

13TH MAY - CAMP 3

WE WERE WOKEN AT 4.00AM FOR A 5.30AM DEPARTURE AND AMAZINGLY ENOUGH WE WERE ON TIME. WHEN RODRIGO WISHED ME GOODLUCK I STARTED CRYING AND CONTINUED CRYING SAYING GOODBYE TO PIPE AND PATO ( HOW EMBARRASSING!) THE DISCOVERY SHERPA SHOWED UP TO FILM AND WE WERE OFF ON OUR SUMMIT ATTEMPT. THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE CWYM HEADED FOR THE LHOTSE FACE, THE GREEK TEAM WERE CLOSE BY, THEY ARE ALL SO NICE. I SOON CAME TO A 2 FT WIDE CREVASSE WHICH I WAS JUMPING UNROPED WHEN SOME IMPATIENT IDIOT PICKED UP THE FIXED LINE ALMOST TRIPPING ME MID AIR. I SCREAMED IN RAGE AND FEAR AT THIS GUYS LACK OF MANNERS. HE OVERTOOK ALL OF US AND THEN PROCEEDED AT A SNAILS PACE TO HOLD US ALL UP - ONLY ONE WORD FOR THE LIKES OF HIM AND I HAD HIS PACK MEMORISED IN MY HEAD!

WE WERE SOON JUMARING UP THE LHOTSE FACE - THERE WAS MORE OF A PATH THIS TIME AND IT WAS MARGINALLY EASIER BUT ONLY MARGINALLY!! I SOON FELT I WAS HOLDING SOME PEOPLE UP SO I STOPPED FOR A REST AND KENTON COOL AND HIS CLIENT WENT PAST. I WAS TRULY EXHAUSTED ON ALL THE FILM THAT DISCOVERY SHOT TODAY, THIS SHERPA HAS A KNACK OF PUTTING THE CAMERA RIGHT IN YOUR FACE AND LEAVING IT THERE WHEN UR GASPING FOR BREATH OR IN TROUBLE!! THEY DEFINATELY GOT ALL THEIR RUNNY NOSE EXHAUSTIVE PANTING THEY WERE AFTER TODAY!! THE ONLY GOOD NEWS IS THAT HE DIDNT CAPTURE ME CRYING AS I LEFT CAMP 2!!

WE TOOK A SHORT BREAK AT DISCOVERYS CAMP, THE WIND WAS UNBELIEVABLY STRONG AND TWICE I ALMOST GOT BLOWN OFF MY FEET. HERE DAVID BREASHEARS PASSED ME ON HIS WAY DOWN TO CAMP 2 SAYING THAT THE WIND WAS TOO STRONG FOR FILMING - THAT MEANS THAT EVERYONE WHO THOUGHT DAVID WOULD BE FIXING LINES TO THE BALCONY WAS WRONG AND THAT WE WOULD BE FIXING OUR OWN ROPES - THANK GOD OUR TEAM WAS PREPARED!! I SAW THE IDIOT THAT TRIED TO KILL ME IN THE CWYM AND IGNORED HIM AS HE WENT PAST ( NORMALLY I HAVE A CHEERFUL WORD FOR EVERYONE) WE THEN HEADED UP THE LAST 40 MINS TO CAMP 3. THERE WERE THE REMAINS OF TONS OF SHREDDED TENTS AS I MOVED UPWARDS,AN INDICTOR AS TO HOW STRONG THE WINDS CAN BE ON THE ICY LHOTSE FACE.

I SAW THE BODY THAT I HAD SEEN PREVIOUSLY STICKING OUT OF THE ICE AND I TRIED TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY, I DONT WANT ANY NEGATIVE THOUGHTS AT THIS POINT AS ITS TOO EASY AN OPTION TO TURN AROUND. WE FINALLY ARRIVED IN CAMP 3 IN JUST UNDER 5 HOURS AND I WAS EXHAUSTED. I CHATTED BRIEFLY TO KENTON AS I MADE OUR WAY TO OUR PRECARIOUSLY PLACED TENTS. I SAID A FEW TIRED WORDS TO THE CAMERA THAT WAS THRUSTED IN MY FACE - NOT A LOOK I REALLY WANT TO BE REMINDED OF I HAVE TO SAY!!! IM NOW LYING IN MY TENT WITH ANDRONICO AND WE BOTH HAVE OUR OXYGEN MASKS ON WHICH IS CAUSING ME TO GIGGLE A LOT. IF YOU COULD SEE HOW RIDICULOUS I LOOK TRYING TO PEER OVER THE HUGE SNOZZLE OF THIS MASK TO WRITE MY DIARY!! THE OXYGEN IS MAKING ME FEEL A LOT BETTER SO IM NOT REMOVING MY MASK!!! TOMORROW WE ARE HEADED FOR THE SOUTH COL AND IM GOING TO NEED ALL MY ENERGY TO GET ME THERE, IT WILL BE A SIX HOUR TRIP AND 3,00FT HIGHER. ON THAT NOTE IM OFF TO GET SOME SLEEP!!!