

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

Language point: past simple / present simple / present perfect / present continuous / going to future

TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC

Captain

Hello I'm Captain Walton. Something unexpected happened on my way here to the Arctic. I still can't make sense of it. I and my crew found this poor man on the ice. He was half dead when we rescued him. He said his name was Viktor Frankenstein. He was a good man but a very sad one. He told us a very strange story about a monster he created. And this monster was responsible for many deaths. He said he wished to warn me about the dangers of science but I think what he wanted was to get that story off of his chest. We took care of him but unfortunately he died. Poor man. What a crazy story!

Crewman

Captain, I have some good news.

Captain

Yes, sailor.

Crewman

There's a change in the wind. It's warmer. The ice **is disappearing** and we **are going to be able** to continue our trip to the North Pole.

Captain

That is really good news. Thank you.

Crewman

I **thought** you needed some cheering up. It's sad what **happened** to that poor man, Frankenstein, who died earlier, isn't it? We gave him blankets, hot soup, but he was already very weak.

Captain

Yes. Yes, I know. What else could we have done?

Crewman

Do you think that story he told us is true? About the monster? I remember the big shadow we saw far away, in the middle of the ice, before we rescued Frankenstein.

Captain

Yes, it was moving very quickly before it disappeared. But maybe it was something else. How can we be sure? All **we've been able to see** for weeks is this ice!

Crewman

Yes. I guess so. Well sir, let me go back to preparing the ship to continue our journey.

Captain

What's... what's that? Someone's crying. The sound is coming from the cabin where Frankenstein's body is. Let me see what this is...

IN THE SHIP'S CABIN

Captain

Oh, who... who're you? You're so big, and...

Creature

Ugly. You mean ugly.

Captain

You must be the Creature! His story was true!

Creature

Yes. He built me and brought me to life... to a very sad life. Now **he's gone**. I found him dead.

Captain

Well, at least ... at least he's in peace now. He was carrying great pain in his heart. But **why are you holding** his body and crying? I thought you wanted to kill him?

Creature

I came to tell him I'm so very sorry.

Captain

Sorry?! Is it true? Maybe you're crying because you can't hurt him anymore. You caused him so many problems! All those deaths...

Creature

And what good has it done? I wanted to be kind and have love and friendship. But all I got was hatred. People feared me, they attacked me. And I hated them and attacked them in return. Now I hate myself.

Captain

And so **what are you going to do?**

Creature

Only death can end my suffering. I'll go north, build a fire and throw myself into the flames. Then it will be over.

Captain

But are... are you sure? Does it have to be this way?

Creature

That's the only way. My body will be blown to the sea by the wind and my spirit will finally be free. Goodbye, Frankenstein. Goodbye, sir. Don't follow me.

Captain

There goes the Creature running fast across the ice. What a powerful being and how sorry he was! Oh, **he's disappeared** now... Poor creature. In the future we might know him as Frankenstein. That was the name of his creator. He, or... it, didn't even get a name. It's just called the Creature. A Creature which will never be seen again.

Vocabulary**make sense of**

understand

get off his chest

tell other people something that is worrying him so that he feels better

cheering up

making someone feel happier

pain

emotional suffering

hatred

strong dislike

spirit

soul, inner self