

retrace his own steps, mix with others, and endeavour to draw a young one to accompany him, and so put a change upon the dogs ; he will then redouble his speed, dart off one side, or lie down upon his belly to conceal himself. In this case, when the dogs have lost his foot, the huntsman and the hounds labour in conjunction to recover it ; but if unable to hit upon his track, they conclude he is resting within the circuit they have made ; if their endeavours continue unsuccessful, they have no other way left them than to take a view of the country, which may give them an idea of the place of his refuge. When discovered, and the dogs are again put upon his track, they pursue with more advantage, as they perceive that the stag is fatigued ; their ardor augments in proportion as his strength diminishes ; and their perception is more lively, as the animal becomes heated ; they then redouble their cries and their efforts, and though he is now more full of stratagems than ever, yet as his swiftness diminishes, his doublings and artifices become less effectual, and he has no other resource but to abandon the earth which has betrayed him, and get into the water to make the dogs lose their scent. The huntsmen traverse these waters,
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