

"The Most Dangerous Game"

1. In this story, Rainsford is both the hunter and the hunted. Prove this statement using details from the text. An excellent answer will go beyond the obvious, surface details and supply evidence that may not be obvious; chronologically show when Rainsford transforms from hunter to hunted and vice versa; use sufficient evidence from the text to be convincing.

Rainsford first starts out in the story being the hunted when the island called "Ship-trap Island" is hunting down the yacht that Rainsford is on. Rainsford then becomes the hunter when he states "I hope the jaguar guns have come". That clearly states that Rainsford will hunt jaguar's. But then Rainsford bounces back into being the hunted when he falls into the hungry sea after he heard gunshots. To confirm that the sea was his enemy that was hunting him the story states "All he knew was that he was safe from his enemy, the sea". Then he becomes the hunter by the story stating that he was hungry and ready to find food. Shortly after that the sea comes back into play and the text states "where the sea licked greedy lips in the shadows". That means that the sea was hungry and hunting for its prey which makes Rainsford once again the hunted. Rainsford continues to be hunted when the general stares and studies Rainsford. Which means that general Zaroff's eyes are hunting him. But this quickly changes to Rainsford hunting when General Zaroff states, "We will have some capital hunting, you and I," Which means that Rainsford and the general will hunt. But to prove that in this story Rainsford gets not only hunted but is the hunter ~~once again~~, Rainsford finds out that General Zaroff hunts men not animals. This means that Rainsford is unfortunate and becomes the hunted once again. He also becomes hunted when General Zaroff decides to give Rainsford a choice, "The choice rests entirely on you. But may I suggest that you will find my idea of sport more diverting than Ivan's?" Rainsford ~~once again~~ seems to become the hunted when he fought his way through

the bush for two hours. Finally Rainsford becomes the hunter when ~~the~~ the story states "his first impulse was to hurl himself down like a panther." It once again transfers to Rainsford being the hunted "The Cossack was the cat, and he was the mouse". But greatfully Rainsford decides to build a trap for the general, which makes him once again the hunter. As you can see that Rainsford had his moments when he was a hunter and when he was hunted.