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The Double in Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus" and Robert Louis Stevenson's "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"

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