11/10/20

Prologue thing

* Robert Walton is going to Antarctica writing to his sister
* Talks about how he seeks a friend
* Sees a large man on a sled on the ice
* Later finds a man in the water and they save him
* The man has suffered greatly in the search of knowledge and wisdom
* The man says he will tell Walton his story the next day and he writes down the story of the man, Frankenstein

Chapter 1

* Father was Genevese and of high standing
* He had a dear friend who lost everything and hid away
* When he found his friend, he only found his coffin and his daughter and married her two years later
* He relinquished his public functions and left to live in Italy
* His mother helped the poor

Chapter 2

* He tells Walton that It was due to his father’s dismissal of the book of Cornelius Agrippa that lead to Victor’s ruin
* Elizabeth is adopted and Victor cared for her deeply
* Victor wanted to find the elixir of life
* It was at 15 during a great storm he saw an oak tree get destroyed by lightning

Chapter 3

* When Victor was 17 his sister Elizabeth got scarlet fever that eventually passed but instead took their mother
* She died cheerful and hopeful to meet them again
* Victor calls chance an evil influence, the angel of destruction
* He will never forget M. Waldman’s panegyric on modern chemistry
  + Ancient teacher of this science promised impossibilities and preformed nothing, modern promise little while preforming miracles
  + “rather let me say such the words of fate- enounced to destroy me”(33)
* Pg 34 bunch of important stuff for Waldman
* While alchemist were misguided, they were the foundation of modern science
* This was the day that decided his future

Chapter 4

* Victor found Waldman to be a true friend
* Improved some chemical instruments to great esteem
* Incident stopped him from going home
* One phenomenon which attracted him was the structure of the human frame
* Studied anatomy, to examine the causes of life, he observed the natural decay and corruption of the human body
* When observing a decaying body he made his first discovery which was the cause and generation of life
* Became capable of bestowing animation upon lifeless matter
* The steps by which he had been progressively led to it were obliterated by how overwhelming the discovery was
* Clarifies that he is not a madman
* He then tells Walton that he will not tell him the secret and to continue listening to learn why
* Victor Says the acquirement of knowledge is dangerous and an ignorant man is more happy
* Due to the excitement of his first discovery he did not try to give a lesser being than human life
* Wants to create a being of large stature
* He wanted to find out how to bring back life but found it to be impossible
* His human nature loathed his work
  + “If your studys weaken your affections and destroy your taste for simple pleasures, then that study is unlawful, not befitting the human mind”
  + If we did this the world would be a better place.42

Chapter 5-6

* After two years on a dreary night in November did he behold the accomplishment of his toil
* When it opened its eyes and breathed, it was only then the beauty of the dream faded, and disgust and horror were all that remained. He had to leave the room
* Tried to sleep but he had a dream where Elisabeth turned into his dead mother
* Monster came through the window and muttered something and Victor ran into the courtyard
* While walking the streets Clerval, his closest friend, shows up
* Victor felt immense relief
* Clerval remarks on Victor’s ill appearance
* Victor has a nervous fever that lasts 7 months
* He writes to Elisabeth

Chapter 7

* Victor gets a letter back from his father
* His youngest brother William was murdered and a pendant with Victor’s mother was taken
* Victor goes back to Geneva
* On the way home he foresaw “a vast and dim scene of evil, and I foresaw obscurely that I was destined to become the most wretched of human beings”62
* When he arrives there is a large storm that he watches on the summit of Mount Blanc
* It is there that he sees the monster and realizes that the monster had killed William
* It had been 2 years since its creation
* He knew everyone would think him insane if he told anyone
* First met Ernest
* Justine Moritz is framed with the pendant of Victor’s mother in her pocket
* Victor’s father greets him and tells him that the jury is tonight
* Elizabeth does not believe the guilt and is happy Victor is there and agrees

Chapter 8

* Jury begins
* Justine searched for the boy for hours and slept in a barn where the picture was planted
* Asks her friends to speak about her character
* Several people who knew Justine were called but were too afraid and mad to defend her
* Elizabeth roasts them hard calling them cowards and pretend friends
* Elizabeth affirms that Justine would never do this
* She was found guilty which caused Victor to rush out of the court
* She falsely confessed to the crime
* She asks Elizabeth to visit and when she does, she brings Victor
* She is unafraid of death and this destroys Victor once she is executed

Chapter 9

* Victor’s heath declined
* They retired to the house in Belrive
* He wishes to destroy the monster
* Elizabeth does not see the world the same anymore
* Victor goes to a village called Chamouniy

Chapter 10

* Decided to go on the summit of Montanvert alone
* Went on a glacier to look out at the mountains
* Sees a man running towards him at superhuman speed
* The monster and Victor have a chat
* The monster says he sees bliss everywhere he goes and is excluded
* Says he was benevolent and good and that misery made him a fiend
* Asks Victor to hear his story
* Victor follows the monster to his hut and listens to his story

Chapter 11- Monster’s story

* It took many days for the monster’s senses to become distinct
* Found fire, shelter, and food
* Found a village that were afraid and attacked him
* Finds a cottage and sees a girl
* Hears Music for the first time
* Does not know words or letters at that point
* Gathers wood for the family without their knowledge
* When he first saw himself, it startled him
* 103, he has dreams and ideals

Chapter 13

* A girl shows up and Felix is happy
* She is learning the language and Felix calls her “his sweet Arabian”
* The monster learns language and letters trough the teaching of the woman while hiding
* He also learns some history 107
* The monster curse knowledge for him realizing that he is a monster
* Fears death without understanding it
* Realizes he has no father or mother

Chapter 14

* Old man was named DeLacey and descended from a good family in France with his son born in the service of their country and Agatha was ranked with the high up ladies
* Father of Safie was the cause of their ruin, a Turkish merchant who was tried and condemned to death unjustly
* Felix was there coincidentally and wanted to save that man
* Found a grated window next to the merchant’s cell
* The merchant offered wealth for his survival, but Felix declined
* The merchant offered his daughter for marriage and Felix agreed
* Safie’s mother was a Christian Arab made a slave y the turks and was married off to the merchant
* Her mom taught her daughter Christianity and to “aspire to higher powers of intellect and an independence of spirit forbidden to the female followers of Mohammad”112
* Safie’s mother died but she still remembered the lessons
* Safie was sickened at the idea of being immured within the walls of a harem
* Wanted to marry a Christian and stay in a country she could be free in
* Felix broke the Merchant out the night before the execution and escaped to Italy
* The merchant treated Felix well and renewed his promise, but did not want to give his daughter to a Christian
* Plan was found out in Paris with Delacey and Agatha imprisoned
* Felix went back alone, and they were imprisoned for 5 months until the trial where they were exiled from France and got asylum in Germany
* The Merchant betrayed them and only gave them a little money
* Merchant had reason to think the French found out where he was and left leaving his daughter with a confidential servant
* Safie left Italy with some jewels and an attendant who helped her
* The attendant fell ill and even though Safie was there to nurse her, she perished

Chapter 15

* The monster found some books
* The monster still had the papers from Victor during his research and saw that Victor saw him as a monster
* Decided to talk to DeLacey since the monster found out he was blind
* After a short talk, the rest arrive with Agatha fainting, Safie running, and Felix attacking the monster
* The monster runs away

Chapter 16

* Broke a bunch of trees out of anger
* Declares an everlasting war against the species and most of all his creator
* Wanted to try and talk to DeLacey again but they were gone. Felix shows up with a man and tells him that they can stay there no longer
* Monster never sees them again and he burns down the cottage
* Calls Victor heartless and that he was going to Geneva
* Saves a girl from drowning and gets shot by a man due to it
* Arrives at Geneva and sees a boy
* Tries to befriend the boy but the child is afraid and when he mentions Frankenstein, the monster kills the boy

End of monster’s story

* The Monster wants Victor to create another being who would not be afraid of him

Chapter 17

* Victor refuses and the monster reasons with him with valid points (149)
* Begs Victor and Victor begins to sway
* The Monster says that humans would never see them again
* Victor finally relents, feeling demanded by justice and is now resolved to dedicate himself

Chapter 18

* After weeks he could not collect the courage to recommence his work
* Is going to England for research and will marry Elizabeth upon his return

Chapter 19-20

* He starts on his work to create another monster
* As he nears the end he begins thinking about the possibilities out of his control
* Sees the monster and destroys his work in front of it vowing to never release another monster on society
* He gets stuck at sea and ends up in Ireland where there has been a murder

Chapter 21

* The person killed was Clerval and he was strangled
* Victor sat in jail of a few months until he was eventually found innocent

Chapter 22

* He returns home and the marriage would be in 10 days
* Victor and Elizabeth are married and went to Villa Lavenza by boat
  + “Those were the last moments of my life during which I enjoyed the feeling of Happiness”183

Chapter 23

* They arrive safely and when in was night he asked Elizabeth to stay in the room
* He began to search the house and then heard her scream
* When he arrived, he found her dead and the monster smiling to which he fires a gun at
* He goes back to Geneva to save what was left of his family
* His father soon dies of grief due to all the losses that had happened
  + “What then became of me? I know not; I lost sensation and chains and darkness were the only objects that pressed upon me”189
* Victor tells the magistrate his story and he believed it enough to offer help

Chapter 24

* He left Geneva fueled only by revenge
* Before he left, he visited the cemetery where his family was
* After affirming his goal of revenge, he heard the monster laugh
* He has been chasing him for months now
* The monster would leave writings in the barks of trees to provoke him
* Acquired a sledge and was making progress on the monster
* Monster has guns as told by the villagers he meets
* Pursued the monster across the frozen ocean
* Got stuck on a piece of ice until he saw Walton’s vessel
* Asks Walton that if he ever sees the monster to not let it live

In continuation/ Epilogue

* Victor alters some of the notes
* Victor declines to be reconciled back to life saying nothing would replace the things he has lost
* Ship gets stuck
* Cool speech (205)
* They will be turning back if they can escape the ice
* Once the ice breaks, they begin heading back
* Frankenstein’s condition worsens and does not have much longer to live
* He tells Walton that he does bot feel wrong for not creating another monster
* Says some stuff and finally perishes (208)
* In the night Walton hears noise coming from the room where Victor lies
* When he enters the room, he finds the monster standing next to the body
* The monster says that he feels guilt and never enjoyed killing others
* He despises himself for the devil he became and is going to the furthest point north where he will build a pyre in which he can burn himself so no others have to suffer
  + “I shall die, and what I now feel be no longer felt. Soon these burning miseries will be extinct”
* Says farewell to the last human who will set their eyes on a monster such as he and gets on a iceberg and drifts away into the night