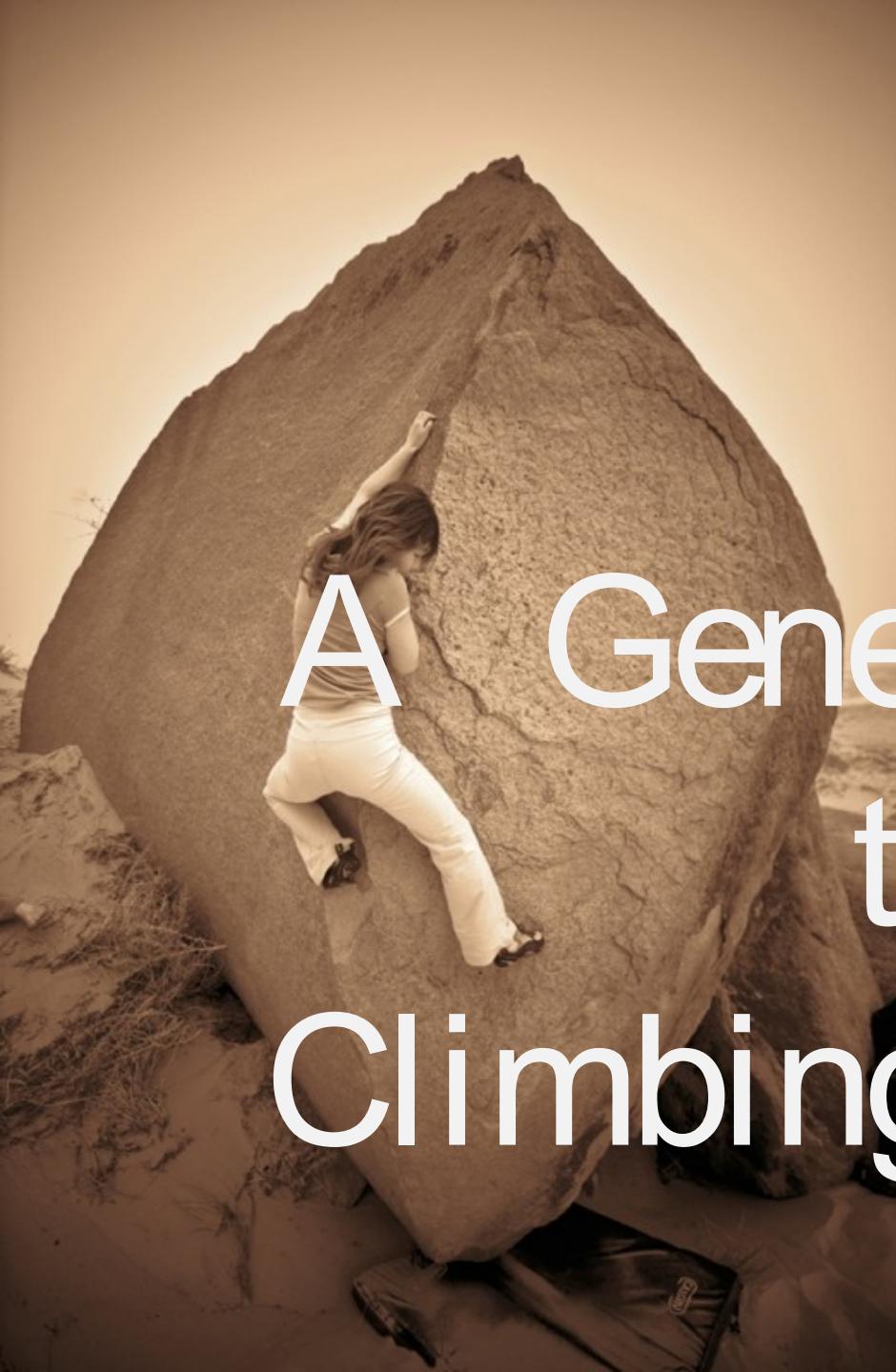


A General Intro to Climbing in China



Brief Chronicle of Climbing



Alps, modern climbing started

Eiger, north face; Himalaya

Mt Everest

1870

1930

1950

Suffering from Qing Dynasty,
invasion of western countries

Japan invaded Asia

P.R.C



Climbing
Started
in China

People started climbing late

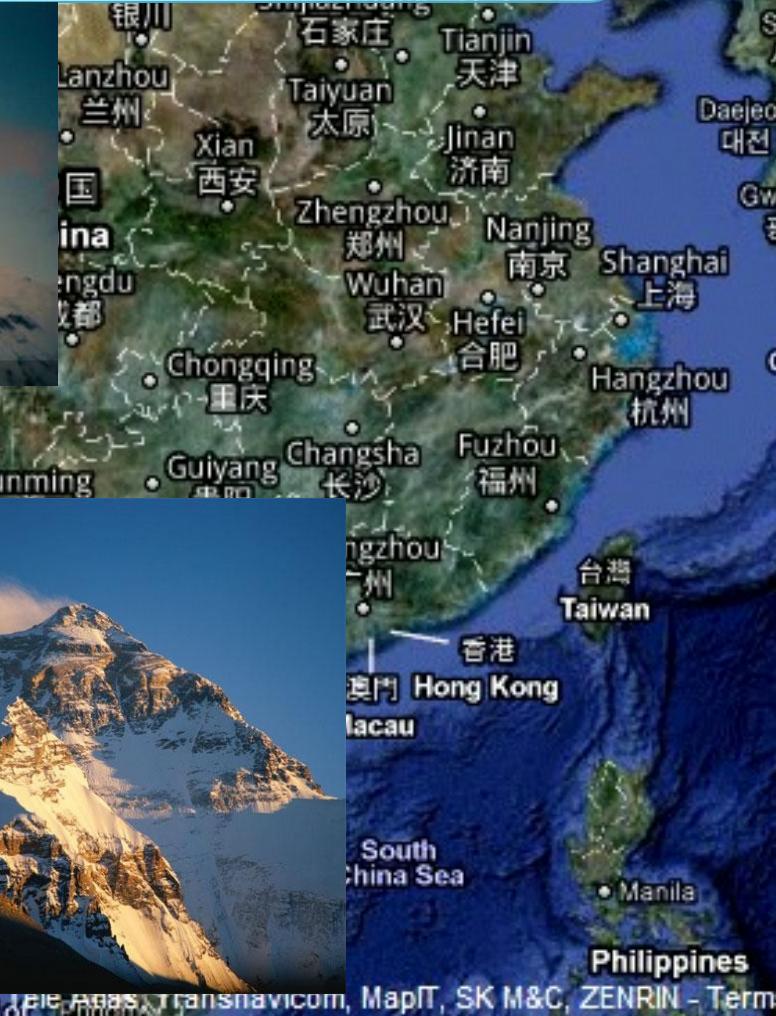
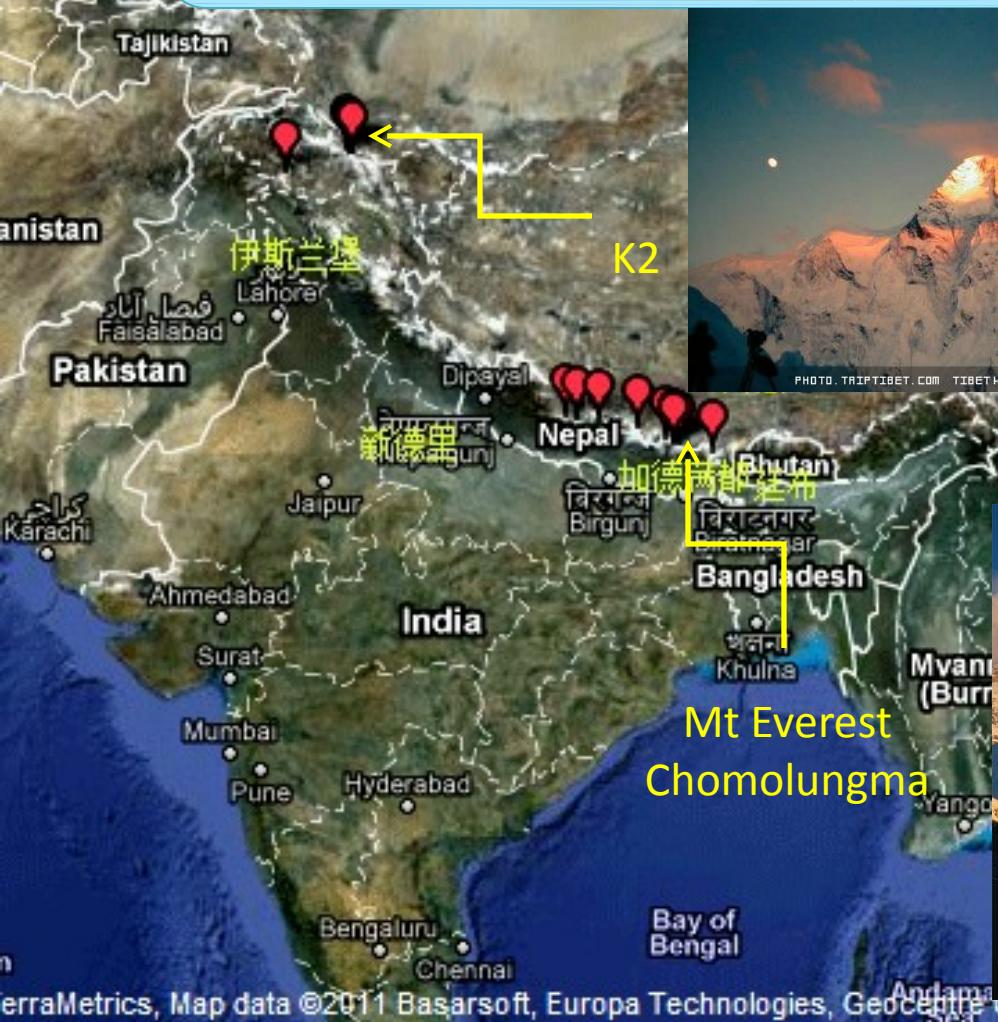
Not popular

No world-class climber (except the Tibetan 14K team)

Why do we talk about China?

The Home of Mountains

7 of 14 Eight Thousanders (the highest peaks)





Piolet d'Or

4 climbs in 19 since 1991, 21%



History

1st Generation



在当时国际帝修反的一片反华叫嚣声中，在三年自然灾害和功修背信弃义单方面退出中苏两国登山运动员共同攀登珠峰的活动的时候，中国登山运动员这次从北坡首次成功地登上珠峰的胜利，充分显示了中国人民在中国共产党和毛主席的领导下，无高不可攀、无坚不可摧，吓不倒压不垮的革命英雄主义精神。

--We beat the disloyal Soviet Union, we beat our enemy USA, we beat the natural disaster. It shows our bravery, long-live Chairman Mao, long-live P.R.C

- May 25th ,1960
- June 13th ,1957 Minya Konka

~~Ego?~~

Honor Sacrifice

politics

rop climbing

ty

overnment



2nd Generation



1980s-1990s

“7+2 dream”

Interests switched to “satisfying climber’ ego”

International view

No pushing from politics

CMA(China Mountaineering Association) it is goal-driven; as individual, no personal interest is seen

3rd Generation

21th Century



Education

Peking University
Master in USA

Ice

WI 7 >M8

Rock

5.13-

Mountain

N/A



Peking University

WI6

5.12+

Mt .Everest, Alpinism

CMA

In-System Climber

V.S.

Free Climber

1. 谢卫成 /Achen Professionals



2. 严冬冬 /Dongdong



8C/ 5.14b

The big-brother in Chinese sport climbers
Route setter



- TNF sponsored athlete
- First ascent ,south face of Five-Color-Mountain
- Winter ascent Ningjinkansa (7206m)
- Establish “the free spirits” route on Siguniang
- Nominee Piolet d'Or 2010



Piolets d'Or

4 climbs in 19 since 1991, 21%



Dilemmas for professionals

- ◊ Incoming

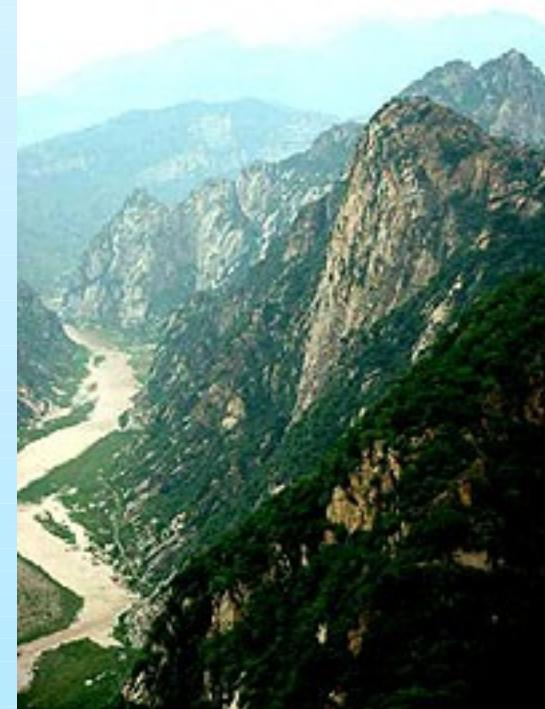
- ◊ Climb harder , risk more

- ◊ Pressure from CMA

Free climber community in Beijing

----"the White-River Gang"

The White-river Climbing Fund
The toughest trad climbers in China
All-rounders
Climbers all with high education
The middle class
International vision

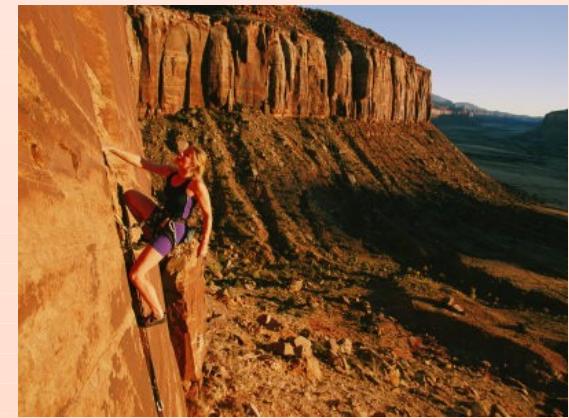
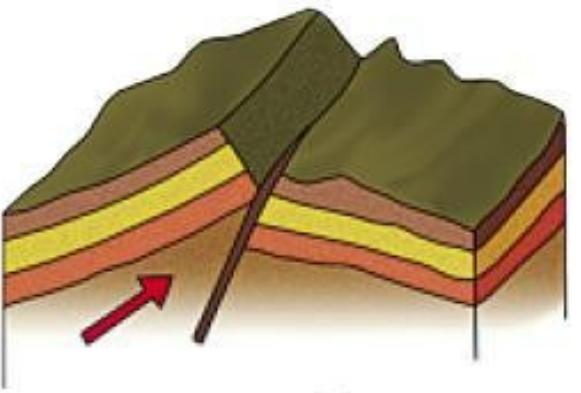


bolted, trad, bouldering
5.13+

History

- Politics----Ego----Enjoying climbing
- Himalaya----All disciplines
- CMA---Professional----Free climber

Geography



Potentials Potentials Potentials Potentials Potentials Potentials Potentials Potentials

Unlimited Potentials in China in terms of natural resources

CHINA



中国三级地势示意图

70

80

90

100

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120

130

140

0 400 千米

Pamir Plateau

Karakoram Range

1st Stage

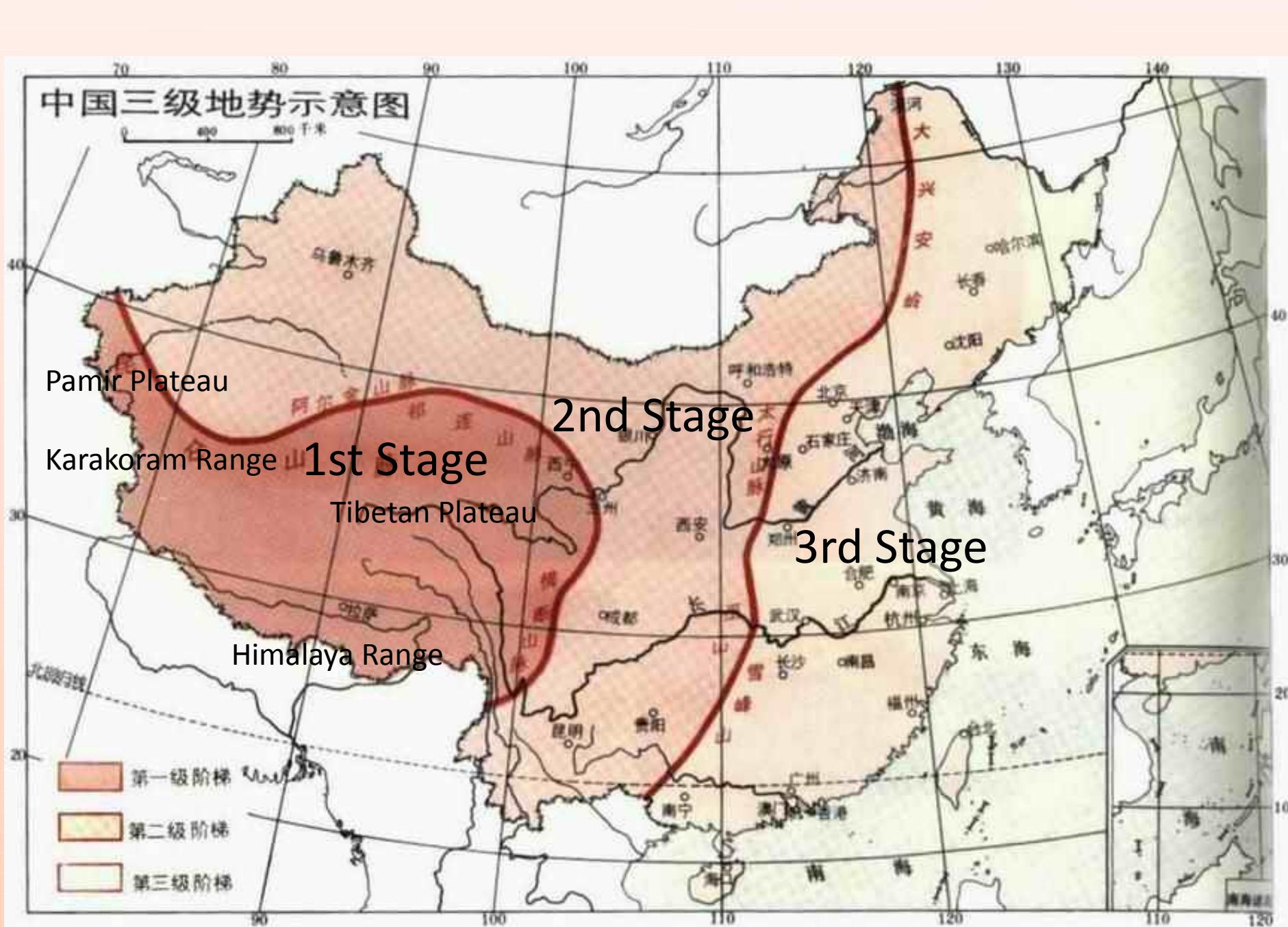
Tibetan Plateau

Himalaya Range

2nd Stage

3rd Stage

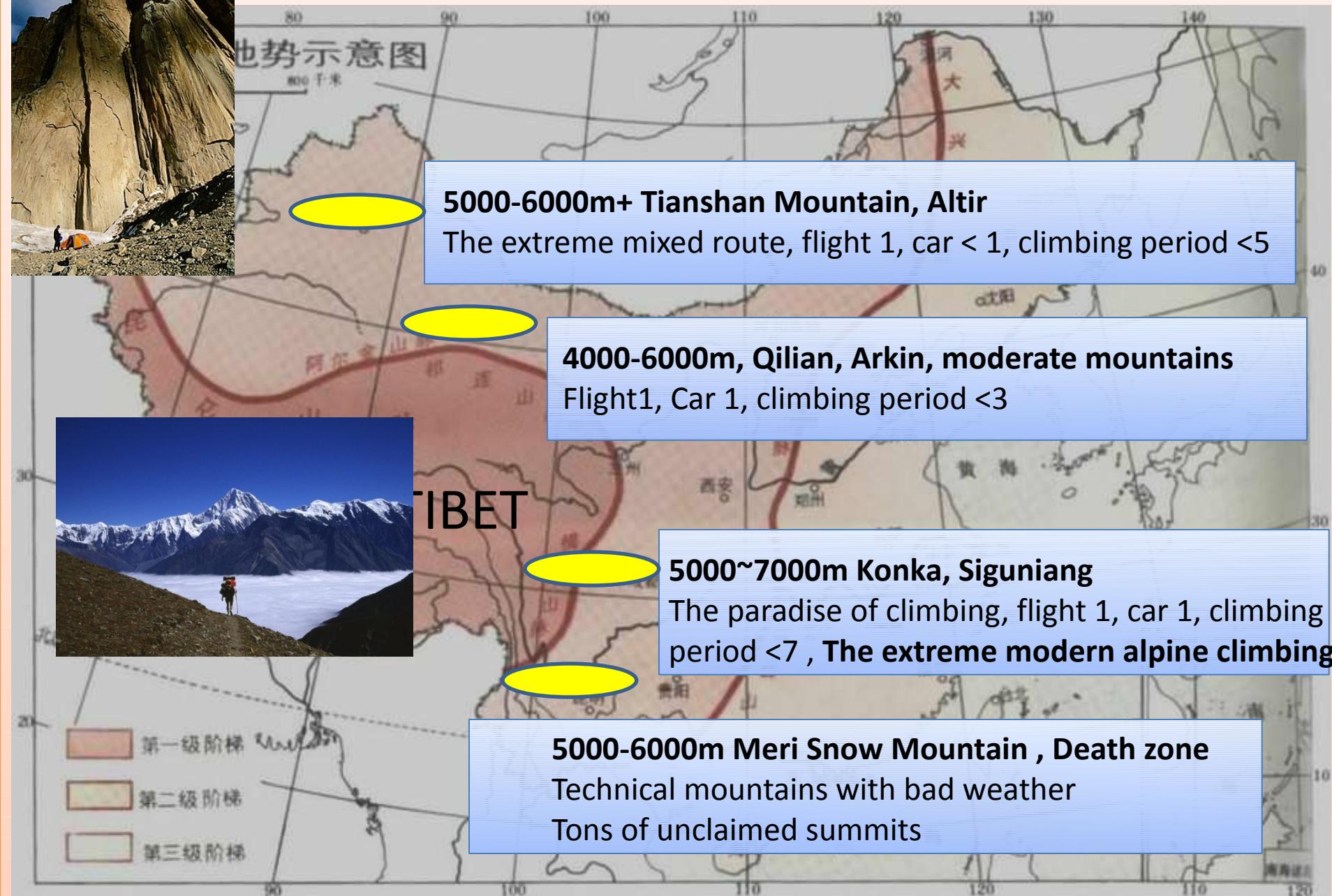
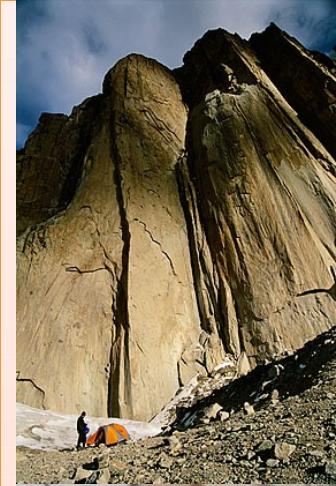
- 第一级阶梯
- 第二级阶梯
- 第三级阶梯



By Disciplines

Mountaineering





Characterization of the climb

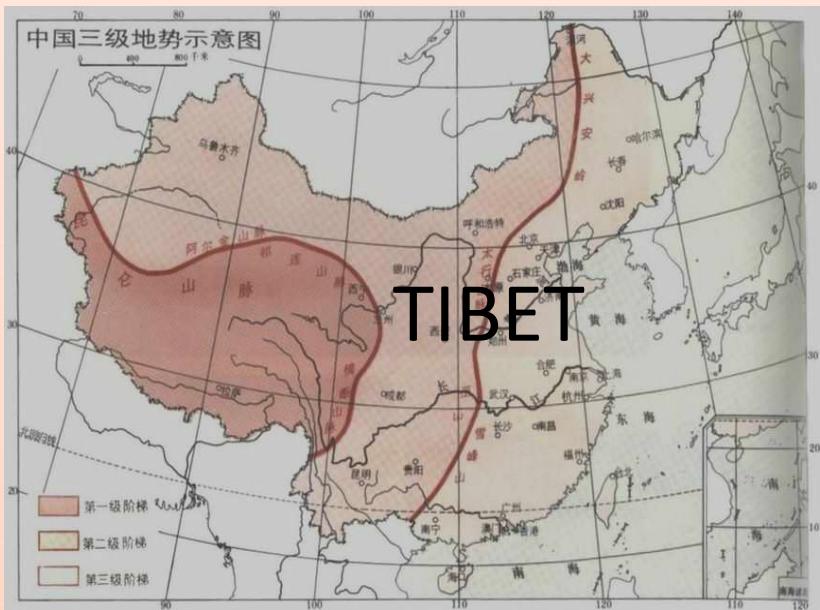
Avoid summer and winter
Grass land, rock & ice

Season : avoid June to Sep
Few vegetation, rock& ice,
long hiking (multi days)

Avoid June to Sep, lots of vegetation, extreme route, ice, snow, rock, big wall

Season : late Apr --early June, Sep—Oct
Few vegetation, more ice and snow

Characterization of the climb



- Dry
- Little oxygen
- Few vegetation
- Hard to access
- Long climbing period
- Limited aging



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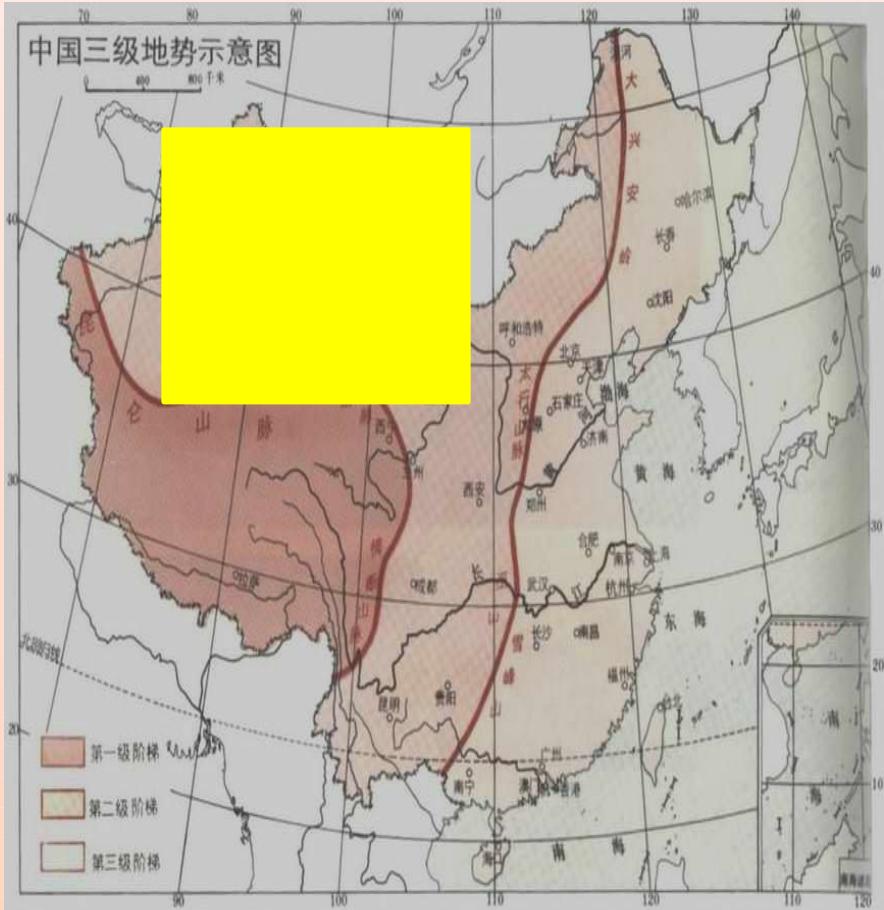


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Characterization of the climb



- Moist
- Vegetation
- Nomad people living nearby
- Aging, unstable face
- Reasonable climbing period
- Bitter winter



诺尔盖 LINHOF617 + 90 RVP100
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bian du kou alpa+48 rvp100
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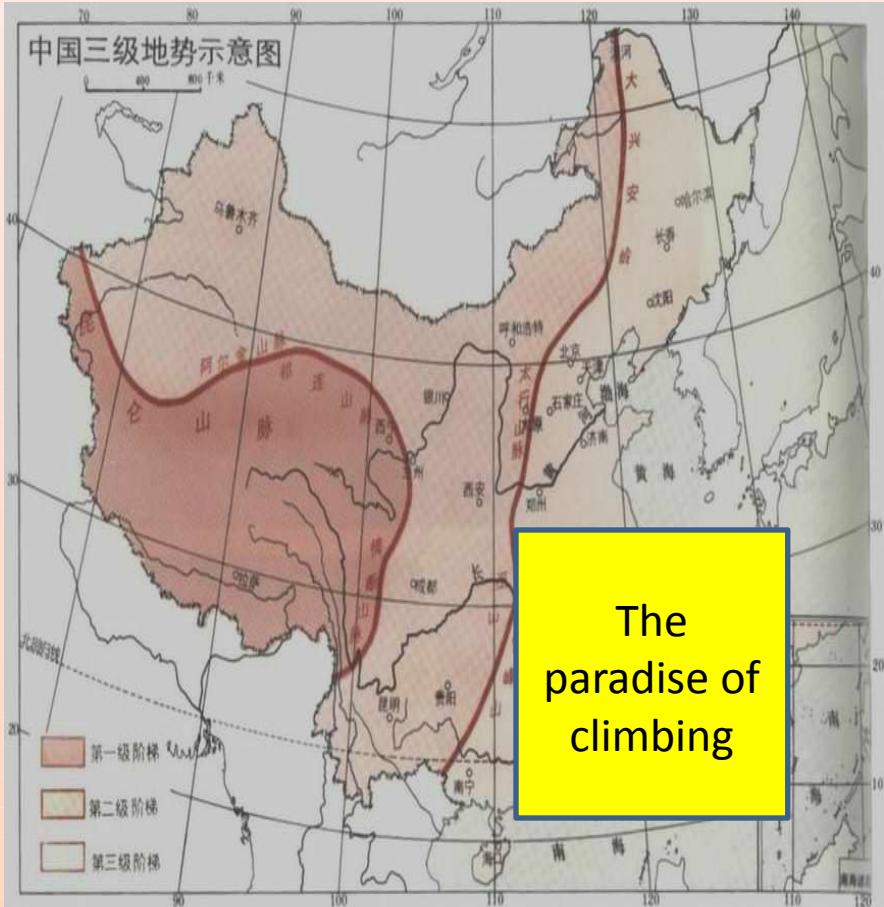
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xiang ri kui P67 + smc45 RVP 100
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Characterization of the climb



- Moist
- Vegetation
- Farming, hunting culture
- Aging, unstable face
- Big rock face
- Avalanche
- Reasonable climbing period



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四姑娘山 P67+SMC 200+2X RDP3

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四姑娘山 LINHOF617+250 RVP100
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XINJIANG Tianshan
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新路海冰川 LINHOF617+250 RVP100

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阿日扎 ALPA12swa+APO35 E100VS

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甲居的黎明 P67 + smc90 rvp100

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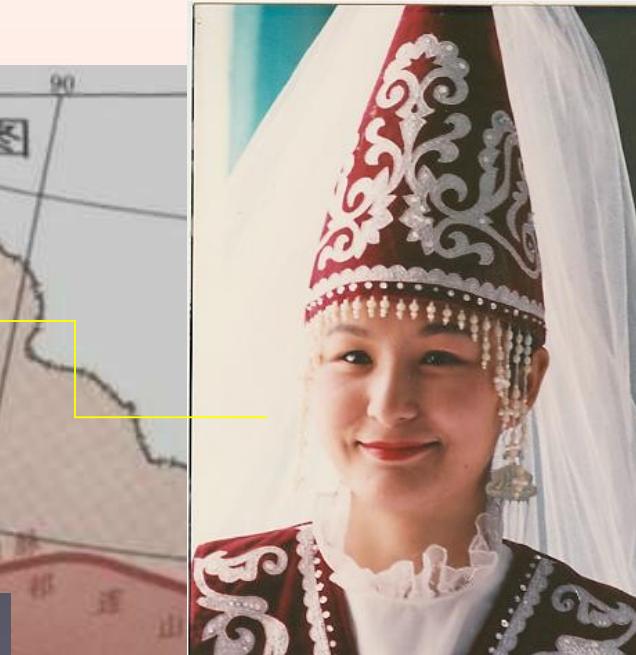


The Tibetan



第三阶梯





Ice Climbing



Ice Climbing

1. Peach Heaven Valley, 2 hours from BJ

Water ice, WI 1-WI 6+, a few dry-tooling
(about 10 routes above WI 4)

2. Yunmeng Valley, car 3 hours from BJ

WI4, long pitch, 150m

3. The White River, car 2 hours from BJ

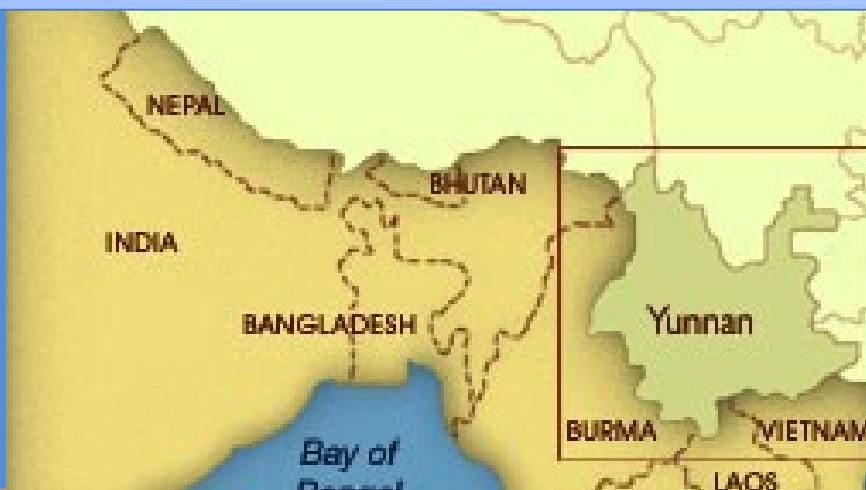
WI4+ M8

4. Inner Mongolia, car 6 hours from BJ

WI5+



The most popular one,
as crowd as Rumney





Peach Heaven Valley

WI4, 25m

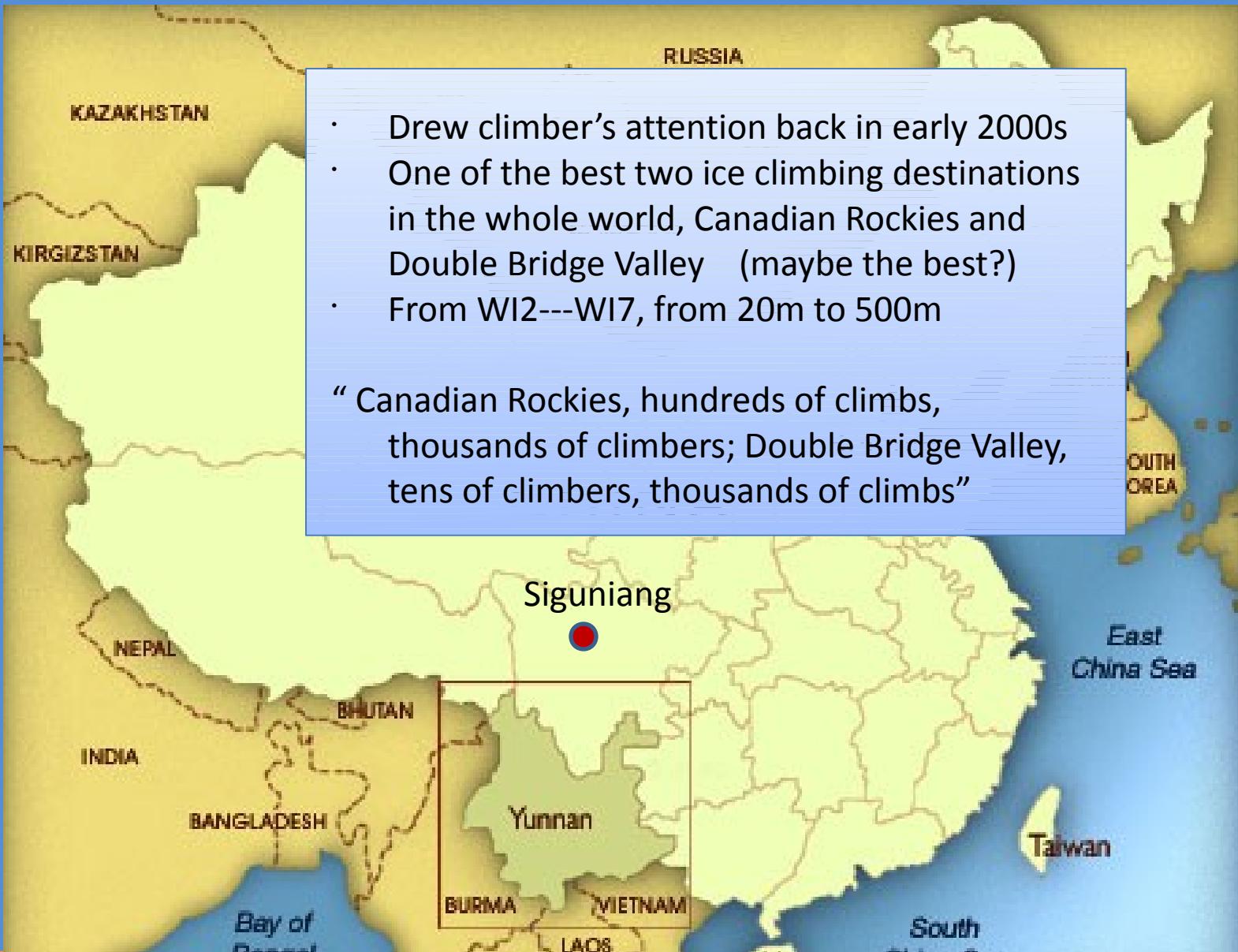


ICE DAY

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The Needle, WI6, 10m+

Ice Climbing



Jesus's Robe, 30m+, WI4+

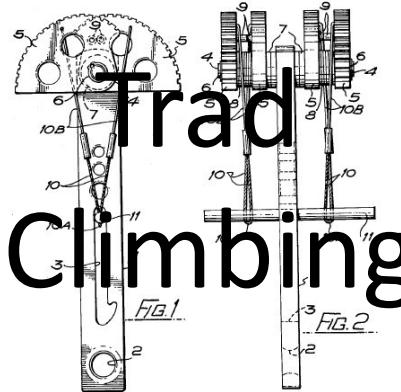




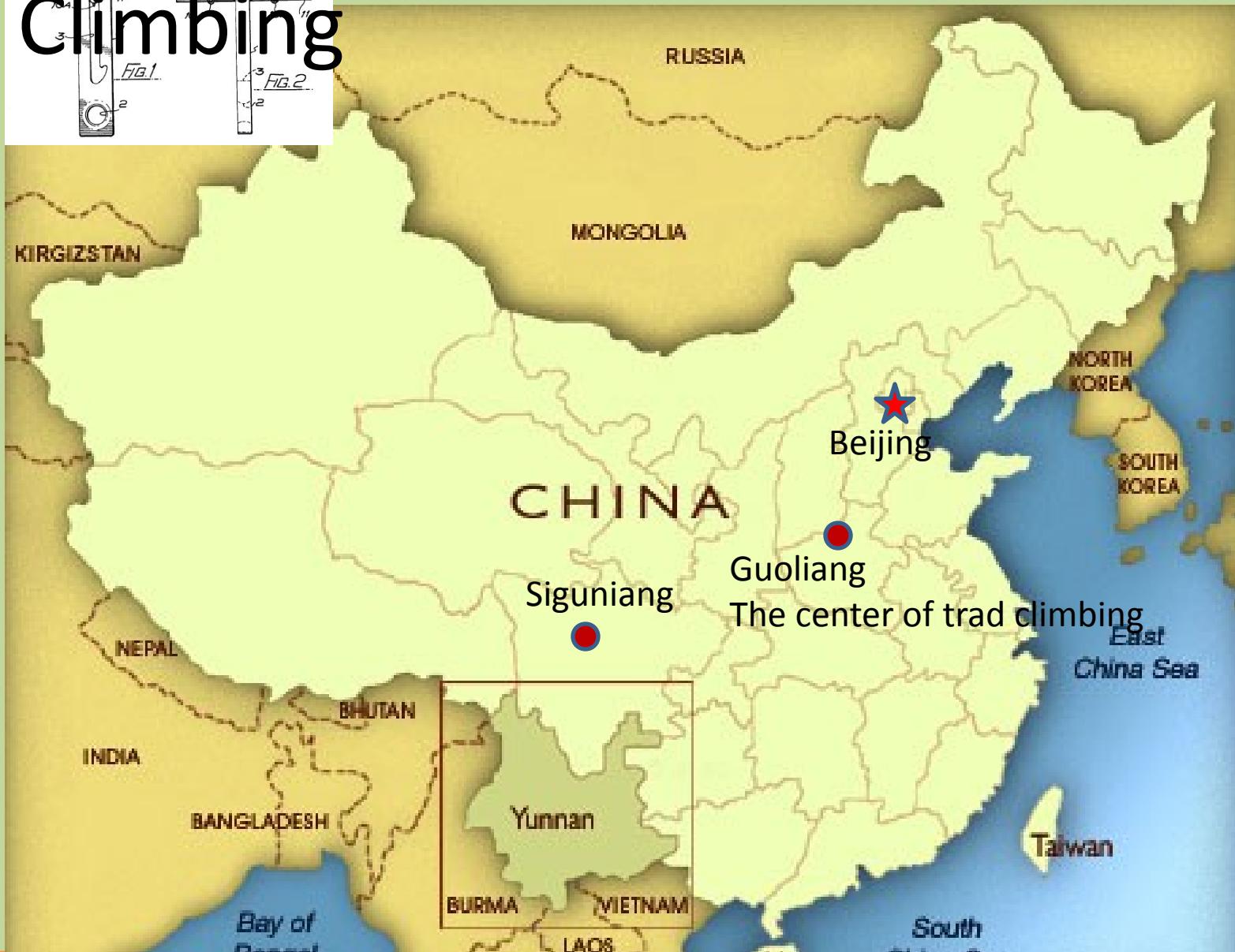
Dragon Breath, WI6+, 2Pitches

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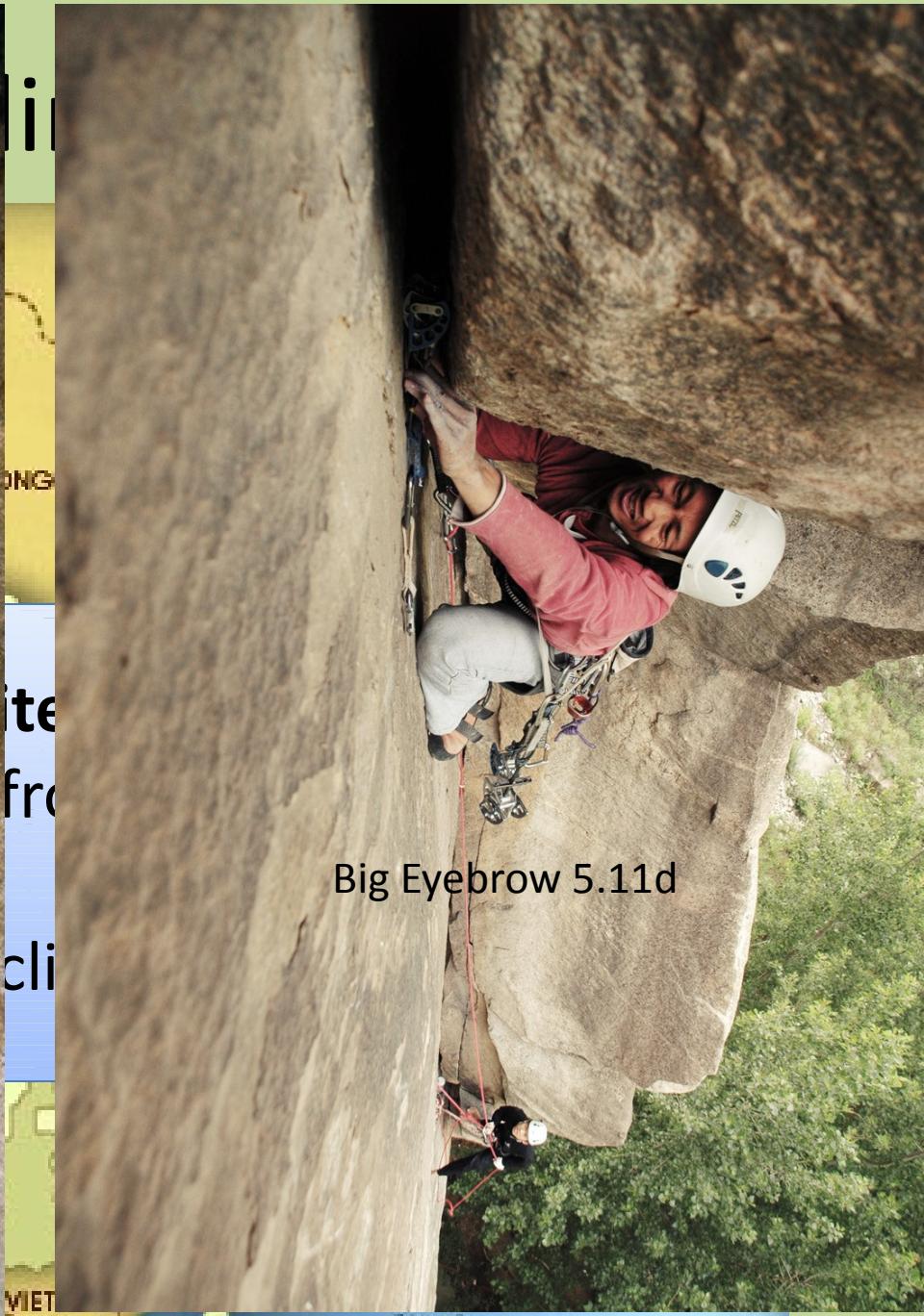


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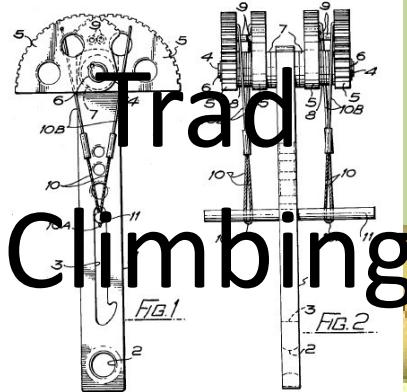




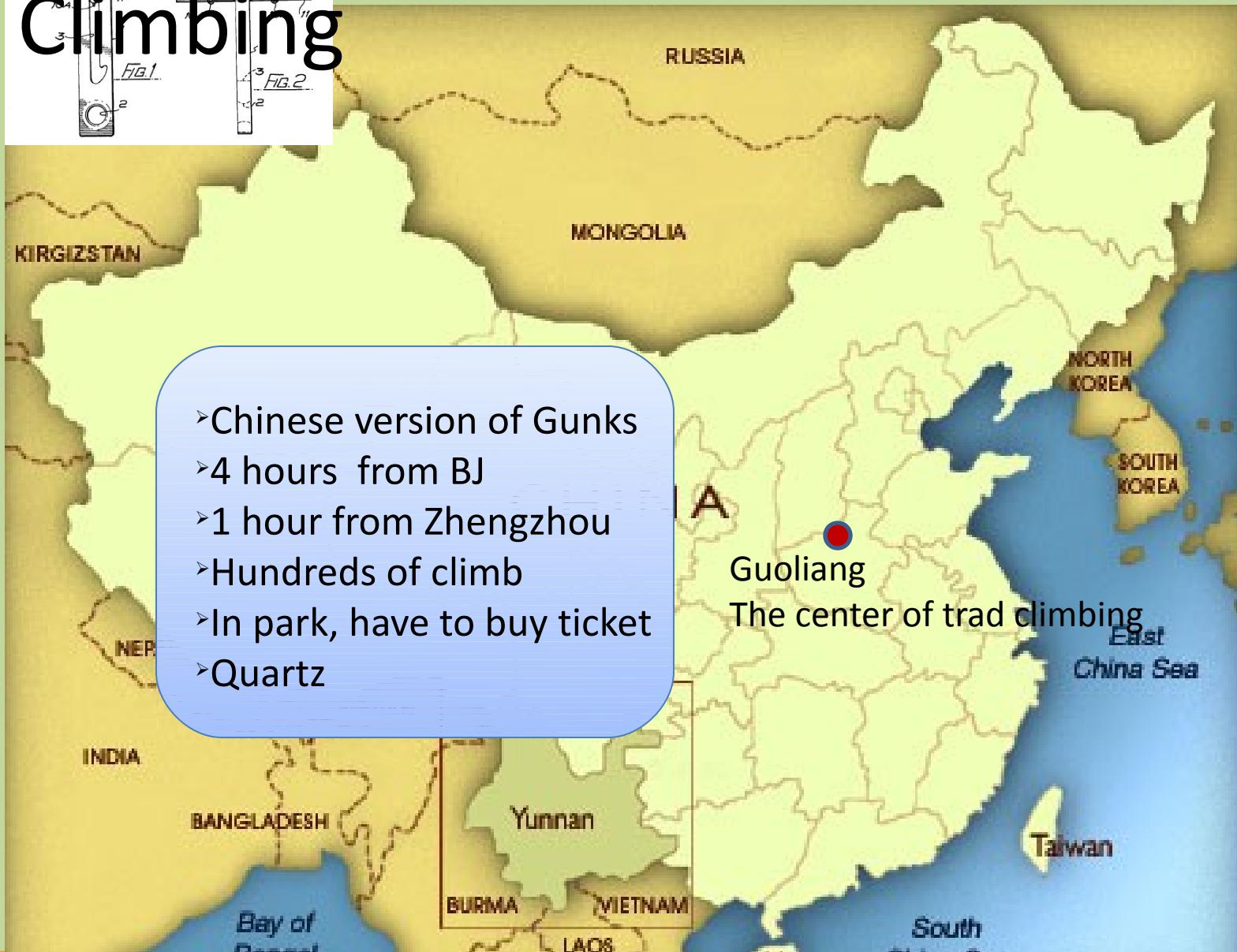
Memorizing Kristran 5.11b

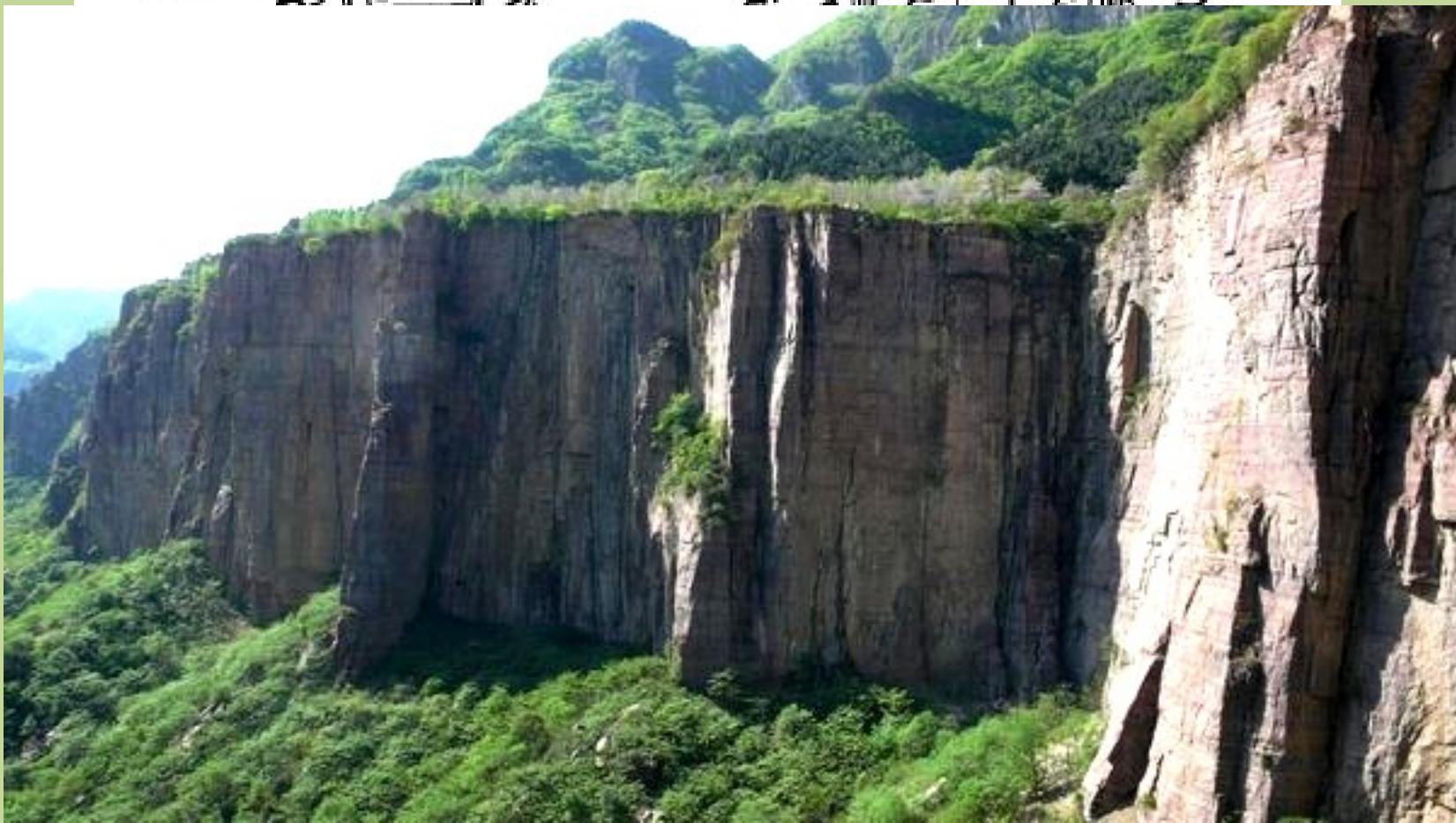


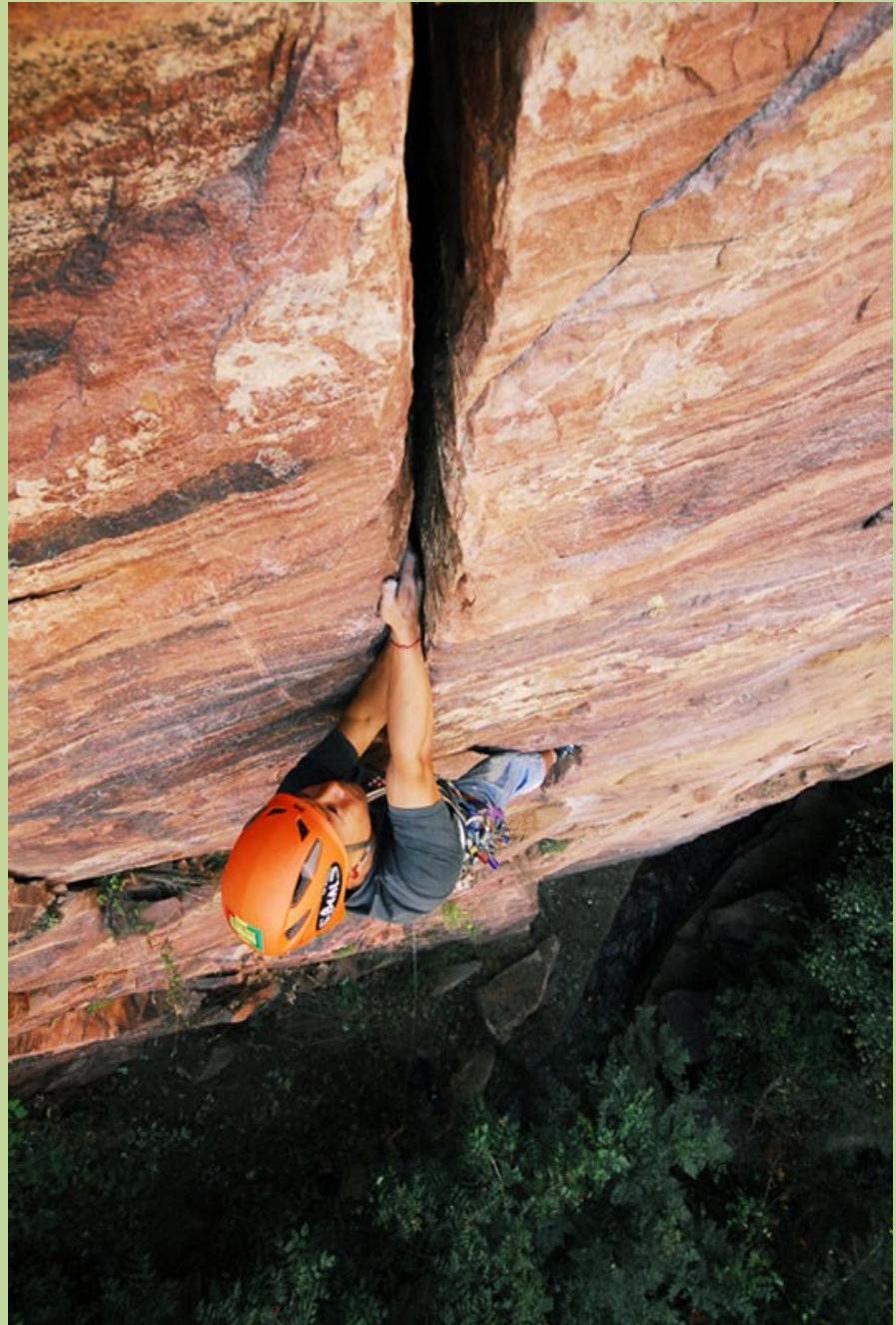
Big Eyebrow 5.11d

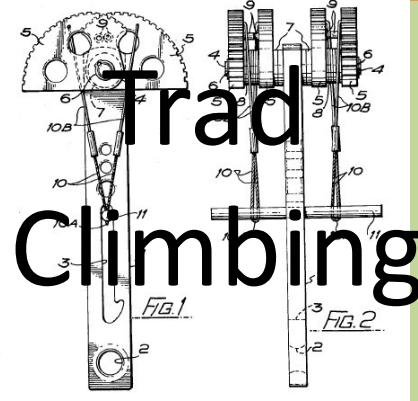
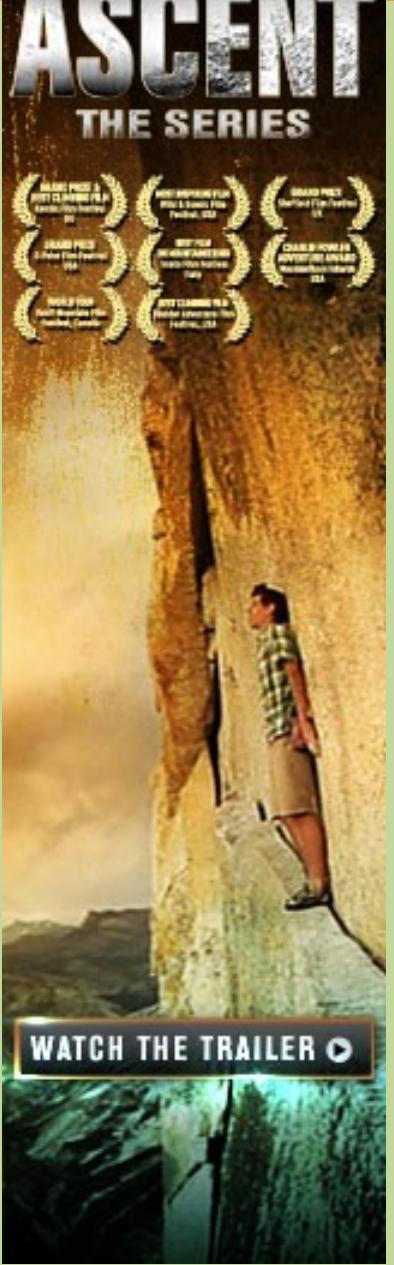


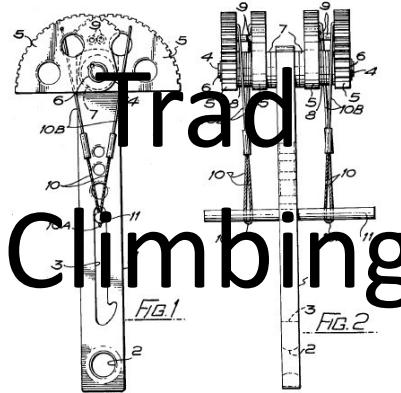
Trad Climbing











Trad Climbing

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Bay of
Bengal

BURMA VIETNAM
LAOS

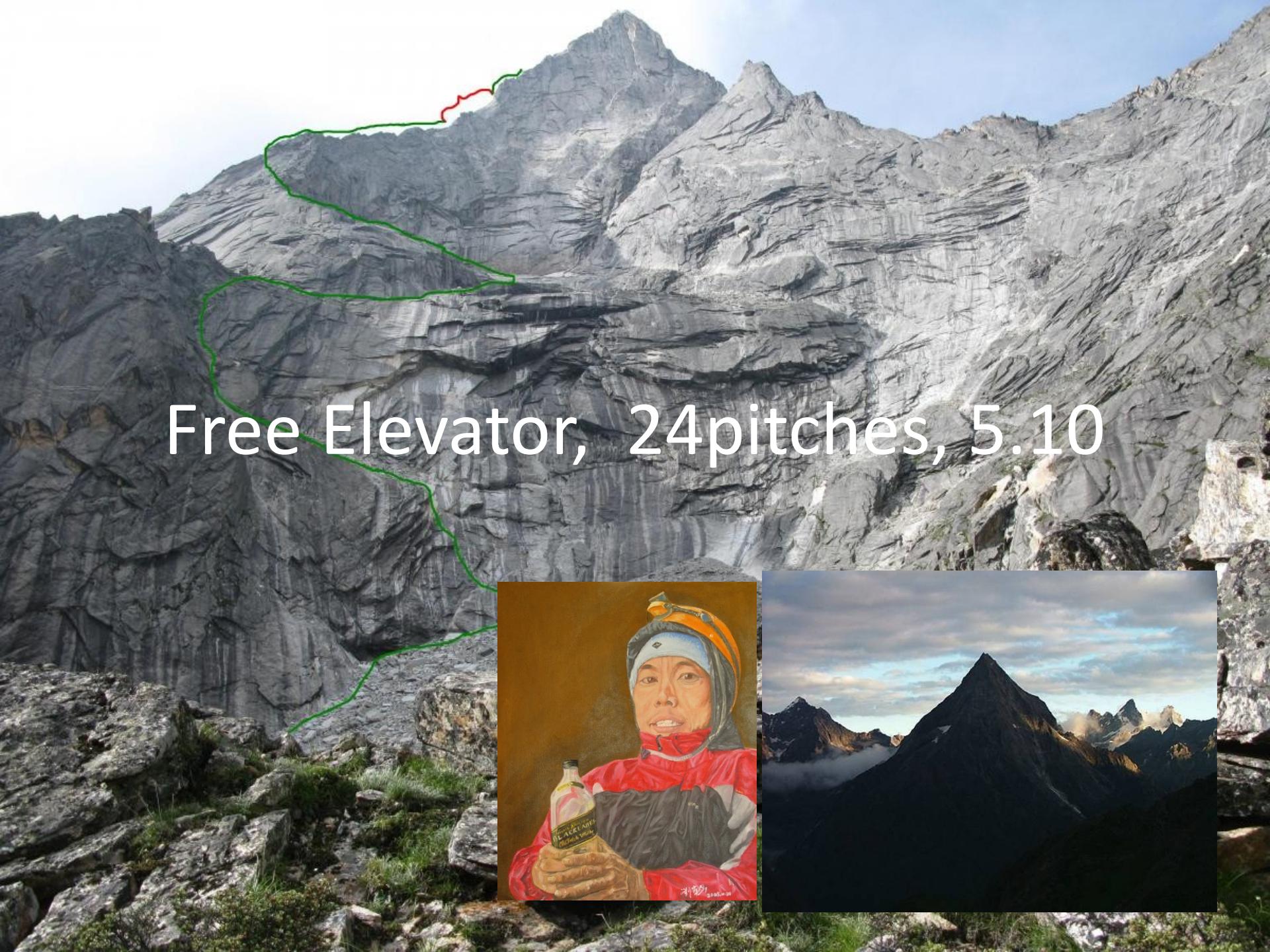
South
China Sea



Trad Climbing

Big wall, Siguniang area
Granite





Free Elevator, 24 pitches, 5.10

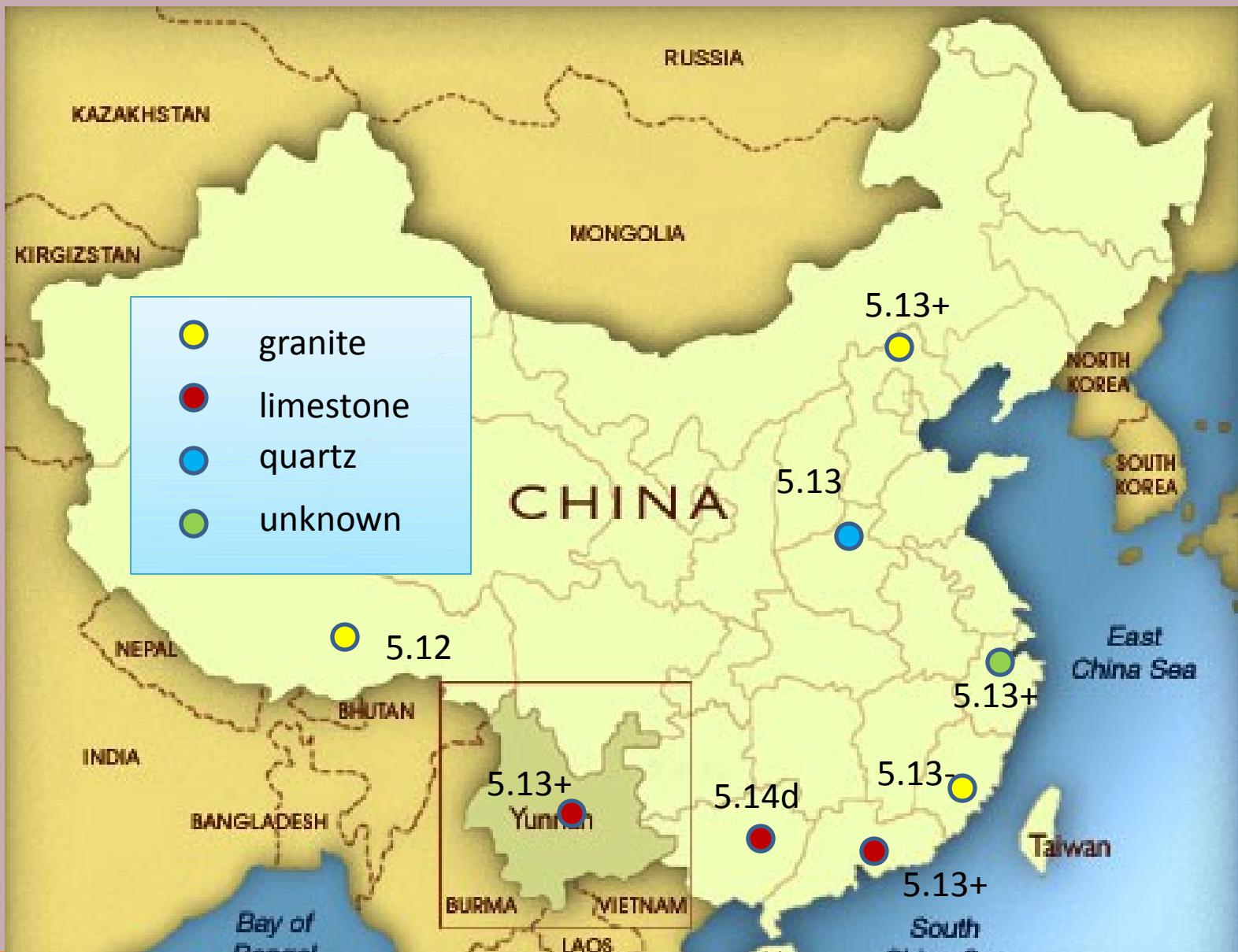


South Face of “The Second Sister”, 12 pitches, 5.11+



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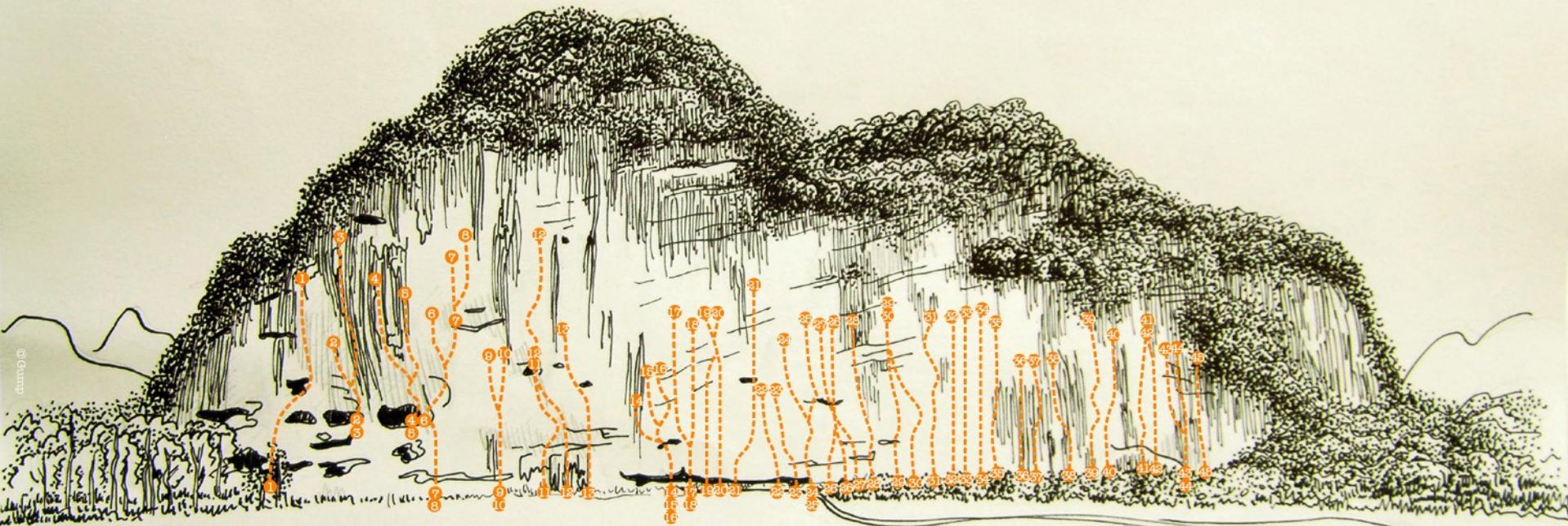
Sport Climbing



Yangshuo

- ❖ It has everything in terms of “bolt” culture, along with deep water soloing
- ❖ Relative long single pitch
- ❖ Some multipitches
- ❖ Good accomodation
- ❖ Good traffic
- ❖ Climbing Season, all year
- ❖ It also offers kayaking, caving, (even language program, part time job)

The White Mountain Crag

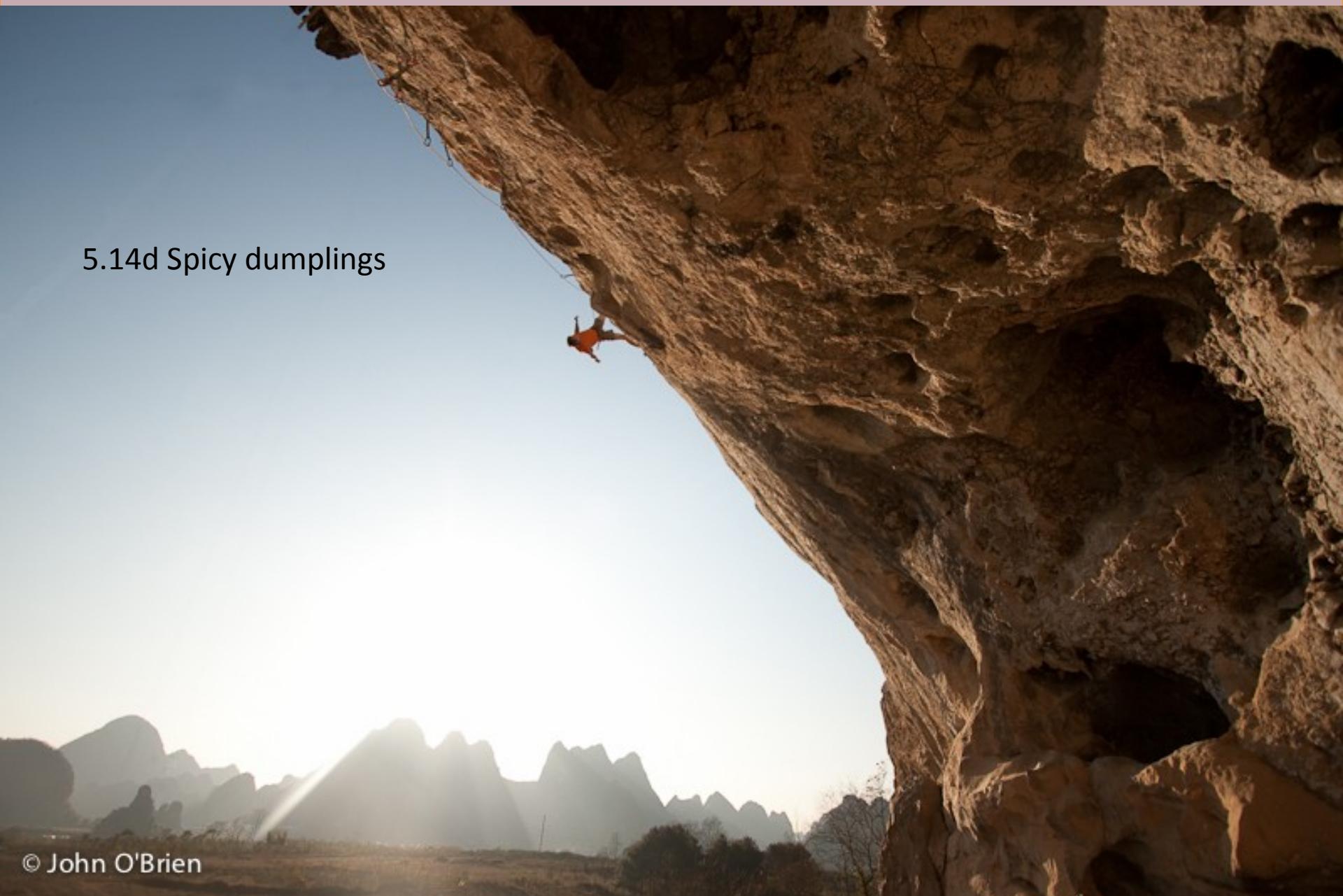


White Mountain Cliff

1. The Tale of the Talus, 7a+, 40m, Séb Grieve, 2006
2. Blue Magic, 8b+, 16m, French Nike Team ACG, 2007
3. Guilt Noodles, Project, 30m, Chris Sharma, 2009
4. Spicy Noodles, 8a+, 27m, Chris Sharma, 2009
5. The Axeman, 8a, 27m, Neil Gresham, 2007
6. China Climb, 8a, 22m, 剣水邦, 2008
7. Spanish Route, Project, 40m, 2010
8. Spanish Route, Project, 45m, 2010
9. Unnamed, 7c+, 22m, Gerome Pouvreau, 謝衛成, Early 2005
10. Unnamed, 7c+, 22m, Gerome Pouvreau, 謝衛成, Early 2005

11. Unnamed, 7a, 20m, Gerome Pouvreau, 謝衛成, Early 2005
12. Aiding ♂ Abetting, 8c+, 20m, James Murphy, 2004
- 12.2 American/Frech Gangstar, 8c, 22m, French Nike Team ACG, 2007
13. Korea No. 1, 8a, 23m, J.H. Kim, 2008
14. The Big Sun, 8c, 16m, Simone Liu, 2006
15. Two in the Pink, One in the Sink, 7b, 20m, Dave, 2008
16. China White, 7b, 20m, Séb Grieve, 2005
17. Gin & Tonic, 8a+, 30m, 謝衛成, 2007
18. Twing'ao Beer, 7c+, 28m, Shinsuke Kimura, Rie Kimura, 2006
19. Gung of Four, 7c, 29m, Mark Garthwaite, 2005
20. White Devil, 7c, 29m, Neil Gresham, 2008
21. Yangshuo Hotel, 7b, 34m, Shinsuke Kimura, 2007
22. Fire Bird, 8c, 14m, Rie Kimura, Shinsuke Kimura, 2006
23. The Missing Link, 6a+, 15m, Paul Collis, 2004
24. The Wall of Attrition, 8c+, 23m, Paul Collis, 謝衛成, 別清, 2004
25. Cave Man, 6b+, 26m, Paul Collis, 謝衛成, 別清, 2004
26. Unnamed, 7b, 26m, 2009
27. West Streak, 7a+, 27m, Grant Farquhar, 2005
28. Lucky Zone, 7b+, 26m, Sotiro Fukuda, 2007
29. Devil Sticks, 7b, 27m, 剣水邦, 謝衛成, 2008
30. The Stone Dog, 8a+, 27m, Paul Collis, Dingo, Lao Gan Ma, 2004
31. 北北凌空, 6a+, 27m, Torsten Gedicks, Susann Hantecho, Elke Schmitz, 2006
32. The Phoneix, 7b+, 27m, Colton Lindeman, 2006
33. The Tio Tao Smuggler, 7c, 28m, Colton Lindeman, 2006
34. Face Route, 8b+, 30m, Paul Collis, James Murphy, 2004
35. Merry Christmas, 6c, 27m, Zao & Katia Pisetzky, 2005
36. Happy Chanukah, 7b, 24m, Zao & Katia Pisetzky, 2005
37. Unnamed, 7c, 23m, 西房, 2007
38. Captain Debauchery, 8a+, 24m, Solly Fernandez, 2006
39. The Comedians, 6a+, 27m, Mike Robertson, 2006
40. Girl With a Machete, 25m, 7a, Joe Picali, 2006
41. Slippery Nipple, 7c+, 25m, Colton Lindeman, 2005
42. Abnormal, 6c, 25m, Colton Lindeman, Abi Roberts, 2006
43. 两把刷子, 6a, 22m, Bob Kesty, Paul Collis, Ton Ton, 2008
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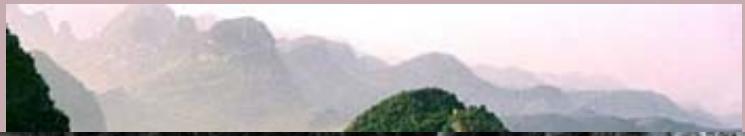
5.14d Spicy dumplings



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The Moon Hill

5.11-5.14a



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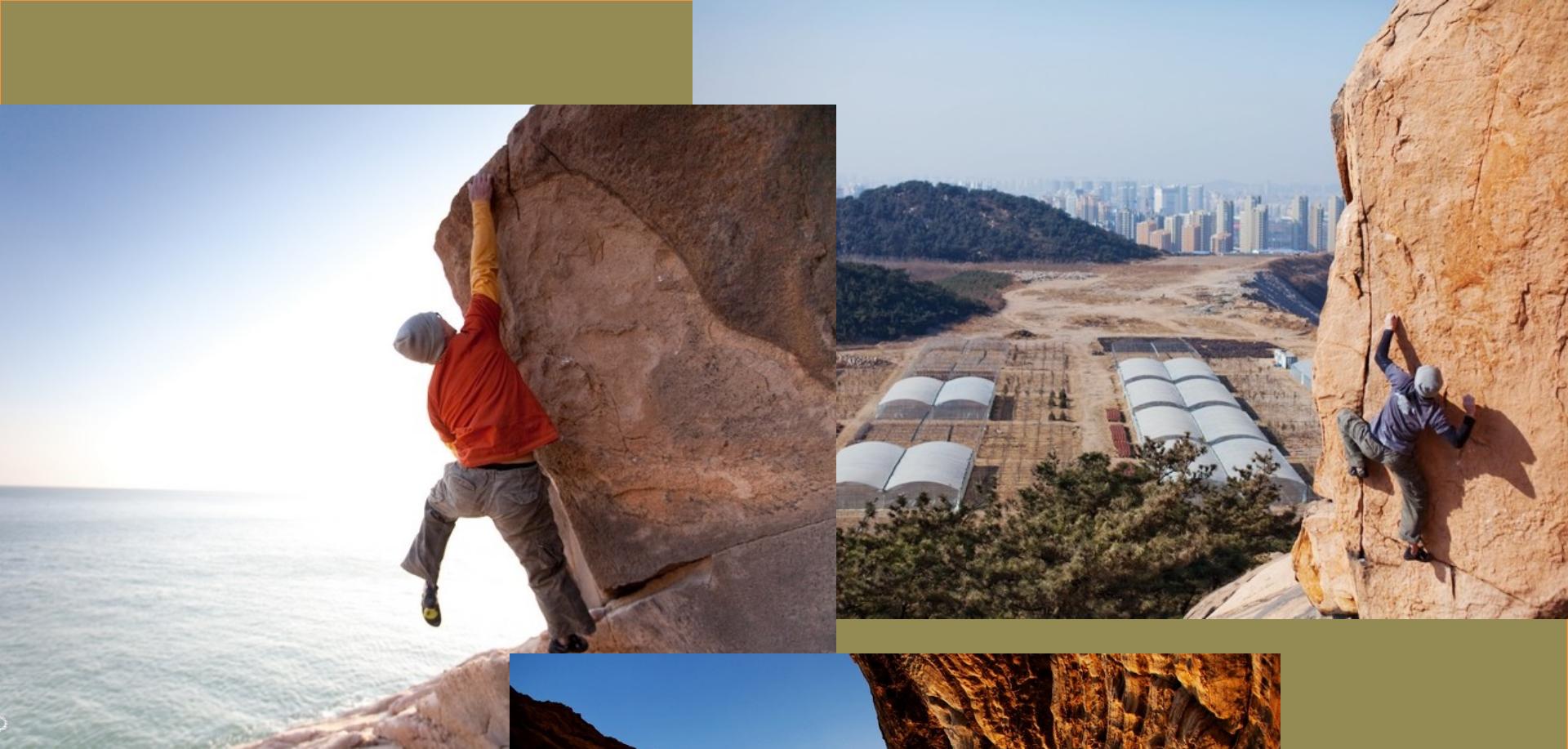
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Bouldering



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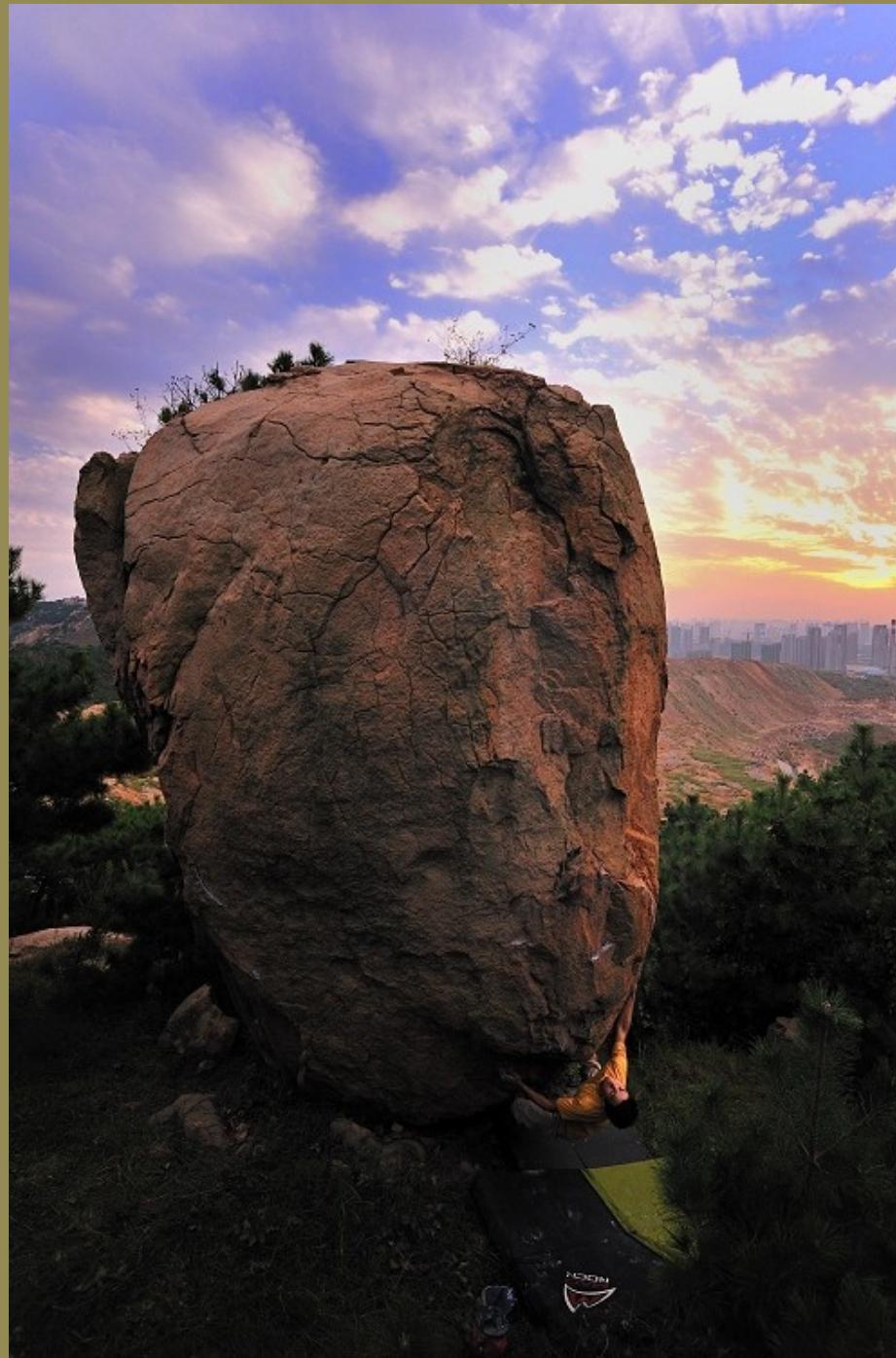




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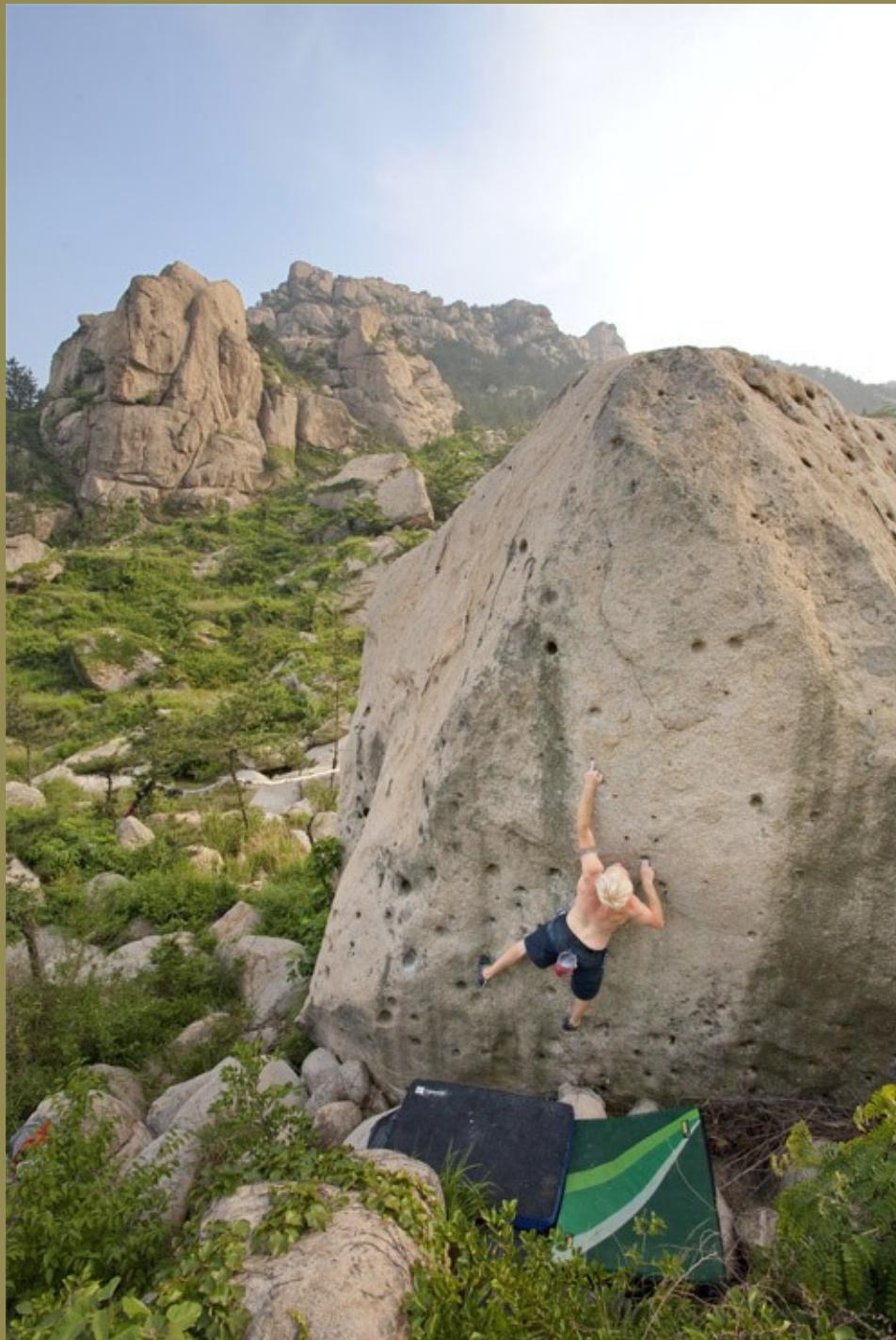
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Sweating ?



Bouldering

KAZAKHSTAN

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CHINA

NEPAL

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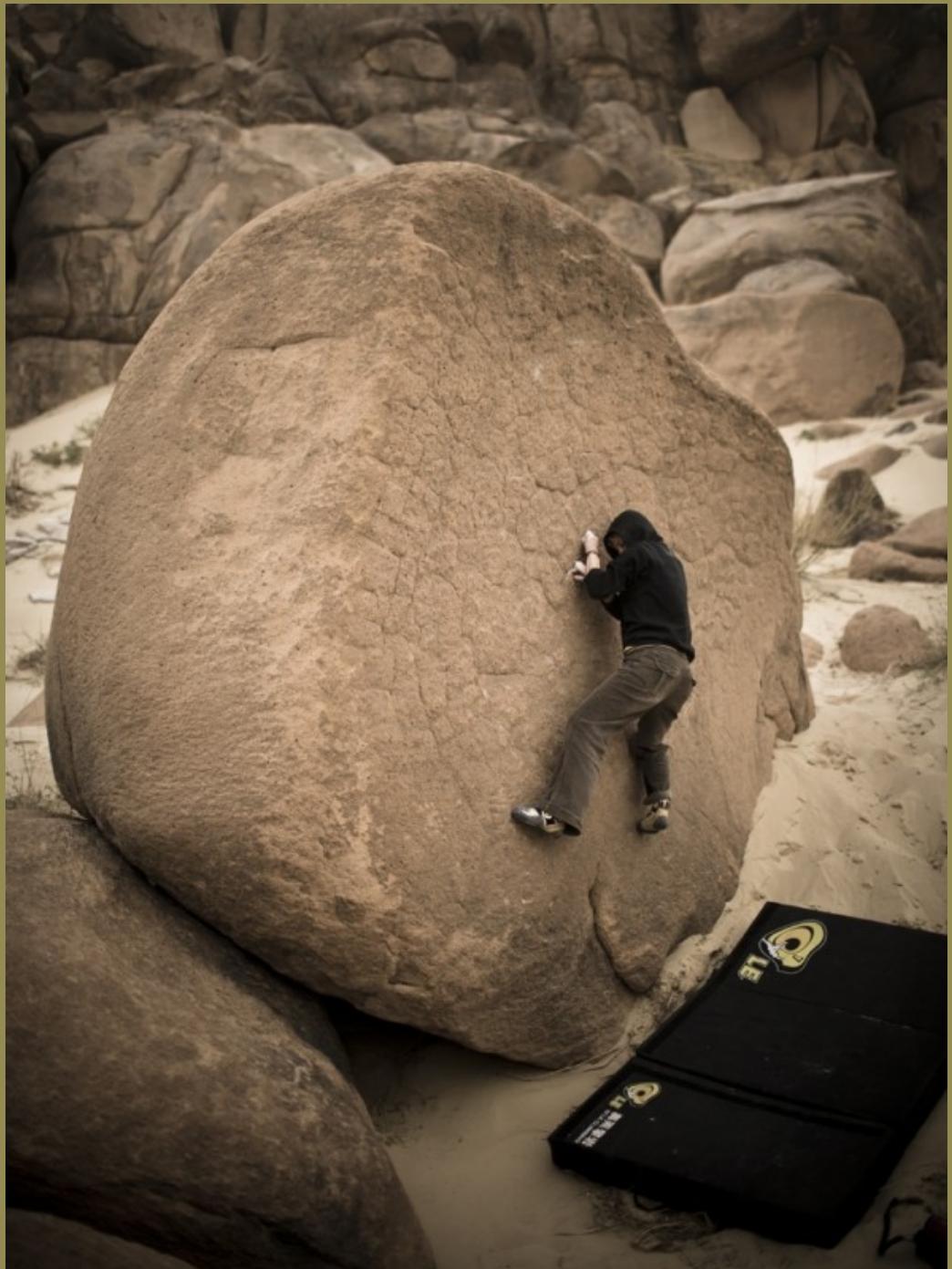
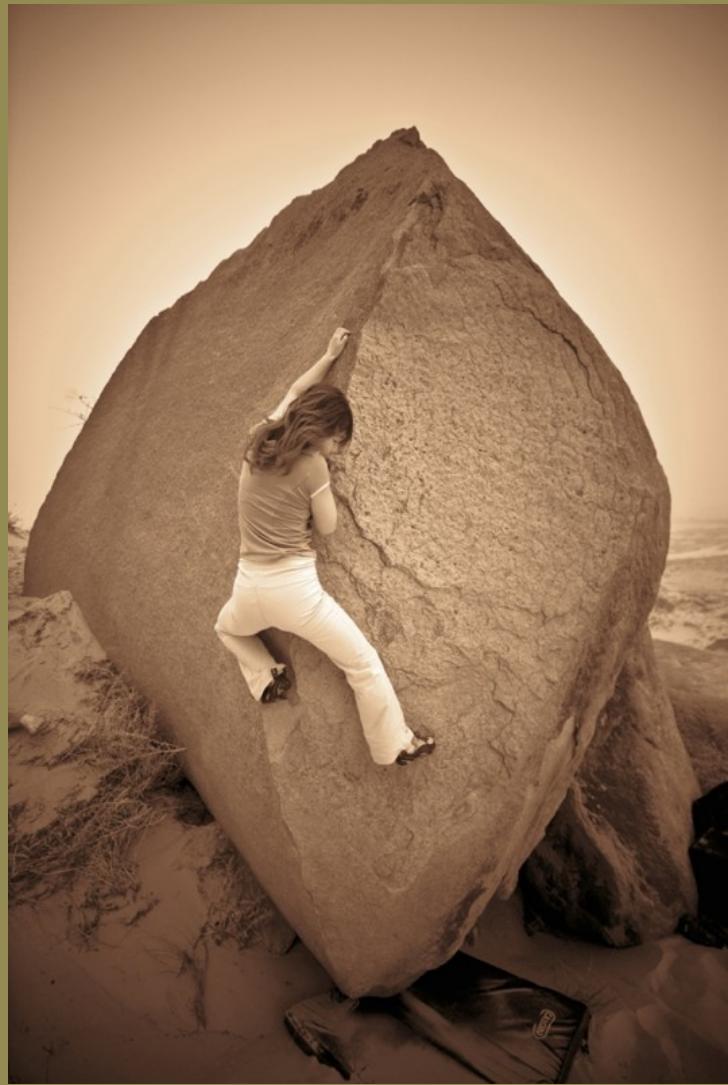
SOUTH KOREA

East
China Sea

Taiwan

South
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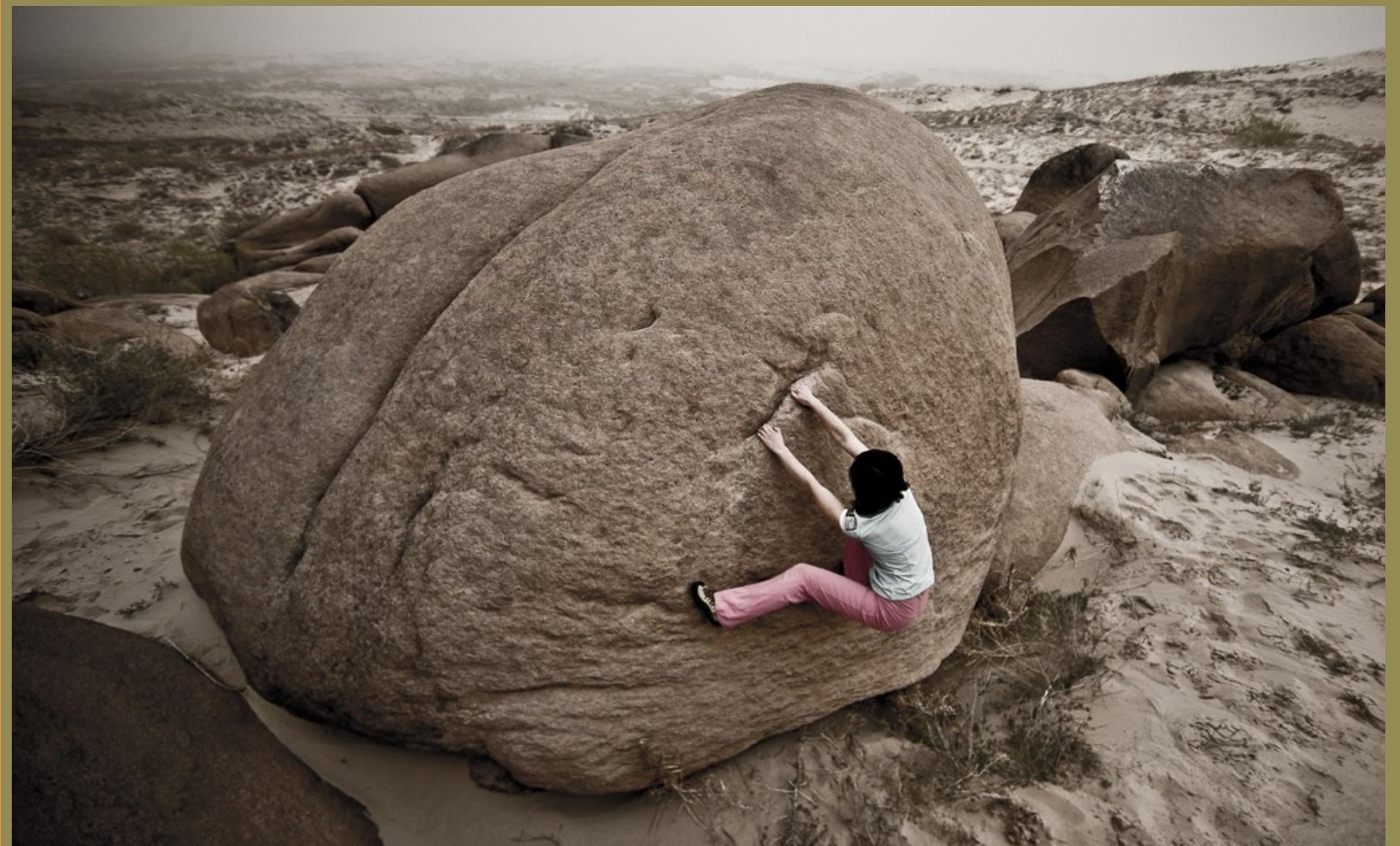
Human activity destroyed the ecological system. Deserted since late 20th century.



By Alex



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Summary of Destination

Destination with strong climbing culture



Abundant Resources

New crags and blouders are found everyday

Depend on

- climbers' perspective
- depend on climber population
- property rights

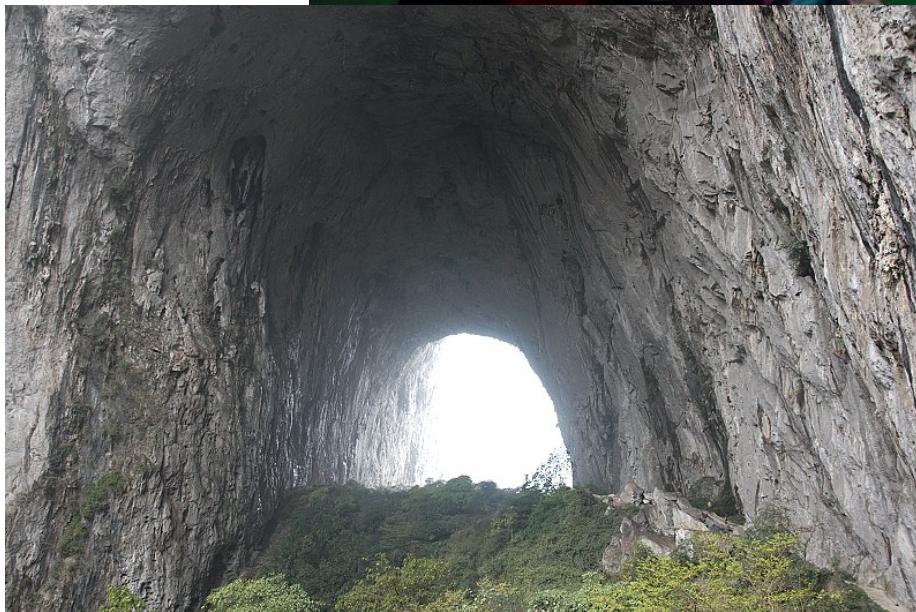
Review of new climbs established in recent 8 months



Guizhou
Oct 2010- Apr2011
Petzl Rock Trip , Oct 2011



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250+ lines
9a+/5.15a grade

Review of new climbs established in recent 8 months



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Leye, Guangxi

Bolting leader, Achen

Jan, 2011





Hundreds of routes
5.8-5.14

Achen started the project.



Review of new climbs established in recent 8 months

Guizhou

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Xinchang

Oct 2010- now

Sport, bouldering, trad

Leye, Guangxi

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30 routes, from 5.8-5.12
By Shanghai climber community

Review of new climbs established in recent 8 months

Xinjiang

Tommy Caldwell's crew
rock scramblin' explorations
Sep, 2010

Guizhou

Oct 2010- Apr2011
Petzl Rock Trip , Oct 2011

Xinchang

Oct 2010- now
Sport, bouldering, trad

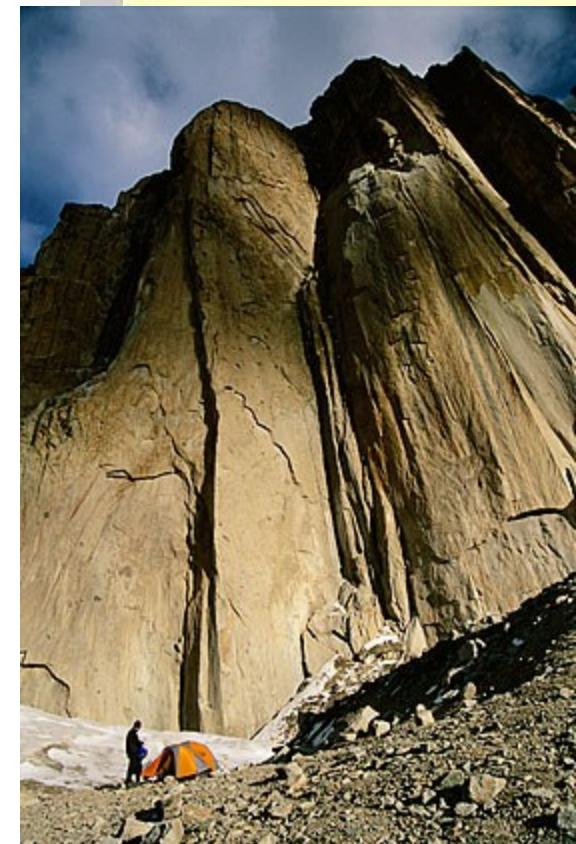
Leye, Guangxi

Bolting leader, Achen
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Established several 5.11+





Back to 2000
Jerry Dodrill

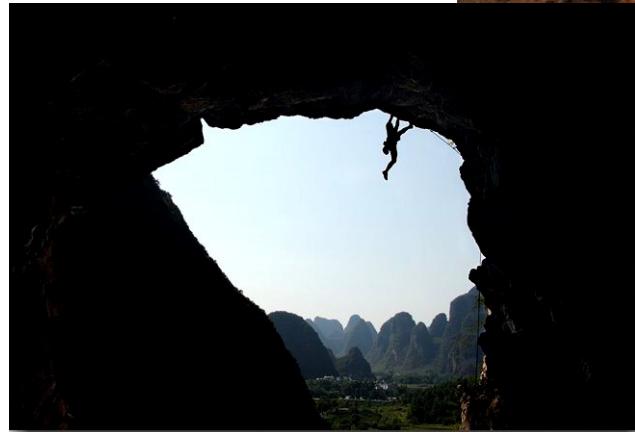
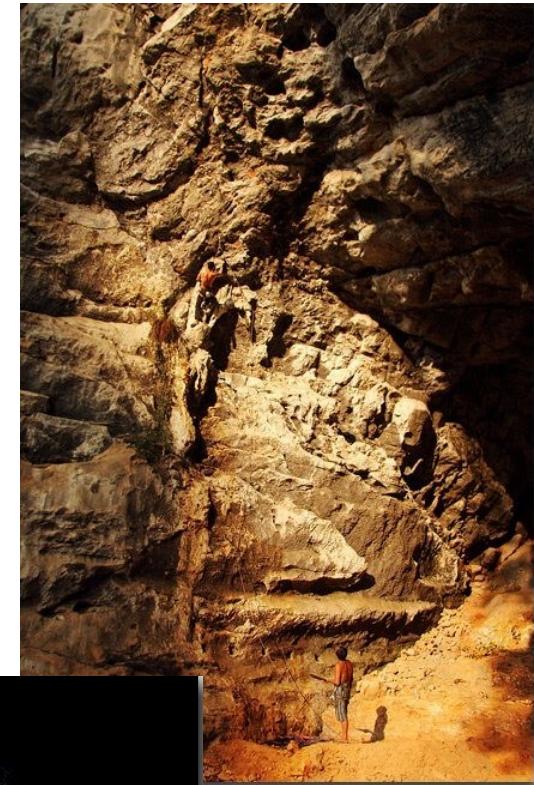
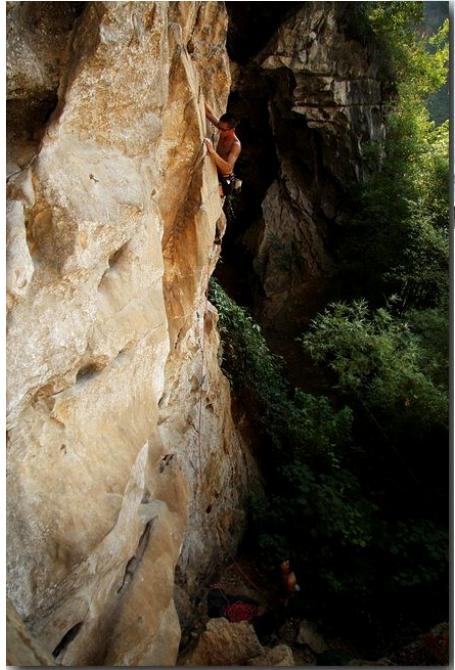
Promising, but.....

Due to the independent nature of climbing in Kunming and the many years of effort on part of the local climbers here, the Redpoint Club has a very different perspective on climbing in Yunnan and how and when to advertise our efforts. **We really don't want a “Yangshuo Two”** with tens of different guiding companies competing for business and scores of climber tourists crowding every crag.

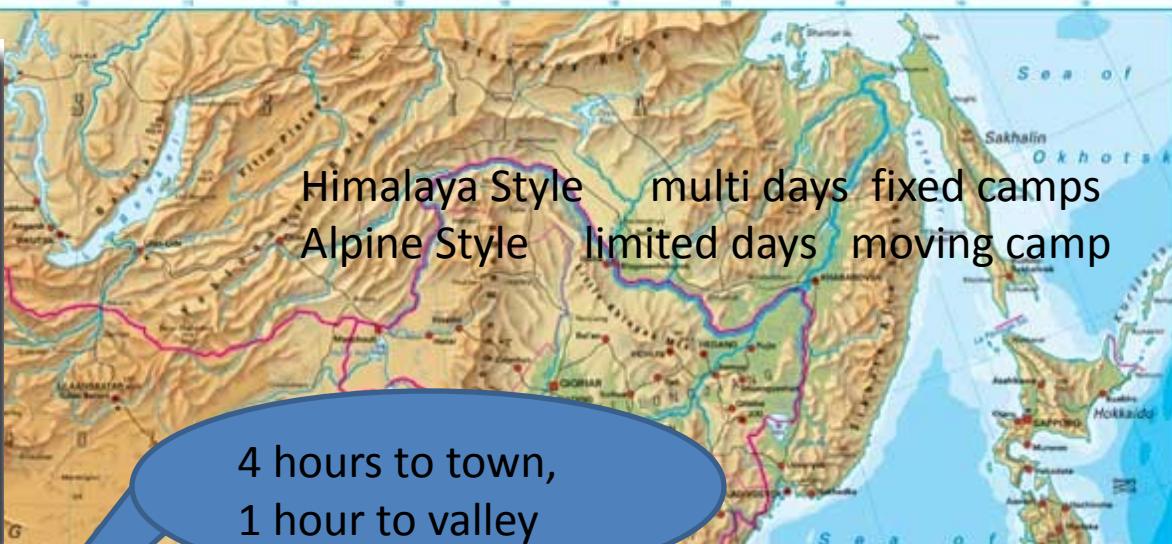
---Hanna Waight forwards the letter from W2
2011



My Trips



CHINA



Gangshka

5254.5m

Xining

Lanzhou

Beijing

One day by train,
3 hours by flight

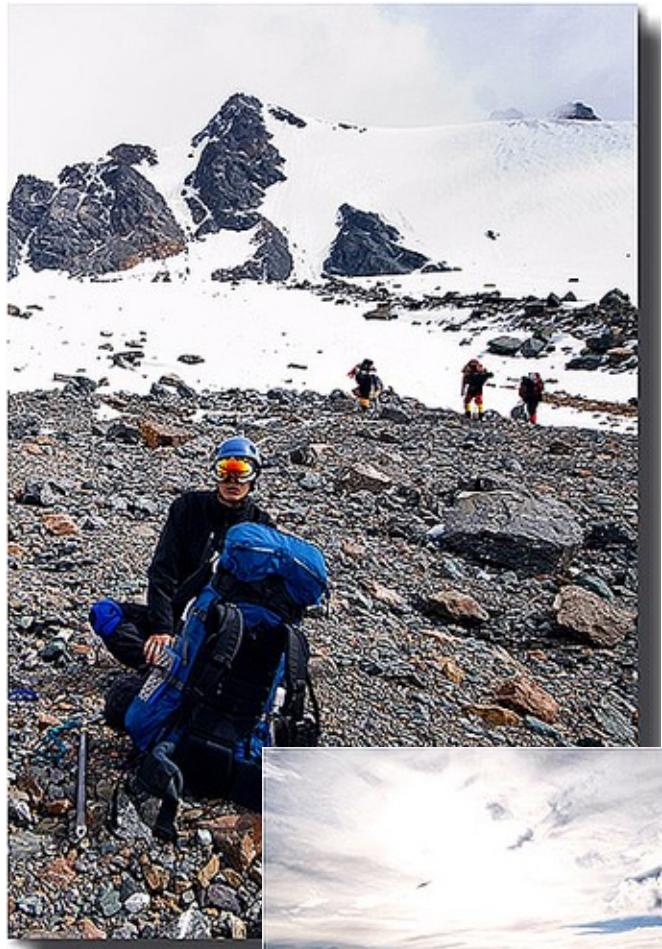
Shanghai



3-4 hours
Trekking on loose face



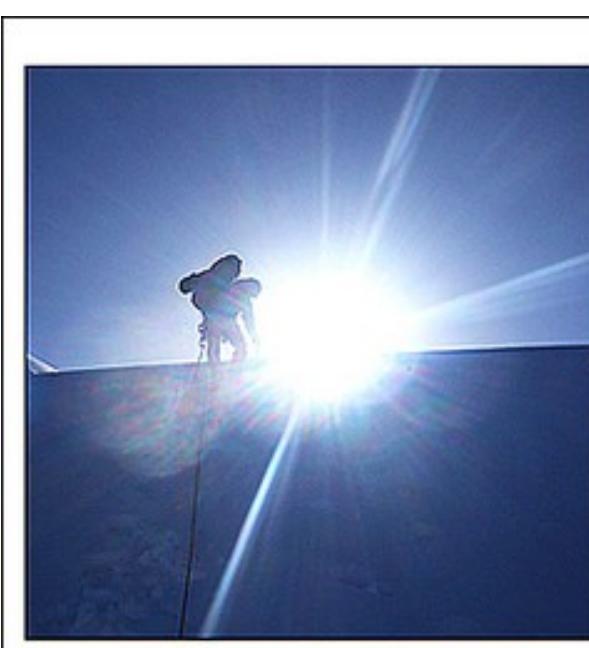




WI 2

The final face, 14 pitches , 600m

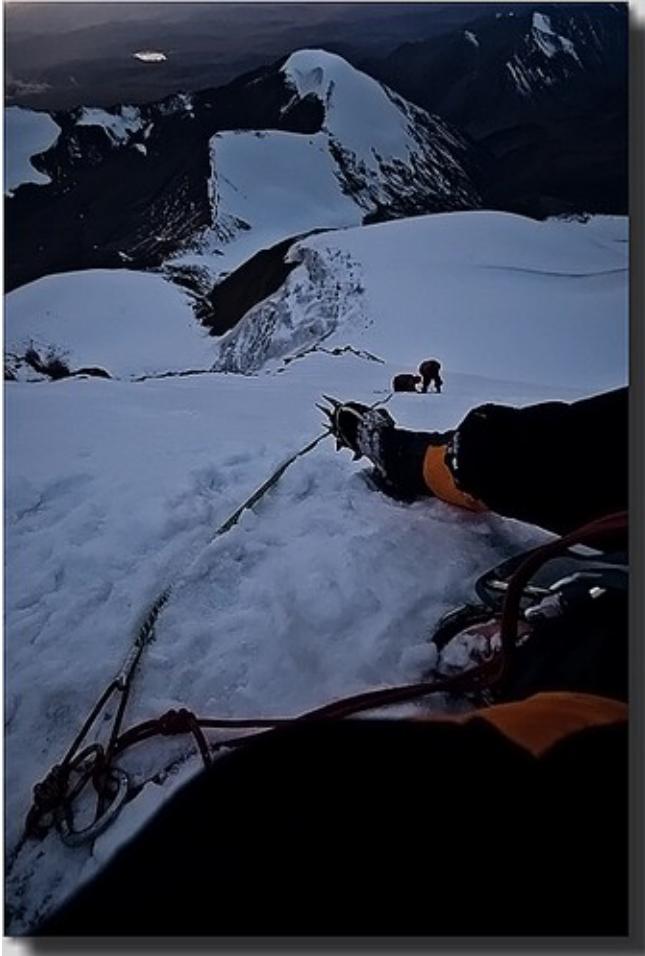






Summit





Late return
Storm
About 38 hour no food

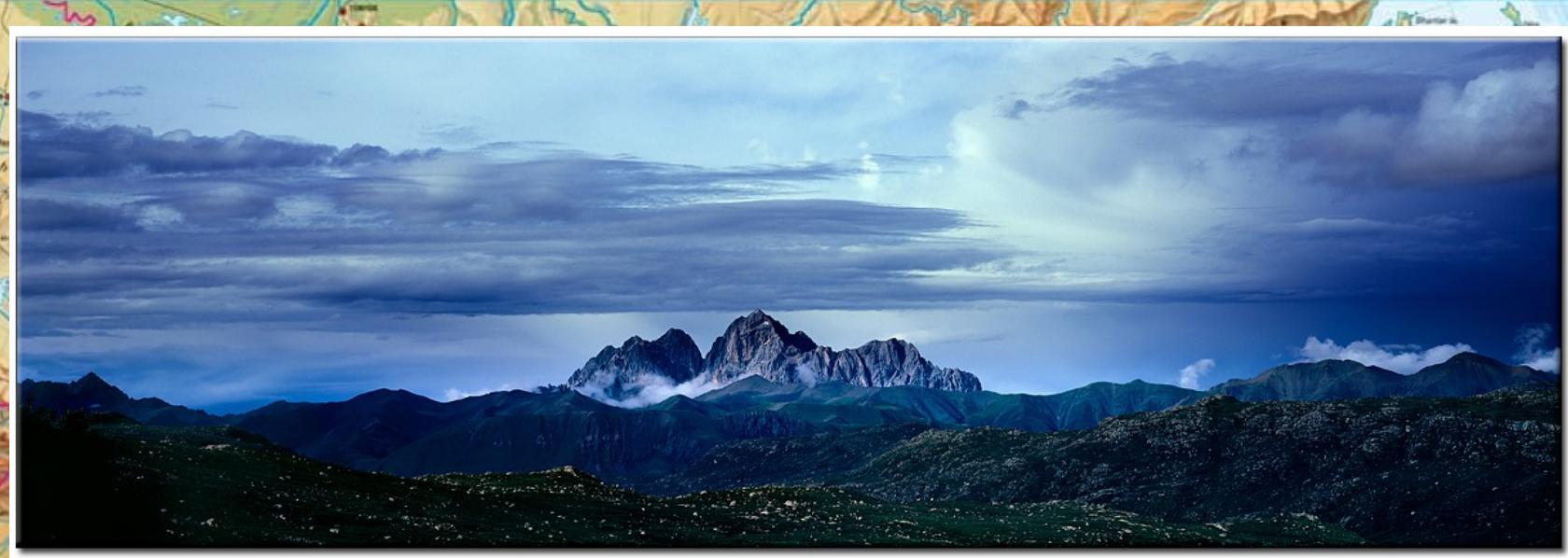


Gangshka

- Accessible
- Moderate terrain
- Easy technical ice climbing, glacier roping operation

A good bet for entry-level real alpinism
(Vegetarian will have a bit trouble there)

CHINA

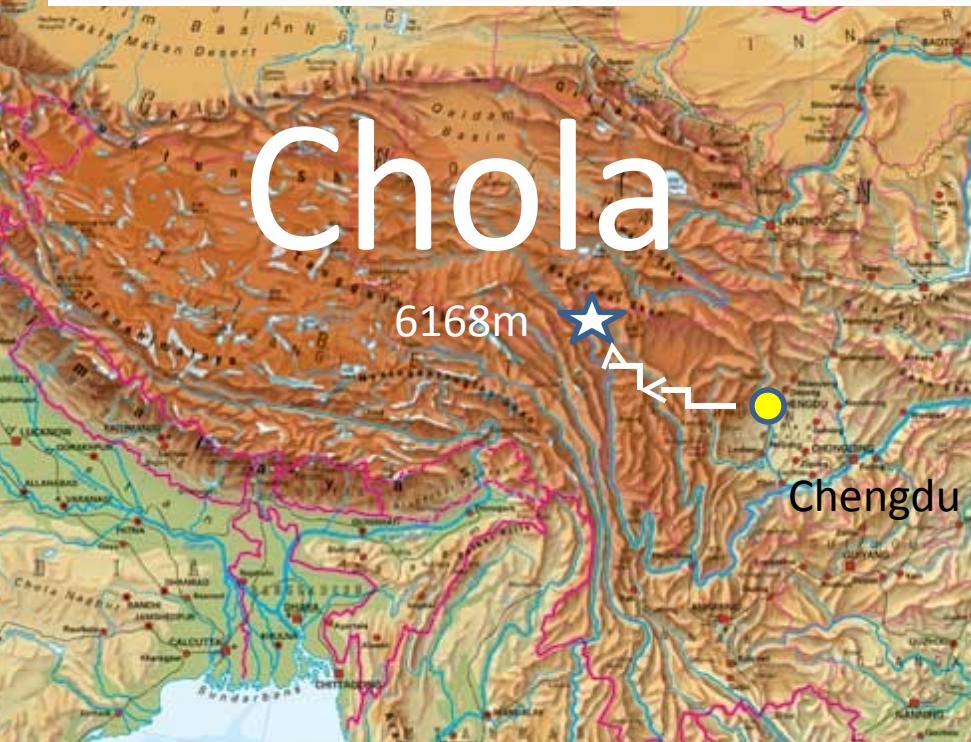


Chola

6168m

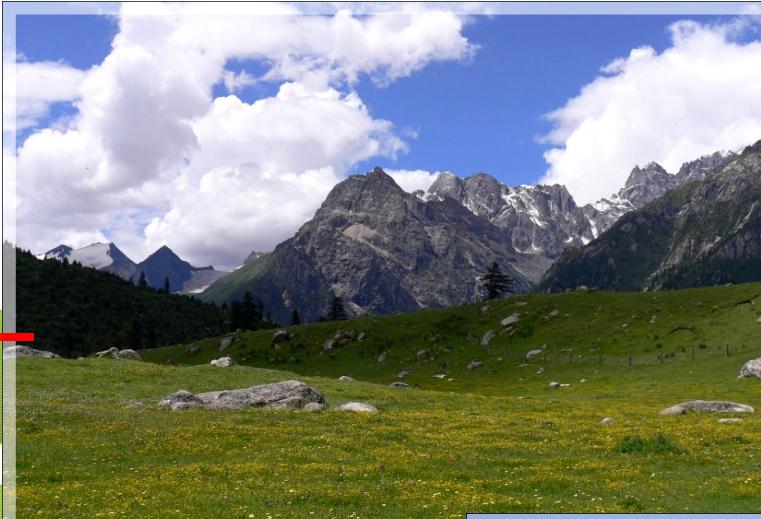


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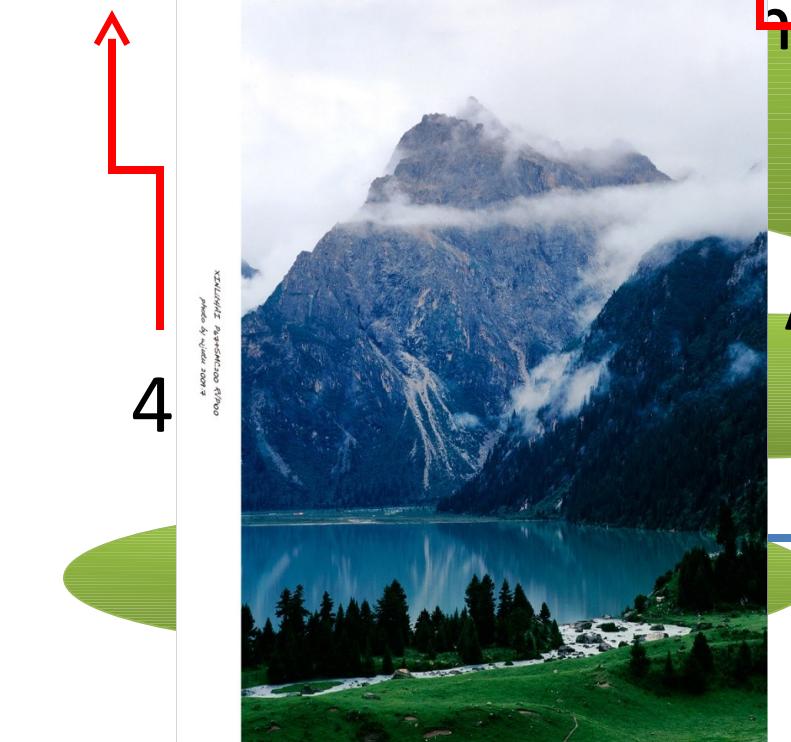


Ouch!!

Entrance 380
Trekking
Cross icy lake
4 hours



Hard to access
Unfriendly



Top 4500m

Advanced

Camp 1
Deep snow/
WI3 ice climb
10 hours +



ice



Base Camp 4500m

Loose rock, brutal elevation
Partial 5.7-5.8 rock
7 hours



Advanced Base Camp

Dangerous climb

Rope operations
WI2+ ice climbing

8-10 hours

Camp 1 5160m

Deep snow/ powder in the afternoon
WI3 ice climbing
10 hours +





Base Camp 4500m

Loose rock,

brutal elevation

Partial 5.7-5.8 rock

7 hours



Advanced Base Camp





Base Camp 4500m

Loose rock,
brutal elevation

Partial 5.7-5.8 rock
7 hours



Advanced Base Camp

Day 10
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Dangerous crack zone
Rope operation
WI2+ ice climbing
8-10 hours

4950m

Advanced Base Camp

Crack Zone, Tricky



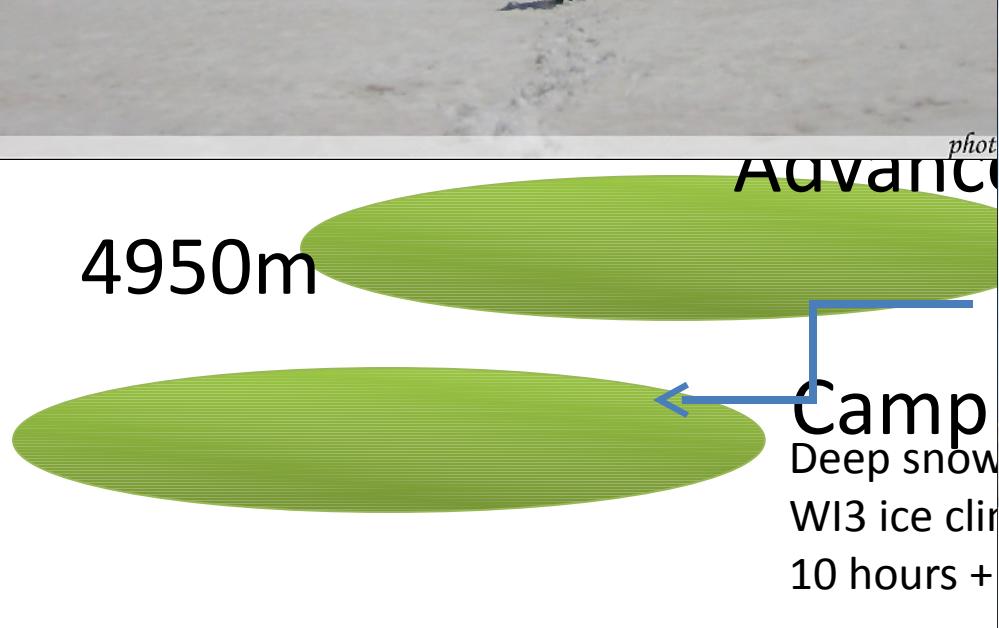


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Trek
Cross
4 hours



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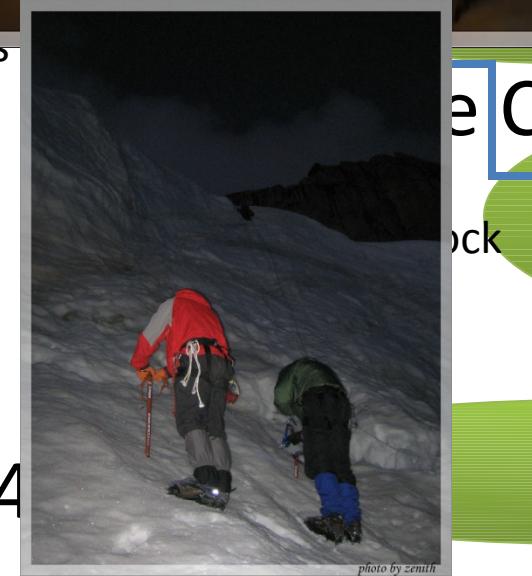


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Rock

Camp 4500m

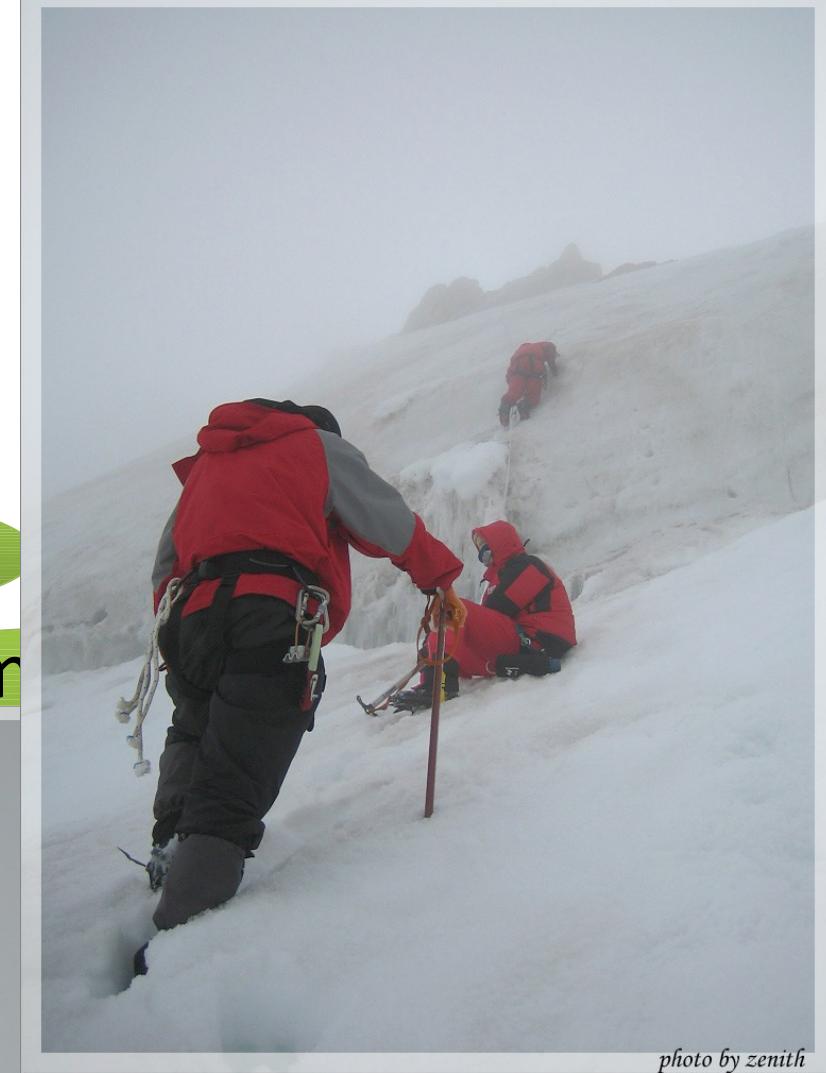
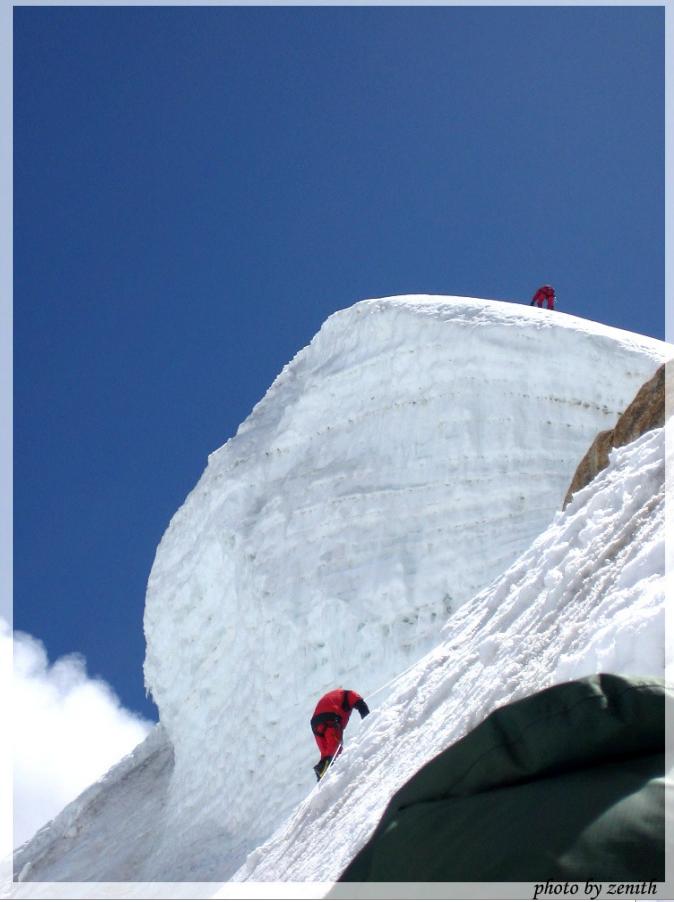


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5160m

12 hours





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The cover of the magazine '山野 ALPINIST' (Mountain Wild Alpinist) from September 2006. The title is prominently displayed in large yellow letters. Below it, the website 'www.alpinist.cn' is shown. A small logo for '中国登山协会主办' (Organized by China Mountaineering Association) is visible. The central image on the cover shows a climber in red gear ascending a steep, snow-covered mountain face. The background features a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. Text at the bottom of the cover includes the magazine's name in Chinese, the date '2006/09', and details about the 'White River International Rock Climbing Competition', 'High Mountain Guide: Wind and Snow Life Path', 'First Peak Measurement Review', and the '2006 Chinese Qinghai Plateau World Cup Rock Climbing Competition'.



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Summary & Dilemmas

- ❖ In-system management, CMA
- ❖ The unclear property rights, the vague laws, abuse of power
- ❖ Preservation V.S. Exploration
- ❖ Health care, income, values in climber community



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中国三级地势示意图

不知道 --- Boo Gee
Dau

Do not understand

没有钱 --- May You Chain

Have no money

Smile!

Climb Hard
Behave Smart

Skip Tibet

- 第一阶梯
- 第二级阶梯
- 第三级阶梯

Thank You