**Exposition**

The protagonist, Rainsford, is introduced as a big-game hunter who falls off a yacht and ends up on an isolated island where he meets General Zaroff, a fellow hunter.

Zaroff reveals that he has grown bored with hunting animals and now hunts human beings. He gives Rainsford a choice to either become the prey in his next hunt or be turned over to the authorities.

**Rising Action**

**Climax**

Rainsford chooses to participate in the hunt and is given a head start. He uses his skills as a hunter to try to outsmart Zaroff and survive.

**Falling Action**

Zaroff returns to his chateau, thinking he has won the hunt. However, Rainsford reveals himself to still be alive and confronts Zaroff, ultimately killing him in a final showdown.

**Resolution**

Rainsford is shown to have survived the hunt and returns to civilization, having gained a new perspective on the nature of hunting and the value of human life.

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