

TEAM CREATURE



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OPENING STATEMENT

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I would like to share with you today a case that is very unique. This case involves 2 men, one was morally wrong in many ways and the other had to pay the price. Our client, the creature, was created by a sick, twisted man called Victor Frankenstein. Victor had an obsession with science and the way of life. Once he learned that he could create life from the dead, he began his project. He brutally chopped up body parts from deceased individuals from the grave and simply referred to them as “raw materials”. After using all of his “materials”, he created an adult human being and brought him to life. However, once he saw his creation, he immediately ran out of his lab and left his creation to die. As you can see here ladies and gentlemen, his creation is alive and doing well. However, he suffered many many hardships all because Victor neglected him and did not teach him anything about how life works.

Even though our client did some wrong doings in his life, how was he supposed to know right from wrong? The one person who was responsible for all of those murders is Victor. The lawyers of Victor will say that Victor never touched William or Elizabeth, however he did murder them. Victor was responsible for the creature, but he neglected him right from the beginning. From that point on, the creature did not know anything. Also, the whole time period the creature was out on his own, learning what he could, Victor never tried to find and help the creature. Victor was completely inhumane and the creature never even got a name. All he was referred to by people was “the monster”. What kind of person would ever do this to another person?

Every kid needs the experience of growing up with a father/mother figure. Every kid needs to learn right from wrong. Two things the creature did not have at all. My client, unfortunately, was the result of a man intentionally performing immoral actions. Not only creating the creature, but also not caring for him as a father should. "The creature" does not even have a name, no father figure, and no clue of what's right from wrong.

Ethicist Questions

1. Was it morally right for Mr. Frankenstein to abandon the Creature?
 - a. No
2. Should Mr. Frankenstein have cared for the Creature like a son?
 - a. Yes he should have.
3. Since Mr. Frankenstein had no clue where the Creature was or what he was doing, should he have been a responsible adult and found him and helped him?
 - a. Yes, he most definitely should have.
4. In your opinion, what should Mr. Frankenstein have done in the first place?
 - a. He should not have built the Creature in the first place.
5. So, building the Creature was morally wrong?
 - a. Completely
6. How about cutting up body parts from recently deceased?
 - a. That is the most wrong part about all of this.
7. Should Victor have told people about his creation?
 - a. Yes he should have.
8. Would that have saved many people's lives?
 - a. Yes it would have.

Henry Questions

1. Please state your name.
 - a. Henry Clerval
2. How would you describe your relationship with Mr. Frankenstein?
 - a. We were really close, great friends. I trusted him as he trusted me.
3. So you trusted Mr. Frankenstein?
 - a. Of course
4. So he told you about the Creature (my client) that he created correct?
 - a. No, no he did not.
5. Did Mr. Frankenstein ever begin to act strangely with you or any of his family members?
 - a. Yes, in fact he did.
6. How did he act?
 - a. He was very vague with them. He kept everything to himself and did not tell any of us anything. He eventually became very ill. Fortunately I nursed him get back to health.
7. Fair to say you cared about your friend?
 - a. Yes I did.
8. Do you feel he cared for you the same way you cared for him?
 - a. No, he was the reason for my death.
9. If he had told you about the Creature (my client) would you still be alive today?
 - a. Yes I would
10. Did Mr. Frankenstein ever isolate himself from all of you.

a. Yes he did, twice.

11. Did he ever tell you what he was doing?

a. No

Justine Questions

1. State your name.
 - a. Justine Moritz
2. How would you describe your relationship with Mr. Frankenstein?
 - a. He was a close friend to me. As a maid in the house, I was practically adopted into the family so we were great friends.
3. What were you doing on the night of William's death?
 - a. I was searching all over for him, trying to find him and bring him back to the safety of the house. When I could not find him, I took shelter in a barn.
4. So you did not kill William?
 - a. No I did not.
5. Did you tell anyone that you did not kill William?
 - a. Yes I told Victor
6. Did Mr. Frankenstein do anything to try and save your life?
 - a. No he did not
7. So in your eyes, who is to blame for your death?
 - a. Victor
8. Did Victor ever tell you what he was doing when he isolated himself from everyone?
 - a. No he did not.
9. So he never told you the Creature existed?
 - a. No.

Medical Expert Questions

1. State your Profession.
 - a. Developmental Psychologist
2. What do you do as a developmental psychologist?
 - a. Study how humans develop over time.
3. Tell me, without the care of a parent, would a newborn baby be able to teach itself right from wrong?
 - a. No it would not, maybe over time, but ultimately a child needs an adult figure to learn from.
4. Without a father/mother figure, how would a child react over time?
 - a. They would not learn anything.
5. So would a child begin to act out if they were abandoned?
 - a. Yes it is a possibility.
6. So, would you feel that the fact Mr. Frankenstein abandoned my client “The Creature” affected my client mentally, causing him to act out?
 - a. Yes I strongly believe that is the cause of the creature doing the things he did. Mainly because he was unable to learn in a proper way, only learning how to seek revenge.
7. So who would you blame for the Creatures actions?
 - a. Mr. Frankenstein

Mr. DeLacy Questions

1. Please state your name.
 - a. Mr. DeLacy
2. Did you ever know anyone by the name of Victor Frankenstein?
 - a. No I did not
3. Did you ever meet my client “the Creature” who does not have an actual name?
 - a. I believe I did, I talked to him privately one day in my home.
4. Mr. DeLacy, since you are blind, tell me how you pictured the way the Creature looked just by talking to him?
 - a. He seemed just like a normal human being. He talked pretty well and was very kind.
5. Did he ever try and hurt you?
 - a. No he did not
6. Did he ever try and hurt anyone in your family?
 - a. Not that I am aware of no.

FOLLOW UP

1. Do you have any general knowledge about science?
2. If you have an experiment, do you take full responsibility for it?
3. So would you have full responsibility for the Creature if you had created it?

Questions for the Creature

1. Please state your name.
 - a. I cannot, I was never given a name.
2. Tell me, what is your relationship with your father?
 - a. He is my creator, but nothing of a father figure.
3. Do you know who your father is exactly?
 - a. Yes I do
4. Would you be kind enough to point him out and state his name?
 - a. Victor Frankenstein
5. Please tell me, how do you know your “father’s” name and anything about him?
 - a. I read it in his journal that he wrote in while he was creating me.
6. What else did you learn from this book?
 - a. That I was simply a creation, nothing more. Made out of raw materials...AKA body parts from the deceased.
7. If your father neglected you completely, how did you learn?
 - a. I taught myself by listening and watching the DeLacy family. They taught me how a true family should be.
8. Tell me, how did you feel when you were abandoned by your “father?”
 - a. Terrible and lonely
9. Were you mad at Mr. Frankenstein for doing this to you?
 - a. Yes
10. Was this your drive in doing some of the things that you did?

- a. Yes it most definitely is. After noticing how a real family is supposed to be, anger just swept over me.

11. Were you treated well out in public?

- a. No, when people saw me they would run away and be abusive.

FOLLOW UP

1. Did Mr. Frankenstein care to look for you?
2. Did you have any idea why he left you in the first place?
3. Were there any clues as to why he left?
4. He did not tell you why he was leaving?
5. So one could assume he abandoned you, correct?
6. Was it right for him to do this?
7. Did he teach you anything at all?
8. Did he say he would create another one for you?
9. He was willing to do it?
10. How did you feel when he didn't?
11. Why did you want a significant other?
12. You were lonely?
13. No one to care for you?
14. No one to be there for you?

Elizabeth Cross Examination Questions

1. How was your relationship with Mr. Frankenstein?
2. So you loved him?
3. You two got married correct?
4. So chances are you trusted him right?
5. Did he always tell you the truth?
6. Did Victor change when he came back from when he was away?
7. How?
8. Was he keeping anything from you at any point?
9. So he didn't tell you about the Creature that he created?
10. Why do you think he did not tell you?
11. If he was afraid of it, why wouldn't he tell someone about it to get some help?
12. Is it possible he felt guilty about the Creature? Or regretted making it?
13. And that would be because it is Mr. Frankenstein's fault people were murdered
right?

Ethicist Cross Examination Questions

1. Was it right for Mr. Frankenstein to take body parts from different deceased bodies?
2. Was it right for Mr. Frankenstein to abandon his Creation?
3. Was it right for Mr. Frankenstein to leave before teaching it anything?
4. Was it right to not provide a shelter for the Creature?
5. Can you hold something against someone for a certain action being morally wrong if they were never taught right from wrong in the first place?

FOLLOW UP

1. What does the preservation of life mean to you?
2. Was the Creature one specific person in general before Mr. Frankenstein created this life?
3. And is cutting up body parts without asking family members right?

Robert Walton Cross examination Questions

1. How did you meet Mr. Frankenstein?
2. When you met him, how was his state mentally and physically?
3. Did Mr. Frankenstein tell you anything about his life?
4. Did you believe his story?
5. Did he speak bad of the Creature?
6. So how would you describe or judge the Creature after listening to Mr. Frankenstein?
7. Did you ever hear the Creatures side of the story?
8. So are you in any place to judge the Creature?
9. How do you even know Mr. Frankenstein was telling the truth?

Victor Cross Examination Questions

1. Mr. Frankenstein, why did you create the Creature?
2. If it was a scientific experiment, you take full responsibility for experiment correct?
3. So, since the Creature is your experiment, technically, it is you responsibility correct?
4. Did you take responsibility for the Creature?
 - a. How?
 - b. Why didn't you?
5. Did you kill anyone Mr. Frankenstein?
6. Then why did you feel guilty about every murder that occurred?
7. Did you teach the Creature any morals at all?
8. What did you use to create the creature?
9. So you had no morals to teach at all anyways?
10. Mr. Frankenstein do you feel even if you know right from wrong?
11. So it was right to create the creature?
12. It was right to cut up body parts from a cemetery?
13. It was right to leave your Creation alone to destroy the lives of others all because you could care the slightest bit about what it did?

William Cross Examination Questions

1. William were you and your brother close?
2. Was your brother different after returning from college?
3. Why do you think your brother came home?
4. So clearly you do not know about my client William, correct?
5. Do you know your brother created the Creature? The Creature that killed you?
6. So was it right for your brother to keep it from you?
7. Do you even have any idea how the Creature was created?
8. So, William, did Justine kill you?
9. Would Justine be alive if your brother had just come out and told people about the Creature?

FOLLOW UP

1. Could Victor have saved you from the Creature?
2. If he had told you about him, that would not have helped?
3. Could your brother had saved your life?
4. You said there were no telephones for communication, but wasn't there letters?

Medical Expert Cross Examination

1. Should Victor have taken care of the Creature?
2. Do you feel that because Victor abandoned the Creature was the reason the Creature was in the mental state it was in?
3. If Victor was put in the mental state he is in by creating the Creature in the first place, why did he agree to create another one?
4. So Victor's mental health was caused by creating the Creature?

CLOSING STATEMENT

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the jury. Over the past few days of the trial, you have heard numerous testimonies from witnesses. The one thing I hope you took out of hearing all of those testimonies is that Victor Frankenstein is the real monster in this case. As you heard from Mr. DeLacey, the creature showed him and his family nothing but kindness. Also, from our ethicist that what Victor did was completely immoral. The creature was abandoned and it greatly affected his life.

Yes, Victor was not the biological father, but he is responsible for the creature because he was an experiment. With an experiment, the scientist must always take full responsibility of their experiment, which Victor failed to do. No matter how many times the other side claims Victor is not responsible, if Victor never created the creature from his sick obsession, then we would have never been in this situation. If Victor was so focused on his idea of preserving life, then he would not have acted unprofessionally and ran out of his lab once he saw the outcome of his experiment. Victor did not act like the normal, official scientist would act with an experiment and the outcome of that was a poor creation with no name and a life full of hardships. So, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I hope you will see the truth in the madness of Victor Frankenstein's actions and make the right decision.