

## Vertical Limit: K2, The Savage Mountain

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> What we get from this adventure is just sheer joy. And joy is, after all, the end of life. George Leigh Mallory

1922

<u>George Mallory</u>, the legendary British mountain climber, was asked why he wanted to climb <u>Mt. Everest</u>. "Because it's there," he said.

Today, many decades later, people are still climbing the great mountains of the world because they are "there." <u>K2</u>, the most dangerous mountain to climb, is in the Karakoram Range. At 28,250 feet (8,611 meters) no mountain - save Everest - is higher. But no mountain - even <u>Everest</u> - is <u>steeper</u>.

This is a story of the <u>majesty</u>—and mystery—of K2. And it is a story of death-defying, risk-taking, mountainclimbing courage.

The kind of courage all humans possess but rarely find the need to use.

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## K2 - World's Steepest Mountain

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