

of this intrepidity in the lion, who never turns his back on man, at least till he has tried his strength ; so the glutton traverses the snow, in his own desart climate, in perfect security. In those regions he reigns supreme, as does the lion in the forests and burning sands ; and if not like him, from superior prowess, he is no less so from the weakness and timidity of those with whom he has to contend.

The isatis is not so strong, but much swifter than the glutton ; he serves the latter as a purveyor, for the glutton follows him in his pursuit of animals, and often deprives him of his prey ; for as soon as he approaches, the isatis, to avoid his own destruction, takes to flight, and leaves to his pursuer what he has not had time to devour. Both these animals burrow under ground ; but in every other habit they differ. The isatis will associate and often go in company ; while the glutton always moves alone, or at most only with his female ; indeed the male and female are frequently found together in their burrows. The most fierce dogs are averse from attacking the glutton, as he defends himself with his teeth and feet, and often mortally wounds them ; but as he cannot escape by flight, when once beset it is not long before he is subdued.

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