

The Curse of Frankenstein

a short film

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ANNOUNCER: Good evening, ladies and gentleman. Welcome to the Late Night Movie. Tonight's film is entitled "The Curse of Frankenstein." Sit back and enjoy the show. They still do these late night movie things, right?

Dissolve to exterior, Frankenstein's castle.

Dissolve to interior.

Dr. Frankenstein enters.

FRANKENSTEIN: Come quickly, Igor. We've got much to do.

Igor enters, carrying a box.

IGOR: Yes, master. All you asked for is here. All is ready.

Frankenstein: Very good, Igor. Now we'll finish the experiment. Our guests shall be here right now.

Count Dracula enters.

DRACULA: Good evening.

FRANKENSTEIN: Ah, a pleasure to see you, Count.

DRACULA: This convention will be the best one yet.

Dr. Imhotep enters.

IMHOTEP: Evening, Doctor. Evening, Count.

FRANKENSTEIN: Same to you, Dr. Imhotep. How was your trip from Egypt?

IMHOTEP: I slept like a mummy.

DRACULA: You are a mummy.

IMHOTEP: I know.

Rev. Talbot enters.

FRANKENSTEIN: Ah, Reverend Talbot.

TALBOT: Good evening, Dr. Frankenstein.

FRANKENSTEIN: And where is the Wolfman?

Talbot transforms into the Wolfman and howls.

DRACULA: Listen to them, the children of the night. What music they make.

FRANKENSTEIN: Friends, I've invited you to witness a experiment. Tonight I'll achieve what no man has achieved before. For tonight, I'll create life. Tonight will be my greatest triumph since sliced bread. Tonight we shall create a man. They say I'm mad, Igor. Well, I shall prove them wrong. Let us begin.

IGOR: Yes, master.

Igor hand flasks to Frankenstein, one by one.

FRANKENSTEIN: First, bring me the voice of a great evangelist. Now for the courage of Stephen. Next, the patience of Job. Lastly, the

hypodermic with the serums I've distilled in. Daily doses of generosity, witnessing, temperance and a triple dose of orthodoxy. Examine the box, Igor. Must not overlook anything.

IGOR: No, master. All is in place.

FRANKENSTEIN: And now run a million volts through my creation and bring it to life. Stand back, Igor. (activates jumper-cables)

Frankenstein's Monster begins to move.

IGOR: Master, he's moving.

FRANKENSTEIN: I triumph! I've created life!

Frankenstein's Monster stands up.

FRANKENSTEIN: Speak to me, for you live.

MONSTER: If I speak in the language of men and of angels, but have not love, I am just a creaking of a rusty gate.

FRANKENSTEIN: What do you mean by that?

MONSTER: If I have the gift of prophecy and the understanding all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

FRANKENSTEIN: What is he saying, Igor?

IGOR: I don't know, master.

MONSTER: If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship, but have not love, I gain nothing. So, no matter what I say, no matter what I believe, no matter what I do, I am bankrupt without love!

FRANKENSTEIN: Bankrupt without love?

Monster chases the others away.

FRANKENSTEIN: Igor, you fool! You've forgotten such a small thing!

Frankenstein exits.

IGOR: I think we created a monster.

ANNOUNCER: We hope you enjoyed The Late Night Movie. Thank you and good night. I swear they haven't done these things in, like, twenty years..