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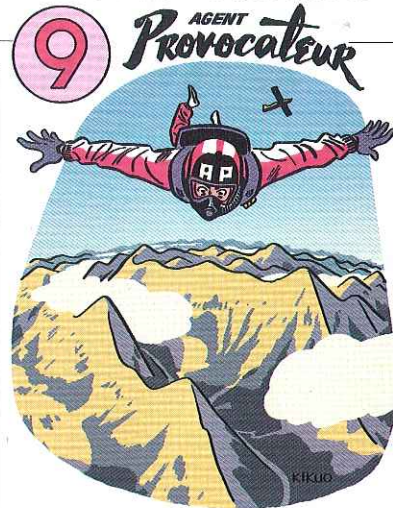
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## I Want to Reach for the Sky

With life at the desk job feeling decidedly boring, Agent Provocateur is desperate for white-knuckle adventure to lift the spirits. Luckily for AP, the world's highest skydive operation has just taken off in Nepal, on **Mount Everest** no less—an adrenaline-fueled epic plunge that starts at 29,500 feet and freefalls down to 12,350 feet.

The pros attempted the feat last October, setting a world record, and now daredevils like AP can attempt the stunt: Solo jumpers will need 200 certified previous falls under their belt to go it

alone, but less experienced jumpers in good health (and with nerves of steel) can be strapped to an instructor for a tandem ride (everest-skydive.com; from \$24,500). If that's not enough excitement for you, combine your dive with a custom trip, just launched by luxe outfitter **Remote Lands**, that includes trekking with Jamling Tenzing Norgay, whose father made the first successful Everest ascent with Edmund Hillary; visits to preserved Sherpa villages; white-water rafting; and a trip to **Royal Chitwan National Park** to see monkeys, tigers, and leopards (remotelands.com; two-week tour, \$48,000). Just remember to catch your breath before the epic jump: The combination of the altitude and a 10,000-plus-foot drop means that a tank of oxygen and deep inhaling are a must. As for having to allot a good chunk of change for the pleasure, once-in-a-lifetime experiences—as AP can attest—tend to have similar price tags.

