

MARY SHELLEY'S

FRANKENSTEIN

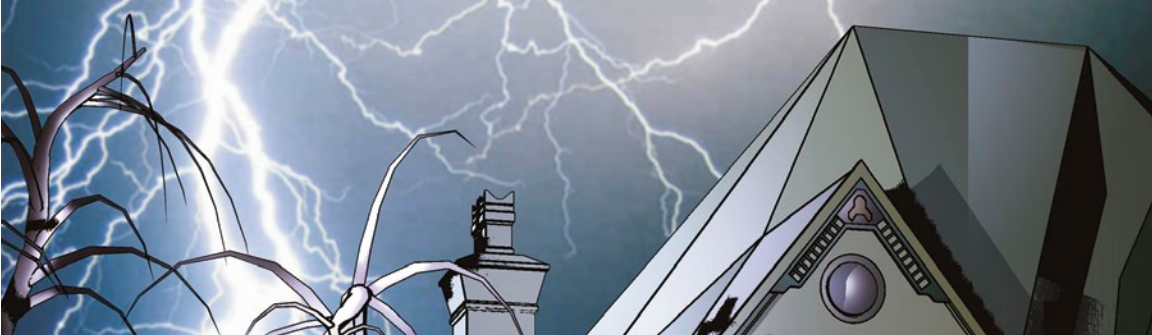
A GRAPHIC NOVEL



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ABOUT FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER

The idea for *Frankenstein* came from a dream! One night in 1816, Mary Shelley and other authors decided to have a ghost story contest. At first, Shelley couldn't think of an idea. That evening, however, she dreamed about a frightening monster. The very next day she started writing her famous novel.

Shelly wasn't the only author in the ghost story contest to create a famous monster. John Polidori started writing a book called *The Vampyre*. Even today, most vampires are modeled after Polidori's version.

In 1818, the first edition of *Frankenstein* was published in three parts and didn't include Shelley's name. The author's name didn't appear on the cover until the second edition, published in 1823.

Many people who have not read the book believe that Shelley named her monster Frankenstein. In fact, she never gave the monster a name. Frankenstein is the last name of the doctor who created the monster.

The first film about the monster was shown in 1910. Like other films during this time, the movie didn't have any sound. It was also only 12 minutes long.

Many people imagine Frankenstein's monster with bolts in his neck, stitches across his forehead, and green skin. However, the monster's looks have changed many times. The image often used on Halloween masks became famous in 1931 when the actor Boris Karloff played the monster in the movie *Frankenstein*.

Frankenstein's monster has starred in hundreds of other films, TV shows, and comic books. Today, Shelley's creation continues to frighten people of all ages.

CAST OF CHARACTERS



**VICTOR
FRANKENSTEIN**

A large illustration of Victor Frankenstein, a man with dark hair and a goatee, wearing a dark coat over a light blue shirt. He has his arms raised in a triumphant or desperate gesture, with his fists clenched. Behind him is a bright, jagged lightning bolt against a dark purple sky.

ELIZABETH

A close-up illustration of Elizabeth, a woman with blonde, wavy hair and blue eyes. She is wearing a pink garment and has a concerned or distressed expression on her face.

MR. FRANKENSTEIN

A close-up illustration of Mr. Frankenstein, a man with a white beard and a black top hat. He has a stern, somewhat menacing expression and is wearing a dark coat.



MYSTERY ON THE ICE

Somewhere near the Arctic Circle, in the late 1700s, a Russian ship was trapped in the ice.

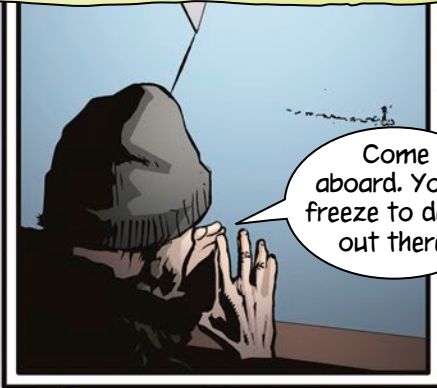
Robert Walton, the English captain, was worried.





The sailors watched as the dark figure seemed to approach the ship. Then it turned and moved into the distance.

That night, the ice broke and large floes moved freely around the ship. In the morning, Walton and his crew saw another figure on a chunk of ice.



Come aboard. You'll freeze to death out there.



You're sick, sir. You need to rest.

The stranger was so weak he could barely stand.

No!

I'm searching for someone. I need your help.

I cannot rest until that thing is dead!



Captain, you think he's looking for
that figure we saw on the ice?

What
did you
see?

Tell me!
It must have
been that hideous
creature!

Walton explained about the dark
figure the crew had seen the day
before. The stranger grew excited
with every word he heard.

That's him!
He's out there.
I must find
him!

All right, sir, we'll
help you. But first
you must rest.

The next morning, Walton returned to the stranger's bed.

My name's Walton. We're hoping to reach the North Pole.

So, you want to understand the unknown.

I was like you once, excited to learn all I could. Until . . .

Until I went too far.

My name is Victor Frankenstein. That creature on the ice is the reason I'm here.

This is what happened . . .