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Opening Statement

(Jordana Holmes)

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury,

We are here to defend an incredibly brilliant man. Not only was he a loving husband, but he also a honorable best friend, voracious learner, caring family member and a creative scientist. Our client has dealt with various tragedies throughout his lifetime. Having a death in the family is never easy, especially when you have a close family like my clients. This can cause distress and agony on even the strongest of people. My client lost his mother, someone whom he was very close with, to Scarlett fever just before he had left for college. The next chapter of his life was based off of this one tragic event. Ladies and gentlemen, I introduce you to Victor Frankenstein.

Mr. Frankenstein is a scientist at a college in Ingolstadt. There young Victor met his role model, Dr. Waldman. Waldman was very interested in life science, such as Victor. They would have long discussions and debates on what experiments could help further the science of life. As his experiments began, he used "raw materials." The use of raw materials can only be recognized as what doctors do today. When a person passes away, their organs can be used to advance science experiments and/or save lives of others. If the use of these materials is said to be malpractice to the making of this human, then why aren't thousands of people in jail for using other "raw materials"?

Although the plaintiff may argue Victor is the parent to the creature, according to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, a father is defined as, "A male person whose sperm unites with an egg, resulting in the conception of a child." The creature does not have the same DNA as Victor or any of his qualities. They have different eyes, hair, and

appearances. Therefore, we're pleased to say, Victor is not the father of the creature. He gave this creature life by experimenting to further science. This *experiment* would help many doctors and physicians in the future to know more about how the body functions and how the power of lightning and electricity can be united with a body to bring it back to life.

To conclude, Victor honestly should be on trial suing the creature. Victor, from his experience with this creature, suffers from acute stress reaction. This psychological condition is caused by a traumatic event in which the person experiences or witnesses an event that causes them to experience extreme, disturbing or unexpected fear, stress, pain, or involve the leading to serious injury or death to them self. The creature's constant killing of loves ones worsens this disorder in Victor to the point where the stress brought on to Victor ultimately brings him to his death. And the creature wants to argue he is emotionally distressed? Was he tortured by anyone for the remainder of his life? Did he lose his little brother? Did he lose his wife on his wedding night? Did he lose his father from the agony all of the deaths and depression he felt? Did he lose everyone he ever loved?

Just remember when taking into account of the actions of both my client and the creature, Victor was only creating this life with best intentions. He wanted to make sure no one would have to go through the pain, sorrow, and misery he had to deal with after the loss of his mother. Victor never meant to create a killer. He only meant to create a science experiment.

Thank you.

Cross Examination Questions for Ethicist

Q. Do you ever think revenge is acceptable?

Q. (Yes) What circumstances do you find it acceptable? (No.) So you think revenge should never occur?

Q. (Yes) Could you give the court an example of when revenge is acceptable?

Q. Now, what is your opinion on murder?

Q. Is there anytime murder is acceptable? (Yes) Why?

Q. When murder and revenge are done together, is it morally acceptable?

Q. What is the usual outcome of those who murder?

Q. How do you know you are "accepted" in society?

Q. How long does it take before someone can tell they are "accepted?"

Q. In your opinion, did anyone in this room not take time to let society accept them?

Q. (Yes) If people are given time, do most adapt to those around them? (No) Why?

Medical Examination Cross Questions

- Q. To restate, you believe the creature is, in fact, a child.
- Q. Right now, if you could, what age would you give this "child." Why?
- Q. How developed is the creature?
- Q. Now, during one's childhood, the brain and body develop, am I wrong?
- Q. Does this 8 foot creature, with an intelligent brain, have any room to grow?
- Q. Are there any features he still needs to develop?
- Q. What is your definition of a "father?"
- Q. Do you believe Victor fits your definition of a father? Why?
- Q. Are there children who are perfectly fine in this world who grew up without a father in their lives?
- Q. In your opinion, didn't the creature seem like he more part of the De Lacey family than Victors? Why?

Cross Examination Questions for Henry Clerval

Q: Describe the condition in which you found Victor in after he had created the creature.

Q: Would you say that he was physically and emotionally distressed at this time?

Q: Where were you on the night that you were killed?

Q: Who killed you and how did they kill you?

Q: Did you have handprints on your neck from strangulation?

Q: Are you aware that William was found dead with the same size handprints on his neck?

Q: Why did this person kill you? What did you do to deserve death?

Q: Why are you siding with the creature instead of your friend Victor?

Q: Aren't you upset with the creature for trying to take revenge on your friend?

Q: The creature killed you right? So why are you siding with the creature if he is your murderer as you admitted?

Q: How did Victor respond to your death?

The Creature Cross Examination Questions

- Q: You were created by Victor Frankenstein, is that right?
- Q: Can you describe to me what happened after you were created?
- Q: Why didn't you stay at Victor's lab?
- Q: Now may I ask, what is your definition of an intelligent person?
- Q: Do intelligent people understand right from wrong?
- Q: Do you think you are intelligent?
- Q: Now may I ask, did you read the books, Paradise Lost, a volume of Putarch's Lives, and the sorrows of Werter ?
- Q: When reading Paradise Lost, did you learn anything about the concept of good vs. evil?
- Q: So you learned to admire and love the heroes of past ages from Putarch's Lives?
- Q: So you came to admire peaceful lawgivers and began to have a strong adore for virtue, correct?
- Q: What is your definition of murder?
- Q: Have you ever murdered anyone?
- Q: Is it true that you killed William and Elizabeth Frankenstein?
- Q: Why would you do such a thing?
- Q: When you killed William, what were you feeling?
- Q: How about when you killed Elizabeth?
- Q: was there any symbolic meaning to you ripping out Elizabeth's Heart?
- Q: Did you feel any regret after those killings? If yes, when?

Q: If you had felt any regret, wouldn't you have left the locket with William and not put it in Justine's pocket?

Q: So is it safe to say, since you stated you admire lawgivers and virtue, that you knew that killing William and Elizabeth was against the law and morally wrong?

Q: Why did you call the De Lacey family your "protectors?"

Q: When talking to Mr. De Lacey, you call yourself a "detestable monster", do you believe you are a monster?

Q: When Felix whipped you with a stick, why didn't you lash back?

Q: Could you please explain what this quote you stated to Victor means? "You can blast my other passions, but revenge remains – revenge, henceforth dearer than light or food!"?

Q: When you saw Victor dead, how did you feel?

Q: Why did you cry over him?

Follow-Up Questions

Did Victor run from you when you met?

Did Mr. De Lacey ever run?

Mr. De Lacey Cross Examination Questions

Q: Did the monster tell you where he came from?

Q: Was Victor Frankenstein ever brought up in conversation between you and the creature?

Q: Did you fear the creature after you met him ?

Q: Because you are blind, your other senses are enhanced, correct?

Q: How do you feel your hearing is?

Q: (Hit stick on table) Does this sound like it hurts?

Q: Do you trust your son Felix's instinct?

Q: If you or your family were in danger, would you use (hit stick again) this to try to defend the ones you love?

Q: Do you know that your son defended your family with this (hit stick again) ?

Q: Did you know he attacked the creature with this?

Q: Why didn't you help the creature?

Q: Do you think if you would have helped the creature, he would not have killed innocent people?

Q: What did the creature do to your house after your family beat him and pushed him away?

Q: If you could go back to that day, what would you change?

Q: Why?

Cross Examination Justine

Q: How are you associated with Victor?

Q: What was Victor's attitude toward you?

Q: While watching him interact with his family, how was he?

Q: Do you believe that Victor knew his creation would murder William?

Q: Do you think the creature knew of your relation to Victor?

Q: Did you ever see William with the locket?

Q: When was the first time you saw the locket?

Q: At any point in time, did you see the creature with the locket?

Q: How did you die?

Q: Who framed you?

Q: If you were innocent, why didn't you speak up?

Q: Who do you blame for your death?

Q: (If says Victor) When did Victor find out the creature killed you? (moment = during their talk)

Q: Since Victor did not have any testimony exactly saying you were killed by the creature, do you think, if Victor was to tell the authorities he thought someone else killed William, his testimony would have been taken seriously?

Q: Would you have taken Victor seriously if he had told you of an 8 foot creature brought back from the dead that was terrorizing his family?

Q: (If say creature) Then why in your lawyers opening statement did he “apologize” for the creatures killings of William, Elizabeth, Justine, and you?

Ethecist Questions

Q1. Could you please state your name and your occupation for the court?

A1. Taylor Iafrate, and I am a ethecist.

Q2. What is an ethecist?

A2. It is a person who know what is morally right from wrong.

Q3. Do you think it is morally right for a parent to leave their newborn child?

A3. No, but in this case the parent did not leave the child the child left the parent.

Q4. How did the child leave the parent?

A4. Victor did not tell the creature to leave, after creating him, Victor went into town and when he returned the creature was gone. In no way did he make the creature leave the creature left on his own.

Q5. Do you think it was wrong for Victor to not search for the creature?

A5. No, Victor was in no state of health to go looking for the creature. He couldn't move out of bed because he had deprived himself of food and sleep for weeks.

Q6. Do you think it is right for someone to murder innocent children and adults for revenge on one person?

A6. No it's not, especially since these people did nothing to provoke or harm the creature they didn't even know of his existence.

Q7. Do you think it is right to frame a young girl, and then her life get taken from her from a crime she did not commit?

A7. Absolutely not, it's pretty sick that children are being brought into the situation and getting brutally murdered just so someone can make their point to get revenge.

Q8. What in your opinion is an intelligent being?

A8. A person who knows right from wrong, someone who likes to read and write and someone who's always looking to further their knowledge.

Q9. Do you think it is right to further science?

A9. Yes, in order to advance the world we live in we have to further science.

Q10. Is it moral to create life?

A10. Yes, it is, people never want others to die and be gone forever they want them to always be there and Victor has changed the world by this creation.

Q11. Does torturing a person cause distress?

A11. Yes, by playing with someones head it causes anxiety and the person is always anxious and it starts to take a toll on the mental state of that person.

Medical Examiner Questions

Q1. Can you state your name and what your job position is for the court:

A1. My name is Dr. Joyel Diaz and I am a psychologist.

Q2 How long have you been in this practice?

A2. I have been in this practice for 15 years.

Q3. Do you believe Victor was in the right state of mind when he created the creature?

A3. No.

Q4. Do you believe Victor was suffering any mental disabilities?

A4. Yes.

Q5. And what was he suffering from?

A5. He was suffering acute stress disorder.

Q6. Can you briefly explain to the court what acute stress disorder is?

A6. Acute stress disorder is a psychological condition arising in response to a terrifying or traumatic event.

Q7. What are symptoms shown because of this disorder?

A7. An initial state of “daze”, withdrawal from surrounding situations, or by agitation and overactivity, anxiety, impaired judgment, confusion, detachment, and depression.

Q8. How long before this disorder appears?

A8. It appears within minutes of the impact of the stressful event.

Q9. What can this disorder lead to?

A9. Suicide.

Q10. What traumatic event lead to this disorder in Victor?

A10. The traumatic event that lead to this disorder in Victor was the creation of the creature.

Q11. Could any other event have later worsened this condition?

A11. Yes, the death of Victor’s little brother William.

Robert Walton Questions

Q1: Please state your name for the court.

A1. Robert Walton

Q2: What is your profession?

A2. I am an explorer.

Q3. When you met Victor Frankenstein, where were you going and why?

A3. I was trying to find a passageway to the North Pole because I was trying to gain fame and glory.

Q4. At that point in time, where were you?

A4. My crew and I were stuck in frozen ice on our voyage to the North Pole.

Q5. When you met Victor, what condition was he in?

A: Upset, anxious, and weak.

Q: Did Victor ask you to do anything for him?

A: Yes.

Q: What did he ask?

A: He asked me to help him destroy the creature who was torturing him.

Q: When you allowed him on your ship, what happened?

A: He told me the story of his life.

Q: Did that include anything about the creature?

A: Yes

Q: Did he mention his past with the creature?

A: Yes

Q: Did he mention Elizabeth, William, or Justine?

A: Yes.

Q: After Victor's story, what happened to Victor?

A: He passed away.

Q: Do you feel like he died from the stress the creature brought on to him?

A: Absolutely.

Q: Do you feel the creature was the one to cause emotional and physical distress onto Victor instead of the creature's allegations that Victor brought those allegations onto himself?

A: There is not a doubt in my mind the creature caused these allegations onto Victor.

Q: Now, did you ever see the creature?

A: Yes.

Q: When?

A: Right after Victor passed away.

Q: How did the monster act when he saw Victor's dead corpse?

A: He started to weep over him.

Q: Do you think this was the first time the monster showed regret for what he had done?

A: Yes.

Q: Lastly, do you believe Victor's story?

A: Without a doubt.

William Frankenstein Questions and Responses

Q: What is your name?

A: William Frankenstein

Q: How old are you William?

A: 8 years old

Q: Who killed you William?

A: The creature

Q: How did the creature kill you?

A: He grabbed my throat with his bare hand, lifted me off the ground and crushed my esophagus.

Q: Were you carrying anything valuable on your person?

A: Yes, I was carrying a locket.

Q: Was there any time when you gave the locket to Justine Moritz?

A: No, in fact, I had never given that locket to anyone.

Q: Where was the last place you had the locket with you?

A: In the woods of Plainpalais.

Q: Did the creature steal something after he had killed you?

A: Yes, he did.

Q: What did the creature steal?

A: He stole the glittering locket that was on my chest.

Q: Why did the creature kill you?

A: He found out that I was Victor's son and he was completely overcome by vengeance.

Q: Did you call the creature names and make fun of him, calling him a horrible monster and an ogre?

A: Yes I did.

Q: Why did you criticize the creature's appearance?

A: As an 8-year-old child with no advantageous physical strength to defend myself from evil, verbal defense was only a spontaneous and uncontrolled reaction to the horrific scene before me. I was overcome by fear, and with no place to run or hide, I turned only to the words of my tongue for help. Even an adult would have done the same, except they may have beaten him with a stick as well.

Q: Did the creature find satisfaction in your vicious murder?

A: Yes, he was delighted by his evil actions and grinned at the thought of revenge.

Q: Why didn't you just go with the creature and have the possibility of living?

A: I was fearful and the creature was forceful and seemed abusive in his actions.

Q: Did your brother Victor love you?

A: Yes, he did. Victor showed me the greatest volume of affection of anyone.

Q: Would he ever commit murder?

A: No, never. Victor would never think of such a wicked crime.

Elizabeth Questions

Q.State your name?

A.Elizabeth Frankenstein.

Q.What is your relation to Victor?

A. I am his sister, friend, lover, and wife.

Q. Explain your childhood with Victor?

A. When I was young, I was adopted into the Frankenstein family. Victor and I were considered cousins, however we acted as brother and sister. Even as we were young Victor always seemed to care deeply about me and look out for me. As we grew older we fell in love.

Q. Was Victor protective over you?

A. Yes, he was protective of me and our whole family.

Q. What event devastated Victor when he was young?

A. The death of his mother.

Q. When did Victor first leave your family?

A. When he left for college.

Q. How did him leaving the family make you feel?

A. Upset. I missed him terribly. But, I accepted him leaving because I knew it was to further his education.

Q. Did Victor ever tell you of his work?

A. No.

Q. After returning home from his studies, was Victor different?

A. Yes, He was with me but his mind wasn't.

Q. How was Victor after William died?

A. Upset. Devastated. A mess. He was in and out of a daze for quite a long time.

Q. Did Victor leave again after the death of William?

A. Yes.

Q. When he returned, how was he?

A. He seemed upset. I almost felt he thought something was going to happen to himself, like someone was out to get him.

Q. When did you two decide to get married?

A. Once he returned from his work again.

Q. How did you die?

A. I was on my honeymoon with Victor. He went outside to make sure we were safe. While he was outside, the creature broke into the room I was in, got on top of me, and told me not to bother screaming. When Victor tried to come rescue me, the creature snapped and forcefully stuck his hand in my chest and ripped out my heart.

Q. Did you in any way, shape, or form, hurt the creature to make him attack you?

A. No.

Q. What was the last thing he said to you before he killed you?

A. He told me how beautiful I was.

Q. Did you ever know Victor had a creature?

A. No.

Q. So, the first and last time you saw the creature was when he killed you?

A. That is correct.

Q. Do you think if Victor knew his creation would cause havoc and kill people, he would have ever made him?

A. No, I believe his only goal was to further his career and make the world a better place at the same time.

Q. Lastly, do you believe Victor loved you?

A. Definitely.

Questions for Victor Frankenstein

Q: What is your name?

Victor Frankenstein

Q: You are a scientist who studied at Ingolstadt correct?

Yes

Q: You also started an experiment that resulted in the creation of the creature correct?

Yes

Q: What were your intentions when you started this experiment?

I wanted to create life from death

Q: What event sparked your interest in sustaining life?

The death of my mother

Q: Did you ever think about the outcome of your experiment?

Yes I did, I never thought that my creation would be so destructive and yet so smart

Q: Did you follow the professional standards that you were taught by your professors at Ingolstadt when performing this experiment?

Yes I did, I performed many tests before trying the experiment on a human.

Q: Was the experiment a success?

Yes it was

Q: In your opinion, what would you consider the characteristics of a living human being?

A functional brain, the ability to walk and talk, communicate with people.

Q: Are those characteristics that you found in the creature when you encountered him?

Yes

Q: can you describe to the court how you felt after your experiment was complete?

A: I felt in a daze, I was so ambitious in my work that I did not sleep a lot so I became very sick and once I was finished everything seemed to be in a blur, I was very confused and not sure what was happening.

Q: It has been stated by William Frankenstein, Elizabeth Frankenstein and Henry Clerval that they were all killed by the creature, why do you think the creature would do that?

A: To torment me

Q: How did you know this?

A: The creature told me that if I did not create him a companion, he would be with me on my wedding night I assumed to kill my wife

Q: What was your first conversation like with the creature?

A: He told me about what happened after he came to life

Q: Did he seem well educated?

A: Yes he was very well educated, he had a good vocabulary and acted like a civilized person

Q: Did he admit to his crimes?

A: Yes he did

Q: So would you say that the charge against you of physical and emotional distress is something that you have gone through yourself as a result of the creature?

A: Yes I do

Closing Argument

(Nicole Gracie)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury,

For the last time, I am here before you to defend my client, Mr. Victor Frankenstein. Throughout this trial, you have learned many facts about both him, and his experiment.

As I stand before you, never forget the facts of the matter. Our opponents argued that a brain that loses oxygen can become damaged but, what damage do you see to the creature? People with severe brain damage can't function at all on their own and usually need many different people assisting them just so they can get through the day. Although, the creature is able to walk, talk, read, play an instrument, and feed himself with no help from anyone. Unless the creature's living brain is to be examined, I see no damage.

Also argued, it's said that Victor leaving has taught the creature to run when scared but, Victor was never scared of his experiment. He was merely sick and needed time to regain health. When he returned, the creature had disappeared. This instance could only describe Victor as the plaintiff's medical examiner Mr. Darcy had stated, as an "abandoned parent."

And for them to argue that the creature has gone through emotional and physical distress because of my client is preposterous! The creature is the reason poor Victor was diagnosed with acute stress disorder. Plus, the creature strangled his little brother to death, killed his best friend, viciously extracted the heart from the body of his wife, and "apologizes" for being the cause of Justine's death. By the end of Victor's life, his stress,

lack of strength, and undernourishment led to his death. Honestly, I don't know why Victor didn't sue the creature for those charges from the start!

Please remember, I am only here to let you know the facts of this trial. Clearly, everything that has been presented to you in the past week points to my client being innocent. So, when you have to decide whether my client is guilty or innocent, think of this: when a tree falls it can lean one of two ways, which way do you lean?

Thank You.