

GUESS I  
WASN'T PREPARED  
FOR THE BRIGHTNESS  
OF NATURAL LIGHT,  
CERTAINLY NOT  
THE HEAT.

I MEAN,  
I GET IT, IT'S  
HOT, IT'S THE  
SUN.



BUT YOU CAN'T  
REALLY GET YOUR  
HEAD AROUND THAT  
CONCEPT UNTIL YOU  
EXPERIENCE IT.

THOUGH, IF I'M  
HONEST, I'M SORT  
OF GLAD I CAN'T  
FOLLOW YOU ON THE  
NEXT PART OF  
THE TRIP.

I EXPECTED  
THE OCEANS  
TO HAVE  
RECEDED...



HOW HIGH  
DO YOU  
GUYS THINK  
YOU ARE?

NOT SO  
HIGH.



...JUST A  
TWO-MILE  
DROP BELOW  
US.

COULD  
YOU BOTH  
PLEASE BE  
QUIET.

PLEASE.

HEAD SPINS, HEART POUNDS.

ABOVE IT ALL NOW.

THE FILTERED AIR, RICHER IN  
OXYGEN THAN ANY I'VE EVER  
BREADED, HITS LIKE A  
CHEAP DRUG.



CAREFUL.

IF YOU WERE TO FALL TO YOUR DEATH THIS FAR INTO THE JOURNEY IT WOULD SURELY DAMPEN THE RETELLING OF OUR TALE.

YOU'RE NOT HELPING, ZEM.

VERTIGO SETTING IN.

THAT LEDGE.

ONLY WAY FORWARD.

YOU CAN.

I CAN'T MAKE THAT JUMP!

OH.

OH, DAMN IT.

A GLANCE DOWN-- THE SKY RECEDES, MOVING AWAY, THE CLIFF TWISTS--

HEAD GOES LIGHT-- TINGLING SHIVERS OF FEAR ORDER MY BODY TO STOP.

BE CALM.

I'LL HOLD THE LINE.

CAN'T CATCH MY BREATH.

NEARLY BLIND--HELMET WASN'T BUILT TO GUARD AGAINST SUCH LIGHT.

HOW CAN ALL OF THIS BE ON ME?

LAST FIRE LEFT BURNING.

ONE LAST LEAP.





CHK  
THK THK

CHK THK  
TKK

PULL  
ME UP!

PULL  
ME UP  
NOW!

THE LINE IS  
CAUGHT!

CHK  
THK  
TKK



CLIMB  
UPWARDS  
TO FREE  
IT!

I AM--  
PULL!

TKK

CHK

THK



GET ME  
OUT OF  
HERE!



RUNG--!