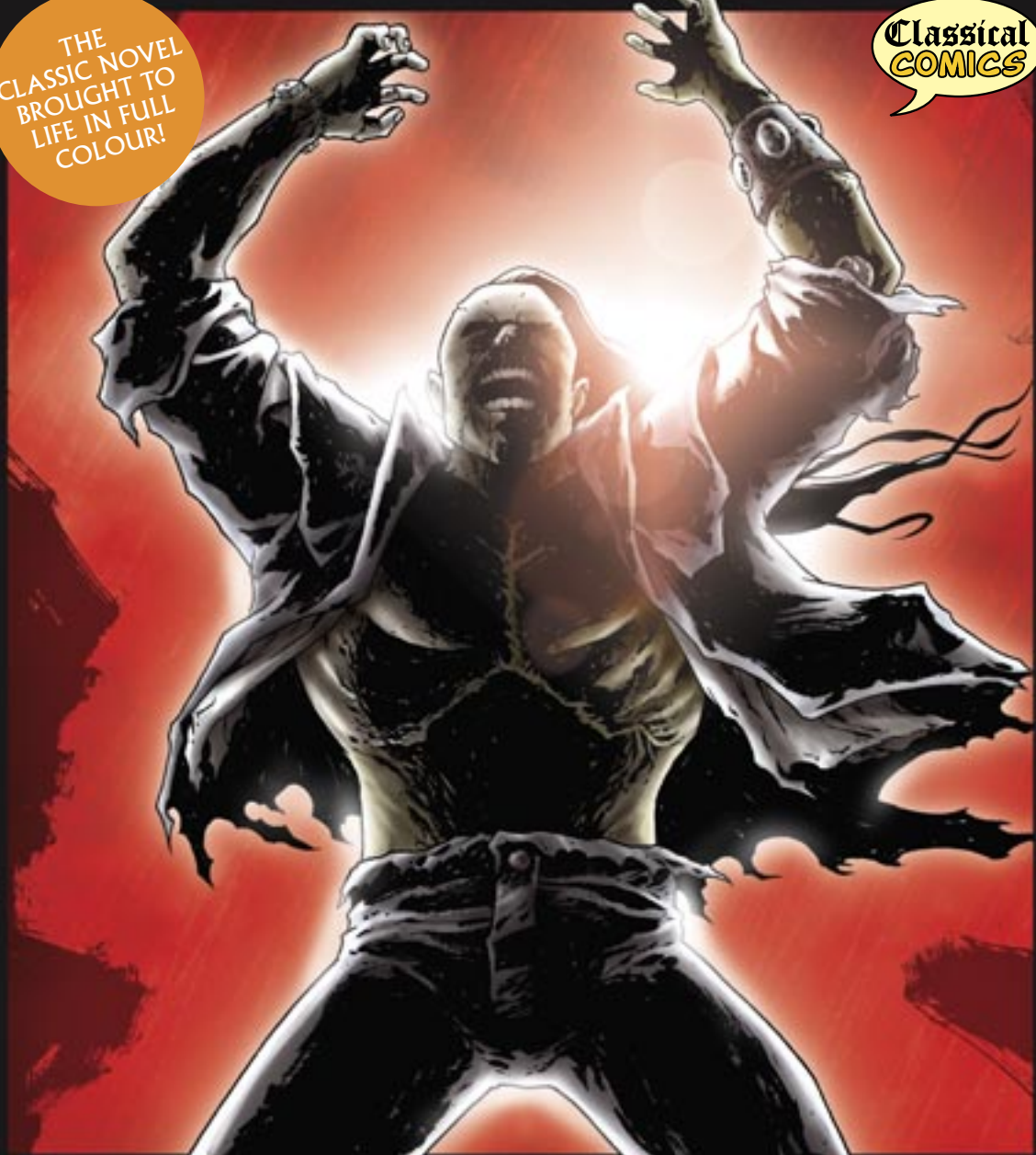


THE
CLASSIC NOVEL
BROUGHT TO
LIFE IN FULL
COLOUR!

Classical
COMICS



Frankenstein

THE GRAPHIC NOVEL
Mary Shelley

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Rick Text

I REMAINED FOR SEVERAL YEARS THEIR **ONLY** CHILD. I WAS THEIR ONLY PLAYTHING AND THEIR **IDOL**, AND SOMETHING **BETTER** - THEIR **CHILD**, THE **INNOCENT** AND **HELPLESS** CREATURE BESTOWED ON THEM BY HEAVEN.



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WE WERE BROUGHT UP **TOGETHER**; THERE WAS NOT QUITE A YEAR **DIFFERENCE** IN OUR AGES.

ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR **SECOND SON**, MY PARENTS GAVE UP **ENTIRELY** THEIR WANDERING LIFE, AND **FIXED** THEMSELVES IN THEIR **NATIVE COUNTRY**.



WHEN I WAS ABOUT FIVE YEARS OLD, MY MOTHER FOUND A **PEASANT** AND HIS **WIFE**, WITH FIVE **HUNGRY BABES**. AMONG THESE THERE WAS ONE WHICH **ATTRACTED** MY MOTHER **FAR ABOVE** ALL THE REST. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A **NOBLEMAN**, AND WITH MY **FATHER'S PERMISSION** MY MOTHER **PREVAILED** ON HER **RUSTIC GUARDIANS** TO **YIELD** THEIR CHARGE TO HER.



ELIZABETH LAVENZA BECAME THE **INMATE** OF MY PARENTS' HOUSE - **MY MORE THAN SISTER** -

THE **BEAUTIFUL** AND **ADORED** COMPANION OF ALL MY **OCCUPATIONS** AND MY **PLEASURES**.

WE POSSESSED A HOUSE IN **GENEVA**. THERE, I UNITED MYSELF IN THE BONDS OF THE CLOSEST **FRIENDSHIP** TO **HENRY CLERVAL**. HE WAS DEEPLY READ IN BOOKS OF **CHIVALRY** AND **ROMANCE**. HE BEGAN TO **WRITE** MANY A TALE.

THE **BUSY** STAGE OF **LIFE**, THE **VIRTUES** OF **HEROES**, AND THE **ACTIONS** OF **MEN** WERE **HIS** THEME.



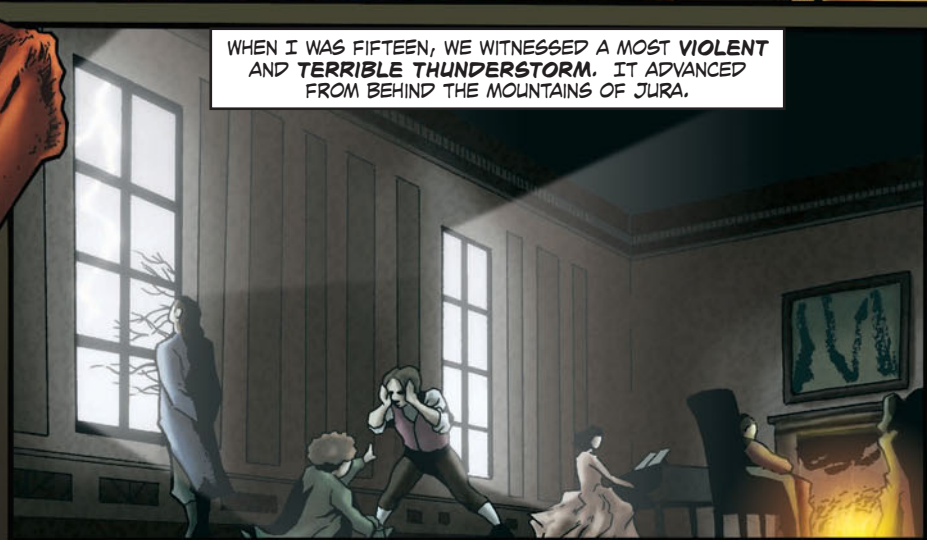
ELIZABETH WAS THE LIVING SPIRIT OF LOVE TO SOFTEN AND ATTRACT. CLERVAL MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN SO FULL OF KINDNESS AND TENDERNESS HAD SHE **NOT** UNFOLDED TO HIM THE **REAL** LOVELINESS OF BENEFICENCE.



NATURAL PHILOSOPHY IS THE **GENIUS** THAT HAS REGULATED MY FATE! I PROCURED THE **WHOLE WORKS** OF AGRIPPA, PARACELSPUS AND ALBERTUS MAGNUS. I READ AND STUDIED THE WILD FANCIES OF THESE WRITERS WITH **DELIGHT**. HERE WERE MEN WHO HAD PENETRATED THE **SECRETS** OF NATURE. I BECAME THEIR **DISCIPLE**.

WEALTH WAS AN **INFERIOR** OBJECT; BUT WHAT **GLORY** WOULD ATTEND THE DISCOVERY, IF I COULD **BANISH** DISEASE FROM THE HUMAN FRAME AND RENDER MAN **INVULNERABLE** TO ANY BUT A **VIOLENT DEATH!**

WHEN I WAS FIFTEEN, WE WITNESSED A MOST **VIOLENT** AND **TERRIBLE THUNDERSTORM**. IT ADVANCED FROM BEHIND THE MOUNTAINS OF JURA.





THE THUNDER **BURST** AT ONCE WITH **FRIGHTFUL LOUDNESS** FROM VARIOUS **QUARTERS** OF THE **HEAVENS**.

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I BEHELD A STREAM OF **FIRE** ISSUE FROM AN **OLD** AND **BEAUTIFUL OAK** --



-- AND AS SOON AS THE **DAZZLING LIGHT** VANISHED, THE **OAK** HAD **DISAPPEARED**, AND **NOTHING** REMAINED BUT A **BLASTED STUMP**.

THE NEXT MORNING, WE FOUND THE TREE **SHATTERED** IN A SINGULAR MANNER. IT WAS NOT SPLINTERED BY THE SHOCK, BUT **ENTIRELY REDUCED TO THIN RIBBONS OF WOOD.**



BEFORE THIS, I WAS NOT UNACQUAINTED WITH THE MORE **OBVIOUS LAWS OF ELECTRICITY.** I AT ONCE **GAVE UP** MY FORMER OCCUPATIONS. I BETOOK MYSELF TO THE MATHEMATICS AND THE BRANCHES OF STUDY **APPERTAINING TO THAT SCIENCE...**

...BUT IT WAS **INEFFECTUAL.** **DESTINY** WAS TOO POTENT, AND HER IMMUTABLE LAWS HAD DECREED MY **UTTER AND TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION.**

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CHAPTER III



WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN, MY PARENTS RESOLVED THAT I SHOULD BECOME A **STUDENT** AT THE UNIVERSITY OF INGOLSTADT; THEN **MISFORTUNE** OCCURRED.

ELIZABETH CAUGHT THE **SCARLET FEVER.** MY MOTHER ATTENDED HER **SICKBED;** ELIZABETH WAS **SAVED** BUT MY MOTHER **SICKENED.**



My children, my firmest hopes of future happiness were placed on the prospect of your union.



Elizabeth, my love, you must supply my place to my younger children.

Alas! I regret that I am taken from you.

I will endeavour to resign myself cheerfully to death --



-- and will indulge a hope of meeting you in another world.

SHE DIED **CALMLY**; AND HER **COUNTENANCE** EXPRESSED **AFFECTION** EVEN IN **DEATH**.



MY MOTHER WAS **DEAD**...



...BUT WE HAD STILL **DUTIES** WHICH WE **OUGHT** TO PERFORM. **ELIZABETH** **VEILED** HER **GRIEF**, AND **STROVE** TO ACT THE **COMFORTER** TO US ALL.



THE DAY OF MY **DEPARTURE** FOR **INGOLSTADT** AT LENGTH ARRIVED. **CLERVAL** HAD ENDEAVOURED TO PERSUADE HIS FATHER TO **PERMIT** HIM TO JOIN ME; BUT IN **VAIN**.



I **LOVED** MY BROTHERS, **ELIZABETH**, AND **CLERVAL**; BUT I **ARDENTLY** DESIRED THE **ACQUISITION** OF **KNOWLEDGE**.

MY JOURNEY TO INGOLSTADT WAS LONG AND FATIGUING. AT LENGTH THE HIGH WHITE STEEPLE OF THE TOWN MET MY EYES.



THE NEXT MORNING I DELIVERED MY LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION. CHANCE - OR RATHER THE ANGEL OF DESTRUCTION - LED ME FIRST TO...



...MONSIEUR KREMPE,
PROFESSOR OF NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.
HE WAS AN **UNCOUTH** MAN, BUT DEEPLY
IMBUED IN THE **SECRETS** OF HIS SCIENCE.

HAVE YOU
REALLY SPENT YOUR
TIME STUDYING SUCH
NONSENSE?

YES.

EVERY MINUTE,
EVERY INSTANT THAT
YOU HAVE **WASTED** ON
THOSE BOOKS IS UTTERLY
AND ENTIRELY
LOST!

I LITTLE
EXPECTED, IN THIS
ENLIGHTENED AND
SCIENTIFIC AGE,
TO FIND A DISCIPLE
OF **MAGNUS** AND
PARACELSUS!

MY
DEAR SIR,
YOU MUST BEGIN
YOUR STUDIES
ENTIRELY
ANEW!

I WENT INTO THE LECTURING ROOM OF **MONSIEUR WALDMAN**.
THIS PROFESSOR WAS VERY **UNLIKE** HIS COLLEAGUE.

THE ANCIENT
TEACHERS OF THIS SCIENCE
PROMISED **POSSIBILITIES**, AND
PERFORMED **NOTHING**.

THE
MODERN MASTERS
PROMISE **VERY LITTLE**;
THEY KNOW THAT THE
ELIXIR OF LIFE IS A
CHIMERA.

BUT THESE
PHILOSOPHERS PENETRATE
INTO THE RECESSES OF **NATURE**,
AND HAVE **DISCOVERED** HOW
THE **BLOOD CIRCULATES**, AND
THE **NATURE OF THE AIR**
WE BREATHE.

THEY HAVE ACQUIRED **NEW**
AND ALMOST **UNLIMITED**
POWERS;

THEY CAN **COMMAND**
THE **THUNDERS OF HEAVEN**,
MIMIC THE **EARTHQUAKE**,
AND EVEN **MOCK** THE
INVISIBLE WORLD WITH ITS
OWN SHADOWS.

SOON MY MIND WAS FILLED WITH **ONE THOUGHT**, **ONE CONCEPTION**,
ONE PURPOSE. I WILL **PIONEER** A NEW WAY, EXPLORE **UNKNOWN POWERS**,
AND UNFOLD TO THE WORLD THE **DEEPEST MYSTERIES OF CREATION**.

IN MONSIEUR WALDMAN, I FOUND A **TRUE FRIEND**. IN A THOUSAND WAYS HE **SMOOTHED** FOR ME THE PATH OF KNOWLEDGE. TWO YEARS PASSED IN WHICH I MADE SOME **DISCOVERIES** WHICH PROCURED ME **GREAT ESTEEM** AT THE UNIVERSITY.



ONE OF THE PHENOMENA WHICH HAD PECULIARLY ATTRACTED MY **ATTENTION** WAS THE **STRUCTURE** OF THE HUMAN FRAME, AND, INDEED, ANY ANIMAL ENDUED WITH **LIFE**.

WHENCE DID THE **PRINCIPLE** OF LIFE PROCEED? TO EXAMINE THE CAUSES OF **LIFE**, WE MUST FIRST HAVE RECOURSE TO **DEATH**. I BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH **ANATOMY**; BUT I MUST ALSO OBSERVE THE NATURAL **DECAY** AND **CORRUPTION** OF THE HUMAN BODY.

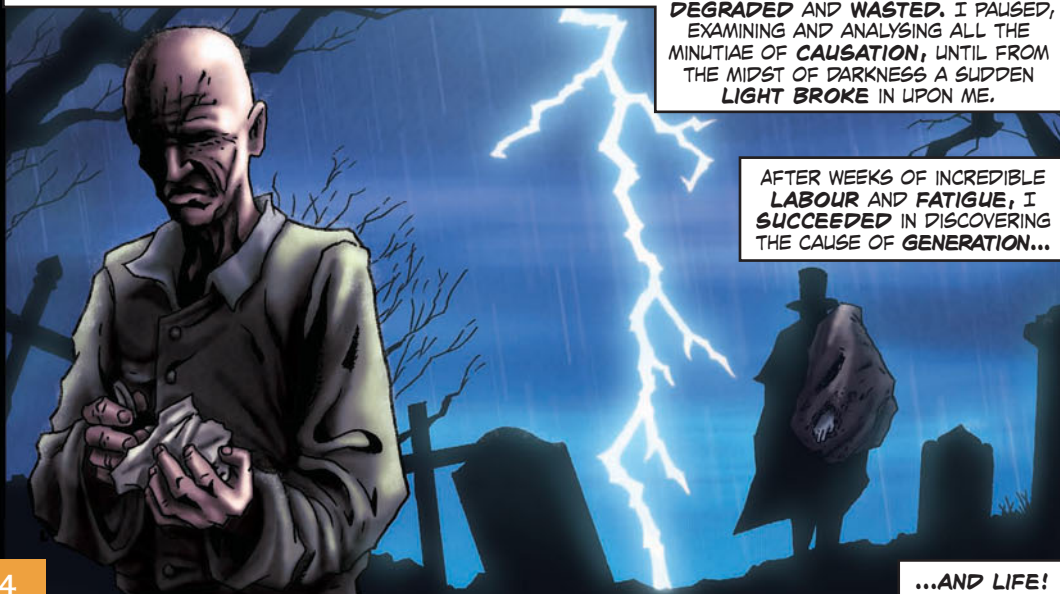


DARKNESS HAD NO EFFECT UPON MY FANCY; AND A **CHURCHYARD** WAS TO ME MERELY THE RECEPTACLE OF **BODIES** DEPRIVED OF LIFE, WHICH, FROM BEING THE SEAT OF **BEAUTY** AND **STRENGTH**...



...HAD BECOME **FOOD** FOR THE **WORM**.

I SPENT DAYS AND NIGHTS IN **VAULTS** AND **CHARNEL-HOUSES**. I SAW HOW THE FINE FORM OF MAN WAS **DEGRADED** AND **WASTED**. I PAUSED, EXAMINING AND ANALYSING ALL THE MINUTIAE OF **CAUSATION**, UNTIL FROM THE MIDST OF **DARKNESS** A SUDDEN **LIGHT** BROKE IN UPON ME.



AFTER WEEKS OF INCREDIBLE **LABOUR** AND **FATIGUE**, I **SUCCEEDED** IN DISCOVERING THE CAUSE OF **GENERATION**...

...AND **LIFE!**

WHEN I FOUND SO **ASTONISHING** A POWER PLACED WITHIN **MY HANDS**, I HESITATED A LONG TIME CONCERNING THE **MANNER** IN WHICH I SHOULD **EMPLOY** IT.

ALTHOUGH I POSSESSED THE **CAPACITY** OF BESTOWING ANIMATION, YET TO PREPARE A **FRAME** FOR THE RECEPTION OF IT...

...WITH ALL ITS **INTRICACIES** OF FIBRES, MUSCLES AND VEINS STILL REMAINED A WORK OF **INCONCEIVABLE DIFFICULTY**.

AS THE MINUTENESS OF THE PARTS FORMED A GREAT **HINDRANCE** TO MY SPEED, I RESOLVED TO MAKE THE BEING OF **GIGANTIC STATURE**: ABOUT **EIGHT FEET** IN HEIGHT, AND PROPORTIONALLY **LARGE**.

I SEEMED TO HAVE LOST ALL **SOUL** OR SENSATION BUT FOR THIS **ONE PURSUIT**.

IN A **SOLITARY CHAMBER**, OR RATHER **CELL**; I KEPT MY WORKSHOP OF **FILTHY CREATION**;

AND **OFTEN** DID MY HUMAN NATURE TURN WITH **LOATHING** FROM MY OCCUPATION.

SO DEEPLY WAS I **ENGROSSED** IN MY OCCUPATION. EVERY NIGHT I WAS **OPPRESSED** BY A SLOW **FEVER**, AND I BECAME **NERVOUS** TO A MOST PAINFUL DEGREE;

THE FALL OF A LEAF **STARTLED** ME, AND I **SHUNNED** MY FELLOW-CREATURES AS IF I HAD BEEN **GUILTY** OF A **CRIME**.