

Frankenstein

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3	Robert Walton	You will rejoice to hear that no disaster has accompanied the commencement of an enterprise which you have regarded with such evil forebodings.	
21	Victor	I am by birth a Genevese, and my family is one of the most distinguished of that republic.	
28	Victor	It was the secrets of heaven and earth that I desired to learn; and whether it was the outward substance of things or the inner spirit of nature and the mysterious soul of man that occupied me, still my enquiries were directed to the metaphysical, or in its highest sense, the physical secrets of the world.	
31	Victor	I entered with the greatest diligence into the search of the philosopher's stone and the elixir of life; but the latter soon obtained my undivided attention. Wealth was an inferior object, but what glory would attend the discovery if I could banish disease from the human frame and render man invulnerable to any but a violent death!	
33	Victor	It was a strong effort of the spirit of good, but it was ineffectual. Destiny was too potent, and her immutable laws had decreed my utter and terrible destruction.	
39	Waldman	They have acquired new and almost unlimited powers; they can command the thunders of heaven, mimic the earthquake, and even mock the invisible world with its own shadows.	
40	Victor	So much has been done, exclaimed the soul of	

		Frankenstein -- more, far more, will I achieve; treading in the steps already marked, I will pioneer a new way, explore unknown powers, and unfold to the world the deepest mysteries of creation.	
45	Victor	Learn from me, if not by my precepts, at least by my example, how dangerous is the acquirement of knowledge and how much happier that man is who believes his native town to be the world, than he who aspires to become greater than his nature will allow.	
50	Victor	Beautiful! -- Great God! His yellow skin scarcely covered the work of muscles and arteries beneath; his hair was of a lustrous black, and flowing; his teeth of pearly whiteness;but these luxuriances only formed a more horrid contrast with his watery eyes.	
70	Victor	A flash of lightning illuminated the object and discovered its shape plainly to me; its gigantic stature, and the deformity of its aspect, more hideous than belongs to humanity, instantly informed me that it was the wretch, the filthy daemon to whom I had given life. What did he there? Could he be (I shuddered at the conception) the murderer of my brother? No sooner did that idea cross my imagination than I became convinced of its truth, my teeth chattered, and I was forced to lean against a tree for support. The figure passed me quickly, and I lost it in the gloom. Nothing in human shape could have destroyed that fair child. He was the murderer!	
84	Victor	This also was my doing! And my father's woe, and the desolation of that late so smiling home -- all was the work of my thrice-accursed hands!	
88	Victor	I feel as if I were walking on the edge of a precipice,	

		towards which thousands are crowding and endeavouring to plunge me into the abyss.	
89	Victor	Thus not the tenderness of friendship, nor the beauty of earth, nor of heaven, could redeem my soul from woe; the very accents of love were ineffectual.	
95	Monster	“I expected this reception,” said the daemon. “All men hate the wretched; how, then, must I be hated, who am miserable beyond all living things! Yet you, my creator, detest and spurn me, thy creature, to whom thou art bound by ties only dissoluble by the annihilation of one of us. You purpose to kill me. How dare you sport thus with life? Do your duty towards me, and I will do mine towards you and the rest of mankind. If you will comply with my conditions, I will leave them and you at peace; but if you refuse, I will glut the maw of death, until it be satiated with the blood of your remaining friends.	
96	Monster	Life, although it may only be an accumulation of anguish, is dear to me, and I will defend it.	
96	Monster	Remember that I am thy creature; I ought to be thy Adam. but I am rather the fallen angel, whom thou drivest from joy for no misdeed. Everywhere I see bliss, from which I alone am irrevocably excluded. I was benevolent and good; misery made me a fiend. Make me happy and I shall again be virtuous.	
100	Monster	I felt light, and hunger, and thirst, and darkness; innumerable sounds rang in my ears, and on all sides various scents saluted me; the only object that I could distinguish was the bright moon, and I fixed my eyes on that with pleasure.	

118	Monster	While I improved in speech, I also learned the science of letters as it was taught to the stranger, and this opened before me a wide field for wonder and delight.	
119	Monster	Was I, then, a monster, a blot upon the earth, from which all men fled and whom all men disowned?	
128	Monster	My person was hideous and my stature gigantic. What did this mean? Whow as I? What was I? Whence did I come? What was my destination? These questions continually recurred, but I was unable to solve them.	
129	Monster	Like Adam, I was apparently united by no link to any other being in existence; but his state was far different from imie in every other respect. He had come forth from the hands of God a perfect creature, happy and prosperous, guarded by the especial care of his Creator; he was allowed to converse with and acquire knowledge from being of a superior nature, but I was wretched, helpless, and alone.	
157	Victor	He was alive to every new scene, joyful when he saw the beauties of the setting sun, and more happy when he beheld it rise and recommence a new day. He pointed out to me the shifting colors of the landscape and the appearances of the sky. "This is what it is to live," he cried; "now I enjoy existence!	
231	Victor	He was soon borne away by the waves and lost in the darkness and distance.	

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