FRANKENSTEIN By Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, adapted for radio by Antony Ellis (06/07/1955)

Characters

DR. VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN FRANKENSTEIN’S MONSTER

HENRY (Victor’s friend) ELIZABETH (Victor’s cousin & girlfriend)

Setting: Henry’s house, on the back porch, late in the evening.

Prior to this scene, Dr. Frankenstein created a monster. When his monster starts destroying

things and killing people, Dr. Frankenstein runs away to England, hoping to leave the evil

monster behind him.

ELIZABETH

screaming

Victor! Victor!

VICTOR

We’re out here, Beth.

ELIZABETH

Oh I’ve just had a horrible experience. Darling, I’m so glad to see you!

VICTOR

You’re pale, Beth. Sit down right here next to me.

HENRY

Oh, what happened, Beth?

ELIZABETH

I was . . . I was walking in the woods not far from here when I looked up and saw . . . and saw a man . . . sort of a man standing over me.

HENRY: Well men aren’t so bad, that is if you happen to know the right ones, and you do.

Elizabeth:

I’m not joshing, Henry. He was not exactly a man. He was twice the height of anyone I’d ever seen. And his skin looked like dried parchment. It’s incredible, but I think I’ve seen a monster.

HENRY

Monster?

ELIZABETH

Yes, I . . . I ran away. He didn’t follow me; just, just stared after me. Watching me. You do believe me, don’t you?

HENRY:

A monster stared after you?

ELIZABETH:

Oh, look, look! Henry, Victor, through the trees right out there! Look! There he is again!

(wind blowing)