Dimitri. Smerdyakov also warned him that he himself was going to have an epileptic fit the next day. Ivan told him that he was going away to Moscow the next day. It was hard for Ivan to sleep that night, but he woke up with fresh energy. He packed and left for

Moscow, but his father asked him to go to Tchernashnya for some business. Ivan thought of going there for a few days but decided to go directly to Moscow. Smerdyakov had a fit that night.

## **Book VI - The Russian Monk**

When Alexy came back to the monastery, he saw the elder sitting in a chair. The elder asked him to go for his elder brother, Dimitri, and told him that the reason he bowed down to Dimitri yesterday was that he saw a horrible thing was about to happen in Dimitri's eyes. Then, the elder went on talking about episodes of his life, which were written down by Alexy. The first one is about the elder's brother who died young due to galloping consumption, and his joyous nature near his end. The second one is about scripture. The third one is about a duel between him and the husband of his beloved crush in a district while he was serving in a regiment. He took the shot during the duel, and it only grazed him. He did not take the shot at his rival, instead he asked for his forgiveness after seeing the joyous nature of life. Then, he resigned from the regiment to become a monk.

The fourth story was about the elder meeting a mysterious man after he resigned from his post, when he was young. The mysterious man, a philanthropist and much revered person of the town, visited him every evening. They became quite friendly and one day, he confessed that he murdered a widow fourteen years ago because of his jealousy. He asked the mysterious man to confess. But for a long time, he could not confess. One day he came back twice to his apartment. It was the day before his birthday. On his birthday, he confessed everything to everyone at his party. But no one believed him. Later he fell ill and the whole town thought Zossima was the cause of it. Before he died, Zossima visited him, and the mysterious man confessed that he came back to kill him on a day before his birthday.

Then, the father Zossima's talks wandered around the Russian monks, faith, devils, and the peasants. These fragments of talks were recorded in the manuscript of Alexy. Father Zossima died suddenly, and everyone could not have guessed. He died with smile in his face and lying flat like praying. The whole town knew about the event the next day.

## **PART III**

### **Book VII - Alyosha**

They put the deceased elder in a coffin and as per tradition, they did not wash the body of elder. Father Paissy and father Iosif read prayers in turn in the cell. Then, a momentous event happened. Not even before 24 hours, the smell of decomposition had emerged from the deceased elder. Many considered it as a judgment from God. A father with the backing of the crowd tried to cast off the evil inside the hermitage but was rebuffed by Father Paissy. Then, he saw Alexy and saw him change in his eyes. Alexy turned away from the hermitage, not even getting any blessing.

The great change was not because Alexy had little faith but great faith. Rakitin saw Alexy facing down and called him. They went together to Grushenka as initiated by Rakitin. He was a practical man and going for a prospective gain.

Grushenka was adopted by the old man named Somonov when she was eighteen. She was surprised to see Rakitin and Alexy as she was hiding from his brother, Dimitri. She was awfully glad to see Alexy and seemed to be planning to go away. She was waiting for a messenger. Rakitin was taunting Alexy about the stink of his elder. Grushenka paid Rakitin for bringing Alexy to her as she promised. Grushenka told Alexy about her five years of torment as a custom officer from Siberia had wronged her. It moved Alexy to hear the tragic story and her torment. Her messenger came, she was called back by her so-called officer, and she went away. She asked Alexy to send her regards to Dimitri. Alexy went back to Monastery. He found peace at the monastery praying beside Father Paissy in front of the coffin of the elder. His thought wandered and saw the elder. He was rejoicing with him and heard the words "Sojourn in the world." He left the monastery by stepping out with joy.

### **Book VIII - Mitya**

Dimitri was immersed in his thoughts about the immediate decision from Grushenka whether she chose him or his father. He did not suspect the past of Grushenka and sudden arrival of offer of the officer from Siberia. Even though Grushenka told him about that officer

when the first letter came, he did not mind as he was overwhelmed in the fight between him and his father. Then, he worried about the means to start a new life if Grunskenska chose him.

He suddenly had a brilliant proposal to ask for the capital from Grunskenska's father, Samsonov. So went he to his home. He proposed the legal loopholes in the case of Tchernashnya. Samsonov denied the offer saying it was not his line of business. But he asked Dimitri to go to a peasant named "Lyagavy" for he might be interested in the offer. Dimitri believed that he was saved by an angel and went to the peasant. The thing that he did not know was that the old man Samsonov had made a laughingstock of him, may be out of his jealousy of Grushenka.

Dimitri borrowed some money and sold his old watch for a trip to Lyagavy. When he arrived there, only a priest was there and even though Lyagavy was living with him, he was out in a cottage. So, the priest walked him there. Along the way, Dimitri told his plan to the priest. It alarmed the priest who was on the favor of his father, Fyodor. When he arrived at the cottage, Lyagavy was dead drunk. So, he resorted to sleep there and talked about the plan the next day as early as possible. But he woke up extremely late and found that Lyagavy had finished another half bottle. He could not say anything to him as Lyagavy was a drunk peasant. Then, he realized it all in an instant flash. He went back and ran back to Grushenka.

It was his visit to Grushenka. He walked her towards Samsonov as she lied that there was an account to settle with Samsonov and told him to fetch her at midnight. He pawned his pistol for some money. Dimitri went to find Smerdyakov but found that he was ill due to a fall and fit. Then, he got a brilliant idea, which was to borrow three thousand rubles from Madam Hohlakov.

He went there and found Madam. She welcomed him warmly and talked about Father Zossima and contemporary realism. She said she would save him and give him more than three thousand rubles and infinitely more. Dimitri was ecstatic. She asked him if he were to go to the gold mines, and gave him an ikon necklace. Dimitri was dumbfounded. He was expecting the money. Madam told him that she was not lending money to any friends for fear of losing friends. Dimitri spat and shouted at her by stumping a fist on the table. He then went to Samsonov's to fetch Gruskenka but learnt the truth and rushed to Grskenska's. He found out that she was away and grabbed the pestle and dashed off to his father.

He silently entered the house and into his father's room. The house was dead quiet. The old man was walking around and anxiously waiting for the girl. Dimitri wanted to make sure that she was not there. So, he knocked on the door as the signal of Gruskenka was coming. The old man was anxious looking for the girl. There, Dimitri saw the old man's figure in the lamplight. He loathed the man who ruined his life. So, he hit the old man with the pestle and the hot blood rushing from his head. The old servant Grigory saw it and shouted "Parricide!" Dimitri ran off to his rented house and again to Gruskenka, where he learnt that an officer called her. Fenya told everything to her. Dimitri was covered in blood. He then went to the young officer to exchange his pistols back. He resorted to going to Makroe.

Dimitri ordered a crazy amount of champagne. He was lunatic but there was something good in him. Pyotr asked him why he was going to Makroe with such things. Then, Fenya came along shouting not to hurt his mistress. Pyotr realized the plan and asked to give the pistol back. Dimitri assured him and Fenya that he was not going to hurt anyone again. They sped towards Mokroe in a cart. Pyotr was uneasy and went to Gruskenka's house.

Mitya, Dimitri, rushed to the inn at Mokroe. He gave the innkeeper, swindler, some money to call up some girls and ordered to set up when boxes of champagne arrived. The innkeeper told him that Gruskenka, polish officer named Kalganov, Maximov, and Musiov are playing cards here. Dimitri put his pistol near his chest and went to face the company.

He sat down at the table and talked nonsense. Grushenka introduced him to the company. They talked for a while and played card games. As usual, Mitya lost two hundred rubles. Kalganov stopped him from playing one more. Then, Dimitri went out to bargain with the two poles to go away and he would give them three thousand rubles, seven hundred cash down and the rest on the next day. They wanted it all straight off, so spat on Mitya, and made a scene in front of Grushenka. Gruskenka realized what was happening and the landlord found out the poles were playing with marked cards. They turned them out of the inn.

Then the party started with the wine and the girls that had been ordered by Mitya. Everyone including Gruskenka and Dimitri was drunk. Dimitri thought of killing himself in a balcony. Then, Gruskenka told him that she loved him and would be a slave to him and wanted him to take her away. They fell asleep, and then the party stopped suddenly. Dimitri was woken up by the police and the prosecutor to charge him with the murder of Fyodor.

## **Book IX - Preliminary Investigation**

After parting way with Dimitri, Prehotin went to Fenya and learnt that Dimitri might have murdered his old father. He went to the Foydor's but the gate was so strong, and he did not wish to break it. So, he went to Madam Hohlakov to confirm that she gave Dimitri three thousand rubles to go to the goldmines. He asked the maids to wake Madam up. After two times, Madam let him meet her and told her that she did not give him any money and he even tried to murder her. So, Prehotin asked her to write a note to confirm that she did not give Dimitri any money. After getting the notes, he went to the police captain.

At the Foydor's house, Marfa woke up and found Fyodor lying dead. She tried to wake his husband with a tinge of war. He woke up and asked them to go to the police. She went and alarmed the whole police. The officials came and made formal investigations. From some tips from Prehotin, they knew that they should get to Mokroe to prevent the suicide of Dimitri. So, they alarmed their counterparts in Mokroe. It was Trifon, who was keeping watch over Dimitri during the whole night. Trifon even kept the pistol away from Dimitri.

The first phase of interrogation started. Dimitri denied all the charges. He told the investigating lawyers that he hated and wanted to kill his old father. He even tried to kill him once. Dimitri was also relieved that Grigory was not killed. Then, Grunskenska came rushing into the examination room inside the inn. But they both were holding by three to four men, and even though they saw each other, they did not touch. Gruskenka was put downstairs by the police captain. The captain came up to Dimitri and asked him to calm in a good-natured voice as requested by Gruskenka. He thanked the captain for his words.

The ordeal started again, and he explained what he was doing that morning in a good-natured voice. He told them about Samsonov, Grunskenska's lies about staying late Samsonov, his meeting with Madam Hohlakov, and Fenya. He then gloomily replied that he did not know why he picked up the pestle at that certain moment.

He went on explaining the facts in Fyodor's. He said he did not kill his father, but his father saw him, and he ran from the garden, even though he wanted to murder him at first. Grigory was in his way and Dimitri hit him. He then told that he did not murder his father. The

prosecutor asked him where he procured such a large sum of money at that time. Dimitri refused to answer the question for fear of disgrace. The prosecutor told Dimitri that they needed to search his whole body behind the curtains.

Dimitri was ashamed of being stripped naked and wrapped in a quilt, and stared at by the peasants. Nikolay, the investigating officer, brought him clothes from Kalganov. Then, he told Dimitri about the statement from Grigory, that he saw the gate open while Dimitri said it was shut. Additionally, the source of money was still unclear, so, Nikolay asked Dimitri what he should believe.

Dimitri told the prosecutors that the source of money was a source of disgrace to him. He said that he snapped the three thousand rubles from Katya, his former betrothed. And spend half of it and sew the half in shame. On the night of the event, he tore it off from his neck and spent it here. He told everyone that he had already spent the whole three thousand rubles. Prosecutors pressed where he left the torn rag and doubted why it was a disgrace. He replied that he tore the rag near the marketplace. They all were very tired, and the morning came around 8, and the examination of witnesses began. The witnesses were against the Mitya. Gruskenka believed that he would not kill his father as he had the noble heart. After the examination, Mitya fell asleep for an hour and had a great dream. When he woke up, Nikolay was reading the protocol. After Dimitri signed the protocol, he became a prisoner. He said goodbye to all especially had a brief talk with Gruskenka. She said she loved her and would follow him wherever he went. Dimitri was taken away in a bell-ringing cart.

## **Book X - The Boys**

Madame Krassotkin has a son named Kolya. She had been the widow of a secretary since she was eighteen. Since then, she raised her son with due diligence, and hysterically. Kolya was smart and respectful though he was only six and loved reading his father's books. One day, he was involved in a terrible prank in which he himself lay low between the rails when a train was coming at full speed. It made his mother more hysterical than ever. He did not like the admirer of his mother. Kolya was the boy who was stabbed by the son of the captain "wisp of tow".

Koyla had a dog named Perezvon, that could perform all his tricks. One day everyone was out, so he had to watch over the two kids of the doctors. The servant came back later than expected and Koyla asked her to watch over them and went out. He went out with Smurov and talked with peasants in the market. They were going to see the captain's consumptive son. Smurov had also made an appointment with Alexy Karamazov to see Koyla.

Alexy came but he had changed since the last time. Instead of his usual cassocks, he now had regular clothes and a round hat. They exchanged a few words, and asked about Ilusha, the captain's son. Koyla was keen to him before the incident of Ilusha feeding bread with a needle to a dog named Zhutchka. The incident with the captain and Dimitri also pushed him further. They entered the hot and small room where Ilusha was lying.

All the other boys who were there standing, were also invited by Alexy. Captain also accepted the assistance from Madam Katerina for his son. Despite the warning from Alexy, Koyla reminded Ilusha of the dog, Zhutchka. He also mentioned that he also adopted a new dog and asked him and others to allow the dog to enter. Ilusha was screaming but when the dog entered, he realized that it was Zhutchka. The dog was not dead as it did not swallow that bread. Koyla explained that he trained the dog with all sorts of tricks so that he could give him a well-trained dog. He also gave a bronze cannon toy to him, but his mother wanted it so badly that he agreed to give it to her. They talked about the founder of Troys and a passage from a book. Then, the new doctor came with Madam Hohlakov's cart. Alexy and Koyla entered a discourse, and they liked each other. The doctor said that Ilusha should go to Sicily for his health.

## **Book XI - Ivan**

Grushenka had been sick since the day of Mitya's arrest. Maximov was staying at hers, and the poles were sending daily letters to her for some money. She visited Mitya every day. Alexy had arrived as requested by Gruskenka. She told him that Ivan had seen Dimitri two times since his arrest and it was kept secret from Alexy. She said that Dimitri was keeping a secret to her and wanted Alexy to find it out for her from Dimitri. Alexy told her if only Dimitri told him, he would relay it to her.

Alexy went on to Madam Hohlakov. Then, he learnt that Ivan had been visiting and the story of Dimitri was spreading across the whole country. The town and case of parricide was most talked about these days. Lise had been hysterical after the visit from Ivan. Alexy came upon her request and Madam Hohlakov implored him to find out what was troubling Lise. Alexy went up to Lise and she told him about her desire not to marry him. She said she had been doing all sorts of devilish things and pushed Alexy out of the room with a letter to Ivan. It was the reason why she asked for Alexy.

Alexy went to Mitya's cell and Mitya opened her despair and his secret of escaping and moving to America with Grusha. He then asked Alexy if he thought he murdered their father. Alexy swore that he did not believe he was the murderer. After a long talk and a kiss, Alexy went out to Ivan. Ivan was at Katerina's, and they were quarreling. Katerina asked Alexy to follow Ivan as he was mad and ill. Alexy followed him and handed him a letter from Lise. Then, Alexy told Ivan, "It was not you killed father." It trembled Ivan and they parted their ways. Ivan went to Smerdyakov.

In the first interview, Ivan talked about their conversation of them on the night before the murder. Smerdyakov foretold him of having a fit and asking him to go to Tchernashnya. Smerdyakov explained to Ivan why he said all these things as well as to the prosecutors. Ivan felt certain that Dimitri was the guilty one. Alexy also answered Ivan's question that he thought Ivan was glad that his father was killed. From that time on, Ivan avoided Alexy.

In the second interview, it was after the discharge from hospital, Ivan went to his lodging and asked the last sentence of their first interview. Smerdyakov said that Ivan wanted someone to murder his father for his inheritance by recounting their conversation on the stairs before the night of murder. Ivan became furious and punched him on the shoulder and left and went on to Katerina. It was where he saw a document, a letter, from Dimitri to Katya stating that he would murder his father and pay back the money owned by Katya. Two months passed and he suggested the plan of escape to Dimitri.

On the third and last interview, it was after meeting with Alexy at Katya's, it was snowing, and a storm was raging, Smerdyakov confessed to Ivan that it was he who killed the father. He went on explaining that after Grigory was knocked down by Dimitri, he went to his father and told him that Grushenka had arrived and killed him with iron paperweight. Then, he

took the money and left the envelope. Ivan told Smerdyakov that they both will confess at the trial, and the only reason why he did not kill him now was for the trial. Then, he took the money from Smerdyakov and went home.

Ivan was suffering from night fever and hallucinating. He was hallucinating about talking to a visitor about specialists, journalists, beliefs, and anecdotes. Ivan found himself breaking the chains of hallucination. Then, he heard a knock, and it was Alexy, who informed Ivan at once that Smerdyakov hanged himself two hours ago. Ivan said in a frenzy that he was having dreams and his worries of Katya, Mitya, Lise, and Alexy. Alexy put a towel around, but Ivan lost consciousness and fell asleep. Alexy thought no one would believe Ivan's evidence after Smerdyakov's hanging and he prayed.

## **Book XII - A Judicial Error**

The fatal day for Dimitri had arrived. The author tried his best to describe the part of the scene on that day. People not only from this province but also from across the whole Russia, came to the court to see the case. Half of them were women, and most of them favor Dimitri in this case. Many were lawyers. The famous Fetyukovitch was defending Dimitri, and all the jury and president were present. Many were surprised by the sudden suicide of Smerdyakov. The president of the court asked him if he is guilty. Dimitri replied he was only guilty of drunkenness and debauchery, not of his father's death.

Then, the witnesses came, Grigory, Captain, Poles were all testified their statements. But all were stained by the famous Fetyukovitch. The president repeated ordered Mitya to mind his language in the court. The medical experts were called and examined the nature of Mitya's mental condition. Two old doctors concluded that he was mentally affected while one young doctor believed he was sane.

The fortune shined on Mitya when Alexy, Katya, and Gruskenka were called upon. Alexy gave evidence related to the existence of the money rolled in Mitya's shirt. Katya told of his generosity nature of giving four thousand rubles and their story. Gruskenka also told that she believed that he was innocent. She also revealed that Rakitin was her cousin. Then, a catastrophe occurred.

Ivan was called and looks extremely ill. He answered their questions briefly. When he was about to leave, he smiled and put the money from Smerdyakov and told that it was Smerdyakov who killed his father. He was also an accomplice and said that he had evidence that had a tail. The usher tried to remove Ivan from the court.

Then, Katya declared that Mitya was the murderer by giving the court a letter from him. It surprised everyone. She explained the reasons behind it. She was also hysterical and fainted after her testimonial. The letter was added to the material evidence. The court was adjourned.

The prosecutor, Ippolit Kirillovitch, began his speech. He was consumptive and died nine months later. In his speech, he portrayed the sketches of all the sons of Fyodor. And explained why it was impossible for Dimitri not to spend half the money even if it were in his little bag. He made a lot of impression on the audience. He went on explaining that the murder was planned beforehand, citing the letter and the behaviors of the suspect. After that, he explained the suspicions around Smerdyakov and why he should not be a murderer, an accomplice with facts and logic. Then, he explained the aftermath of the murder and the pistol and meeting with Grunskinka before his arrest with eloquent. The whole audience was swayed by his speech. Some thought he was a bit carried away.

The court adjourned for a few minutes and Fetyukovitch mounted the stage for the speech for the defense. He then darted his speech to the prejudice of the towns on Mitya and the incoherent nature of the facts outlined by the prosecutor. Then, he first explained that there was no robbery as Smerdyakov was the only person who saw the envelope and the existence of the money. He went on explaining that there was no murder by his client at all, and it was Smerdyakov who killed the old Fyodor. The whole crowd applauded. He depicted the whole picture of Fyodor being unfatherly to the whole audience and asked the jury to remember the spirit of the court; not just to punish but to reform the man. The whole crowd was frenzied, and the prosecutor said a few words of objections with lots of emotion. The court was adjourned, and the jury deliberated. The verdict was “Yes, guilty!”.

## **Epilogue**

Mitya fell ill after he was sentenced to Siberia for twenty years. The doctor was so kind that he let him stay outside of the prison's ward. Ivan was also very ill and still unconscious, but he already told Katya about the plan of escape and even handed her a letter before his fever took hold of him. Alexy came to Katya's and asked her to come to Mitya. She came but things got soured when Gruskenka came in unexpectedly. She went out.

Illusha died two days after the trial. The captain and his family were inconsolable. The boys came along with Alexy. Ivan was dying and Mitya was still ill. Alexy made a fine speech at the churchyard to cherish these fond memories of each other. The boys cried rapturously, "Hurrah for Karamazov!".

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