LAUGH OF THE WEEK

The tree snake and the Unlikeable One

● WE have writers galore in this country. One of them — a chappie by the name of Pat Stevens — wrote me some doggerel, paying tribute to the acrimonious fight between Ronald Suresh Roberts and his former friend Anthony Brink that exploded in cyberspace this week (see http://www.politicsweb.co.za/politicsweb/view/politicsweb/en/page71619? oid=84200&sn=Detail). But the poor author of thepoem is under the impression that I am enamoured with Suresh Roberts's pseudo-intellectual gushings. *Hhauu, hhauu!* I should sue for defamation for being lumped in the same basket as the Unlikeable One. Anyway, enjoy this poem; maybe paste it on your fridge.

THE LAMENT OF VALKENBERG FRED

On every coffee table in the land,
a book passed on from hand to hand.
The type of book that makes you think,
until the strike from tree snake Brink!
Lying and thieving poisonous fink,
was the venom of tree snake Brink.
Who mocked the author's arty name,
while Valkey Fred writhed in shame.
Flagrant liar and cowardly bully,
fraudulent scholarship and rather silly.
Fred's fulsome praise soiled and tarnished,
as hero Ronald Sure Is Rubbished.