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learnt to ski 20 years ago, on the east coast of America in Stowe, Vermont. Since then, while I've skied my way through a wealth of resorts across both Europe and North America, there's one that's always had a question mark next to it - Jackson Hole in Wyoming. On my list, but the question was, am I man enough to take it on?

To me, Jackson Hole has always felt like the Holy Grail of big mountain steeps and deeps, my dreams fuelled by extreme skiing images and its reputation for cold, dry powder. I've lost count of the times I've watched, with jaw suitably dropped, as the resort stars in yet another blockbuster ski action movie.

Its most famous extreme run is Corbet's Couloir; pictures usually show a line of skiers edging towards the vertical cleft of an entry point, looking nervously into the abyss. So not a place for the

