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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## Frankenstein

### 6: Death comes to you



*NB: This is not a word-for-word transcript*

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**Language point: may / might / could & infinitive for probable situations /future possibilities**

#### **IN THE CREATURE'S HUT, SITTING BY THE FIRE**

##### **Creature**

Hello, I'm the Creature. And I've been telling you and my creator, Viktor Frankenstein, about my experience meeting people. Some feared me, some hated me and finally I found a man who was kind to me... Well, he was blind and couldn't see my ugly face. But I hoped he might help me persuade others I'm good and loving... There I was, in his house, when his children arrived. What would they do when they saw me?

#### **IN THE PAST - IN THE DELACEYS' HOME**

##### **Girl**

Oh! What is that? Ohhhhhh...

##### **Boy**

Sister? She's **fainted!** Get away from my father you monster! Don't be frightened, Dad! Get out of here, ugly monster! This will show you!

##### **Creature**

Ouch! Ouch! Please, please don't hurt me!

##### **Boy**

Out! Out!

##### **Father**

Son, what's going on?

##### **Creature**

Ouch! Arrrrrgh!

## IN THE CREATURE'S HUT, BY THE FIRE

### **Creature**

Oh that boy beat me with a stick! And he beat me and beat me! I could have killed him but... I just ran away. I was really angry! I wanted to be their best friend... But it was not going to happen. That's when I decided life is a war against man! Then I thought **you, Dr Frankenstein, might be the only person** to give me some answers. You, my creator!

### **Viktor Frankenstein**

How did you know where I lived?

### **Creature**

Papers I took from your laboratory in Germany said you came from Geneva and that's where I was going! It took me two months to reach the place. One night I was ready to go to sleep when I heard the voice of a child...

## IN THE PAST - IN THE WOODS NEAR GENEVA

### **William**

(Humming a song)

## IN THE CREATURE'S HUT, BY THE FIRE

### **Creature**

The beautiful boy looked innocent and I thought **he might accept** my appearance. I decided that I would take him with me to be my friend. I wouldn't be lonely anymore. But when I caught him... well, I tried to tell him I wouldn't harm him.

## IN THE PAST - IN THE WOODS NEAR GENEVA

### **William**

Let me go, horrible monster! Let me go or I'll tell my daddy! He's a powerful man! He'll beat you! His name is Frankenstein!

## IN THE CREATURE'S HUT, BY THE FIRE

### **Creature**

That name **took me by surprise!** The name of my enemy! I felt so much hate... I put my hands around his neck and I held it. Yes, I held it tight and... suddenly I realised he went silent.

### **Viktor Frankenstein**

My brother William! My father is called Alphonse. Alphonse Frankenstein. And he doesn't even know about you!

**Creature**

I knew this would make you suffer! You made me suffer and now I realised **I could make you suffer too.**

**Viktor Frankenstein**

And what happened to Justine, William's nanny, who was executed as his murderer?

**Creature**

I found this lovely woman sleeping in a hut. I thought about waking her up but... I was sure she wouldn't be nice to me! She should suffer for that!

**Viktor Frankenstein**

And what did you do?

**Creature**

I put a locket with the picture of a woman I took from the boy's body in her pocket. My life is very sad and I made her pay for it!

**Viktor Frankenstein**

Horrible creature! You're responsible for the deaths of two good and innocent people!

**Creature**

I told you, I was good too. But now I'm sad and alone! Nobody will ever love me... unless you create a woman - a monster like me - whom I can share my life with.

**Viktor Frankenstein**

Another monster like you? No!

**Creature**

What I ask you is fair. If you give me another creature that looks like me, **I could go** and take it far away to South America. I'll make sure nobody will ever see us again.

**Viktor Frankenstein**

No more contact with people?

**Creature**

No. Never again.

**Viktor Frankenstein**

Let me think about it. I'll tell you my decision next time.

## **Vocabulary**

### **fainted**

lost consciousness

### **took me by surprise**

was something I didn't expect