Frankenstein

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Chapter 1

My Parents and My Early Childhood

I have a very special family. Most of my ancestors were counsellors and my father was a respected civil servant. He was a real honourable man in public business. His closest friend called Beaufort had serious financial problems. Beaufort left the country because he did not want to live in poverty and had lots of debts to pay back. His friendship was very important to my father, so he was very sorry for his difficult moments. My father spent a lot of time to find where he was. He was very happy to find his friend but he was in a terrible state. My father found his old friend in the middle of misery and despair. Three months later Beaufort got very sick and lay in his bed. His daughter Caroline did her best to look after her father and support the family financially. She worked in various jobs but it wasn't enough to get better.

Several months passed and Beaufort got worse and worse. He died in his daughter's arms. She begged in the streets after her father's death. My father could not bear this and wanted to protect the girl from cruel life.

'You, my creator, hate me and think I'm disgusting. You want to kill me. Do your duty towards me, and I will do mine towards you. If you do what I want, I will leave you and your family alone.'



'Disgusting monster! How dare you!'

'Be calm! Listen to what I want to say. Remember I'm more powerful than you are. Life is beautiful and you should stop making my life miserable. If you make me happy, I will be kind and friendly to you and to the others.'

'We are enemies. Go away or I will fight you and one of us must fall in the fight.'

Then I agreed to create another monster for the sake of my family. I didn't want them to die. I went to London to begin my work. My dear friend Henry came with me. I worked for days and nights in my laboratory but one day I realized that it was not fair to bring another monster into the world. I destroyed my work before I completed it and my creation saw that.

'You have destroyed the work. You could not keep your promise. I will follow you wherever you go,' he said angrily.

I trembled all over and left the laboratory in horror. My dear friend Henry was the next victim. William, Justine and Henry died by my hands. I murdered them and I could never forgive myself.

I returned to Geneva and married Elizabeth. Our union was my father's and my late mother's wish. Sweet and gentle Elizabeth was always in my heart. I wanted to tell my dreadful secret to her after our marriage but my creation did not give me a chance to do this. He murdered Elizabeth on our wedding day, and shortly after her murder, my father died of grief. Revenge was my only interest. I followed the monster for many months and I found myself in the wildest and coldest part of Russia. I fell ill. My creation was there near me but I was unable to take my revenge. He left me all alone and in misery.

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Activities

Chapters 1-2

Read chapters 1-2 and circle the correct answer for each question.

- 1. What problems does Beaufort have?
 - a) financial problems
 - b) family problems
- 2. Who looks after Beaufort?
 - a) his wife
 - b) his daughter
- 3. Who takes care of Beaufort's daughter after he dies?
 - a) Frankenstein's father
 - b) Beaufort's brother
- 4. Which countries do Frankenstein's parents visit?
 - a) Germany and Naples
 - b) France and America

Characters

A. What do you know about these characters? Fill in the gaps with the words in the box.

Frankenstein		Justin	ne	Henry				
M. Krempe			Elizab	eth		William		
M. '	Waldman		Agatha	Sa	fie	Felix		
2.	Agatha and friends.		is Fran	nkenst	ein's fi			
					ation C	nsgusting.		
6.	Frankenste	in	marries			•••••		
	is the blind man's daughter.							
8.	is a professor of natural							
	philosophy	•						
9.		••••	is the	first vi	ctim.			
10.	Safie loves.							

B. How do you feel about these characters in the story? Circle the best answer for each character.

1. Frankenstein a. He is curious.

b. He's a devil.

2. Henry a. He's very helpful.

b. He's terrible.

3. William a. He's innocent.

b. He's angry.

4. Elizabeth a. She is caring and loving.

b. She is full of rage.

5. Agatha a. She is miserable.

b. She is ill.

6. Old man a. He's a caring father.

b. He is a bad father.

7. Justine a. She is innocent.

b. She is guilty.

8. Felix a. He is caring and helpful.

b. He is bad tempered.

C. Are these sentences True (T) or False (F)?

1.	Frankenstein is interested in chemistry.	
2.	Elizabeth does not care about Frankenstein.	
3.	Frankenstein is full of ambition.	
4.	Frankenstein's creation kills Henry.	
5.	Justine kills William.	
6.	Frankenstein's father is not understanding.	
7.	Frankenstein's creation looks ugly and scary.	
8.	Frankenstein feels good about his creation.	
9.	Henry Clerval's father is a trader.	
10.	Felix and his family are rich.	

Word search

Find the ten words from the story.

Р	K	D	W	ı	Т	N	Е	S	S
Н	N	1	С	D	S	E	R	J	С
ı	0	S	0	K	ı	0	М	Р	Н
L	W	С	Т	F	N	V	U	М	E
0	L	0	Т	Е	N	R	R	S	М
S	Е	V	Α	Α	0	G	D	В	Ι
0	D	E	G	S	С	W	E	V	S
Р	G	R	Е	Α	E	S	R	Х	Т
Н	Е	Υ	М	0	N	S	Т	Е	R
Υ	С	R	Е	Α	Т	ı	0	N	Υ

Glossary

accept agree or admit

* She did not accept their offer.

acorn A nut which grows on oak trees.

* Goats love acorns.

admire respect

* I admire her beauty.

adore love someone very much

* They adore their son.

affectionate loving

 $* \ Mothers \ are \ very \ \textit{affectionate}.$

affect influence

* He could not affect her decision.

alone without other people

* She lives *alone* in a studio apartment.

amazing very impressive, excellent

* Their friendship is amazing.

ancestor a relative who lived long time ago

* He's writing a book about his

ancestors.