

FRANKENSTEIN: A Living Comic Book

STORY AND ACTIVITY BOOK!



to accompany the play
FRANKENSTEIN: A Living Comic Book
By Craig Francis, Rick Miller, Paul Van Dyck
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Adapted from the novel by Mary Shelley
Directed by Craig Francis and Rick Miller

Who wrote the original book “Frankenstein”?

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley was the writer who wrote the book *Frankenstein*.



Mary Shelley was born in 1797, the child of parents who were both philosophers and writers. She married the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley in 1814, and began writing *Frankenstein* during travels with him in 1816. During a stay with poet Lord Byron at his manor house, the writers held a competition to write a scary story. Mary Shelley's story has become famous worldwide. Published in 1818, *Frankenstein* is considered the original Science Fiction book. It was a hit and was adapted into stage plays during Mary's lifetime. Mary Shelley wrote many more books and articles, and died in 1851 at age 53.

Can you believe that an 18-year-old young woman invented Science Fiction?

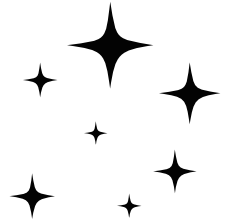
**The original full title of Frankenstein was
“Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus”.**

In Greek myths, Prometheus was the titan who created humans from clay and mud. He is also the titan who stole fire from the gods to give to humans. Mary Shelley took the brand new science of electricity and wondered if humans could use it to re-animate the dead.

You are the artist!

MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT SHELLEY

Use crayons or pencil crayons or markers to bring her to life!



Creative Thoughts

Draw what Mary Shelley and Victor Frankenstein are imagining!



The Story of Frankenstein

Fill in the blanks with the correct words to tell the story!

1. Victor Frankenstein was a mad _____.
2. The monster he made is called The _____.
3. He created it by stitching together _____ bodies.
4. He got the bodies from a _____.
5. He stitched them together in his science _____.
6. He got the electric charge from _____.
7. The electricity charged the monster's _____.
8. Victor got _____ and ran away.
9. The monster was by itself, and felt _____.
10. It watched humans, in order to learn how to _____.
11. It found Victor and told him its _____.
12. It asked Victor to make it a _____.

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WORD LIST:

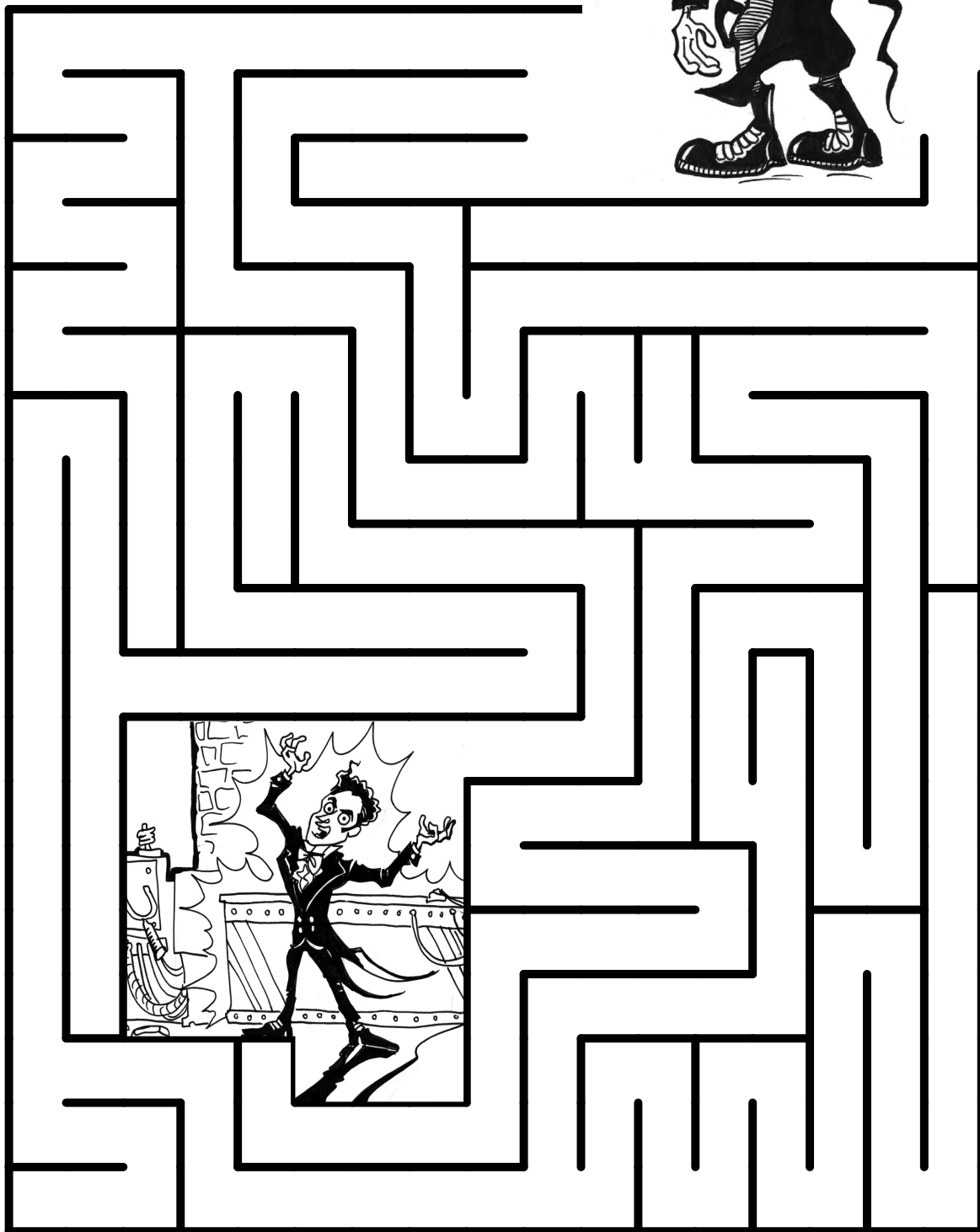
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FRIEND LABORATORY STORY
SCIENTIST BRAIN SCARED
GRAVEYARD LIGHTNING
CREATURE

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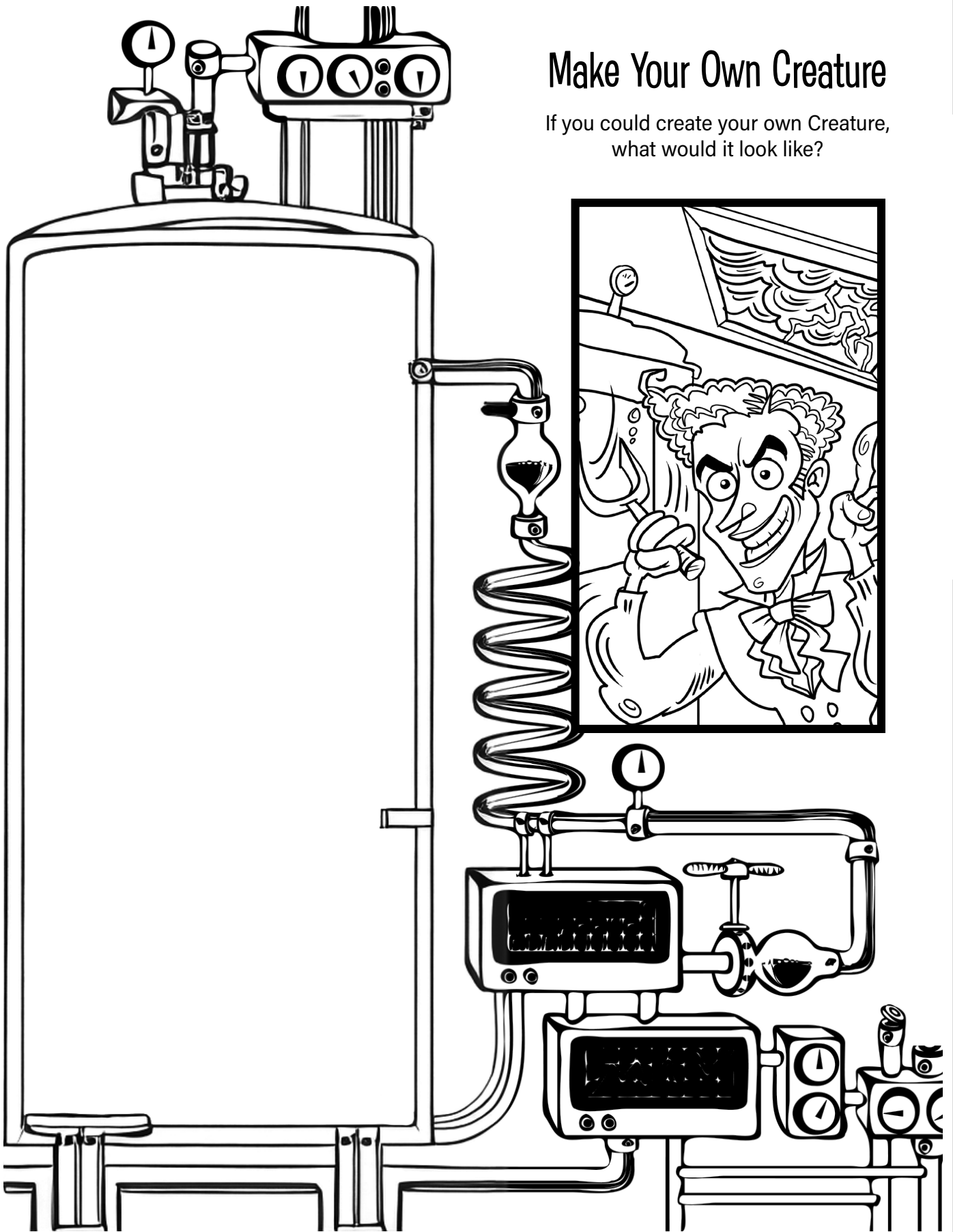
Ice-MAZE-ing!

Help The Creature find his way through the ice to meet his maker, Victor Frankenstein!



Make Your Own Creature

If you could create your own Creature,
what would it look like?



“EXQUISITE CORPSE” Make a Creature with Friends!

Artists in the 1920's invented this game. You can invent parts of a monster without seeing the rest of it, then see how it all looks when put together!

1. Fold a piece of paper into 3 parts.
2. Draw the head of a creature on the top third. Then fold it over so your friend can't see it.
3. The friend will draw the body and arms of the creature in the middle third.
4. Then they fold that over and
5. The next friend will draw the legs.

Hints:

You can help the next person by making the lines of the bottom of your section go just over the fold line, for instance show the ends of the neck or waist, so the finished creature drawing joins up!

You can be creative, for instance by thinking what a creature might have instead of ears or arms or legs!



“EXQUISITE CORPSE”

A large rectangular frame with a solid black border. Inside the frame, there are two horizontal dashed lines, one near the top and one near the bottom, dividing the space into three sections. This is a template for a comic book page, likely for a drawing or a story.

Whirling Words!

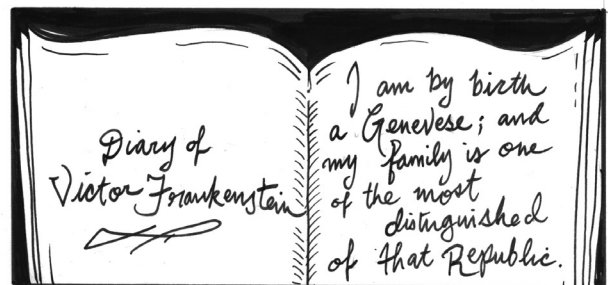
The Creature ripped up Victor's journal! Can you find these words in the mess?

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 L D E H F B B F C V K V R E V E N G E Z
 A E X U O C C R H S Y G R A V E C I A U
 B A P N R A O A O E C B Z S H I P T S C
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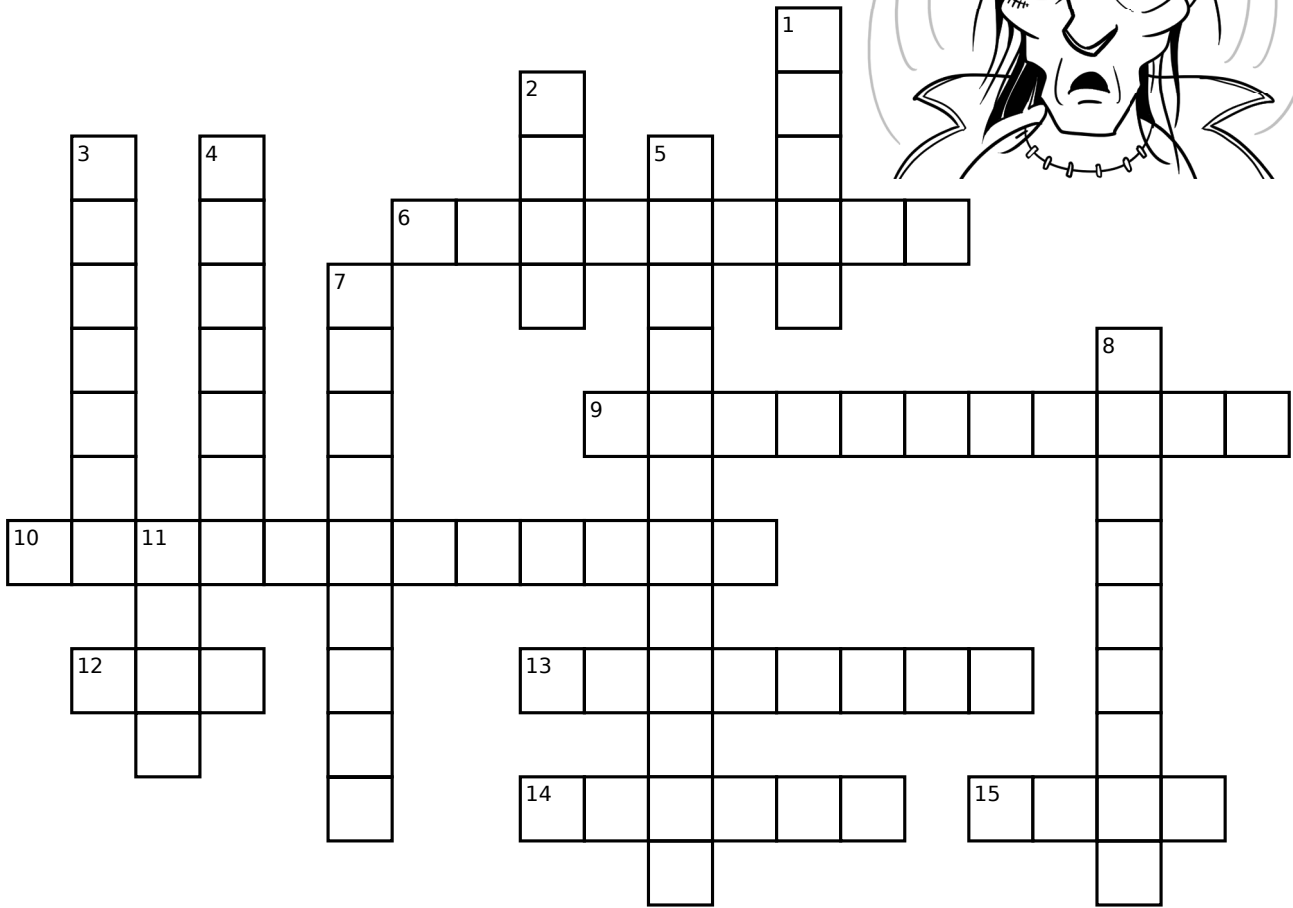
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WORD LIST:

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| CREATURE | JOURNAL | BOOK |
| MONSTER | STORY | SHIP |
| FRANKENSTEIN | SCIENCE | ARCTIC |
| ELECTRICITY | COMIC | BRAIN |
| LABORATORY | ART | DEAD |
| UNIVERSITY | GRAVE | CLIMATE |
| SCHOOL | FATHER | MELT |
| ELIZABETH | CABIN | REVENGE |
| EXPERIMENT | WOODS | FORGIVE |
| LIGHTNING | BROTHER | |
| THUNDER | WILLIAM | |
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Crossword puzzle



DOWN:

1. Think! Use your _____!
2. When you don't succeed at a task or a class.
3. William is Victor's little _____.
4. "Sci-Fi" stands for Science _____.
5. A.I. stands for Artificial _____.
7. Where does Victor find dead bodies?
8. Thunder and _____.
11. Victor sees the Creature and runs _____.

ACROSS:

6. Dr. Frankenstein is the original mad _____.
9. What brings Frankenstein's monster to life?
10. Victor's last name
12. Where a scientist works (short form)
13. Dr. Frankenstein created The _____.
14. Mary travels north to the ice of the _____.
15. "Oh no! What have I _____?"

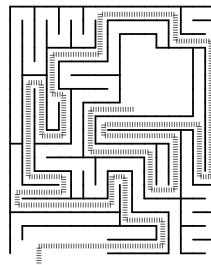
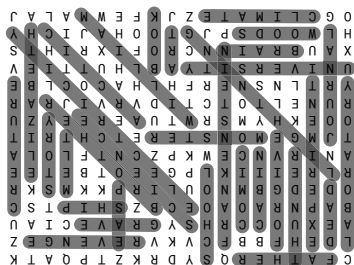
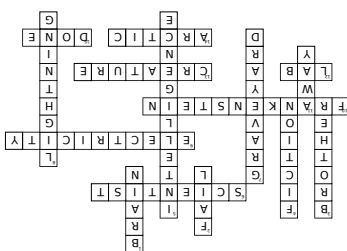


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Answers:



1. Victor Frankenstein was a mad **SCIENTIST**.
2. The monster he made is called The **CREATURE**.
3. He created it by stitching together **DEAD** bodies.
4. He got the bodies from a **GRAVEYARD**.
5. He stitched them together in his science **LABORATORY**.
6. He got the electric charge from **LIGHTNING**.
7. The electricity charged the monster's **BRAIN**.
8. Victor got **SCARED** and ran away.
9. The monster was by itself, and felt **LONELY**.
10. It watched humans, in order to learn how to **SPEAK**.
11. It found Victor and told him its **STORY**.
12. It asked Victor to make it a **FRIEND**.

