

APRIL 23RD CAMP 2.

I SLEPT LIKE A LOG AND WOKED AT 8.30AM WITHOUT AN ALTITUDE HEADACHE WHICH I WAS PLEASED ABOUT. WE HAD BREAKFAST AND I HEADED DOWN TO CHAT TO THE DISCOVERY TEAM AS I MISSED ANDREW THE NIGHT BEFORE WHEN HE STOPPED BY OUR CAMP (NEEDLESS TO SAY I WAS COMOTOSE AFTER OUR JOURNEY UP HERE) THEY WERE ALL IN GOOD SPRITS, I HAD A CHAT TO SHAUNA AND PASSED ON HER SISTERS MESSAGES AND THEN I WENT AND DID SOOME FILMING WITH FRANKIE. I DID ANOTHER MOUNTAIN CONFESSION AND THEN WE ALL WENT TO THEIR MESS TENT TO DISCUSS THE WEATHER AS ITS MEANT TO BE BAD FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS WHICH WOULD PREVENT OUR ATTEMPT TO TOUCH CAMP 3 AND RETURN TO CAMP 2. IF THAT WERE THE CASE HECTOR AND ANDREW PLANNED TO GO TO BASECAMP FOR A DAY OR TWO. (ANDREW IS MEANT TO FILM ME GOING TO CAMP 3)

I SAW CAMP 3 FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN THERE WAS A BREAK IN THE CLOUDS AND IT LOOKS STEEP, LONG AND ICY TO GET THERE. THERE ARE FIXED LINES THE WHOLE WAY, THIS MAY SOUND EASY TO SOME BUT WE HAVE A VERTICAL ASCENT OF 2,800 FEET NOT TO MENTION THE ALTITUDE THAT WE ARE AT 6,400M TO 7,300M. THE CAMP 3 SITE IS PRECARIOUSLY PLACED ON AN ICE LEDGE THREE QUARTERS OF THE WAY UP THE LHOTSE FACE. IT IS UNDER SOME SCARY LOOKING SERACS TO PROTECT IT FROM AVALANCHES (I DONT KNOW WHATS WORSE A FALLING SERAC OR AN AVALANCHE)

GIVEN THE WEATHER FORECAST IM NOT SURE WHAT THE PLAN IS AS TO WHEN WE TRY AND TOUCH 3. IF THE WEATHER IS BAD TOMORROW WE ARE DOING AN ACCLIMATISATION HIKE TO THE BASE OF THE LHOTSE FACE ABOUT ONE AND A HALF HOURS FROM OUR CAMP. RODRIGO DOES NOT WANT US STAYING UP AT CAMP 2 FOR MORE THAN 4 OR 5 DAYS AS WE ARE SUSEPTIBLE TO HACKING COUGHS, HEADACHES AND LOOSING WEIGHT NOT TO MENTION MUSCLE MASS.

IM NOW ABOUT TO TAKE A SIESTA SO OVER AND OUT FROM CAMP 2.