

# *Team Creature*



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***Team Creature***

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**Victor Frankenstein Vs. (*Our Client*) Mr. Creature**

### Our Plan

- *Sueing for three counts*
  - **Emotional Distress**- mental suffering or mental anguish. It includes all highly unpleasant mental reactions, such as fright, nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry, mortification, shock, humiliation and indignity
    - i. *Creature was created!!*
    - ii. *Victor's actions resulted in the creature acting out*
    - iii. *People were in fear of the creature because of his appearance and it took a toll on his emotions*
    - iv. *Was abandoned by his creator*
    - v. *When alone in the real world he had no clue what to do*
    - vi. *Only knowledge was from a book that spoke of robbing graves, bringing the dead back to life, and other horrible mentionings in Victor's experiment, also has only seen violence, even the one family he saw in a calm state retorts to violence when they discover him, therefore he only knows violence and death.*
    - vii. *Lives in a world where no one treats him with respect. People treat him poorly based solely on the way he looks. This takes a toll on his emotional state. He does not know how to react properly to these situations. He uses violence because his creator never taught him the right way.*
  - **Physical Distress**- great pain, anxiety, or sorrow; physical suffering;affliction; trouble.
    - i. *His looks are demeaning, he was like no other living human being*
    - ii. *His "8 Foot Height" was non humanlike*
    - iii. *His appearance prevented him from finding love.*
    - iv. *" He was in need of a mate of the opposite sex"*
    - v. *The way he looks has caused different physical attacks from other people.*
    - vi. *He was shot after saving a drowning girl solely due to his physical appearance.*
  - **Negligence**-noun, failure to take proper care in doing something
    - i. *As a Scientist and Father*
    - ii. *Victor "neglected" to raise his "son"-the creation, and he abandoned him.*
    - iii. *He did not teach him right from wrong.*
    - iv. *He did not teach him how to read, write, or anything that a father must do for a son.*
    - v. *He did not even give him a name.*
    - vi. *The creature was not taught how to take care of himself.*
    - vii. *While in the middle of creating a female mate for the creature, his last chance at happiness, Victor destroyed the mate and in turn, the creatures last chance at happiness.*
    - viii. *what are scientists supposed to do he never thought clearly no sleep and didn't understand his duty*

## Opening Statement

Matthew Grenier

Good morning to ladies and gentlemen of the jury. Today, we are here to talk about a very unique case. This case involves one man who had an obsession to create life, one that was a non humanlike and morally wrong in multiple ways. Unfortunately, this “un-named” being had to pay the price for the negligence of an overly-obsessed scientist.

Our client, Mr. Creature, was created and brought to life by a person filled with blind-ambition! This man who became mentally and physically sick is Victor Frankenstein. At the age of fifteen, he became intrigued when a thunderstorm brought violent lightning that obliterated a tree. Immediately, his thoughts were aroused about the natural power of electricity.

At the age of seventeen, Victor became a student at the University of Ingolstadt. After, learning and increasing his knowledge of science, Mr. Frankenstein started the process of a *man playing god*. First, with his process he gathered “raw materials”.

These “Raw Materials” were gathered by Victor committing a crime. Victor broke into graveyards and also into coffins to retrieve his raw materials. In addition, cut off body parts of the deceased and used this to create a person known today as a creature. After my client was created he was scared, Victor abandoned him and then the creature wandered off in the real world he was yelled at, hit, and thrown at by humans because of his physical features. My client had no home, no shelter, he had to steal his food to survive in the woods. Mr. Victor Frankenstein did not teach his son, the creature, how to live in the real world which resulted in many hardships in his life and this was all because Victor neglected him and did not teach him anything about how life works. Also, when the creature and Victor finally meet he was asked a favor to create a mate for my client so that he can feel normal and go off to South America and try to live a normal life. Victor did start the process of another creation, but when half way

through the process he destroyed his creation. Why you asked, he said he was afraid of a “Race of Devils”, so here Victor admits of that he created a devil or a monster you can say, now Victor has verbally stated that he created a monster and he was neglectful in admitted his wrong doings until it was too late.

Every child needs guidance to learn and grow from the guidance of parent to show what is right and wrong. Yes, sometimes the child tries to teach themselves but most times they fail. Overall, my client definitely made mistakes, but the question that needs to be asked is would these wrongdoings have occurred if Mr. Frankenstein had taken the time to look after his child/creation. In fact, he let this fully grown newborn into society without the knowledge of how to survive. Also, Victor was completely inhumane and never gave our client a name. After roaming around in society, he was referred to by people as “the monster.” Members of the jury, ask yourself some simple questions. How would you feel if you were considered a monster by the people of society? How would you feel if you were not given a name at birth? How

It is clear that my client suffered emotional and physical distress because of the negligence of Mr. Frankenstein. Without a doubt, this caused my client to have problems being accepted by a society who judges people by their appearance. During this trial, I asked you, the jury, to look past the outward appearance of my client and give him justice. I am sure that after listening to our case, you will find Victor Frankenstein, guilty of negligence, emotional distress and physical distress.

### **Ethicist Questions - Witness One**

1. State your name, what is your career, what is an ethicist?
2. In a moral sense, is it right or wrong to neglect a child and chase it away if you don't want it around? **A: Well, it's more than wrong, it's inhumane, it's an action so sickening that no consequence can justify it**
3. How does a childhood upbringing affect an adult's actions? **A: A child who grows up with a life of abuse will have major psychological issues, either becoming very anxious, or even gain that attribute of abusing others, and in the creature's case, that's what he gained from being hurt by humans, psychologically he only understood violence**
4. Should the child or parent be blamed for an incident where the child isn't even sure the commonly seen wrong thing is ok to do or not?
5. Can you define what good and bad morals are?
  - a. **A good moral is doing the right thing in a bad or good situation for the good of other people. A bad moral is doing the wrong things for personal gain not selflessness.**
6. What is your opinion of the creature's intentions and morals?

**I think the creature's intentions were at first to be loved and liked by other people and to not feel alone, he wanted to love everyone and wanted to feel that back . But after being abandoned and looked at as a monster, he became angry and hurt. All he wanted was a companion.**

7. How long does it take for a child's mind to be developed enough to know the difference between right and wrong and how are they normally taught it?

- a. **Between 3-5 years old they should know the concepts of right and wrong.  
The parents are normally the people responsible for this teaching.**
8. When a child is first born, are his morals strong?
  - a. **When a child his first born their morals are not developed or strong because their mind like I said before would take 3-5 years to comprise the difference between right and wrong.**
9. How should a father react to a newborn child?
  - a. **A father should react positive about the new child. He should be happy and overjoyed at having a newborn. He fled away from the creature.**
10. How long does it take for a child's mind to be developed enough to know the difference between right and Between **3-5 years old they should know the concepts of right and wrong.**
11. Where does a person's morals come from
  - a. **A person's morals come from the people around them and their parents. Their parent's are supposed to guide them from right and wrong and teach them how the recognize the difference between the two.**



**Mr. Delacey**

1. State who you are to the court please.

**I am Mr. Delacy, the father of Felix and Agatha Delacy.**

2. Can you describe your first direct encounter with the Creature?

**At first, the Creature described himself as a traveler who needed a place to rest. He also said he wasn't french but was raised by a family who spoke french."**

3. Do you think your blindness plays a role on your thoughts of the creature?

**Yes of course because I have to judge people by personality and actions rather than appearance."**

4. Who is the monster to you?

**I believe Victor and society are both monsters. They were prejudice towards the Creature solely based on appearance. Victor left as soon as he saw his creations face, he fled. Society physically and mentally abused this poor man just simply because of his appearance.**

5. Mr. DeLacey, did the creature you encountered ever physically harm you?

**No, the monster has never physically harmed me at all.**

So he was nice?

**Yes, he was being very kind to me.**

6. Why did you and the creature become separated?

**The Creature and I were separated because my son attacked the Creature when he returned home.**

7. How did the creature help you?

**The Creature helped us in our hardships by giving us food and chopped wood, he also repaired our house, when repairs were needed.**

8. What is your opinion of the Creature?

**He is a kind but tortured soul. Trying to help others to show his true intentions, but he keeps being treated as if he is a monster just for his appearance.**

9. Why do you think the monster is the way he is?

**I think the creature is the way he is because of the emotional and physical harm that has been brought to him by both Victor and society.**

10. Do you think it is right for someone to be abused by society?

**No this is not right because no one should be judged based on their physical appearance, especially someone who is helpful and kind but needs love**



### Justine Questions & Responses - Cassidy Jencks

1. Please state your name for the court.
  - a. ***Justine Moritz***
2. What was your relationship with Frankenstein family?
  - a. ***I was their maid. But the Frankenstein's were like a family to me.***
3. Were you living with the Frankenstein's before Victor left for school?
  - a. ***Yes.***
4. How long was Victor gone?
  - a. ***He was gone for 2 years.***
5. Was he acting normal when he returned home?
  - a. ***No. He seemed distant and as though he was hiding something.***
6. Did Victor ever tell you what he did when he was away at school?
  - a. ***No he didn't.***
7. You mentioned that you were the maid, what kind of duties did you have to do?
  - a. ***Housekeeping and look after William.***
8. Who is William?
  - a. ***William Frankenstein is Victor's little brother.***
9. Where were you at the time of William's death?
  - a. ***I was out searching for him with the rest of the family. I got tired however and took shelter in a barn, where I fell asleep.***
10. Are you responsible for William Frankenstein's death?
  - a. ***No.***
11. If you are not responsible, then who is?
  - a. ***Victor is responsible because he created the creature. He neglected to teach the creature how to deal with his emotions.***
12. Why do you think that you were framed for William's death?
  - a. ***I never did anything to the creature to make him have a personal vendetta***
  - b. ***against me. I was in the wrong place at the wrong time.***
13. Did Victoria know that you were not William's killer?
  - a. ***Yes.***
14. Why do you think Victor never stepped forward and took the blame if he knew that you didn't do it?
  - a. ***He never came forward because he was a coward. He was too afraid to take responsibility for his actions.***
15. Why did you die?
  - a. ***I died as a result of Victor's actions.***
16. So in your eyes, who is to blame for your death? A. ***Victor.***

17. Why do you think Victor never stepped forward and take blame? **He never came forward. He was too scared to come forward and take responsibility for his actions. He did not want to take the responsibility of what he created.**
18. Do you think Victor let you die to take the blame for him in order to save himself? **Yes. Victor knew he was responsible for the deaths of William and myself at the time and he never came forward.**
19. Why do you think victor never came forward? **He was ashamed of his actions. He didn't want anyone to know he was responsible for the death innocent people and that he had lost his mind.**
20. Did you believe Victor would have stepped forward in his younger years? **Yes, he changed when he went to college, he became obsessed and in that obsession that is where I believe Victor lost his mind.**



21. What was your cause of death? **I died because of Victor's actions.**

**Tammy, Mental Psychiatrist:**

1. What is your name and what kind of medical examiner are you?

**My name is Tammy and i am a mental psychiatrist, and i specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, addictive, and emotional disorders.**

2. How would you describe your work?

**As a psychiatrist i would describe my work as being the “daily soap of patients” i evaluate the emotions of children, adults and mentally disabled. I help heal them mentally and try to figure out why have the emotions that they have.**

3. In the mind of someone being abandoned do you think a person or creation would feel depressed? why? what are some thoughts that you would think would come to mind?

**Well if someone whether it were to be a child or adult a person would feel depressed even more than that confused, crushed, etc. Also for someone who has been abandoned would probably think they're alone and trapped, and tend to be disconnected from close relatives.**

4. Are the creatures emotions justified given the fact that victor abandoned him? if so then why does the creature have those rights to feel the way he does? **yes the creature's emotions are justified because victor the creator abandoned him instead of finishing his job the right way as a scientist he was trying to play god but did not know what outcome would happen.**

5. How would you describe the creatures mental state of mine? **The creatures mental state giving my experience in my profession would say he is confused with all his emotions giving the fact victor his creator was not there to insist the creature in teaching him what emotions he should have and how to deal with them.**

6. As a scientists getting no sleep and working over and over with no rest would this have an affect on Victor? **Yes it would have because it he became obsessed with ambition and it started to malnourished him both physically and mentally.**
7. If victor created this creature shouldn't he be aware of the creatures bad intentions and the reasons why this creature would even try to pursue these bad intentions?

**Yes victor should have thought about what would happen if the creature were to have different intentions bad or good. Instead victor clearly was thinking about the fantasy of bringing something to life instead of the reality.**

8. Would you think the creatures emotions towards victor are justified?

**Well giving the fact that the creature was abandoned by his own creator it would make sense for the creature to seem very spiteful.**

9. If a child was abandoned and treated unequal and if the child had done such bad things as a result would be even be discussing this in court?

**No we would not have to be in court to discuss about this child because it is the parent's**



**responsibility to teach the child right from wrong.**

**Henry Clerval**

1. Please state your name to the court.

**A: I am Henry Clerval.**

2. Mr. Clerval, how do you know Mr. Frankenstein?

**A: Victor and I have been close friends ever since we were children.**

3. Did you trust Victor Frankenstein, Mr. Clerval?

**A: Yes, I did.**

4. Did Victor disclose the information about his experiment with you Mr. Clerval?

**A: No, he did not.**

5. What did Victor study at Ingolstadt?

**A: He claimed he was studying physical science.**

6. What would you say Mr. Frankenstein's condition was around the time of his experiments?

**A: Victor was restless at the time of his project. He isolated himself from his friends and family, focusing on his studies.**

7. Would you say Mr. Frankenstein was mentally competent?

**A: No, not in the slightest. He was deprived of sleep and appeared to be sickly.**

8. Do you believe that Victor is to blame for your death? **A: Yes.**

9. Explain.

**A: Victor is this creature's father, and as his father he is responsible for his child's actions.**

10. Do you believe that Victor was a good friend? **A: No.**

11. Why do you say that?

**His secrecy not only led to my death, but the death of Justine, William, and Elizabeth.**

12. So you blame Victor for your death?

**A: Yes. if he confessed to what he was creating, we all may not have perished.**



## **Creature**

1. Please state your name to the court?

**“My father never gave me one”**

2. When and where were you born? Who created you?

**“I was created in a lab made by other body parts put together from other people. Victor Frankenstein is my father.”**

3. Who do you consider to be your very first role model/teacher/caretaker?

**“The DeLacey family and my father, however my “father” never taught me a thing.”**

4. Where did you learn the necessities to live?

**“I learned everything from the observation of the DeLacey Family and Victors notes from his journal.”**

5. How did you feel when your father abandoned you?

**I felt betrayed I felt alone, and I felt like, I had no one.**

6. Who do you consider as you very first role model/teacher/caretaker?

**a. The DeLacey family and my father.**

7. When and where were you born? Who created you?

**a. I was revived in a lab comprised together by other human body parts. My father was my creator.**



### *Questions to Team Victor*

#### **Victor:**

1. Why did you create the creature?
2. Did you know what you were doing morally and wrong?
3. What kind of decent human being would sneak into a cemetery and steal body parts?
4. Who do you blame for the deaths of your loved ones?
5. Why didn't you create another companion for the creature?
6. You are the creator of my client, correct?
7. Can you describe to the court the materials that you had used to create my client?
8. Would you ever deny creating your creature?
9. Why did you not help Justine?
10. Why did you warn Robert Walton and then tell him your story?
11. In your opinion was Robert Walton much like yourself?
12. You said you had a son?
13. So you were the father to my client?
14. Why didn't you look after your new born son?
15. Wouldn't you say that is neglectful?
16. Would you say you are responsible for the physical distress of my client? YOU did create him this way?

#### **Robert Walton**

1. When did you first lay eyes upon the creature?
2. What did you think of the creature after talking to him?
3. How long have you known Victor for?
4. When you met Victor he was not in a good state, how could you trust a man who is not at his normal capacity?
5. Are you a friend of Mr. Frankenstein
6. How long did you know Mr. Frankenstein
7. Would you say you are an ambitious person?

8. Do you believe that you and Victor are similar?
9. What were you doing out on the ocean ?
10. I understand Mr. Frankenstein was very secretive and kept to himself, did he ever tell you about his studies and creation?
11. Since you were the last person to see Victor alive where did his body go?
12. Follow up Was there any special ceremony for Mr. Frankenstein Death?
13. Who else visited Victor when he was found dead?

**William -**

1. How are you in relation to Victor Frankenstein?
2. Did Victor keep in touch with the family when he left for college?
3. Do you know what he studied when he was at school?
4. Did you know of the creature?
5. Did the creature's appearance scare you? Is that why you attempted to run away from him?
6. Do you know how he was created?
7. Did Justine kill you?
8. Did anyone know that she didn't kill you?
9. Would you say that you died because of your brother Victor?
10. Who are your siblings Younger son of Alphonse and Caroline Frankenstein, brother to Victor and William. Victor Frankenstein describes his younger brother: ***Ernest was six years younger than myself, and was my principal pupil.***

**Elizabeth**

1. *Please state your name*
2. *What is your relations with the frankenstein family?*
3. *How did you know Victor Frankenstein?*
4. *Who was he?*
5. *Did you ever have any concerns about Victor when he was away?*
6. *When did you marry Victor Frankenstein?*
7. *Where was your honeymoon? When were you killed?*
8. *How did the creature kill you?*
9. *Where was Victor when you were killed?*
10. *So would you say you died because of Victor?*
11. *Why did Victor leave you alone on your wedding night?*
12. *Wouldn't you say he was neglectful towards your safety? Only concerned for himself?*

### **Ethicist**

1. Are you aware of what Victor has done to create the creature?
2. Do you know that these steps are not morally and ethically right?
3. A Father when they abandon a baby, is this considered morally wrong?
  - a. If no, Leaving a small child with no means of self preservation by it, basically leaving it to die is morally wrong. How do you expect to show the Creature has been morally and ethically wrong if you do not even know morals yourself.
  - b. If yes, Then how is leaving the Creature behind all by itself, to struggle for life, any different from a parent abandoning its child?
4. Is it a moral thing to dig up dead bodies of murderers for science?
5. Do you think abandoning a “newborn” is the right thing to do?
6. By adulthood, shouldn't you know to take responsibility for your actions is the moral thing to do?
7. Is playing God a moral thing to do in a supposed good state of mind?
8. Would you say Victor did everything morally correct?

### **Medical Expert**

1. As a medical expert would you say mental?
2. . Do you believe there is a medical reason behind Victor's need to create life?
3. Is it possible that Victor's state of mind is responsible for his abandonment of his creature?
4. Could there be a medical reason that Victor kept everything a secret, leading to the death of his family and friends?
5. Can Victor's secrecy and ambition be linked to a mental illness?
6. Can Victor's behavior be backed by some mental illness that could excuse his actions?

### **Follow up questions**

### **Creature**

1. Tell me what your relationship is with your father?
2. Could you please point him out and state his name?
3. If your father neglected you how did you learn?

### **Medical Expert- team victor- cross examination**

1. Can you provide, a medical report of Victor Frankenstein's health for us?
2. Did you ever diagnose him with an illness?
3. As a medical expert would you say that Victor was sane while creating my client?
4. Now you also say you have looked over reports of my client and claimed him stressed. Would you say that my client is distressed? Why?

### **Elizabeth**

1. Who was Victor personality wise before he left for college? And who was he when he came returned to you? Was he different?
2. Why did Victor not stay with you and leave on your wedding night?
3. So, with Victor knowing that the creature claimed he would be with you on

### Closing Statement

Matthew Grenier

Good morning once again ladies and gentlemen of the jury. Over the past few days of the trial, between my client Mr. Creature Vs. Victor Frankenstein, you have heard a variety of testimonies from witnesses. After, analyzing all of these statements, I hope you were able to see the right side of this case and find that Victor Frankenstein is the real monster. Throughout all these testimonies my team and I have made a strong case stating that Mr. Frankenstein should be found guilty for being negligent and being responsible for physical and emotional distress.

In the court, Mr. Frankenstein considered my client Mr. Creature his "Son". So as a father he abandoned his duties and did not care for his newborn child. He left his son alone with no idea on how to take on the world and made his baby wonder the cruel streets of society alone. Also, during court, Mr. Frankenstein admitted to the charge of physical distress to my client. He had no care for his physical features and made him be seen as a monster of society, a person who looks like no other, and always being judged because of his appearance. Sadly, even though he waited to long to admit to the charges to help my client, it is better late than never.

Also, in the courtroom Mr. Victor Frankenstein verbally admitted to being negligent to my client Mr. Creature, and also Elizabeth and his family. He did not want to take responsibility for his wrongdoings, he could of prevented Justine's death but, he decided to be neglectful and not take responsibility.

As a result, the last is emotional distress, and Victor put my client through trauma of being abused by society and having nobody to love him and be able to spend life's moments with. My client endured brutal emotional distress because of his appearance, lack of knowledge

of the world, lack of love and compassion, and went through a life of abandonment. If Victor had decided to be better prepared with his doings, all of these events could have been prevented.

In conclusion, no matter how many times the other side claims that Victor should not be responsible, if Victor never created the creature from his sick obsession, then we would have never been in this situation today. Mr. Frankenstein was a man only looking out for himself, and one of the worst parts about this creation is that he was so neglectful that he never gave my client a name. So please, ladies and gentlemen of the jury today give my client justice and make the right decision.

**Thank you**

## ***THE VERDICT***

***TEAM CREATURE (WON THE CASE)***

***TEAM VICTOR (FACED WITH ALL***

***THREE CHARGES: NEGLIGENCE,***

***MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISTRESS)***

