

## FRANKENSTEIN (CREATURE)

**OPTION A - THE CREATURE:** I expected this reception. All men hate the wretched. How, then, must I be hated, who am miserable beyond all living things! Yet you, my creator, detest me, the creature, to whom your art is bound by, and is only dissoluble by the annihilation of one of us. You purpose to kill me. How dare you sport me with life? Do your duty toward me, and I will do mine toward you and the rest of mankind. If you will comply with my conditions, I will leave them and you at peace, but if you refuse I will supply the jaws of death, until it's satisfied with the blood of your remaining friends. Have I not suffered enough that you seek to increase my misery? Life, although it may only be an accumulation of anguish, is dear to me, and I will defend it. Remember, you made me more powerful than yourself. My height is superior to yours, my joints more supple. But I will not be tempted to set myself in opposition to you. I am your creature and I will be even mild and docile to my natural lord and king, if you will also perform your part, which you owe me. Oh, Frankenstein, be not equitable to every other and trample upon me alone, to whom your justice, and even your clemency and affection, is most due. Remember that I am your creature, I ought to be your Adam, but I am rather the fallen angel whom you drive from joy for no misdeed.

## FRANKENSTEIN (ELIZABETH)

**OPTION B - ELIZABETH:** I am the cousin of the unhappy child who was murdered, or rather his sister, for I was educated by, and have lived with his parents ever since and even long before his birth. It may, therefore, be judged indecent of me to come forward on this occasion. But when I see a fellow-creature about to perish through the cowardice of her pretended friends, I wish to be allowed to speak, that I may say what I know of her character. I am well acquainted with the accused. I have lived in the same house with her, at one time for five and at another for nearly two years. During all that period she appeared to me the most amiable and benevolent of human creatures. She nursed Madame Frankenstein, my aunt, in her last illness, with the greatest affection and care. And afterward attended her own mother during a tedious illness, in a manner that excited the admiration of all who knew her, after which she again lived in my uncle's house, where she was beloved by all the family. She was warmly attached to the child who is now dead, and acted toward him like a most affectionate mother. For my own part, I do not hesitate to say that, notwithstanding all the evidence produced against her, I believe and rely on her perfect innocence. She had no temptation for such an action.