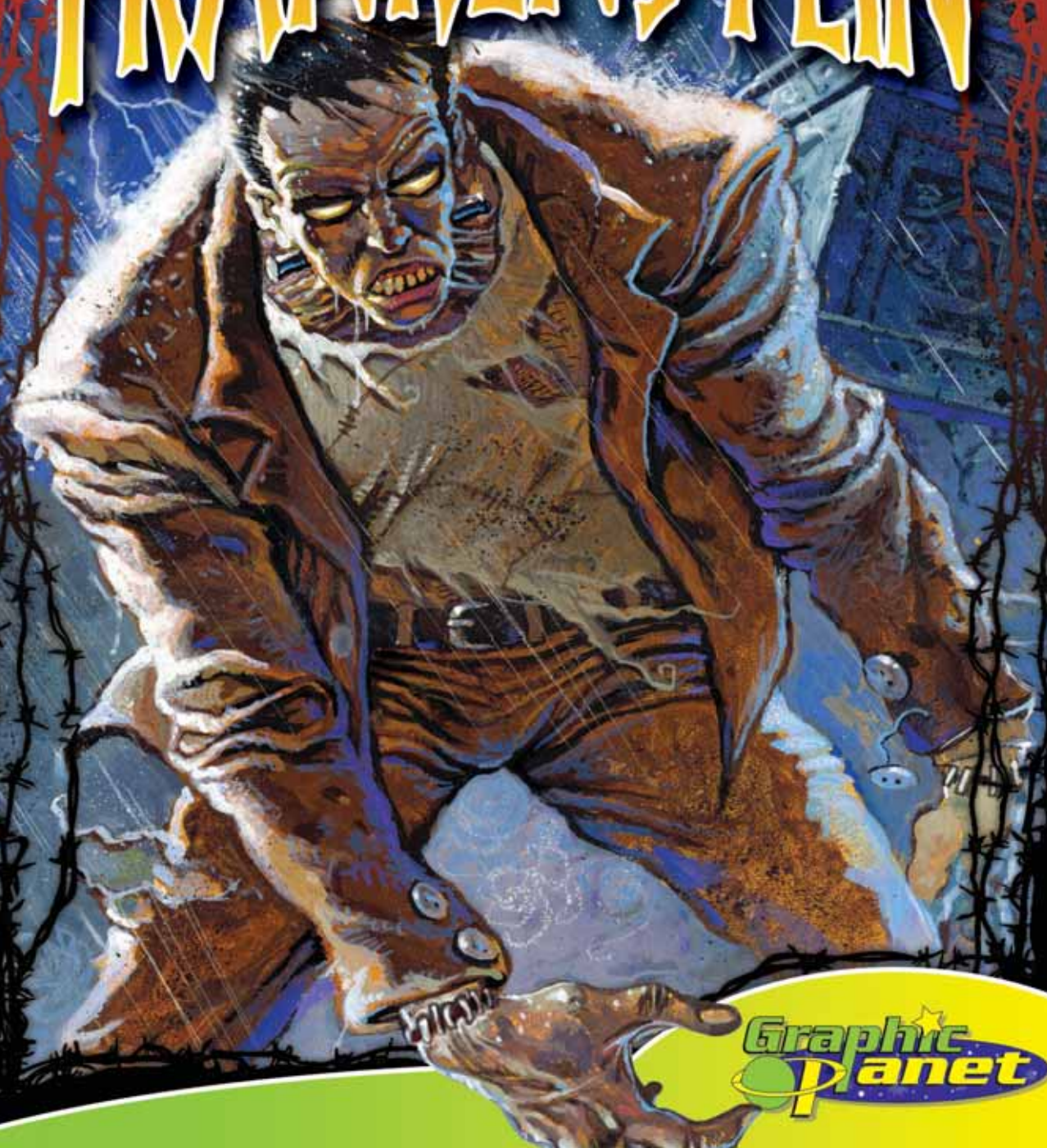


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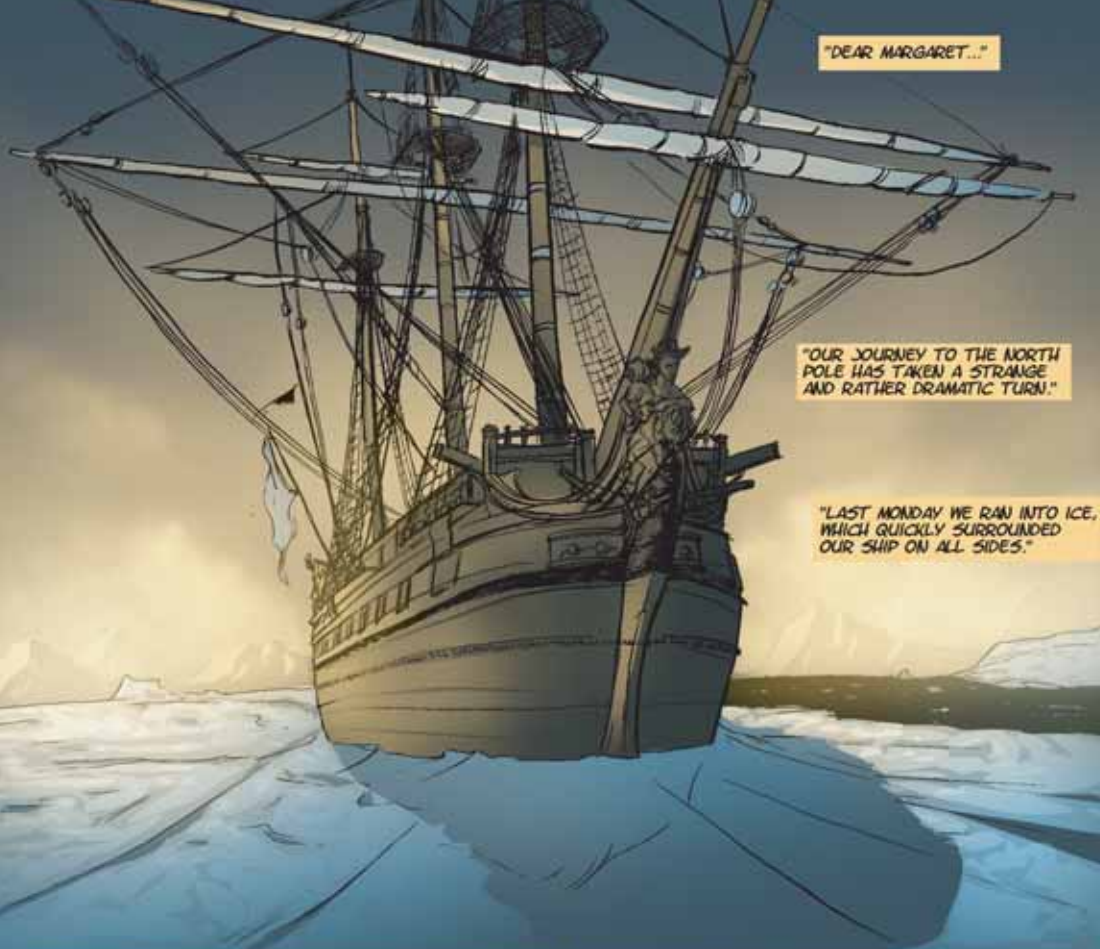
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"DEAR MARGARET..."

"OUR JOURNEY TO THE NORTH POLE HAS TAKEN A STRANGE AND RATHER DRAMATIC TURN."

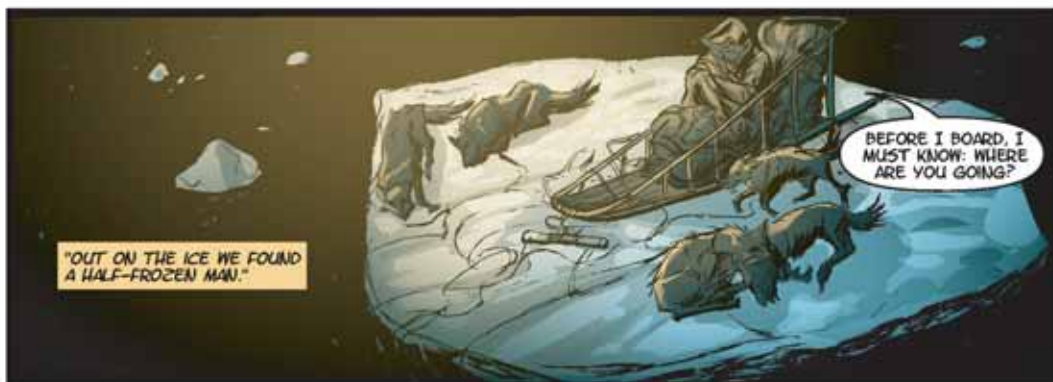
"LAST MONDAY WE RAN INTO ICE, WHICH QUICKLY SURROUNDED OUR SHIP ON ALL SIDES."



"THE ICE GOES ON FOR MILES. THE SIGHT WOULD BE A WONDER, DEAR SISTER, IF IT DID NOT PRESENT SUCH A TRIAL."

"BUT THERE WERE OTHER WONDERS."

CAPTAIN WALTON,
LOOK!



"OUT ON THE ICE WE FOUND A HALF-FROZEN MAN."

BEFORE I BOARD, I
MUST KNOW: WHERE
ARE YOU GOING?



"THE FRANKENSTEIN FAMILY WAS AMONG THE MOST DISTINGUISHED IN ALL GENEVA. OUR NAME GAVE US PRIDE AND EARNED US RESPECT!"

"THOUGH MY PARENTS WERE DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANTS, THEY TRAVELED OFTEN!"

"MY MOTHER HAD ESCAPED A LIFE OF POVERTY AND UNDERSTOOD THE SUFFERING OF THE POOR. VISITING THEM WAS HER CALLING, EVEN WHEN ABROAD"



"ONE SUCH FAMILY HAD 5 MOUTHS TO FEED, INCLUDING A LITTLE GIRL!"

"FOR MY MOTHER, IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT. SHE LOVED ME WITH ALL HER HEART, BUT HAD ALWAYS WANTED A DAUGHTER, TOO?"

"WHEN MY PARENTS PROPOSED AN ADOPTION, BOTH THE COUPLE AND THE PARISH PRIEST READILY AGREED"



"HER NAME WAS ELIZABETH. MY PARENTS KNEW THAT WE WOULD BE CLOSE!"



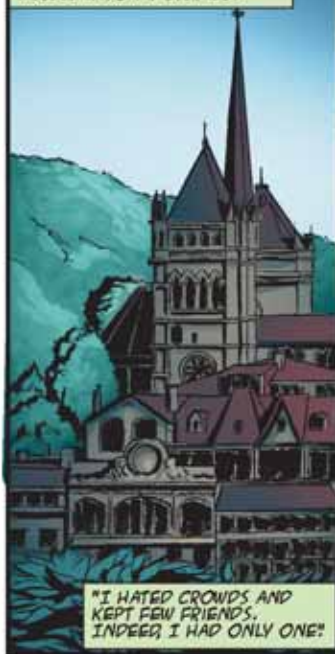
"INDEED, FROM THAT FIRST MOMENT I LOVED HER WITH ALL MY HEART. AND I VOWED TO PROTECT AND CHERISH HER ALWAYS!"



"SOON AFTER, MY FAMILY RETURNED TO GENEVA. AND MY BROTHER WILLIAM WAS BORN!"



"WHILE MY PARENTS FOCUSED ON THE NEW ARRIVAL, I THREW MYSELF INTO MY STUDIES!"



"I HATED CROWDS AND KEPT FEW FRIENDS. INDEED, I HAD ONLY ONE!"

"THOUGH MY SERIOUS NATURE HID IT WELL, I ADORED HENRY CLerval. HE WAS ALWAYS SO FULL OF LIFE..."



"AS FOR ME, I LONGED FOR LIFE'S SECRETS. I WANTED TO KNOW THE WORKINGS OF NATURE, THE SOUL OF MAN, AND..."



...THE SPIRIT OF LIFE ITSELF!

"ONE EVENT STANDS OUT IN MY MEMORY..."

"DURING A STORM, I WATCHED AS AN OAK TREE DISAPPEARED IN A LIGHT FROM THE HEAVENS!"



"IT WAS IN RIBBONS WHEN WE FOUND IT THE NEXT MORNING!"

"WHEN I LEARNED WHAT A POWERFUL FORCE THE LIGHTNING WAS, I KNEW THAT SCIENCE WAS MY FUTURE!"

"I HAD TO UNDERSTAND THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE... AND DEATH. OF CREATION AND DESTRUCTION."



"WHEN I WAS 17, ELIZABETH FELL ILL WITH SCARLET FEVER. YOUTH GAVE HER THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT, AND SHE RECOVERED FULLY!"

"MY MOTHER, HER CARETAKER, DID NOT!"

"AND SO OUR FATES WERE INDEED SEALED. IT WAS OUR MOTHER'S LAST WISH!"

"SHE GAVE US A GIFT BY SAYING WHAT WE HAD LEFT UNSPOKEN FOR YEARS!"

"IN HER FINAL MOMENTS, MOTHER GAVE US HER LAST WISHES!"

YOUR UNION BEGAN LONG AGO, VICTOR AND ELIZABETH. MY CHILDREN, YOU MUST GET MARRIED.

"NOT LONG AFTER HER DEATH, I LEFT FOR SCHOOL AT INGOLSTADT!"

"THERE, I MET TWO PROFESSORS WHO CHANGED THE COURSE OF MY STUDIES AND MY DESTINY..!"

IN THIS DAY AND AGE, VICTOR, I HARDLY EXPECTED TO FIND YOU FILLING YOUR HEAD WITH SUPERSTITION INSTEAD OF SCIENCE.


YOU MUST BEGIN AGAIN!

"PROFESSOR KREMPPE PLACED ME IN THE ABLE HANDS OF PROFESSOR WALDMAN!"

CHEMISTRY IS THE BASIS FOR ALL THAT WE SEE AND FEEL. WITH CHEMISTRY, WE SHALL SOON UNDERSTAND LIFE ITSELF!


"AS HE SPOKE, ONE PURPOSE GRIPPED MY HEART!"

"I WILL DISCOVER THE SECRET OF LIFE. I WILL DISCOVER HOW TO CREATE IT!"




"I APPROACHED WALDMAN
IN HIS LABORATORY AND
ASKED HIM FOR ADVICE..."

MY BOY,
OF COURSE YOU MAY
USE MY BOOKS AND
MY TOOLS. I WOULD
BE HONORED TO
HELP YOU.




"UNDER HIS CARE, I BUILT
MY OWN LAB AND A SOLID
BODY OF KNOWLEDGE?"

"I BECAME OBSESSED
MONTHS, THEN YEARS
PASSED AS I DEVOTED
EVERY FIBER IN MY
BEING TO THE ART..."



"TO FINDING THE SECRETS
OF GIVING THE SPARK OF
LIFE TO AN EMPTY SHELL...
THE SECRET OF CREATION..."

"THESE WERE THE
REWARDS OF MY LABORS!"




"I DECIDED TO CREATE A
MAN. I WOULD GIVE HIM
LIFE, JUST LIKE A FATHER!"

"AND LIKE A FATHER, I
WOULD RECEIVE HIS
GRATITUDE COMPLETELY!"



"I WORKED WITHOUT REST FOR
MANY MONTHS. AND ON A DREARY
NIGHT IN NOVEMBER, IT WAS TIME..."



"AS I PREPARED FOR THE EXPERIMENT,
MY ANTICIPATION TURNED TO AGONY!"

"IT HAD BEEN MORE THAN
TWO YEARS SINCE I BEGAN,
I WAS CRAZED, EXHAUSTED...
MY CANDLE NEARLY BURNED
OUT..."

"BUT I WAS ALSO READY!"

"READY TO INTRODUCE THE
SPARK OF BEING - MY BEING -
INTO THIS LIFELESS THING...!"



"BUT AFTER BUT ONE LOOK AT MY CREATION...!"

"THE BEAUTY OF THE DREAM
VANISHED. BREATHLESS DISGUST
AND HORROR FILLED MY HEART...!"



"THE YELLOW SKIN, THE
WATERY EYES... THIS
THING WAS NOT HUMAN!"



"UNABLE TO ENDURE
THE SIGHT OF MY
FAILURE, I BOLTED
FROM THE LABORATORY"



"MORNING CAME, AND I FRANTICALLY SOUGHT REFUGE ON THE STREETS OF INGOLSTADT!"

"FEAR GRIPPED ME AS I WALKED. MAYBE THE HORRID THING HAD FOLLOWED ME..."



"IT HAD NOT. INSTEAD, A RANDOM MEETING WITH HENRY WAS MY SALVATION?"

VICTOR!
WHAT HAS
HAPPENED,
DEAR
FRIEND?

DO NOT ASK, DO
NOT SPEAK OF
IT... OH, I CANNOT
BEAR IT...

"HENRY TOOK ME BACK
TO HIS APARTMENT?"



VICTOR!
WHAT IN GOD'S
NAME IS THE
MATTER?

DO NOT ASK ME
HE CAN TELL.
SAVE ME!

"IT WAS THE BEGINNING
OF A FEVER THAT WOULD
LAST FOR MONTHS!"



"HENRY ACCEPTED MY
SILENCE WILLINGLY, AND
LOOKED AFTER ME LIKE
I WAS HIS OWN SON!"

"OH, I DID NOT DESERVE THIS!"



"AS I GREW STRONGER, I PUT
THE MONSTER OUT OF MY MIND?"

"AND ALL THE WHILE, I
SECRETLY PRAYED THAT THE
HORROR WAS BEHIND ME?"



"A LETTER FROM MY FATHER PROVED OTHERWISE."

"HOW CAN I SPEAK OF SUCH HORRIBLE NEWS?" HE WROTE.



"WILLIAM, YOUR SWEET BROTHER, IS DEAD VICTOR. HE IS MURDERED!" HE WROTE.

"THE PRINT OF THE MURDERER'S FINGER WAS ON HIS NECK."



"I RESOLVED TO VISIT THE VERY SPOT WHERE POOR WILLIAM HAD FALLEN. I LEFT FOR GENEVA AT ONCE."

"THE CITY GATES WERE CLOSED BY THEN, LEAVING ME STRANDED IN THE MIDDLE OF A STORM."



"THE WRETCH WAS THERE! THE FILTHY DEMON TO WHOM I HAD GIVEN LIFE! WHEN I SAW HIM, I KNEW THE TRUTH!"

"HE WAS THE MURDERER! THERE WAS NO DOUBT!"



"BUT A PICTURE LAST SEEN IN WILLIAM'S POSSESSION, WAS FOUND ON JUSTINE, A GIRL KEEPING ELIZABETH COMPANY IN MY ABSENCE"

"FLimsY AS IT WAS, THE EVIDENCE WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARGUE. JUSTINE WAS PUNISHED FOR THE MURDER."

"AFTER THE EXECUTION, MY
SADNESS ONLY GREW WORSE.
FINALLY MY FATHER SUGGESTED
A TRIP TO THE FAMILY HOME!

"I TOOK TO THE
MOUNTAINS, HOPING
THE CLEAR AIR WOULD
LIFT MY SPIRITS..."

"BUT I WAS TO FIND NO PEACE!"

"HOW HAD HE FOLLOWED ME
HERE? TRULY, I AM CURSED!"



DEVIL!
HOW DARE YOU!

DO YOU
NOT FEAR MY
PUNISHMENT?

IF ONLY
I COULD BRING
YOUR VICTIMS BACK
TO LIFE BY ENDING
YOUR MISERABLE
EXISTENCE!



HEAR ME
OUT BEFORE YOU
VENT YOUR HATRED.
YOU MADE ME!
I WILL BE GENTLE
IF YOU TREAT
ME SO.

NO! I WILL NOT
GIVE AUDIENCE TO A
VILLAIN.

LISTEN!



FRANKENSTEIN,
I ASK YOU NOT TO SPARE ME,
BUT ONLY TO LISTEN. ONLY
THEN, IF YOU MUST, DESTROY
ME, THE WORK OF YOUR OWN
HANDS.

HEAR MY
STORY, AND DECIDE
MY FATE.

HE LEAD ME TO A CAVE OF
ICE TO BEGIN HIS TALE.

"MY EARLIEST DAYS ARE HARD TO REMEMBER, SAID HE. 'COLD, DARKNESS, THE WIND ON MY FACE, THE SOUNDS IN MY EARS... IT WAS A LONG TIME BEFORE I COULD TELL THEM APART'"



"BUT I REMEMBER THE DISCOVERY OF FIRE, HE CONTINUED"

"HE SOUGHT FOOD AND SHELTER, AND NOT KNOWING WHAT HE DID TOOK THESE AS HE FOUND THEM!"



"SOON HE LEARNED NOT TO STEAL. BUT EVERY PEASANT SCREAMED AT THE SIGHT OF HIM!"

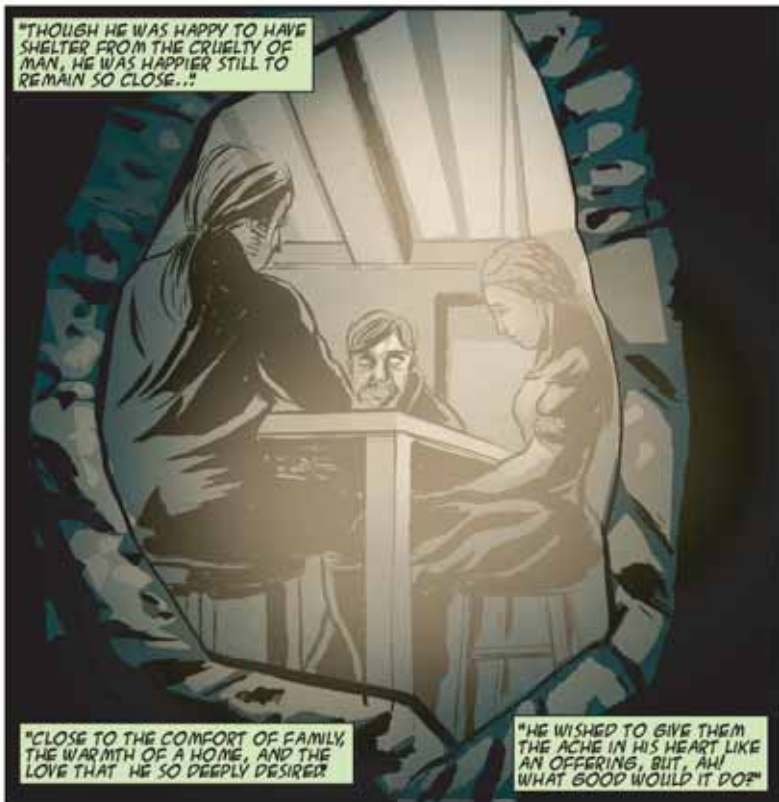


"EVERYWHERE HE WENT, HE FOUND ONLY HATRED!"

"IT WAS CLEAR TO HIM THAT HE WOULD NEED TO HIDE TO SURVIVE. BUT HE LONGED TO BE WITH PEOPLE!"



"THOUGH HE WAS HAPPY TO HAVE SHELTER FROM THE CRUELTY OF MAN, HE WAS HAPPIER STILL TO REMAIN SO CLOSE..."



"CLOSE TO THE COMFORT OF FAMILY, THE WARMTH OF A HOME, AND THE LOVE THAT HE SO DEEPLY DESIRED"

"HE WISHED TO GIVE THEM THE ACHE IN HIS HEART LIKE AN OFFERING, BUT, AH! WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO?"

"HE APPLIED HIS TALENTS TO
A MORE MUNDANE TASK!"



"BY CHANCE, HE CAUGHT SIGHT OF HIS
REFLECTION IN A POOL OF WATER!"

"AT FIRST, HE COULD
SCARCELY BELIEVE
THAT HE WAS THAT
CREATURE. LONG
HAD HE ADMIRER
THE PERFECT FORMS
OF THE COTTAGERS!"



"BUT THERE IS NO HIDING FROM
THE MONSTER THAT HE IS!"

"WHILE HE COULD NOT SHED HIS
GHASTLY SHELL, PERHAPS HE
COULD OVERCOME IT WITH ACTS OF
KINDNESS. AND PERHAPS THESE
ACTS SHOULD TOUCH OTHERS!"



FELIX, LOOK!
COME QUICKLY!



"THIS WAS HIS ONLY SATISFACTION.
HIS ONLY REWARD!"

IT IS ENOUGH
TO LAST US FOR
SEVERAL DAYS!
WHERE DID IT
COME FROM?



I-IT... IT IS...
EENUF...

"HE WAS DETERMINED TO REACH
THEM. AND FOR THAT, HE
WOULD NEED THEIR LANGUAGE!"



"IT WAS DIFFICULT AT FIRST. BUT
THEN HE HAPPENED ON A SATCHEL
OF BOOKS. HE LEARNED STEADILY!"

"SOON, IT WAS TIME TO
COME OUT OF HIDING!"

"MY MONSTER CONTINUED HIS STORY. THE BLIND MAN AND I CONNECTED IMMEDIATELY. HIS FONDNESS FOR ME GREW AS WE AWAITED THE ARRIVAL OF HIS TWO CHILDREN."



"SURELY, HE WOULD HELP THEM UNDERSTAND. HELP THEM SEE! HE THOUGHT!"

"BUT THEY WERE MORE BLIND THAN HE!"



MISERABLE WRETCH!
GET OUT!
GET OUT!

"YOU CALL ME A MURDERER, BUT, YOU MUST KNOW THE TRUTH, HE TOLD THEM!"

"HE TRIED SO HARD TO HELP HUMANS!"



"NOTHING COULD SOFTEN THEIR HARD, HARD HEARTS!"



"A HEART OF STONE CLAMORS FOR ONE THING: REVENGE!"

"SOON HIS OWN HEART BEGAN TO TURN... TO CALCIFY..?"



"HE TOLD ME, 'YOUR BROTHER'S PREJUDICE SEALED HIS FATE, AND MINE'"



LET ME GO!
MY FATHER IS M.
FRANKENSTEIN - LET
ME GO OR HE WILL
PUNISH YOU!

CALM YOURSELF,
CHILD. I SHALL NOT
HURT YOU

"HE LEFT HIM NO CHOICE!"



"AFTER IT WAS DONE, HE FOUND A LOCKET ON MY BROTHER'S BREAST. THE WOMAN IN IT WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CREATURE HE HAD EVER SEEN!"



"A CREATURE HE COULD NEVER HAVE!"

"IN A NEARBY BARN, HE SAW A WOMAN YET FAIRER STILL. HE IMAGINED HER SMILE, WHAT JOY IT MUST BRING... BUT NOT FOR HIM. NEVER FOR HIM!"



"IF SHE WERE TO SEE HIM, SURELY SHE WOULD CURSE HIM. CALL HIM A MURDERER.."



"IT IS AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN!"

"AFTER HE FINISHED TELLING HIS TALE, HE TURNED TO ME!"



FOR SOME DAYS, I HAVE HAUNTED THIS SPOT. I HAVE BEEN CONSUMED BY RAGE AND PASSION THAT ONLY YOU CAN SATISFY. YOU SHALL DIE HERE NOW UNLESS YOU MAKE ME A PROMISE.

MAN WILL NOT HAVE ME. BUT SOMEONE AS DEFORMED AND HORRIBLE AS I - SHE WILL. YOU MUST CREATE HER FOR ME AS YOU HAVE MADE ME.

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO REFUSE.



"HORRID! YET, I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT. I COULD NOT REFUSE!"



IF I DO THIS, YOU MUST SWEAR, TOO. SWEAR THAT IT ENDS THEN.

I SWEAR, BY THE SUN AND HEAVEN, AND BY THE FIRE THAT STILL BURNS IN MY HEART. IF YOU MAKE ME A MATE, NO MAN SHALL EVER SEE ME AGAIN.



IT WAS DONE.

"AND SO IT BEGAN. MY FATHER WISHED FOR ME TO MARRY SWEET ELIZABETH, BUT I WAS DETERMINED TO PUT AN END TO MY SLAVERY. ONCE AGAIN, I SECLUDED MYSELF!"



"AS I WORKER I COULDN'T HELP BUT REFLECT..."

"THREE YEARS AGO, I HAD CREATED THIS FIEND. HE HAS BROUGHT NOTHING BUT DEATH, SUFFERING AND MADNESS INTO THIS WORLD!"



"I NOW MAKE ANOTHER, NOW KNOWING HOW SHE WOULD BEHAVE!"

"HE SAID HIS ACTS WERE REVENGE, BUT WHAT IF SHE MURDERED FOR ITS OWN SAKE?"



"HE HAD SWORN TO HIDE, BUT SHE HAS NOT..."

"WHAT IF THEY HATE EACH OTHER?"

"WHAT IF THEY HAVE CHILDREN?"



"THIS IS MADNESS?"



GRRAAIIIIII!!!





"HIS WORDS RANG IN MY EARS LONG AFTER ALL WAS SILENT..."

"IMAGES OF MY OLD LIFE - MY FATHER, CLERVAL, MY BRIDE-TO-BE - SWIRLED IN THE DARKNESS. I RESOLVED TO QUIT THIS HORRID BUSINESS FOR GOOD!"



"BUT THERE WAS ONE MORE TASK TO PERFORM!"



"I WISH I COULD SAY THAT IT LIFTED MY BURDENS, BUT..."

"... FAR GREATER HORRORS AWAITED ME ONSHORE?"



COME, SIR -
YOU MUST GIVE AN
ACCOUNT OF YOURSELF
BEFORE MR. KIRWAN,
THE MAGISTRATE.

BUT WHY?

"THEY HAD FOUND A BODY ON
THE SHORE... AND I HAD BEEN
THE ONLY MAN IN SIGHT."



"A WOMAN WAITING FOR HER
FISHERMAN TO RETURN SAID SHE
SAW MY BOAT PUSH OFF SHORTLY
BEFORE THE BODY WAS FOUND."



"THE BODY WAS NOT YET COLD
WHEN THEY BROUGHT IT IN."

"THERE WAS NO SIGN OF
VIOLENCE, SAVE FOR THE BLACK
FINGER MARKS AT THE NECK."



"WHY DID I NOT DIE?"



"WAS I NOT A MURDERER MYSELF?"

"THE MOMENT THAT THEY PULLED BACK
THE SHEET REMAINS A NIGHTMARE FROM
WHICH I SWEAR I SHALL NEVER WAKE. MY
DEAR FRIEND HENRY WAS UNDERNEATH."

"WHY WAS I DOOMED TO LIVE?"

"I WAS NOT INNOCENT OF THEIR CHARGES. WILLIAM, JUSTINE, HENRY... ALL DIED BY MY HANDS!"

"A JAIL CELL WAS BUT A SLIGHT PUNISHMENT FOR MY CRIMES!"

WHOSE MURDER AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS TIME?

FEAR NOT, SIR. YOUR FAMILY IS PERFECTLY WELL.

AND A FRIEND HAS COME TO VISIT YOU?

FATHER!!

I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU HOME, SON. THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE - THEY CANNOT HOLD YOU.

"WE SET SAIL FOR GENEVA SOON AFTER. BUT I KNEW THERE WOULD BE NO PEACE. AND I HAD BUT ONE JOB TO DO!"

"TO WATCH OVER MY LOVED ONES, LAY IN WAIT FOR THE MURDERER... AND PUT AN END TO HIM!"

"I WOULD NOT SLEEP I WOULD NOT REST!"

GENEVA, MONTHS LATER.

"MY WEDDING TO ELIZABETH SHOULD HAVE BEEN A HAPPY TIME. BUT IT WAS FILLED WITH DREAD FOR WHAT WAS TO COME!"

"THE MONSTER HAD MADE A PROMISE. HE WOULD KEEP IT!"

"I TOOK EVERY PRECAUTION. I SENT MEN TO SURROUND THE FAMILY HOME, KEPT WEAPONS IN THE BRIDAL SUITE... AND DIDN'T TELL ELIZABETH A THING!"

"AND WHEN THE CEREMONY WAS DONE..."

"...ALL THAT WAS LEFT TO DO WAS WAIT!"

DO NOT ASK ME THESE THINGS, ELIZABETH.

VICTOR, WHAT'S WRONG? THERE IS NO SENSE IN HIDING YOUR DISTRESS. I SEE IT PLAINLY...

IT'S TIME FOR BED NOW.

BUT VICTOR - YES. GO TO OUR ROOM AND LOCK THE DOOR.

DO NOT OPEN IT, FOR ANYONE. NO MATTER WHAT.

"I HATED TO DISAPPOINT HER ON OUR WEDDING NIGHT!"

COME AND GET ME, FIEND. IT IS TIME TO KEEP YOUR WORD. AND IN TURN, I SHALL MAKE GOOD ON MINE.

IT ENDS HERE.

"BUT SHE MUST NOT SEE WHAT IS COMING!"

AIEEEEE!

"INDEED, IT DID."

"AND THAT IS WHEN I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THE DEPTHS OF MY SELF-DECEPTION..."



"THE MONSTER'S WEDDING NIGHT VISIT WAS NEVER MEANT FOR ME!"



"HE MOUTHED WORDS THROUGH THE WINDOW. 'AND NOW WE ARE EVEN!'"



"A STONE HEART FOR A STONE HEART!"

"AH, BUT HE UNDERESTIMATED ME!"



"I WOULD MATCH HIS RAGE. HIS THIRST FOR REVENGE!"



"AT THAT MOMENT, WE WERE EVEN!"

"THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH WAS TOO MUCH FOR MY FATHER'S ALREADY FRAIL HEALTH!"



"BUT I HAD BECOME NUMB TO DEATH!"

"A HEART OF STONE DOES NOT FEEL!"



BY THIS SACRED EARTH ON WHICH I DO KNEEL, HERE I DO SWEAR...

"I WOULD BEGIN A JOURNEY, AND I WOULD NEED THE HELP OF MY VICTIMS. I VISITED THEM ONE LAST TIME!"



TO PURSUE YOUR MURDERER TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, UNTIL HE IS DESTROYED.



HA HAH HA HA

AND I CALL ON YOU, SPIRITS OF THE DEAD, TO AID ME IN THIS WORK.



A NOBLE AIM, CREATOR. ALAS, YOU SEEM DETERMINED TO LIVE...

FOR AS LONG AS YOU DO, THEY SHALL REMAIN UN-AVENGED.



NO!!

"I VOWED NOT TO REST UNTIL IT IS DONE. I SHALL FOLLOW HIM TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!"



"THE PURSUED SHALL BECOME THE PURSUER!"



"LET HIM THINK THAT HE IS BETTER THAN ME, HIS MAKER. LET HIM THINK HE CAN HIDE FROM ME!"

"FOR I KNOW BETTER..."



"AND HE SHALL KNOW NO PEACE!"



"THE BOAT HEADED NORTH, INTO THE ICE. A PLACE NOT FIT FOR MEN OF THIS EARTH. IT SEEMED FITTING THAT IT SHOULD END THERE!"

"I MADE THE PREPARATIONS!"



"HE LEFT HORROR WHEREVER HE WENT. LITTLE DID HE KNOW HOW EASY HE WAS TO FOLLOW!"

"EACH TRACE OF HIM MADDENINGLY SPURRED ME ON TO THE NEXT..."



"IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME!"

WILLIAM!
JUSTINE!
HENRY! FATHER!



ELIZABETH...!



IT WILL NOT BE
LONG NOW.
I PROMISE YOU.



"I GOT SO CLOSE...!"

KEEP ON!



SWEAR WE SHALL
NOT LIVE...





"AT THE END OF HIS STORY,
DEAR MARGARET, THE MAN
WAS WEAKER THAN EVER."

SWEAR THAT YOU
WILL KEEP GOING.
YOU MUST. IT IS
IN YOUR HANDS
NOW...



WE MUST NOT LIVE...

"THE CREWMEN ARE ANGRY. THEY HAVE
NO PATIENCE FOR A MADMAN'S RAVINGS."

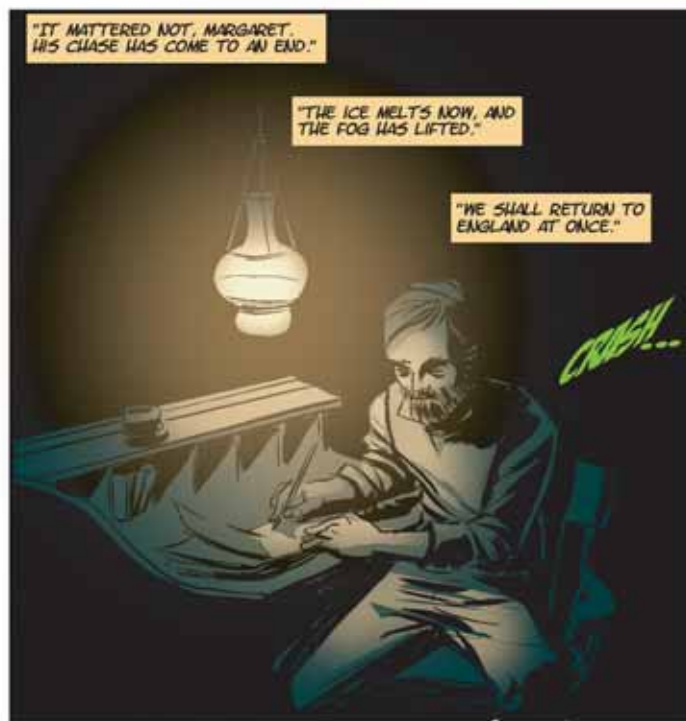
"BUT HOW COULD I FEEL ANYTHING
BUT PITY FOR A MAN WHO CHASES
A GHOST? A PHANTOM?"



"IT MATTERED NOT, MARGARET.
HIS CHASE HAS COME TO AN END."

"THE ICE MELTS NOW, AND
THE FOG HAS LIFTED."

"WE SHALL RETURN TO
ENGLAND AT ONCE."



CRASH...



BOOM

WHAT?
WHO IS THERE?



AH, CREATOR.
AH, FATHER!

SO LONG I HAVE
DWELLED IN DARKNESS.
ONLY NOW DO I SEE
THE LIGHT OF DAY.



ONLY NOW...
WHEN YOUR
HEART IS STILL.

WHAT IS THIS
MADNESS?

WHAT HAVE
I DONE?





I SHALL GO TO
THE FUNERAL PYRE.
AND I SHALL LIGHT
IT BY MY OWN
HAND.



AND WHEN MY BODY
HAS TURNED TO
ASHES...



THE WIND SHALL
SWEEP THEM INTO
THE SEA.



Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin

Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin was born in London, England, on August 30, 1797. She was the only child of William Godwin and Mary Wollstonecraft. Both of her parents were writers. Her mother died soon after her birth and her father raised her.

Mary never had a formal education, though she did learn to read. She read at home from her father's extensive library. She also wrote her own stories in her spare time.

In 1812, Mary met author Percy Bysshe Shelley and his wife Harriet. During the next couple of years, the three spent a lot of time together. Mary and Percy soon fell in love, and in 1814 they eloped to France. They were married two years later after Harriet passed away. Mary and Percy had a son, Percy Florence Shelley.

During their marriage, the Shelleys traveled and continued to write. Mary wrote her best-known work, *Frankenstein*, in 1818. In 1822, Percy Shelley died. Mary and her son returned to London, where Mary continued to write. On February 1, 1851, Mary Shelley died in London.

Mary Shelley Has Many Additional Works Including

Mathilda (1819)

Valperga (1823)

The Last Man (1826)

The Fortunes of Perkin Warbeck (1830)

Lodore (1835)

Salkner (1837)

Glossary

anticipation - the act of looking forward to an event or receiving an object.

dramatic - having a striking effect.

execution - the act of putting a person to death according to law.

obsession - a continued, disturbing need to think about an object, idea, or feeling.

pyre - a heap of material used to burn a body in a funeral ceremony.

salvation - a person or place that saves a person from destruction or failure.

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