

It appeared that when the unfortunate Hendric rose to drive in the ox, the lion had watched him to his fire-side, and he had scarcely lain down when the brute sprang upon him and Ruyter (for both lay under one blanket.) with his appalling murderous roar, and, roaring as he lay, grappled him with his fearful claws, and kept biting him on the breast and shoulder, all the while feeling for his neck; having got hold of which, he at once dragged him away backward round the bush into the dense shade.

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