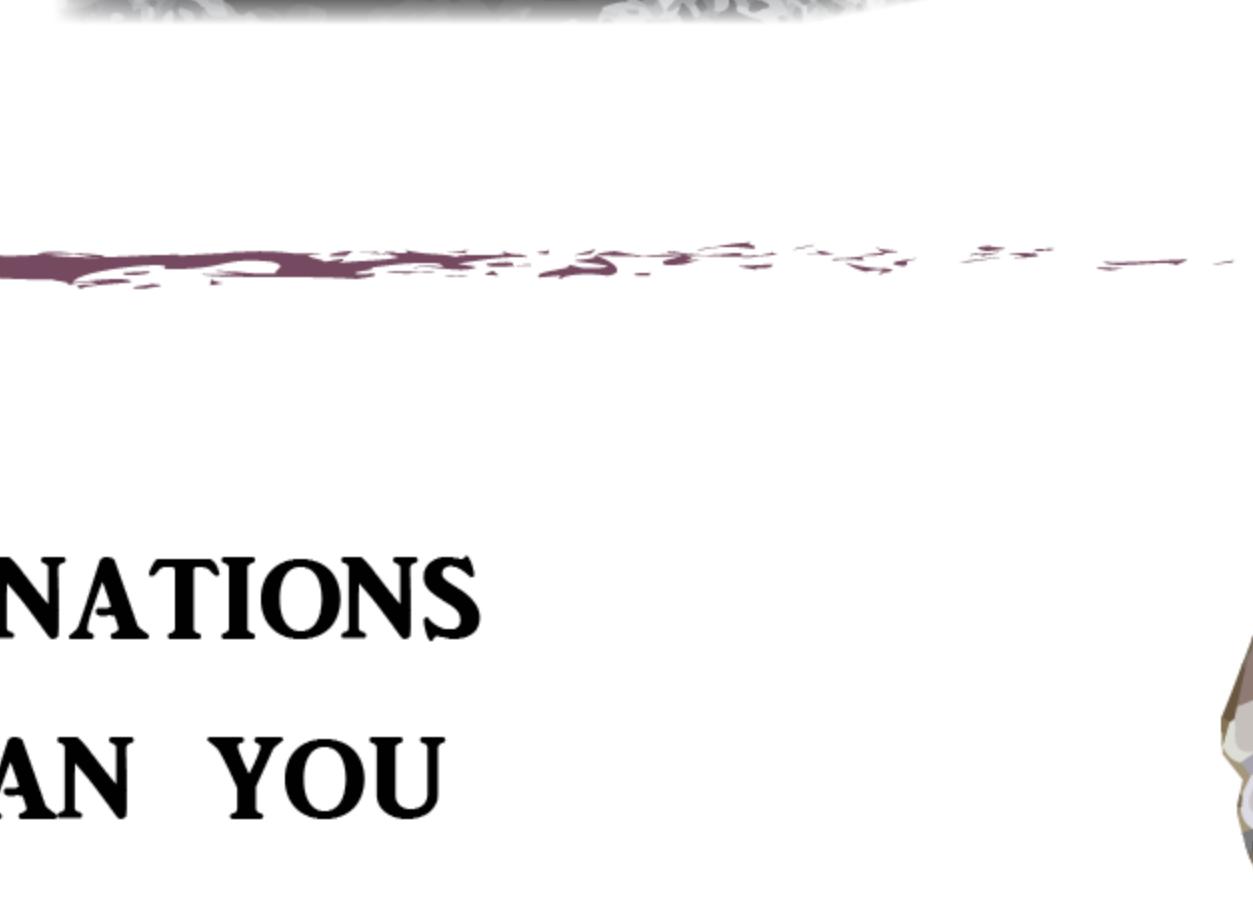


# CHALK IT UP TO LOCATION:

A GUIDE TO WHERE TO LIVE TO BOULDER HARD IN THE U.S.

## WHAT IS BOULDERING?

THE ACT OF CLIMBING BOULDER PROBLEMS.

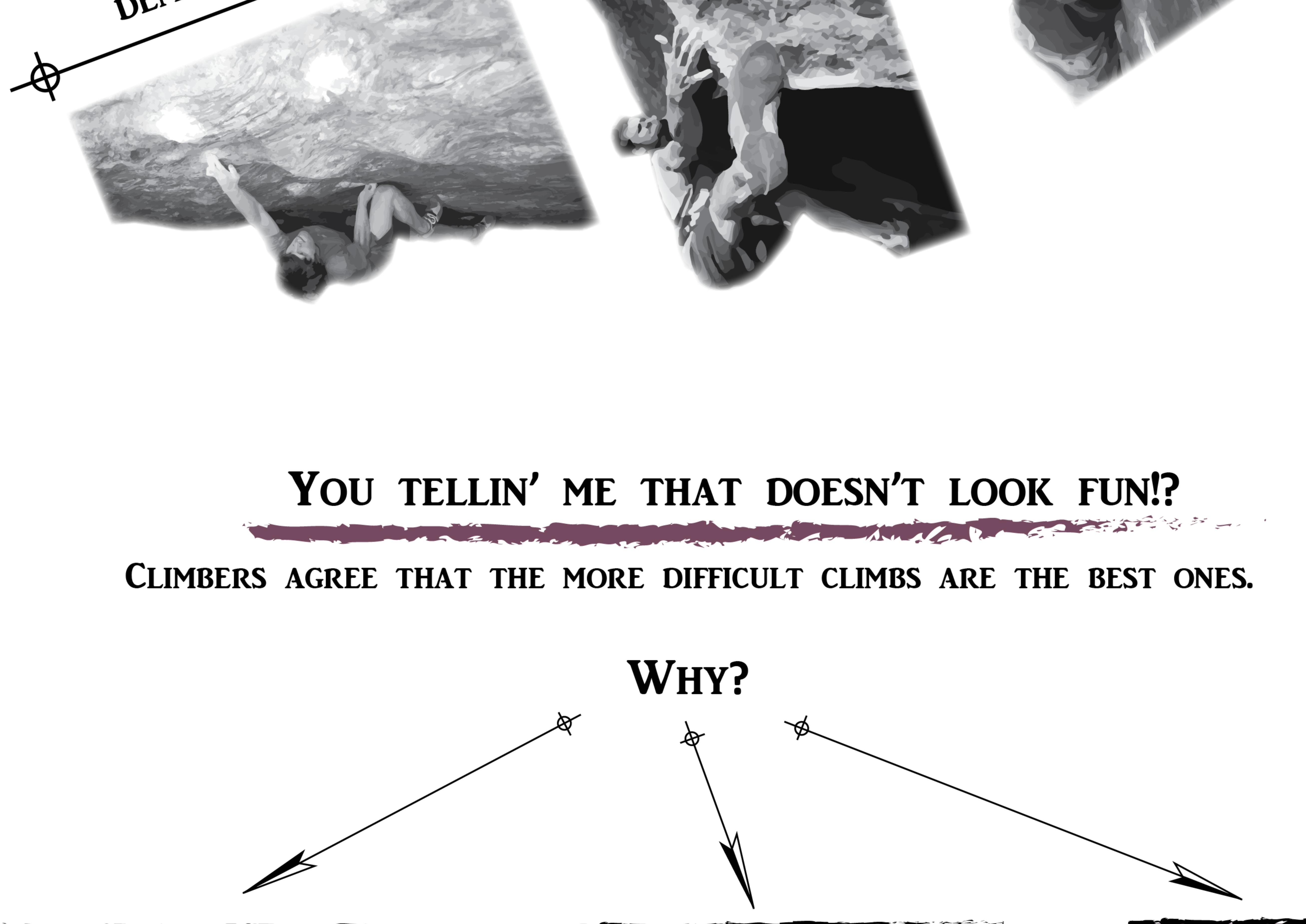


A BOULDER PROBLEM IS A SHORT ROCK CLIMB FOCUSED ON A FEW DIFFICULT MOVES.

THE U.S. IS LOADED WITH BEAUTIFUL CLIMBING DESTINATIONS THAT HOUSE THOUSANDS OF BOULDERS. HOWEVER, CAN YOU POINT YOUR FINGERS TO THE BEST OF THE BEST, THE HARDEST OF THE HARD?

## WHAT IS "HARD" AND WHY DO I CARE?

AS CLIMBS BECOME MORE DIFFICULT, THEY GET... MORE...



## YOU TELLIN' ME THAT DOESN'T LOOK FUN!?

CLIMBERS AGREE THAT THE MORE DIFFICULT CLIMBS ARE THE BEST ONES.

### WHY?

SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

MORE UNIQUE MOVEMENT

COMPETITION

## HOW IS DIFFICULTY MEASURED?

GRADES, VO-V15+, ARE AN ATTEMPT TO INDEX A BOULDER PROBLEM'S DIFFICULTY. CONVENTIONALLY, THE V-SCALE IS BROKEN DOWN LIKE THIS.

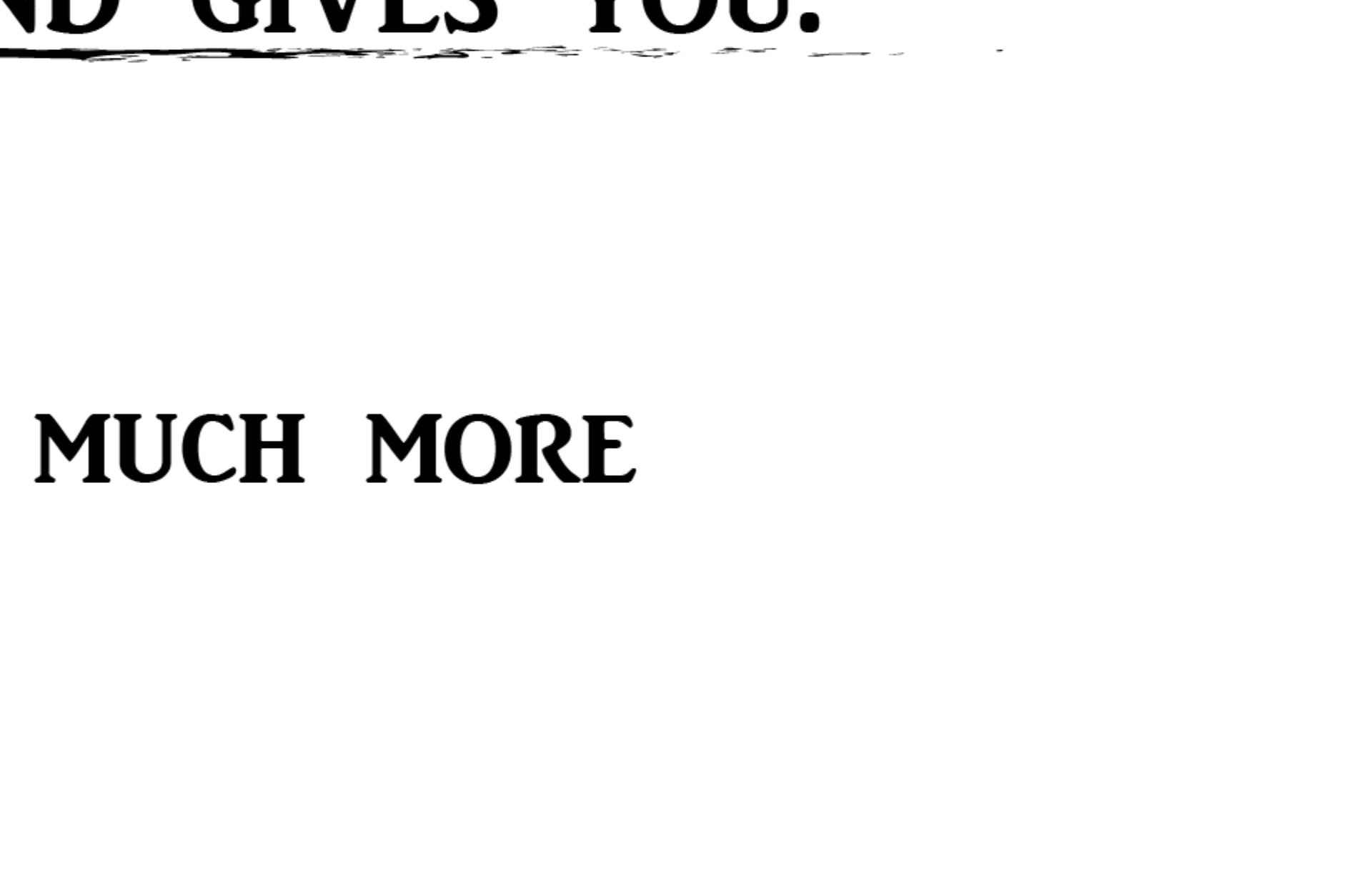
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IT CAN TAKE YEARS OF PRACTICE AND TRAINING TO MOVE INTO THE HIGHER GRADES.

## BE A STONE'S THROW AWAY:

ANYTHING CHALLENGING TAKES TIME TO COMPLETE, ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT CLIMBS. OPTIMAL CONDITIONS AND DAYS UPON DAYS OF PRACTICE ARE USUALLY REQUIRED FOR SUCCESS. AS MANY CLIMBERS EXPERIENCE, ONE WEEK OF VACATION JUST SIMPLY ISN'T ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE THAT CLIMB.



## LIVING CLOSER TO THE CLIMBS YOU WANT TO SEND GIVES YOU:

- HOME-CRAG ADVANTAGE!
- A BETTER CHANCE OF FAVORABLE CONDITIONS
- THE CHANCE TO PRACTICE THOSE CRUX MOVES SO MUCH MORE



YOU WANT TO DO THESE DIFFICULT CLIMBS?  
YOU HAVE TO LIVE A STONE'S THROW AWAY.

OK, So WHERE IN THE U.S. SHOULD THE ASPIRING CLIMBER GO?