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Photograph of Fyodor Dostoevsky taken in 1876. Image online courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

*One had to come to terms with it...  
To look at his gambling passion as a disease  
for which there was no cure.*

Anna Dostoevsky  
*Reminiscences*

It was the end of September, 1866, and Fyodor Dostoevsky was in serious trouble.

Desperate for money the prior year, he had made a bad bargain with a rogue publisher. In exchange for an advance on an unwritten novel, Dostoevsky had agreed to give Fyodor Stellovsky the rights to all his future works for a period of ten years if he could not deliver the new book by November 1, 1866.

The novel - eventually called The Gambler - was due in thirty days. Dostoevsky had yet to write the first word.

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