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Meet the Characters

The Creature



Victor Frankenstein



Eliza



Henry



William



Chapter 1

My name is Victor Frankenstein.

I grew up in a town called Geneva in Switzerland. I lived with my mother, father and brother, William.

*When I was eight years old, an **orphan** named Eliza came to live with us.*

We became friends straight away.



orphan - A child whose parents have died.



Eliza, William and I often played with our friend Henry in the woods, near our home.

We liked learning about **nature**. We explored where animals lived and found lots of different plants.

As I grew older, I read more and more about **nature**. I became obsessed with *how* life was created. How did the **spark of life** begin and what gave it power?



nature - The world of plants and animals.

spark of life - The energy inside a person that makes them alive.



One evening, there was a huge storm outside our house. I watched it from my bedroom window.

A huge **bolt of lightning** struck our chimney, and bricks fell to the ground.

This was nature at its most powerful.



bolt of lightning - The flash of light when lightning happens.



As I grew older, I wanted to learn as much as I could about nature. I applied to all the top **universities** in Europe to **study** the science of nature.

Life was perfect, until my mother became ill. No medicine could make her better. I watched as the spark of life inside her slowly faded away.

Sadly, she died.



universities - A place for grown-ups to learn, once they have finished school.
study - To learn about something.



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Victor Frankenstein wants to find out how life begins. After learning as much as he can, he brings something to life. But not just anything, a monster!

When Victor loses the monster, he is scared that something bad will happen.

Will the monster be good or evil?
Or will Victor lose more than just the monster?

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