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# Plan of the Grotto in the Kango

## Explanation

1. Is the hill where the Grotto is.
  2. The Base of the hill
  3. Is where the small River runs towards the South.
  4. Is the opposite hill.
- The following names were given to the various Apartments in this Grotto, bearing chiefly the names of the first discoverers
- A. Van Zuids hall is about 100 ft broad & 60 or 70 high.
  - B. The Registry / because many names are written on the Wall, is broad 36 ft & 25 high.
  - C. Botha's hall is 110 ft broad & about 50 high.
  - D. The South Chamber is 26 ft long, 14 broad & 22 high.
  - E. Van der Westhuisen's Chamber is about 8 a 10 ft long.
  - F. Thom's Chamber - 14 ft long, 8 broad 15 high.
  - G. The unexplored Cavern. This appeared to be as high as C & very broad, but all is conjecture.
1. Botha's poort. These are so narrow that a large person cannot creep
  2. Nels poort. thro' them.

First discovered by  
G. Zeyher and entered  
by Van der Westhuisen,  
Nel, & Botha, with him.

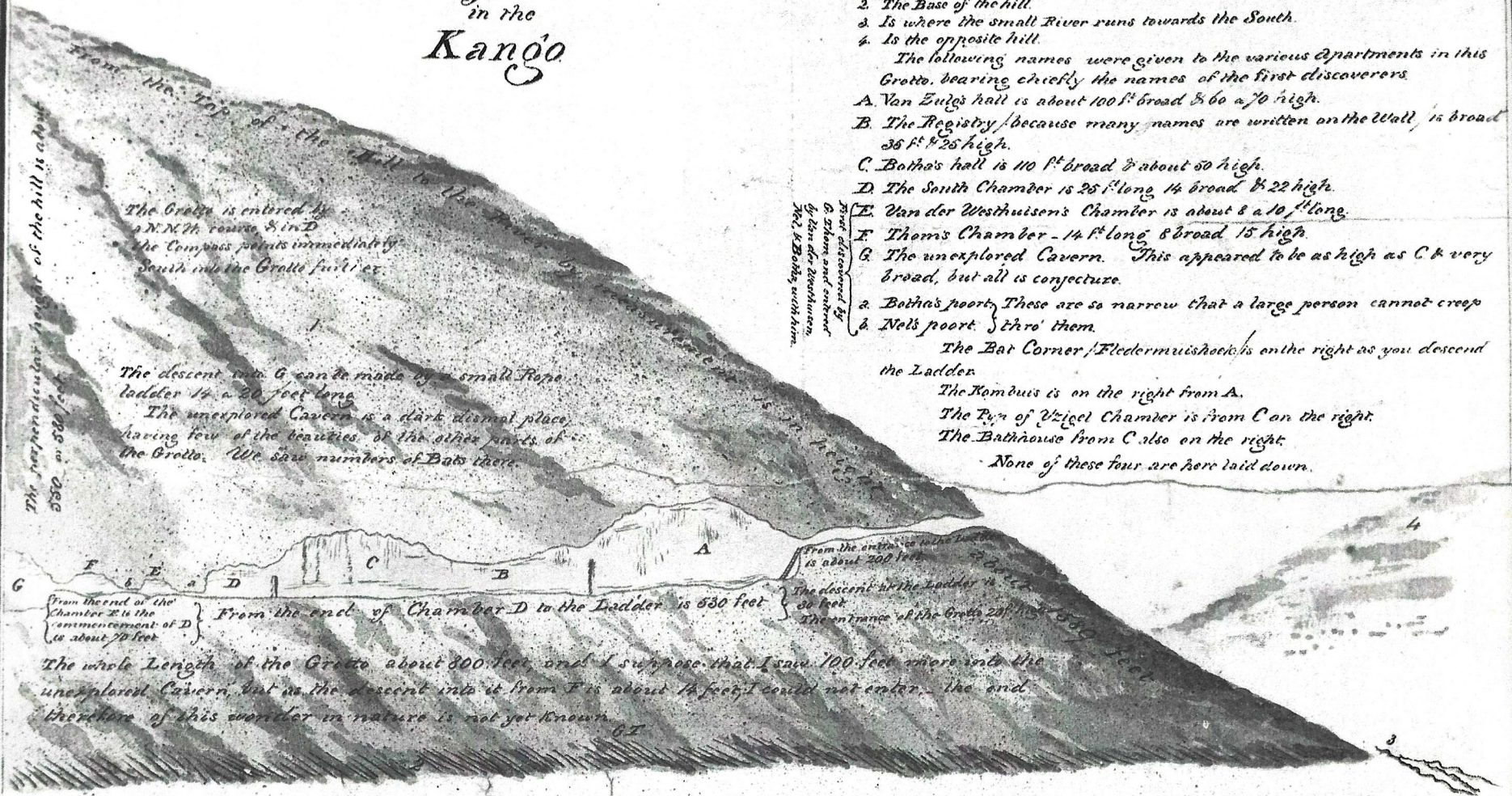
The Bat Corner / *Fledermuishoek* is on the right as you descend the Ladder.

The Komduis is on the right from A.

The Top of Vrijel Chamber is from C on the right.

The Bathhouse from C also on the right.

None of these four are here laid down.



The Grotto is entered by  
a N.W. course & in D  
the Compass points immediately  
South into the Grotto further.

The descent into G can be made by a small Rope  
ladder 14 or 20 feet long.  
The unexplored Cavern is a dark dismal place  
having few of the beauties of the other parts of  
the Grotto. We saw numbers of Bats there.

The perpendicular height of the hill is about  
550 or 580 feet

From the end of the  
Chamber E to the  
commencement of D  
is about 70 feet

From the end of Chamber D to the Ladder is 550 feet

From the entrance to the Ladder  
is about 200 feet  
The descent at the Ladder is  
50 feet  
The entrance of the Grotto 28 ft

The whole Length of the Grotto about 800 feet, and I suppose that I saw 100 feet more into the  
unexplored Cavern, but as the descent into it from F is about 14 feet, I could not enter. The origin  
therefore of this wonderful in nature is not yet known.

G.I.