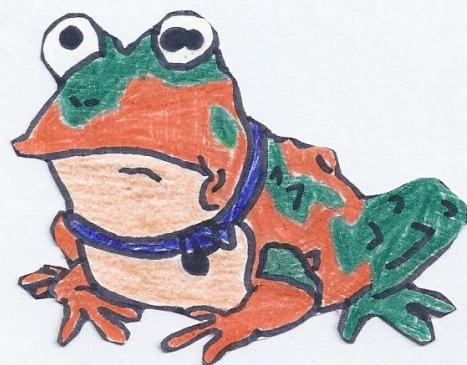




Dream or Reality ?!



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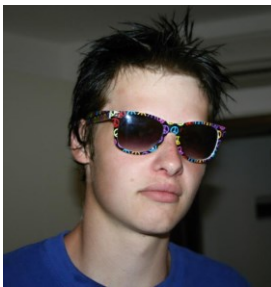
The main characters



Elis is a 16-year old good-looking girl. She has got long blond hair and green eyes. She's smart, self-confident, funny and active. She is keen on chocolate, loves dancing and is interested in fashion.



Kate is a 16-year old pretty girl. She has got long black hair and blue eyes. She's reliable, courageous and honest. She likes music and plays a few music instruments. She is intelligent and fond of reading books.



Mark is a 16-year old clever boy. He has got short brown hair and green eyes. He is fun to be with. He's brave, stubborn and restless. He is a good observer. He likes watching TV and playing computer games.



Veronica is a 15-year old gorgeous girl. She has got black hair and big blue eyes. She's talkative, optimistic and funny. She loves crazy ideas. She is fond of wearing colourful clothes. She is keen on delicious dishes.



Frankenstein is a monster that can transform into different creatures. He wants to take control over the world.



Martin and Josef are two mysterious men.

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For Kate's birthday a few friends decided to organize a birthday party for her in the Krusne Mountains. They did a camp fire in the forest: there were marshmallows, sausages and, of course alcohol. It was such a funny atmosphere but it was so cold. Suddenly Veronica decided to go the car to take a jacket. After half an hour, as she hadn't come back, they began to be worried, so they decided to look for her in groups. They did not want to be separated in



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrOvmOhtDtE>

that dark forest. They took an electric torch and walked silently in the forest when suddenly they all fell into a large hole. They were deeply scared because they could not see anything but also relieved because Veronica was there too. It was an old mine and unfortunately they didn't know how to get out of it.

Suddenly they heard strange noises...

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They were very frightening. Veronica started screaming. Mark tried to calm her down. He said to her: "Don't panic! It will be all right." But nothing could stop her from being terrified to death! She started to run into the darkness somewhere into the centre of the mine.

Veronica was running for a few minutes, suddenly she tripped over a large stone, lost her electric torch and fell down. She was wounded and tried to concentrate. She couldn't hear or see anything. No light, no noise, nothing.

She found her torch, but the torch didn't work! She calmed down a little bit, stood up and headed back. But without any light it was very difficult.

After a few minutes she stopped surprised – she heard some voices in the distance. Some men were arguing. She decided to follow the voices; she was coming to them nearer and nearer. But then the voices fell silent. Veronica felt desperate; she was lost in the middle of the mine!

Suddenly something touched her hand. What was it? - A big spider! How terrifying!!! She turned back and started to run. And this time she was lucky, she ran into Mark and Elis, who were looking for her. They were together again. Veronica told them about the men she heard and they decided to find them.

They were walking through the tunnels in the mine for a few hours, when they saw some light. They followed it and they came to a place, which looked like an underground cave.

But then they noticed a body of a man. He was bleeding from a wound on his head. He was lying on his back with closed eyes and very pale face. At first they were scared and wanted to escape as soon as possible, but then Elis came to him and touched his wrist. No pulse! The man was dead!!!

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“Oh my god!” They were all terrified. “What happened here? Who did this, and more importantly, where is the exit?” They were in despair; they were lost, cold, hungry, and terrified. And suddenly they heard a man's voice: “What are you doing here? It's my mine! What is this body doing here?” “We don't know. We are so terrified, where is the exit?” “Well..., as I understand you are here just by accident, I'll take you to the exit, but you have to help me find out who murdered this man.”

“Ok, we will do so, but help us find the exit!”

“I’ll now take you to the exit, but tomorrow, you have to be here.”

“Sure, thanks for your help.”

The next day, when they came to the man’s mine to help him they realized there was a light switch they hadn’t noticed the day before near the place they had fallen in! And they had walked in darkness all that time!

“Hello kids! Are you ready to play detectives? And sorry that I didn’t introduce myself yesterday. My name is Martin.”

“Yes, but who was that man?”

Martin got upset instantly.

“You see, he was my brother...”

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Mark looked at him with suspicion: “What did you do with the body and why didn’t you call the police?”

Martin answered immediately: „When I returned to the body of my brother yesterday, I couldn’t find it. The body had disappeared. I looked everywhere, but found nothing. I just can’t explain it! That’s why I need your help and must know the answer before I call the police.”

Veronika asked: “And are you really the owner of that mine?”

“Actually not the owner but a custodian, I take care of the mine and in the season I work as a guide.”

“A guide?” they all asked at once.

“Yes, you are standing in [the mine of Saint Martin in Krupka](#). It is one of the oldest and biggest tin mine not only in the north of Bohemia but in Europe. The mining started in the 14th century and finished nearly one hundred years ago. You can find here a lot of kilometres of corridors and only one

kilometre is open for visitors. In the forest there are plenty of holes left after the mining and you must have fallen through one of them”

Elis nodded:”I see, it explains a lot.” She looked at her other friends.“ I think, we can trust you. So what could we do for you?”

Martin said:” At first we must search the cave, where you saw my poor brother, perhaps we will find something.”

They started to search the cave centimeter after centimeter. After a few minutes Veronika shouted out: „I have found something! It seems to be a piece of blue glass”.

“Give it to me”, Martin said quickly, “we will look at it outside. Now we must keep on searching.”

After two hours they found nothing more. They went out of the cave and looked at the blue glass in the day light. They couldn’t see anything special about it. It was cut and glittered in the light. Martin wanted to put it into his pocket and said:” It is nothing, somebody just lost it there.”

But Mark took the piece of glass from his hand. “Veronika has found it, it belongs to her!”

Martin looked at him angrily, but didn’t answer. Suddenly Elis shouted out and pointed into the bushes next to the cave.

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“Adam!” Martin shouted. “My brother!”

Everyone was surprised.

“So, your brother isn’t dead?” asked Veronika.

“I guess not,” said Mark.

Martin was nearly crying: “Adam, what happened to you?”

Adam was dirty, looked exhausted and he was shivering with cold. He said:
“I fell into a hole.”.

” Why didn’t you call me?” asked Martin.

“Because I lost my mobile. And I found two dead bodies.”

Everyone was terrified. It was getting scarier and scarier.

“This is very wrong,” said Veronika, “Why don’t we just go back to our house in Krusne Mountains?”

“But you can’t leave now, you agreed to help me,” said Martin.

“What?!” shouted Mark.

“You heard. He found two more bodies,” said Martin.

“Are there any more bodies?” asked Adam.

He didn’t need an answer. Everyone knew that this was something really serious.

“We need to get down into the mine again. To the other part, not for tourists, where I found a body.” said Martin.

“Another body? There are too many of them,” said Elis.

“I think that is because a guy called Frankenstein has recently moved in,” said Adam. “I think he is draining life energy from them to power his machine.”

“How did you figure that out?” asked Mark.

“Because I am not Adam.”

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“But if you’re not Adam... Where is he?” Martin asked, disappointed.

“In my laboratory... And you will join him soon!”

The group wanted to run away desperately to escape from that dangerous monster . He followed them with his huge machine.

They came back to the mine where they were safe. Martin explained to them what this equipment was: “He’s got a big “hoover” to take all the energy of the people that he meets. The machine is very powerful and we can’t escape from it we leave this mine!”

“Oh my God... It’s terrible. We are going to die... Why did we organize this party in this stupid forest?” Veronika regretted. If only she had stayed with her parents!

Martin seemed to be preoccupied. Suddenly, he had an idea: “Stop crying guys! I know what we can do to beat Frankenstein! I read the newspapers last week and they wrote an article about him and these several disappearances! They said he’s got a big weakness”, Martin added. “Do you remember the piece of blue glass Veronika found two hours ago? The journalist explained Frankenstein can’t survive if he sees the sunlight going through the blue glass.. We can use our discovery to kill him...”

The teenagers were pleased again because they found a solution...

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Suddenly, they heard some footsteps. Somebody was coming. Who was that? The guy who called himself Frankenstein?! Or somebody who could help them.

Veronica looked desperately for the blue piece of glass. Then she screamed in horror: “I lost it! I lost it!”

They looked at each other. They had no more chance to survive. They were going to die.

Then, in the light of the torch they could see a figure approaching them. It wasn’t Frankenstein. It was a young man wearing a helmet and holding a camera in his hand.

He seemed to be surprised, when he saw them.

“What are you doing here”, he asked. “Are you tourists? It is forbidden to be in this part of the mine, you have to leave immediately.”

They explained the situation to him in a few words. He wasn't scared or surprised.

"Yes, I know about this monster called Frankenstein. My name is Josef and I wrote about this case in the newspaper, but the police didn't believe it."

He looked at them and continued: "I spent a lot of time in the old monastery of Strahov in Prague and read old books to find the answer how to fight him – with the help of the blue glass and the sunlight. But there is another way how we can destroy Frankenstein and the terrible machine! Yes, in the town Krupka, there is an old castle from the 14th century and in its collections I had discovered an ...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7Z64FatxbE>

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...old book which tells about an ancient artifact which is capable of destroying Frankenstein with any form of light. There is one catch, however: we have to go to France to get it."

"What?" they asked. "How are we going to convince our parents to let us go?" "Just tell them that you are going on a school trip. We will meet at the airport in two days. The artifact is located under the Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris, so be ready for the trip."

After two days they met at the airport and travelled to France to recover the ancient artifact from the deepest tombs under one of the most famous cathedrals in the world. Veronica was truly thrilled.

"It's amazing! We are going to Paris, I can't believe it!"

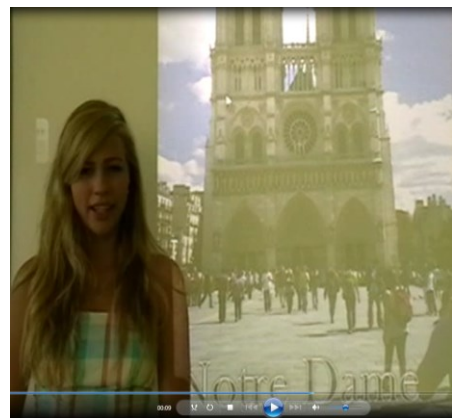
“Yes, but remember we are going to Paris only to recover that artifact and save the world from the scary threat that is the Frankenstein,” said Martin.
“Frankly, I didn’t know that there were tombs under Notre-Dame cathedral.”
“They are closely-guarded, secret tombs,” said Josef.
“I’m very excited about what we are going to find there...” said Mark.

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With the help of Josef who knew the mine very well, they managed to get out. In the evening they tried to persuade their parents that their school won the first national prize in a singing and dancing competition and that all the members of the singing and dancing group have to fly to France for an international meeting.

It seems to be incredible, but the parents believed it! They phoned Josef to book flight tickets for them.

The next day their plane landed in Paris. They bought a plan of Paris and went to the Notre-Dame cathedral. When they were standing in front of the cathedral, they were astonished. The cathedral looked fantastic! In the cathedral all friends and Josef hid behind statues and waited until the last visitor left the cathedral. Then they got out and run to the secret door leading to the tombs. They managed to open the door and climbed quickly down.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJBRsbkTZvA>

They were walking through the tombs for a few hours and felt very tired. Josef was ahead with a torch. Some tombs were very narrow and low and they had to crawl forward on their knees. At last they came to a round room. In the room there was strange atmosphere. Suddenly they saw a small

colorful box lying on a huge stone in the middle of the room. They touched it, but weren't able to open it. Josef decided that they have to go back as soon as possible and take the box with them. When they were leaving, Elis noticed a tiny ring lying near the stone. The ring was golden and symbolized a snake. She hid it in her pocket.

The way back was really exhausting. But they managed to get to the airport on time and flew back to the Czech Republic. When they returned from France, they opened the box, but they found only a piece of paper in it. Then translated it into Czech and realized how important the ring is.

So they made a clever plan. Of course they had a back-up plan. The next day they went to the mine and worked. Veronica and Mark went together and Josef went with the others.

“Oooh Mark, I am afraid, cause it is so dark in here.” said Veronica
Mark comforted her and promised that nothing would happen. Everyone followed the plan!

When Josef and other came to the place where they wanted to start their plan, something happened. Josef stood shocked and stared straight ahead. The others saw nothing. What happened?!

Elis began to cry and she was afraid.

Then Josef's iPhone rang. Josef answered the phone. It was Mark, he wanted to tell him something. But Josef interrupted him and said.

“Hey Mark, we have a problem.” – “What happened? ” said Mark.

“Martin is dead!” – “Oooh no, we have to make a plan B!” said Mark, hung up and ...

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They tried to find a new plan. Suddenly, Veronika remembered where the piece of glass was. She decided to come back home to take it. When she

came back, the group had chosen their first plan, but Frankenstein was missing now. They had to find him immediately. But they were so astonished because of Martin's death, they wouldn't be able to lead their dangerous research today. So they decided to come back home, indeed they were so tired that they decided to meet each other the following day.

The next day they decided to ask some people about Frankenstein's disappearance. They questioned a lot of the village's inhabitants but nobody knew where he was hidden. Suddenly they met a strange man, he was extremely ugly and looked so nasty.

"Excuse me Sir. We're looking for a monster. We think you must have heard of him, indeed all the town is scared; his name is Frankenstein." Veronika explained, really upset.

"Of course, I know him very well...I've already seen him several times. What do you want to know about him?"

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"Where can we find him?" said Mark.

"I don't know", replied the man and continued. „But there is an old woman in the forest in the Krušné mountains and she knows everything about him.”

They weren't sure, if this advice is true or not, but then they decided to try it. In the afternoon they set off. After a few hours walking through the woods they discovered swamps with an old cottage in the middle. They found an old woman there. They asked her about Frankstein. The woman replied angrily and began to transform into Frankstein. Suddenly Mark had an idea and shouted to Veronica: "Give me the piece of glass you found!"

Veronica threw it to him and Mark put the glass against the light coming through the window. When the light fell on Frankstein he turned

into a frog. Elis jumped quickly after the frog and closed it in a jar. They discovered that Frankenstein is powerless now but still has the ability to transform. Elizabeth asked: "What shall we do with the frog now?"

"I have an idea how to destroy Frankenstein forever, the sun will kill him!" shouted Mark and explained his idea to them.

The friends went with the frog to the Pravčická rock in the Czech Switzerland Mountains, the only place high enough where the sun burns everything. They were sitting on the bus and approaching the region of the Czech Switzerland when Elis noticed, that the frog had disappeared from the jar!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67x5y25WCAw>

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"Oh no! What should we do now?" Elis shouted.

"What? You released Frankenstein?" asked Mark.

"It was an accident! He just disappeared!" said Elis.

Suddenly they heard a loud diabolical laugh behind them. It was Josef holding FrankenFrog and saying: "Rise, my master!" They were terrified! Josef had been Frankenstein's slave all the time? Then Joseph put the frog back into the jar and began to laugh.

"Hahahahhahahahahhahahahahaha! I was just kidding, but you were scared, weren't you?"

They all exhaled in relief. After some time they arrived at Pravčická rock and put the jar with the frog on the ground, stepped back, and watched

Frankenstein burn, partially recovering his old shape. It was absolutely disgusting, Veronica turned her head but after a few seconds it was over.

They had finally destroyed Frankenstein. They were all so happy that it was over. They could go home, finally rest and forget about this terrifying adventure.

THE END

Glossary

1. The Krušné mountains



/The Ore Mountains/ have formed a natural border between Saxony and Bohemia for many centuries. Today, the border between Germany and the Czech Republic runs just north of the main crest of the mountain range. The highest peak is the Klínovec, which rises to 1,244 metres (4,081 ft) above sea level. The area of Krušné mountains played an important role as the setting of the earliest stages of the early modern transformation of mining and metallurgy from a craft to a large-scale industry.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kru%C5%A1n%C3%A9_hory

2. The mine Saint Martin in Krupka



is one of the oldest and biggest tin mine not only in the north of Bohemia but in Europe. The mining of tin started at this place in the 14th century and finished nearly one hundred years ago.

<http://www.krusnohorci.net/vylet/14-prohlidkova-stola-stary-martin>

3. Krupka the castle



had been built before 1330 and served as a sentry fortress to protect tin mines, the mining town and trade route to Saxony. The Šternberks family had, in the 1695 – 1697 period, a building serving as mining authority built on the castle yard. Presently, a hotel and a restaurant are to be found at this place.

<http://wikimapia.org/10575964/Krupka-Castle>
<http://www.tixik.com/things-to-do-in-krupka-3761270.htm>

4. The Strahov Monastery



is a Premonstratensian abbey founded in 1149 by Bishop Jindřich Zdík, Bishop John of Prague, and Duke Vladislav II. It is located in Strahov in Prague. The religious began to build their monastery as a Romanesque basilica as the center of all spiritual events in Strahov. In 1670 Jeroným Hirnheim, a philosopher and theologian became the abbot of Strahov. His greatest work, which has survived to the present days, was the building of the new huge

library, so-called Theological Hall.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strahov_Monastery

5. Notre-Dame de Paris



is a historic Roman Rite Catholic Marian cathedral in Paris. The cathedral is widely considered to be one of the finest examples of French Gothic architecture and among the largest and most well-known church buildings in the world.

The cathedral treasury is notable for its reliquary which houses important relics including the purported Crown of Thorns, a fragment of the True Cross, and one of the Holy Nails.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Notre_Dame_de_Paris

6. Bohemian Switzerland



also known as Czech Switzerland, is a picturesque region in the north-western Czech Republic. It lies on the Czech side of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains north of Děčín on both sides of the Elbe River. Its highest elevation is the mountain Děčínský Sněžník at 726m above sea level. The region along the right side of the Elbe became a national park on January 1, 2000, the České Švýcarsko National Park.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elbe_Sandstone_Mountains
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_Switzerland

7. The Pravčická rock



is located in the Bohemian Switzerland in the Czech Republic. The narrow rock formation is the largest natural sandstone arch in Europe. With a span of 26.5 metres, an inside height of 16 metres, 8 metre maximum width and 3 metre arch it is one of the most striking natural monuments in the Elbe Sandstone Mountains.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prav%C4%8DICK%C3%A1_rock