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## The crevasse

They were friends and climbing partners, and on the longest, sunniest day of the year they stood atop Mount Rainier, arm in arm, weary smiles of accomplishment on their faces. The two Colorado men had made it up the difficult and dangerous Liberty Ridge, completing the most challenging climb of their lives.

After a brief stay on the peak, the pair descended, making their way through the slush and corn snow of the warming morning.

Tragedy awaited. One would die, one would live. The reckoning of that day resonates still.

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