

I used to sit at a window and watch storms. The rain hit the window. I watched lightning come down from the sky. One day, lightning hit a tree. The tree set on fire. It was very close to my house. Nature is full of interesting things. I was very excited by the lightning. It was so powerful.

I met a modern natural philosopher. He told me about electricity. It was very interesting. It was better than alchemy. Alchemy was **worthless**.

I wanted to know more about science when I was 17. I went to university at Ingolstadt.

Elizabeth stayed at home in Geneva. She was sick. She had scarlet fever. Mother was looking after her. Mother caught scarlet fever too. She was very sick. I came home to see her.

“Please Victor, you must marry Elizabeth. Please Elizabeth, you must marry Victor,” she said.

She died. I was very upset. I didn’t want to get married. I wanted to go to university and learn.

I went to university. I found somewhere to live. There was a professor of natural philosophy at the university. His name was M. Krempe. I invited him to come and meet me.

Krempe came to see me at my house. I told him, “I have studied alchemy.”

Krempe said, “You have wasted your time. Alchemy is wrong.”

I was very angry. I didn’t want to study natural philosophy any more. There were many lectures at university. I wanted to attend a chemistry lecture.

worthless (adj) having no value, useless and having no good qualities

Professor Waldman taught chemistry. It was very interesting. I liked chemistry more than natural philosophy. After I met Professor Waldman, I thought, “I will study chemistry.”

I didn’t want to do anything else. I spent all my time studying. I didn’t make any friends at university. I had more important things to do. I ignored my father and Elizabeth. They were far away and chemistry was more important.

I learned a lot. Professor Waldman said, “You’re doing very well.”

I wanted to learn more about life and how to create life. I studied the human body. It was called the study of anatomy. I studied death. I learned what happens to a body when it is dead. It took a long time.

I learned everything from the professors. “We can’t teach you anything else,” they said.

My house was full of research. I had found the secret of life. It was just an idea. I had to test it.

“I’ll make a creature. It’ll be a new race. They’ll be wonderful beings.” I thought.

I made a plan. I worked very hard. It took all my time. I didn’t go and study any more. I didn’t care about my family or friends. I had to finish my creature.

My father said, “Victor, what are you doing? You are possessed! You look so pale. Why are you doing this to yourself?”



"I'll make a creature," I thought.

CHAPTER 2

It took many months. I finally finished my creature. I used electricity to bring it to life. It was a horrible creature. It looked like a monster. I ran away. I locked it in a room.

I tried to sleep but I had lots of nightmares.

I dreamed about Elizabeth. I dreamed about mother's dead body. I woke up. The monster was standing by my bed. He was looking at me. He was smiling. It was a horrible smile. I was so **frightened**.

I ran out of the house and locked the door. I didn't want to go inside. I walked around my garden. I stayed there all night. When it was morning, I walked to the town. I walked past the inn. My friend Henry was there. He had come to Ingolstadt to go to university. I was very happy. I didn't feel lonely any more. I took Henry back to my house.

The monster was gone. I fainted. I was very weak. The shock of the monster and all the work had made me ill. I had a fever. Henry stayed with me. He looked after me. I got better very quickly.

"Thank you, Henry," I said.

"I was happy to help you, Victor," said Henry.

frightened (adj) scared, afraid



*I woke up. The monster was standing by my bed.
He was looking at me.*

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test-1

Are the following sentences True (T) or False (F)?

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| 1. John Walton created the monster. | T / F |
| 2. Frankenstein didn't love Elizabeth. | T / F |
| 3. Frankenstein was interested in natural sciences. | T / F |
| 4. Professor Waldman was Frankenstein's chemistry teacher. | T / F |
| 5. Frankenstein used chemicals to bring the creature to life. | T / F |
| 6. Justine Moritz was Elizabeth's sister. | T / F |
| 7. The monster put William's picture in Justine's pocket. | T / F |
| 8. The judge released Justine because she was innocent. | T / F |
| 9. Frankenstein successfully finished the female monster. | T / F |
| 10. The monster killed both Henry and Elizabeth. | T / F |
| 11. The monster asked Frankenstein to create him a female friend because he felt very lonely. | T / F |
| 12. John Walton killed the monster. | T / F |

Test-2

Match the sentences.

Beginnings

1. It took Frankenstein many months
2. Frankenstein saw many nightmares
3. Frankenstein was very excited by the lightning
4. The monster died after jumping into the sea
5. Frankenstein got sick and died
6. All of Frankenstein's family died
7. The monster killed Elizabeth
8. The monster wanted to kill Frankenstein
9. The monster realised that he was ugly
10. Frankenstein came across an explorer's ship

Endings

- a. because of the monster Frankenstein had created.
- b. to finish the creature.
- c. because he didn't keep his promise.
- d. after finishing his creature.
- e. and thought it was so powerful.
- f. from John Walton's ship.
- g. when he looked at himself in a pool of water.
- h. when he was hunting the monster.
- i. on John Walton's ship.
- j. because he wanted Frankenstein to feel pain.

Test-3

Who said this in the story?

Professor Krempe, Frankenstein, Henry,

The Judge, Elizabeth or The Monster

1. "You wasted your time. Alchemy is wrong."

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2. "I'll study chemistry."

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3. "I have a letter for you. It's from Elizabeth."

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4. "Why do you think she's innocent?"

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5. "Victor, please cheer up."

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6. "You have condemned me to a life of loneliness."

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7. "Monster! Leave me alone!"

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8. "I learned I was ugly."

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9. "Where did you get food from?"

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10. "I'll watch you make the female monster."

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GRAMMAR CHECK

Test-1

Choose the best answer.

I was very worried. It was ¹ time for my wedding.
I was scared ² the monster. I married Elizabeth.
We were happy. We went to a cottage for the night. It was
my father's cottage. It had a very pretty garden. Elizabeth
and I went ³ a walk in it. I was looking for the
monster. "He will appear ⁴ any moment," I thought,
"Elizabeth will be upset. The monster is so ugly. She will be
scared ⁵ the fight."

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| 1. | a. nearly | b. seldom | c. yet |
| 2. | a. fight | b. to fight | c. fights |
| 3. | a. for | b. about | c. on |
| 4. | a. on | b. at | c. for |
| 5. | a. on | b. in | c. by |

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He was smiling. It was a horrible smile. I was so frightened.

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| 6. | a. sometimes | b. finally | c. rarely |
| 7. | a. to bring | b. bring | c. bringing |
| 8. | a. have tried | b. am trying | c. tried |
| 9. | a. woke up | b. have woken up | c. waking up |