BACKGROUND

Raskolnik was born to a lowranking court bureaucrat father, who was intelligent to the point of unfulfilled dreams, and a moderately wealthy mother, whose inheritance was spent before her children knew the words "dice". "wine" or "whores". | Raskolnik's father was inadvertently trampled by a mail coach when Raskolnik was a young child. His mother, now without income and living in poverty in a grand manse among the snow elves, had little choice but to sell the remnants of her inheritance and take up residence in the squalid slums with the orcs and goblins of the north. Raskolnik's mother said, on more than one occasion, "We elves are not known for helping the downtrodden, even our own kind." | Raskolnik excelled at his studies, and was noticed by an orcish ambassador to the north for winning second prize in the "Essaies from the Ghetto" contest. His prose and unorthodox. even mildly disturbing, thesis had captured the imagination of the fiery, blunt orc. | The orcish ambassador gave Raskolnik's mother a small sum to pay for his studies in law, on the promise that she would send him to "anything but a pale-

skinned school of fascist

mother, partly from

pig-donkeys." Raskolnik's

gratitude to her son's orcish

benefactor, and partly from

anger at her own culture's

her financial predicament.

readily agreed. | Raskolnik

went to a law school run by

halflings. (When the orcish

into a rage. He had

diplomat found out, he flew

envisioned a green-skinned

story that shall not be told

school for green-skinned

law. But that is another

here.) | His studies were

spectacularly successful.

The halflings considered

Raskolnik one of their own.

But the humans were next

competition in a prominent

second place overall. The

after the debate and told him that he had the

leader, a great statesman.

written essaie that he could

take to his superiors in the

middle lands, and in return,

the human would pave the

path to a fulfilling career in

the human legal system. |

human, sending a 20,000

word thesis on the nature of The Great Man to his would-

be human benefactor. The

human published it under

his own name and went on

a book-signing tour, only to

be murdered by an orc on

(though that tale of greed, debauchery and violence is

his yacht in the south

Raskolnik submitted his

magnum opus to the

potential to be a great

The human asked for a

northern city, Raskolnik won

human judge took him aside

to adopt him. | During a

multi-racial rhetoric

complete detachment from

STORY



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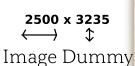
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**Combat Tactics** 



# ROLEPLAYING

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### **Expressions**

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### **Mannerisms**

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another story, and shall not be told here.) | Raskolnik, blissfully unaware of his human would-bebenefactor's fate, continued to wait, hopefully, for word from the human. He had finished law school. He sold what he owned and borrowed money from a disreputable lender. He tried valiantly to support his mother and younger sister. | Raskolnik's sister agreed to marry a rich, abusive man. Raskolnik became desperate. | Meanwhile, word had -- unbeknownst to Raskolnik himself -- gotten out that he was the actual author of the human's stolen manuscript. Raskolnik was known only by name -- not by appearance -- to be an ubermensch, a believer in Great Men who are justified in trampling the Inferior. Soon, Raskolnik will discover that the local constabulary have read his treatise, and suspect him of murdering the moneylender in order to pave the way to Greatness. | Raskolnik is riddled with guilt, not entirely for killing the woman (he partly believes she deserved it), but also for not being Great like he should be: for not being able to carry through with his own ambitions, for not being able to Act in the way that Great Men Act. | Now Raskolnik is nervous, on edge, easily frightened, secretive, mysterious, defensive, yet also desperately seeking someone to whom he can confess. | And he still has no money to save his sister from what Raskolnik sees as a terrible, terrifying union.