

Tall order

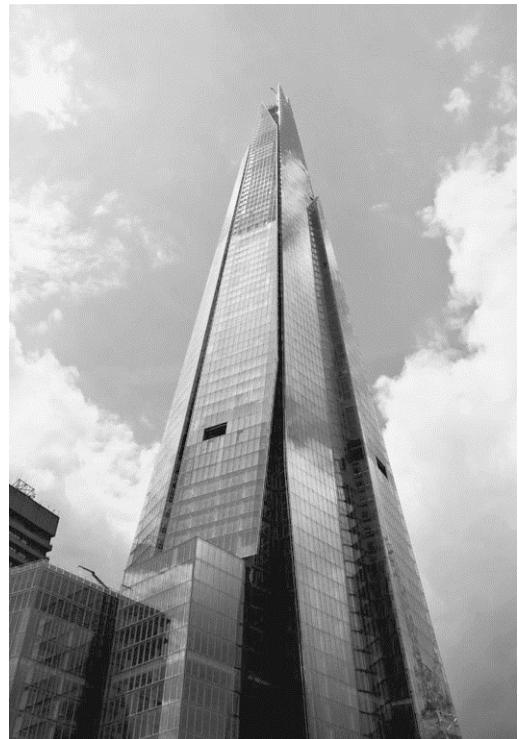
It's a sad day when a superhero can't even scale a skyscraper when he wants to. Last week, the owner and developer of the Shard of London Bridge Quarter (LBQ) in London took out an injunction against French climber Alain Robert to prevent him 'entering the Shard site or attempting to climb the building'.

Robert, otherwise known as the 'French Spider-Man' due to his penchant for climbing some of the world's tallest buildings without a rope or harness, has previously scaled the Sydney Opera House, the Empire State Building and the 2,717-ft Buj Khalifa in Dubai – the world's tallest manmade structure.

According to Robert, he was apparently spotted by security staff as he was checking out the 1,016-ft building. A spokesperson for LBQ gave us the following statement: 'As LBQ takes its responsibility to health and safety extremely seriously we have sought to prevent Mr Robert from attempting to climb the Shard.'

But will an injunction stop him? Given that most of his previous climbs haven't been given the legal go-ahead, we doubt it.

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- 1p 2 What can be concluded about Alain Robert based on this text?
- A He is going to climb the Shard as soon as official permission is given.
 - B He is likely to climb the Shard, even though its owners forbid it.
 - C He wants to climb the Shard only if the right precautions are taken.
 - D He was arrested while attempting to climb the Shard illegally.
 - E He was asked to climb the Shard, but turned down this request.
- 1p 3 What is the writer's attitude towards Alain Robert's actions?
- A clearly annoyed
 - B quite envious
 - C rather concerned
 - D slightly amused

Bronvermelding

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