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Frankenstein is an 1818 fictional novel by Mary Shelley that describes Victor Frankenstein- the main character as an ambitious young man who excelled in the university and graduated with honors in chemistry despite coming from a rich family. In his pursuit to make a human replica in the laboratory, he missed crucial steps, making him a monster that got him terrified and ran away. In his story to Captain Walton's crew, he recollected how he found the monster missing upon returning to his laboratory with his friend Henry, which made him sick. Hence, Henry had to nurse him for four months until he recovered (Shelley, 1818). Robert Walton narrates how Victor's dream to return to Geneva became almost impossible because he was ever sickening by missing the monster creature he had earlier created. However, his father's letter about the murder of his brother made his return.

Immediately he set his eyes at the crime scene, and he saw the creature at the same scene. Even though their adopted sister Justine was accused and later hanged for the brother's death, he got so guilty because deep down, he was sure that the creature had killed his brother and not Justine, but at the same time, he knew that nobody could believe him for the lady to set free (Shelley, 1818). Notably, in Walton's letter to his sister, he narrates how Victor becomes guilty after learning that it is the monster that he created by his own hands that is responsible for the death of his two beloved siblings.

The story of the victor continued in the letters to Walton's sister when the victor decided to go to the mountain to have some time alone. The creature approaches him to confess and ask for forgiveness concerning the two deaths. In turn, the creature persuaded victor to create for him a mate and swore to serve him for the rest of his life but still horrified of creating another

monster creature. Nevertheless, Victor agrees to the requests but later abandons the whole project when he saw that it was dangerous to create another being of that creature (Shelley, 1818). On realizing that Victor had abandoned the whole project, the creature fumes and swore to kill Victor on his wedding night, and before long, Henry gets killed by the creature, something that makes Victor get saddened. He gets married later, and because he had been warned to get killed by the creature, Victor sends her wife away to meet to avoid any danger to them.

Still, the screams from his wife alarmed him, and he immediately began pursuing the creature to destroy it. He chases the monster to the ice, and when about to catch up with it, the ice mountain breaks, leaving an impassible ridge between them (Shelley, 1818). As a result, Victor gets devastated due to the real occurrences of events bearing in mind that his father also died shortly after realizing how the creature created by Victor messed his family that was once happy, rich, and united. Walton crew finds Victor emaciated and sickling because he had stayed on the ice for long without anyone to look after him.

The fictional story tells us how the pursuit of knowledge can lead us to the construction of danger that can turn dangerous to our existence and those around us. Therefore, knowledge must be pursued with caution and care to avoid leading a regretting life and harming our loved ones like Victor. Specifically, this swept his entire family by his urge to create a superhuman being through his outstanding chemistry knowledge from the university. Before pursuing any field of knowledge, one should consider the Frankenstein effect of his or her actions to help bring only useful innovations to society. Importantly, procedural activities like human theatre must be done correctly to prevent the Frankenstein effects on the people being operated on. Even though fictional, the narration carries very important moral lessons of being considerate in pursuing our goals and knowledge.

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