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Frankenstein
Chpts. 3 & 4: Reading Guide

I. Vocabulary: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the novel. Also, be prepared to be quizzed on these words.

rent: tear, split

retrod: walk again; retrace

alchemy: the act of trying to turn metal into gold or turn something of little value into something valuable.

chimera: a monster from mythology. This word is used figuratively to mean a creation of imagination, especially a wild creation.

amiable: friendly

uncouth: rude and ill-mannered

imbibe: to take in; to soak up

reprobate: disapprove

panegyric: speech that gives someone or something a lot of praise

mien: expression on face / demeanor

zeal: enthusiasm / passion

dogmatic: so sure that your beliefs are right that you expect others people to accept them

abstruse: difficult to understand

thenceforth: from that time forward

minute: extremely small

charnel-house: house or place where bodies or bones of the dead are deposited

physiognomy: facial features, esp. when taken as an indicator of character

II. Questions: answer the following questions while you read to check your comprehension.

Chpt. 3

1. What do Victor's parents decide he should do when he reaches the age of seventeen?
2. What happens to Elizabeth right before Victor leaves?
3. What happens to Victor's mother?
4. Why does Clerval's father not allow him to go study?
5. What causes Victor's spirit to rise on his way to Ingolstadt?
6. When Victor gets to Ingolstadt, who is the first person he goes and sees?
7. Who does Victor say he has been studying?
8. What was Professor M. Krempe say in response to Victor's previous studies?
9. What is Victor's opinion of M. Krempe?
10. Whose lecture does Victor go listen to?
11. What was this lecture about?
12. What was the difference between M. Kempe and M. Waldman when they hear about who Victor studied?
13. What is Victor's opinion of M. Waldman?

Chpt. 4

14. How much time Victor passed in his studies without going home?
15. According to Victor, how does science differ from other studies?

16. What incident happened that protracted, or extended, Victor's stay at Ingolstadt?
17. What did Victor's father take great precautions against?
18. While spending time in the crypts and vaults, what does Victor discover?
19. What does Victor tell Walton about the secret?
20. Why does Victor decide to build a gigantic creature of eight feet in height?
21. Where does Victor find the pieces for his project?