

# FRANKENSTEIN

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## Characters

DR. VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN

FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER

HENRY (Victor's friend)

ELIZABETH (Victor's cousin & girlfriend)

*Setting: Henry's house, on the back porch, late in the evening.*

*Prior to this scene, Dr. Frankenstein created a monster. When his monster starts destroying things and killing people, Dr. Frankenstein runs away to England, hoping to leave the evil monster behind him.*

ELIZABETH: (*screaming*) Victor! Victor!

VICTOR: We're out here, Beth.

ELIZABETH: Oh I've just had a horrible experience. Darling, I'm so glad to see you!

VICTOR: You're pale, Beth. Sit down right here next to me.

HENRY: Oh, what happened, Beth?

ELIZABETH: I was . . . I was walking in the woods not far from here when I looked up and saw . . . and saw a man . . . sort of a man standing over me.

HENRY: Well men aren't so bad, that is if you happen to know the right ones, and you do.

ELIZABETH: I'm not joshing, Henry. He was not exactly a man. He was twice the height of anyone I'd ever seen. And his skin looked like dried parchment. It's incredible, but I think I've seen a monster.

HENRY: Monster?

ELIZABETH: Yes, I . . . I ran away. He didn't follow me; just, just stared after me. Watching me. You do believe me, don't you?

HENRY: A monster stared after you?

ELIZABETH: Oh, look, look! Henry, Victor, through the trees right out there! Look! There he is again!

(*wind blowing*)

VICTOR: (*narrating*) Yes, the monster stood there silhouetted against the trees. The monster which I had created, standing like an evil blot of flesh and blood, moved in the darkening