General Zaroff In The Most Dangerous Game: Character Analysis

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Zaroff is a psychopath even though he sees his actions rather normal than crazy. The author is trying to show how some psychopathic people can do bad things which they are not aware of how cruel it is as Zaroff talks about murder unruffled but it was really shocking and uncomfortable for Rainsford. In conclusion, this can show that when you don’t know someone and they seem to be polite and show no signs of guilt, it doesn’t mean that they can’t be an unpleasant or in other words a mad person.