northwest face/northwest ridge of Dorje Lhakpa (6966 meters) with no climbing Sherpas, no fixed camps and no fixed ropes. After four days of climbing they had moved up the face and onto the ridge, where Selters and Schmierer established the fourth bivouac at 6400 meters. Schmierer's toes had begun freezing. The next day, December 4, they started their descent. On the 5th, Schmierer's crampon came off while he was descending 40° hard ice on the face, and he slid down the ice into a crevasse. Selters reached him in the crevasse 15 or 20 minutes later, but he was already dead. Schmierer was the first person to die on Dorje Lhakpa. The climb was immediately abandoned.

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_Dhaulagiri I, Solo Attempt in Winter_. Swiss Franco Dellatorre proposed to make a solo ascent of the standard Northeast Ridge route of Dhaulagiri (8167 meters). He had assumed that he would be able to use the ropes that had been fixed by the teams who had summited in October, but scanning the ridge from basecamp, he determined that he would need to fix about 400 meters of new rope because most of the autumn ropes were either not visible or were now uselessly off the route. He sent a message to his trekking agent in Kathmandu to provide him quickly with rope, and in the meantime he climbed alone to 6500 meters to acclimatize. On his descent to base, he found no rope had arrived; he waited another day, still no rope came, and he abandoned his climb, presuming his message must not have reached Kathmandu and the rope would not arrive. However, when he got to the nearest village, Marpha, he found there the liaison officer who had been assigned to him by the Nepalese government — and his rope.

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_Dhaulagiri I, Ascents and Tragedy_. After completing his ascent of Annapurna I, Carlos Carsolio, a Mexican who has climbed eleven of the 8000-meter peaks, joined Norbert Joos's predominantly Swiss team on May 11. On the 14th, he, Joos, and four of Joos's team left Base Camp at 4800 meters for a push to the top. Joos's group dropped out at various points along the standard Northeast Ridge route. Carsolio climbed all night and reach the summit at 10 a.m. on the 15th. Albrecht Hammann, a member of Joos's team, summited on May 19, but became fatally ill from high altitude sickness on the descent.

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