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**Tourist claims special souvenir in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park**

The Bitterpan area of the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park provided great excitement last night.

A leopard, which was spotted in and around the camp during the week, made the camp his home and even sat on a chair outside one of the bungalows. The leopard was definitely the highlight with all of the tourists, and everybody tried to get to see it. Mr. Fanie van Tonder, the rest camp manager at Bitterpan warned the tourists about the dangers of the situation and urged them not to leave their huts after dark.

When darkness fell everybody was looking for this nocturnal animal with their torches. Mr. Lucas Oberer from Germany was sitting on his stoep when suddenly, the leopard came from underneath the hut and slapped Mr. Oberer's foot with his paw. Fortunately, there was a medical doctor on site and the wound was cleaned. Mr. Oberer also received antibiotics and was brought to Upington this morning for an injection. The wound was not serious and no stitches necessary.

Mr. Oberer is already on his way back to the park to continue his unbelievable holiday

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