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The Most Dangerous Game

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Exposition

There's a dark ominous feeling when passing the so-called shipwreck island. When falling off the yacht headed for Brazil, he encounters Ivan and General Zaroff.

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Initiating Incident

Sanger Rainsford falls off the yacht headed for Brazil; he swam to the nearest island where he encounters a man holding a pistol pointed directly at his heart.

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Rising Action

Rainsford meets the general who lives on the island and recognizes Rainsford from his books about hunting. Rainsford and general Zaroff sit down for dinner and discuss hunting. General Zaroff tells Rainsford how he has grown bored of the hunt and says that animals are not enough of a challenge for him.

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Rising Action (continued...)

General Zaroff says that he now hunts humans that shipwreck on his island. He ask Rainsford to join him in the hunt but Rainsford declines and says killing humans is one step to far.

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OLD PORTUGUESE

BOB AND GIRL
TO BE HUNTED

ZAROFF
WITH DOGS
AND WEAPON

ZAROFF'S

PITFALL
TO STOP ZAROFF

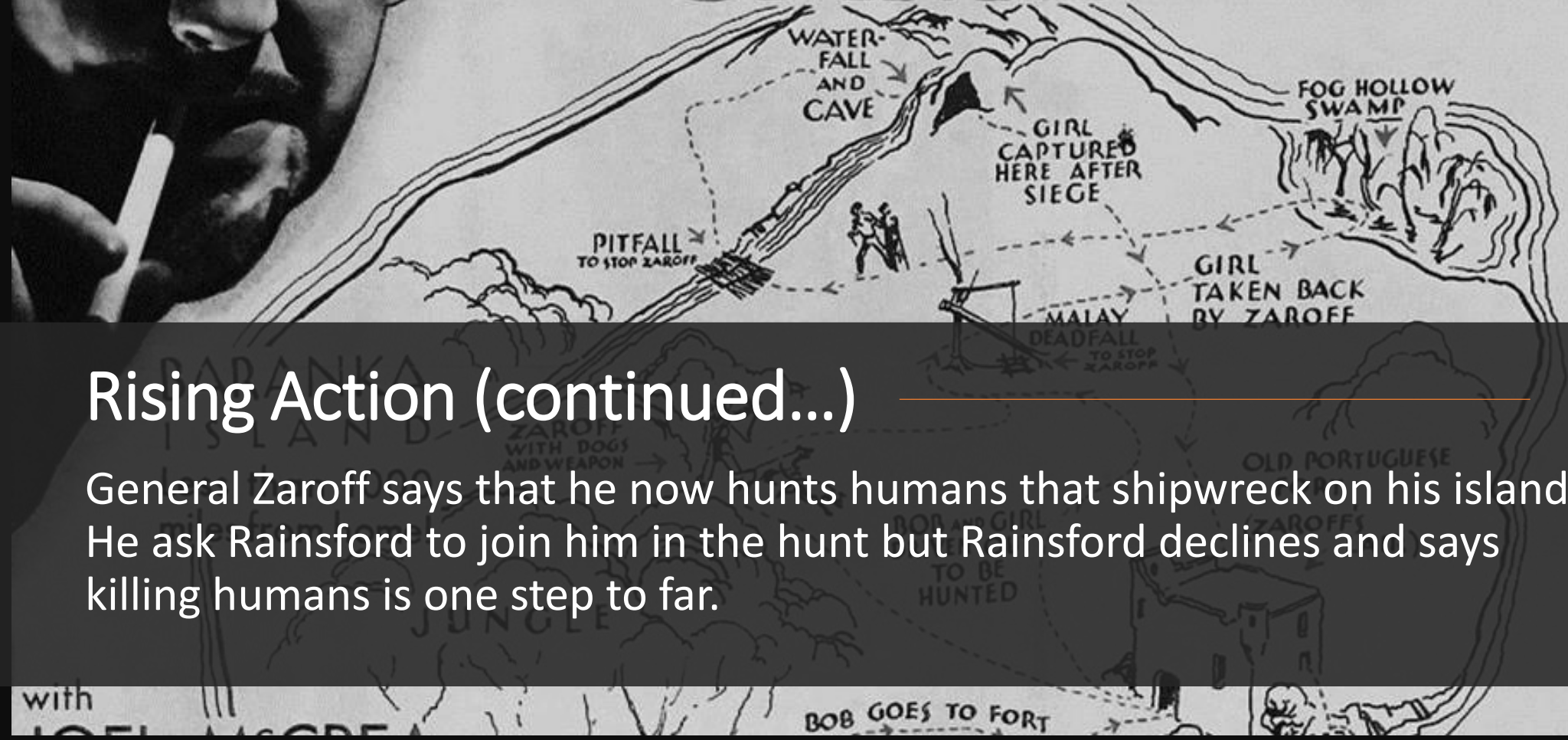
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Rising Action (continued...)

When Rainsford declines the offer to hunt humans and demands to get off the island. General Zaroff then makes him become the hunted to get off the island. If he can survive 3 days in the jungle without being killed by Zaroff. Ivan then give him supplies he can use while trying to stay alive.

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Climax

Rainsford trying to survive for 3 days with Ivan, General Zaroff and the blood thirsty hounds. He ends up killing Ivan in one of his traps and lead some of the hounds to their deaths. Then being cornered by general Zaroff and with out another way-out Rainsford jumps off a cliff, into the ocean.

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Falling Action

Rainsford survives the fall and waits for Zaroff behind a curtain in his house. The two men duel to the death and the winner will sleep in general Zaroff bed that night and the loser is to be feed to the hounds.

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Conclusion

Rainsford kill General Zaroff and he is feed to the hounds and Rainsford decided he never slept in a better bed

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OLD PORTUGUESE
(ZAROFF'S
LAIR)

JUNGLE

ZAROFF
WITH DOGS
AND WEAPON



Sanger Rainsford

- Protagonist
- Dynamic Character
- Round Character

"It is a very great pleasure and honor to welcome Mr. Sanger Rainsford, the celebrated hunter, to my home." Automatically Rainsford shook the man's hand. "I've read your book about hunting snow leopards in Tibet, you see," explained the man. (pg. 5)



General Zaroff

- Antagonist
- Static Character

“The man was singularly handsome; [...] He was a tall man past middle age, for his hair was a vivid white; but his thick eyebrows and pointed military mustache were as black as the night [...] His eyes, too, were black and very bright. He had high cheekbones, a sharp cut nose [...] the face of a man used to giving orders, the face of an aristocrat.” (pg. 5)



Ivan

- Minor Character
- Flat Character

“The largest man Rainsford had ever seen—a gigantic creature, solidly made and black bearded to the waist. In his hand the man held a long-barreled revolver, and he was pointing it straight at Rainsford's heart.” (pg. 4)



Conflict

Person vs Person

- Rainsford versus General Zaroff, when it comes to the hunt

Person vs Environment

- Rainsford versus the jungle, he has to survive for three days in the outdoors without being shot by General Zaroff



Foreshadowing

“The old charts call it `Ship-Trap Island,'" Whitney replied." A suggestive name, isn't it? Sailors have a curious dread of the place. I don't know why. Some superstition—”
(pg.1)

“One superstitious sailor can taint the whole ship's company with his fear.” "Maybe. But sometimes I think sailors have an extra sense that tells them when they are in danger. Sometimes I think evil is a tangible thing— [...] An evil place can, so to speak, broadcast vibrations of evil. Anyhow, I'm glad we're getting out of this zone. Well, I think I'll turn in now, Rainsford.” (pg.2)

Irony

Verbal Irony

"Don't talk rot, Whitney," said Rainsford. "You're a big-game hunter, not a philosopher. Who cares how a jaguar feels?" (pg. 1)

Situational Irony

Sanger Rainsford one of the world's "big-game" hunter, becomes the hunted

Dramatic Irony

When Rainsford has jumped off the cliff, he is presumed dead by General Zaroff and believes he once again has won the hunt. However, the reader knows he is alive and comes back to kill general Zaroff.

Symbols

The Hounds

Literal meaning:

More likely to be wild dogs

Figurative meaning:

Fear and death

The island

Literal meaning:

A piece of lands surrounded by water

Figurative meaning:

Trapped or an isolated place. No way to escape.



Themes

- ✓ Never underestimate your opponents
- ✓ Separating right from wrong
- ✓ Reason vs instinct



Moral

“What is the difference when it comes to murder and hunting”

Why is it that killing humans is considered murder yet killing animals is considered a sport.



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