



A creature—half  
—half fiend—of  
less wretch with  
mechanical limbs  
knowing every  
man's sensation  
the love of w

THE MAN WHO MADE A MONSTER

# THE [SUPRA]ABLE AND SOCIETY

reading *Frankenstein* through the evolving lens of disabled athletics

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Disability

Athletics

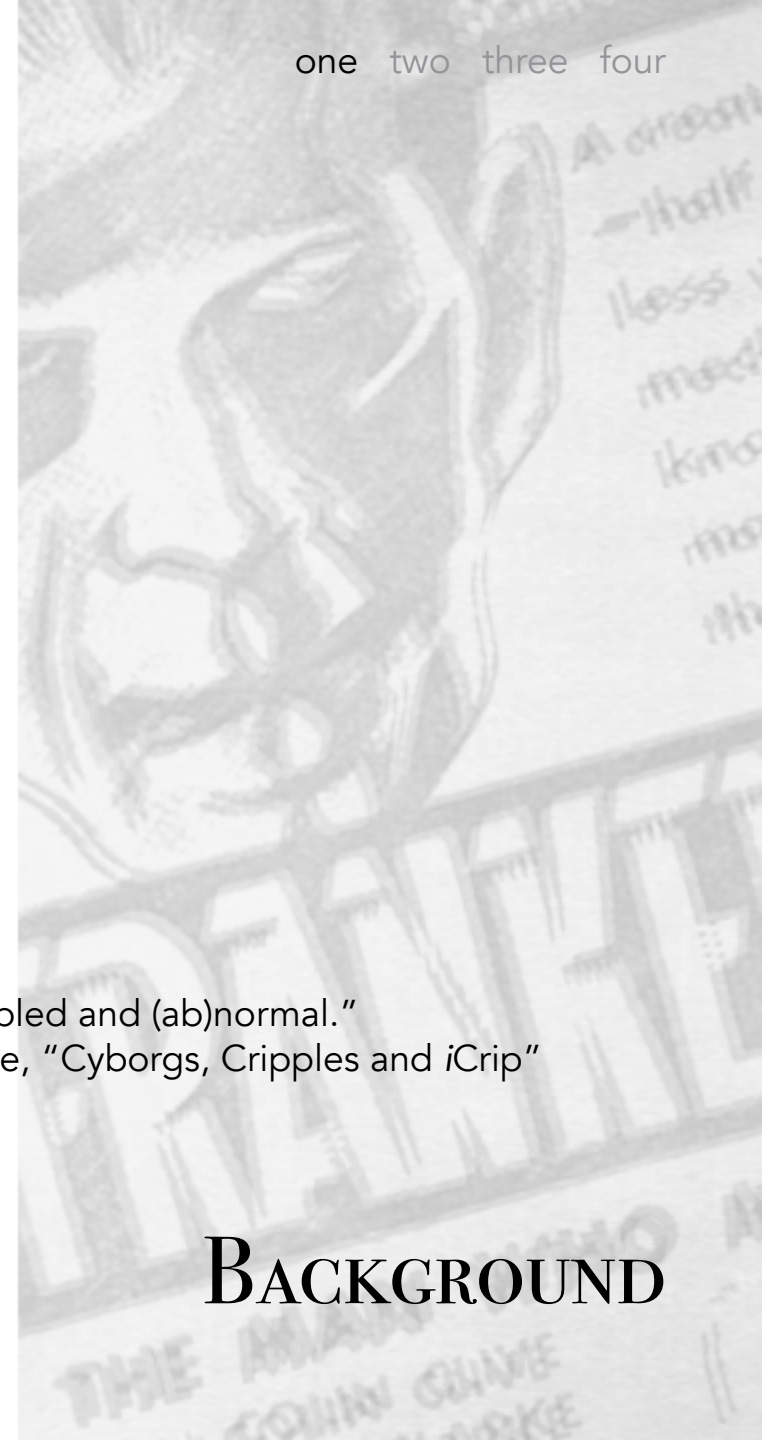
Cyborgs

Frankenstein

"iCrip represents new ways of being which are (non)disabled and (ab)normal."

-Donna Reeve, "Cyborgs, Cripples and iCrip"

**BACKGROUND**



Liminality

Disruption

"...if the person who doesn't have the perfect body wins, what does that say about the image of man?"

-Dr. Robert Gailey, The New York Times

*"5.3 - The impairment should limit the Athlete's ability to compete equitably in elite sport with Athletes without impairment."*

-International Paralympic Committee Classification Code and International Standards

# THE CYBORG PROBLEM IN ATHLETICS

Culture

Cautionary tale

Progress

Boundaries

"More than ever, it seems that the novel demonstrates the power of cultural inscription, the way an individual comes to subjectivity through a series of aggressive cultural acts."

-Mark Mossman, "Acts of Becoming"

"Am I not shunned and hated by all mankind? ...the human senses are insurmountable barriers."

-The Creature, *Frankenstein*

THE DISABLED MONSTER

Disability studies

“The image of man”

Assimilation

“Listen to my tale. I believe that the strange incidents connected with it will afford a view of nature, which may enlarge your faculties and understanding. You will hear of powers and occurrences, such as you have been accustomed to believe impossible.”

-Victor Frankenstein, *Frankenstein*

**MOVING FORWARD**



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