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Poetry composed from ABBA song titles, shared via Twitter.

It's impossible to climb to the top of a mountain like Everest in one go. Instead you set up a chain of camps along the way, scaling the mountain in steps. After you've created Camp 1, you go back down to get the things you need to set up Camp 2, Camp 3, and so on. This process can take weeks.

In 1982, the Dutch mountaineer Bart Vos made his first attempt to climb the world's tallest mountain with a team of experienced Dutch climbers. The expedition was, however, fraught with internal competition and constant quarreling among its members, and was subsequently never completed.

Vos tried again two years later, with a new team of climbers. Among them was Edward Bekker, a 23-year-old from the south of the Netherlands. Edward was relatively new to climbing, but optimistic about the expedition. When asked how he thought they should approach the climb, he replied they should of course "just go up".

Vos made it up as far as he did in part thanks to Bekker, who had been tirelessly and without complaint carrying everyone's things from base camp up to the other four camps. Playing on repeat on his Sony Walkman was ABBA's 1980 album *Super Trouper*.

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