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Caption

A SPOT OF HIDE AND SEEK...This cheeky leopard plays peekaboo with a photographer, utilising its impressive camouflage skills. The playful big cat was spotted hiding behind a log from snapper Nick Dale at the Mana Pools National Park in Zimbabwe.

The 56 year old wildlife photographer said, "This male leopard was lying down behind a dead log in the trees. As my vehicle approached he lifted his head, looking over to find out what was going on."

"It definitely looks like it's playing peekaboo! They say leopards always see you before you see them and it's easy to see why when they have such good camouflage."

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(FOTO: DUKAS/SOLENT NEWS) *** Local Caption *** Can you describe what is happening in these images? Why is the leopard hiding? The male leopard was lying down behind a dead log in the trees. When our vehicle approached, he lifted his head to look over it and find out what was going on. When we stopped, he carried on staring and then looked at us through a tiny gap between the branch and the ground.

Would you agree it looks as though it is playing hide and seek / peekaboo? Yes! They say leopards always see you before you see them, and it's easy to see why when they have such good camouflage and can hide in the trees.

Can you give us an insight into the moments leading up to this as well as directly after? The sun was just going down when we saw the leopard, and that's always a good time to see wildlife as the animals become more active as the temperature falls and it gets darker. After we saw him, my guide, Tor, managed to find a good spot further down the road from which we could look back. We could then see him lying and then sitting behind the log—although it was then getting pretty dark! How were you able to capture these images? I took all the photographs from our jeep. The leopard was quite far away, and we weren't allowed to go

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