

49/788000 FEET UP - AND THEY AREN'T BLEEKY

Eight thousand feet up in the Bavarian Alps, they do more than yodel. Acrobats send cold shivers down onlookers' spines as they go for a walk on a wire. The low temperature adds ice to the wire and makes it extra tough for feet that must be kept bare to ensure a good grip. This hair-raising trick is called the death pass - performed halfway between two of Europe's highest peaks.

And now the Zugspitze troupe start their most difficult stunt. They've never performed under these conditions before and this is their first experiment. If they fail, they'll never learn where they went wrong.

Next step - a hundred thousand feet higher. That's getting close to where they fit 'em out with wings.

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The Zugspitze troupe  
is a mountain party.