

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I WAS THEIR ONLY CHILD. THEY TRULY LOVED ME.



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CHAPTER II

THERE WAS LESS THAN A YEAR BETWEEN US.



MY PARENTS SETTLED IN GENEVA WHEN THEIR SECOND SON WAS BORN.

WHEN I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD, MY MOTHER ADOPTED THE DAUGHTER OF A NOBLEMAN. ELIZABETH LAVENZA BECAME MY SISTER - MORE THAN THAT...

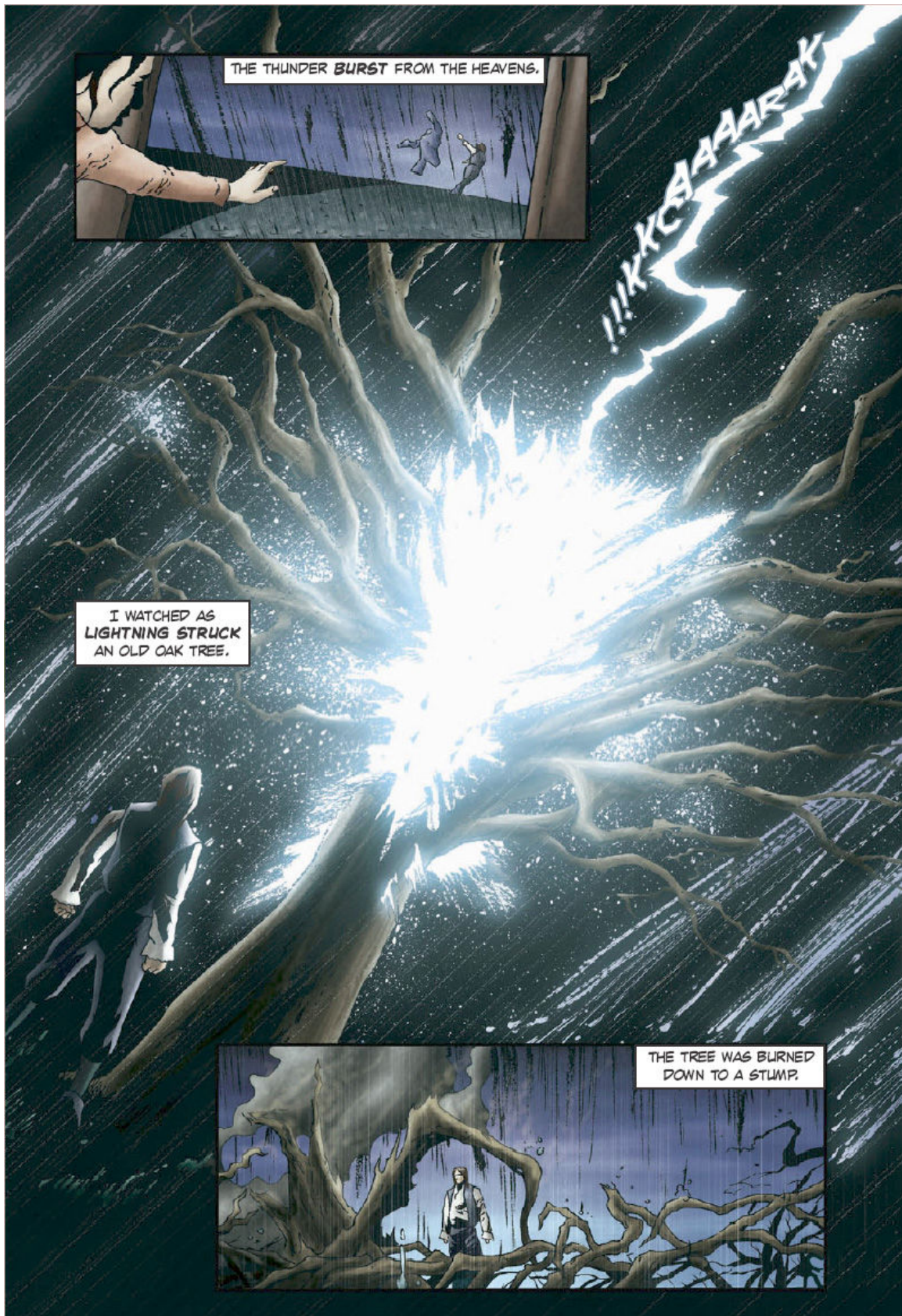


I TRULY ADORED HER.

THERE, I BECAME GREAT FRIENDS WITH HENRY CLERVAL. HE LOVED TO READ AND WRITE, AS WELL AS ACT.







THE NEXT MORNING, WE FOUND
THE TREE **SHATTERED** INTO
THIN RIBBONS OF WOOD.



AT ONCE I BEGAN TO STUDY
THE MATHEMATICS AND
SCIENCE OF **ELECTRICITY**...

...BUT **DESTINY** HAD
ALREADY DECIDED ON
MY **DESTRUCTION**.

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CHAPTER III

WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN,
I WAS DUE TO LEAVE FOR
INGOLSTADT UNIVERSITY -
BUT **ELIZABETH** CAUGHT
SCARLET FEVER.



SHE **RECOVERED**, BUT MY
MOTHER BECAME **SICK**
FROM TENDING TO HER.



My children,
your marriage
together would
make me very
happy.



Elizabeth,
you must look
after my younger
children.



I hope
to see you
in another
world...

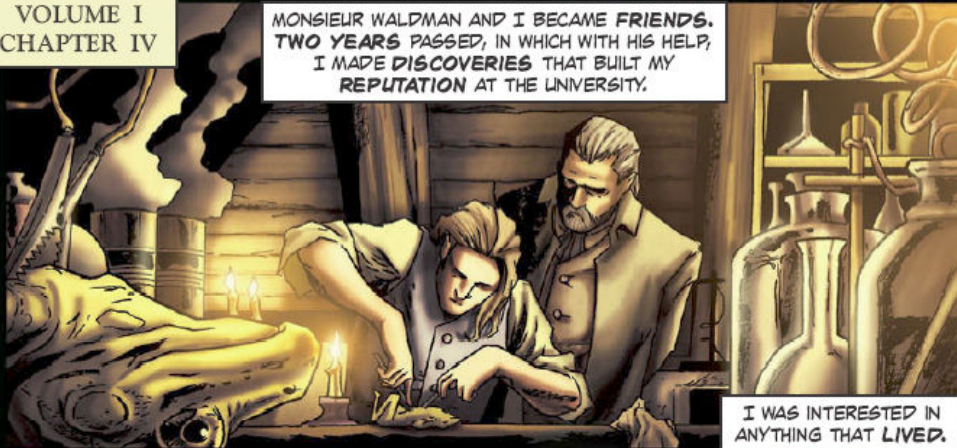






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MONSIEUR WALDMAN AND I BECAME **FRIENDS**.
TWO YEARS PASSED, IN WHICH WITH HIS HELP,
I MADE **DISCOVERIES** THAT BUILT MY
REPUTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY.



I WAS INTERESTED IN
ANYTHING THAT **LIVED**.

MOST OF ALL, I WANTED TO KNOW
HOW LIFE WAS **CREATED**.
TO **UNDERSTAND** LIFE, WE MUST
FIRST UNDERSTAND **DEATH**.



TO ME, A **CHURCHYARD** WAS JUST
A PLACE FULL OF **DEAD BODIES**...



...THAT HAD BECOME **FOOD FOR WORMS**.

I SPENT DAYS AND NIGHTS **EXAMINING** DEAD BODIES.
I SAW HOW MAN **DEGRADED** AND **EXAMINED EVERY**
LITTLE **DETAIL**...



...UNTIL, AFTER WEEKS OF
WORK, I DISCOVERED
THE **SECRET**...

...OF **LIFE**!

