

Frankenstein: The Creation of the Female

Frankenstein's Narrative (Part 6, p. 88-89)

The monster stopped speaking and waited for an answer. "I refuse to do it", I said. "Go away! I have given you your answer. I will never create another being like you!"

"You are wrong," said the monster, "but instead of being angry, I will reason with you. I am bad because I am sad. Everyone hates me. Why should I pity human beings when they do not pity me? If people would be so kind to me, I would be kind to them, but that cannot be. If I cannot have love, I will have revenge. All I ask is a female like myself. We will be monsters, alone in the world, but we will have each other. Our lives will not be happy, but they will be harmless. Do not refuse me."

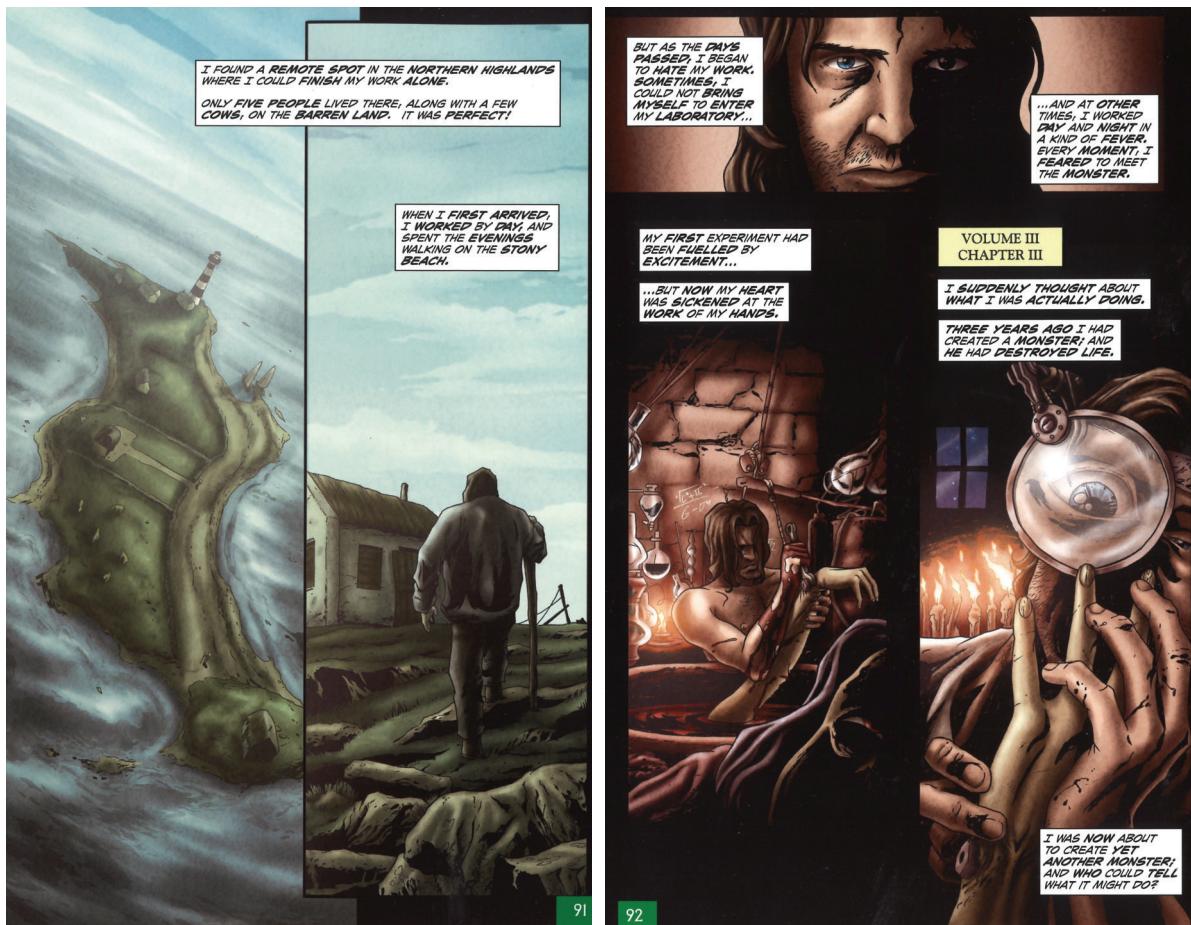
I was moved. As his creator, it was my duty to make him happy if I could. He saw the change in my expression and said, "If you agree, I will go with my wife to the forests of South America. We can live on berries. We can sleep under the trees."

His words made me pity him, but when I looked at his face I felt nothing but disgust. After thinking for a long time, I said, "I will do it. You must promise to leave Europe forever as soon as I give you a female to go with you, and you must promise to stay away from human beings."

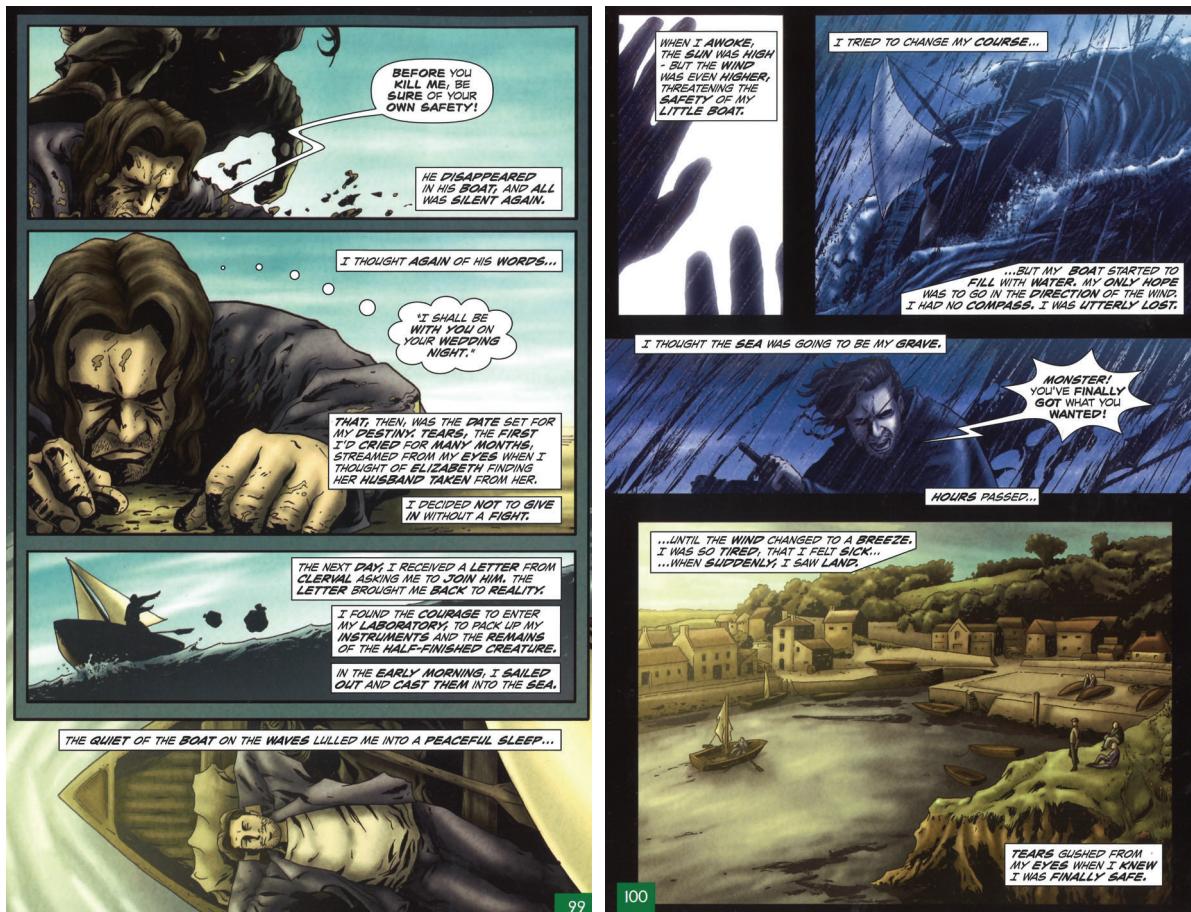
"I promise" cried the monster. "Go home and begin your work. I will watch you, and when you are ready, I will appear."

Read the extracts from the graphic novel.

- List Frankenstein's reasons for his behavior.
- What would you have done in Frankenstein's place?







Bride of Frankenstein

Bride of Frankenstein (1935) is the first sequel to the 1931 hit *Frankenstein*. It was again directed by James Whale, and stars Boris Karloff as the Monster, Elsa Lanchester in the dual role of Mary Shelley and the Monster's mate and Colin Clive as Henry Frankenstein.

The film starts right after the 1931 film and shows Frankenstein abandoning his plans to create life, only to be tempted by his old mentor Dr Pretorius, along with threats from the Monster, into creating a mate for the Monster.



They create the female and she gets to live

They had a tower close to the town

frankenstein is not alone

monster looks different

Watch the excerpt and focus on the following aspects:

1. What are the differences to the original story?

the monster is not as clever as the original and moves really strange and not as smooth as in the original

2. Why do you think they chose to change the story in that way?

3. The title talks about a bride. Whose bride is the female creature? Frankenstein's, Dr Pretorius' or the Monster's? Bring reasons for your choice.

➤ Back to Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*: What happens after Frankenstein destroyed the female:

Frankenstein has landed in Ireland, but he is soon imprisoned for his friend Clerval's murder, whom the Creature strangled to death and left the corpse to be found where his creator had arrived. Frankenstein suffers another mental breakdown in prison, but his father manages to convince the jury of Victor's innocence. Victor and his father return home to Geneva, where Victor and Elizabeth are about to get married.

Sources:

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Film excerpt: *Bride of Frankenstein*. Directed by James Whale, 1935.