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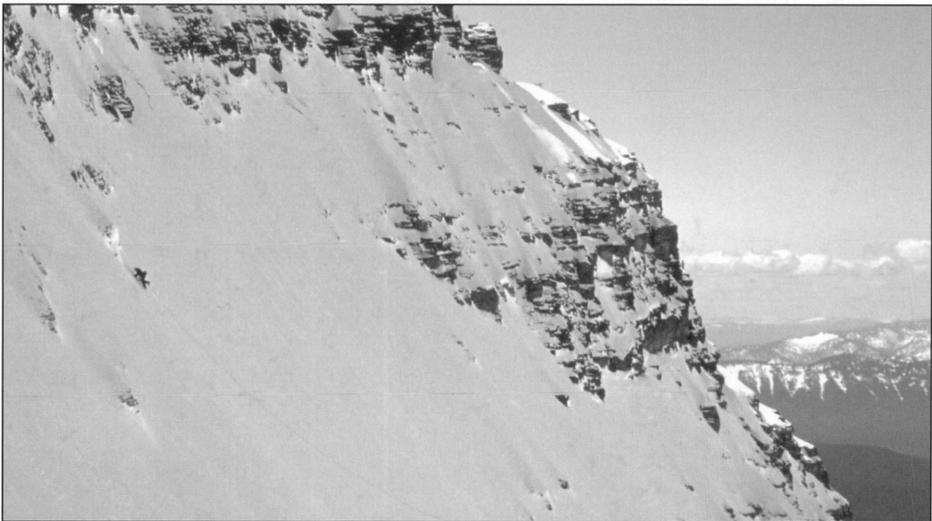
Four pitches of high-quality, chunky golden granite led to a mixed pitch that exited onto the ice apron of the High Route. We recommend a standard free rack; we left three pins and two heads in place. We proceeded to the top of the Enclosure via the standard High Route finish, topping out in the dark (IV 5.10X M4- AI3).

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## Montana

*Glacier National Park, Mt. Jackson, Shades of Gray and Alpenglow.* Visiting, with limited time, Anna Jansen sought to climb a mountain over the weekend. Excited by high pressure, we made for Glacier. The following day our friends Jeff Shapiro and Gray Thompson arrived, adding to our confidence. Good company, thoughtful conversation, and a restful evening led to a unanimous decision to scale Mt. Jackson (10,052').

The next morning we charged the striking northwest couloir (3,400' from base to ridge), for the possible first ascent. Jeff and Gray advanced left while Anna and I veered right. We climbed casual snow that steepened into a headwall. AI3 climbing led Anna and me into off-vertical snow flutings of near-styrofoam consistency. Protection became slim as I led easy, yet exposed, ground. A ropelength later I hammered a ringer blade: "Thank God." Another ropelength found us additional protection, an anchor, and a break. Anna followed remarking, "The climbing didn't look hard, but you were moving slow. I knew you had shitty protection, so I climbed like I was soloing." Right on! With a carefree smile she took the next section. Twenty-five feet led through a smear of ice in a rock corner, with 500' of exposure. Now to relaxed snow climbing, right? Wrong! After pulling the anchor and simul-climbing onto a huge snowfield, I looked up at Anna running out 600' of snow pack without pro. Dear God, if she slips, spare her and kill me. The recurring nightmare seizes my consciousness like a Post-Traumatic Stress Dis-



Anna Jansen taking Glen Deal out for a romantic stroll on Mt. Jackson, Glacier National Park. Jeff Shapiro



Anna Jansen dreaming of what will be on Mt. Jackson. The two routes take the shady left couloir to the middle summit region (left of the prominent spur, left of the wide gully on the right). Glen Deal

order flashback. Alpine climbing with your girlfriend is twisted! My only comfort is the easy climbing. Back in the couloir proper we greet the other team. Jeff and Gray are having a blast. “Got some awesome pics of you guys. Get any of us?”

“Sorry, we were too gripped to think of snapping any.”

The rest of the route involved uncomplicated snow climbing with good protection. When we were 500' below the west ridge, the sun threatened to set. Pursuing the same terrain as the other team was out of the question. Our comrades continued up the couloir, while Anna and I headed left. Terrain remained easy, with ample protection on straightforward rock (5.7) and snow. Alpenglow provided soft colors as I topped the ridge. By the time Anna joined me, we were blanketed in deep magenta. Downclimbing by moonlight, Anna and I reached Gunsight Pass and stumbled four miles back to camp. The other team suffered a wet bivy on the summit ridge. The time spent on Mt. Jackson in March was one of a good route, jolly spirits, and merry making among close friends.

GLEN DEAL

*Bitterroot Mountains, Spirolina Tower and Corner With a View.* Trapper Creek's Spirolina Tower was named after its first ascent in 1977, by Craig Kenyon and Tom Cosgriff via the southwest corner (5–6 pitches, 5.8). The tower was notable to Kenyon because of his near-death experience on the east face descent. In 1992 Rod Sutherland and I, on a lark, put up the direct south face route, Whimsey (7 pitches, IV 5.10c) (1993 *AAJ*, p. 155), while also experiencing trials on the east face descent.

In 2002 James Pinjuv prophesized that a thin line on a blank gray wall high up Spirolina was a perfect hand crack. With confidence Jimmy led the first pitch, a left-facing corner system