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BLINDSIGHT

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Tibetan Himalayas, BLINDSIGHT is a gripping feature documentary, about six blind Tibetan teenagers whose lives are about to change. They have been rejected by a culture that considers them to be possessed by demons and have overcome enormous odds, helped hugely by attending a special school for the blind in Lhasa, set up by the inspirational blind trailblazer Sabriye Tenberken. Erik Weihenmayer the only blind man to summit Mount Everest, makes his imprint on the world through extraordinary physical accomplishments. Sabriye Tenberken takes the intellectual approach through education. Both of them have spent their adult lives achieving what most people would think impossible. Erik and Sabriye both went blind at the age of 12, he in America, she in Germany. Until 2004, they had never met. Erik's summit of Everest captured the imagination of Sabriye and her students. Determined to find out how he did it, Sabriye wrote to Erik explaining the hardships her kids had endured and their fascination with him. She invited him to visit and Erik accepted. But rather than just speak to the school, Erik brought his world-class Everest climbing team to Tibet so six chosen students could learn how to climb blind like him. One of them is Tashi. His father sold him to a couple who took him to Lhasa and threw him on the streets to beg when he was 10 years old. After years of silence about his past, Tashi decided to find his family. We follow him in the search for his home to a remote region of southern China and watch first-hand as

he confronts the father who abandoned him eight years before. BLINDSIGHT grips you with the suspense of whether Tashi's deep scars will prevent him or propel him to his goal of making the summit with his hero Erik. BLINDSIGHT chronicles the extraordinary adventure of a death-defying three week expedition up Lhakpa Ri, adramatic 23,000 foot peak which rises symbolically and spectacularly beside Mount Everest. BLINDSIGHT weaves the compelling life stories of students Kyila, Sonam Bhumtso, Tashi, Gyenshen, Dachung and Tenzin with this intense mountain drama into a riveting tapestry.

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