

**Anton Lavrentyevitch G——v**, our narrator, “G-v” is also referred to as “Govorov” by some sources

**Stepan Trofimovich Verkhovensky**, (also called Stefan), “talented and highly-esteemed gentleman”.

**Pyotr Stepanovich Verkhovensky**, (sometimes called Petrusha), Stepan’s son by his late wife, raised by distant cousins. He was a nervous and sensitive boy. "He didn't have feeling for the inner things, for anything higher, for any future ideas.” Petrusha is now 27. Tall, not unattractive, but still with an unlikable face “pointy like a rat”

**Nastasya** (nicknamed Stasie), Stepan’s servant

**Varvara Petrovna Stavrogin**, “, Mother of **Nikolay Vsyevolodovitch Stavrogin**.

**Lieutenant-General Stavrogin**, Varvara Petrovna’s separated husband

**Nikolay Vsyevolodovitch Stavrogin**: Varvara Petrovna’s son, whom Stepan tutored when he was a child.

**Praskovya Ivanovna Drozdov Tushin**, The widow of a general and a childhood friend of Varvara. Praskovya is elderly and struggles with her legs. She is the mother of Lizaveta ( Liza)

**General Ivan Ivanovitch Drozdov**, Praskovya Ivanovna’s late husband

**Lizaveta Nikolaevna Tushin**, (often called Liza; French: Lise), Praskovya Ivanovna’s daughter, who was tutored by Stepan when she was a child. Formed a close friendship with Nikolay Vsyevolodovitch Stavrogin (Varvara’s Son)

**Alexey Yegorytch**, Varvara Petrovna’s butler

**Fomushka**, a friend of Varvara Petrovna

**Count K.**, with whose family Stavrogin is rumored to be acquainted

**Stepanida Mikhailovna**, Stavrogin’s working-class landlady

**Matryosha**, the twelve-year-old daughter of Stepanida Mikhailovna

**Sergay Vassilyevitch Liputin (French: Lipoutine)**, “A liberal, known around town as an atheist. Loves gossip. Our narrator describes his main character trait as being envious, and finds himself marveling at the extent to which he takes to heart things that don't concern him at all.”

**Madame Liputin**, Liputin’s pretty young wife

**Agafya**, Liputin’s servant, “an easy-mannered, lively, rosy-cheeked peasant woman of thirty”

**Ivan Shatov** (sometimes called Shatushka), a former serf of Varvara Petrovna who was expelled from university, and the brother of Darya Pavlovna (Dasha), though he rarely sees her

**Darya Pavlovna Shatov** (often called Dasha, sometimes Dashenka), Shatov’s sister, Varvara Petrovna’s protégée, anticipated fiancée of Stepan.

**Marya Ignatyevna Shatov** (French: Marie), Shatov’s wife, with whom he very briefly lived in Geneva several years ago.

**Virginsky**, “a pathetic and very quiet young man”

**Arina Prohorovna Virginsky**, Virginsky’s wife and the town’s most sought-after midwife

**Virginsky’s sister**, “a rosy-cheeked student and a nihilist”

**Arina Prohorovna’s sister**, who has no eyebrows.

**Captain Ignat Lebyadkin** (also Ignaty), “a stranger to the town, [who] turned out afterwards to be a very dubious character,” and who happens to live in the same house as Shatov. Beats his crippled sister and doesn’t look after her

**Marya Timofeyevna Lebyadkin**, Lebyadkin’s sister, who lives with him. Supposed wife to Nikolai (they were married as a dare)

**Pyotr Pavlovitch Gaganov** (once called Pavel Pavlovitch—I think the “Pyotr” is a mistake, since it doesn’t match his son’s patronymic), an elderly club member who has a habit of saying, “No, you can’t lead me by the nose!” (gets pulled by the nose)

**Artemy Pavlovitch Gaganov**, the elder Gaganov’s son, “proud, irritable, and supercilious, in spite of his good breeding”

**Anisim Ivanovitch**, former servant of Gaganov, who knows Stepan

**Mavriky Nikolaevitch** (French: Maurice), a friend of Lizaveta and of the younger Gaganov, a thirty-three-year-old artillery captain who has “an imposing and at first sight almost stern countenance, in spite of his wonderful and delicate kindness which no one could fail to perceive almost the first moment of making his acquaintance.” Is engaged to Lizaveta, but it’s revealed that she would leave him for Nikolai if he asked

**Ivan Ossipovitch**, “our dear mild governor”

**Andrey Antonovitch von Lembke** (sometimes called Lembka), the new governor who assumed office after Ivan Ossipovitch’s term

**Yulia Mikhailovna von Lembke** / (French: Julie), the governor’s ambitious and strong-willed wife, who is related to the Drozdovs

**Alyosha Telyatnikov**, “a clerk of refined manners, who was also a member of the governor’s household”

**von Blum**, a clerk in the governor’s office whom Yulia Mihailovna hates

**Police-superintendent Flibusterov**, “an ardent champion of authority who had only recently come to our town but had already distinguished himself”

**Semyon Yegorovitch Karmazinov**, a well-known novelist and a distant relative of Yulia Mihailovna

**Lyamshin**, a Jewish post office clerk, who plays the piano and does amusing impressions.

**Alexey Nilitch Kirillov**, a civil engineer who has been abroad and who takes a great interest in suicide. Knows Stepan Trofimovich’s son, Pyotr, and Varvara’s son, Nikolay, the Drozdovs and Liza.

**Shigalyov**, the brother of Arina Prohorovna (Virginsky’s wife). Shigalyov is a gloomy man with very big ears

**Nikon Semyonitch Andreev**, “our respectable and respected merchant”

**Fedka or Fyodor Fyodorovitch**, an escaped convict

**Erkel**, a young ensign who rarely speaks and constantly takes notes

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Like the moon, you are a guiding light in the darkness, a beacon of hope and love that shines down upon me, even when we are apart. And when we are together, the moon becomes a witness to our love, a silent witness that watches over us

You are to me what the moon is to a poet, you reign over my heart like the moon reigns over a starry sky

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