

shoulder (5600m) on July 4. Supplies for two weeks were hauled to CI (we fixed ropes to the ground). The team stayed in advanced base camp during a five-day storm that delivered 50 centimeters of snow. Three climbing days took the team to CII (a big snowpatch) at 5900 meters. A storm forced a retreat from CII on July 10. Ropes were left fixed to CII.

The team split into two groups. Two climbers, Ohlén and Schlyter, stayed in CI, while Stenstrom, Nilsson and Haukassveen went down to base camp for a rest. The storm ended on July 11, and nice weather appeared again. Ohlén and Schlyter jumared rapidly to CII and reached CIII (a big snowpatch) at 6100 meters late in the evening. On July 12, they continued and climbed icy rock to the summit, which they reached at 3 p.m. Back in base camp, the doctor examined them, finding symptoms of pulmonary edema in one.

On July 13, at 4 a.m., Stenstrom and Nilsson started from base camp for a second summit bid. They reached CI in the afternoon the same day. They stayed for a few hours' rest. At 3 a.m. on July 14, they jumared, reaching CIII at 8 a.m. They re climbed the four final pitches and reached the summit at 3 p.m.

After cleaning the mountain, all climbers returned safely to base camp on July 17. The expedition returned to Denmark on July 26.

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*Nameless Tower, North Face, New Route.* Our ten-week expedition to Pakistan was successful in establishing a new big-wall route on the north face of Nameless Tower, *Wall Fiction* (a.k.a. *Choss Up Another One*, VI A4 5.10 WI3). The route was somewhere between 3,500 and 4,000 feet and, except for the top, was steep to overhanging, which was fortunate for us, as the face was subject to significant amounts of falling ice, which occurred daily when the sun hit the upper wall late in the day. One point worth noting: our expedition approached the north face from the south (Trango Glacier side) and avoided the extreme objective hazards faced by less trick parties approaching from the north (Dungee Glacier) side. The route followed an improbable line up very thin features a few hundred yards to the right of *Book of Shadows*. John Rzeczycki, Bard Jarred, Warren Hollinger and I summited during the second week in August after 21 days on the route. The weather was quite cooperative. With regards to difficulty, the route is on par with the more difficult modern El Cap routes. Except for infighting among expeditions members, the ascent went without incident. On the descent, however, Hollinger was injured by rock fall that easily could have resulted in death. The accident occurred in the dark at the bottom of the last rappel while pulling ropes and was indirectly caused by poor communication among quibbling expedition members.

Our expedition was sponsored by The North Face and assisted by the very fine people of Nazir Sabir Expeditions in Islamabad; our expedition doctor, Janet Sweetman; and our Liaison Officer, Captain Farouq, who was extremely helpful during every aspect of our trip and a pleasure to spend time with. Special thanks to the American Alpine Club, which made special arrangements with the U.S. Embassy to post the \$5,000 helicopter rescue bond required by the Pakistani Government. It is important to note that our L.O., Captain Farouq, was particular perplexed by the recent, very disparaging article in *Climbing* magazine, "L.O. from Hell," about one expedition's bad experience with what was depicted as a very unpleasant Liaison Officer. The implication was that this kind of experience was rather standard. Our experience could not have been more different: L.O. Captain Farouq was highly educated, articulate, interesting, and very tolerant of our offbeat, strange and often off-color Western ways.

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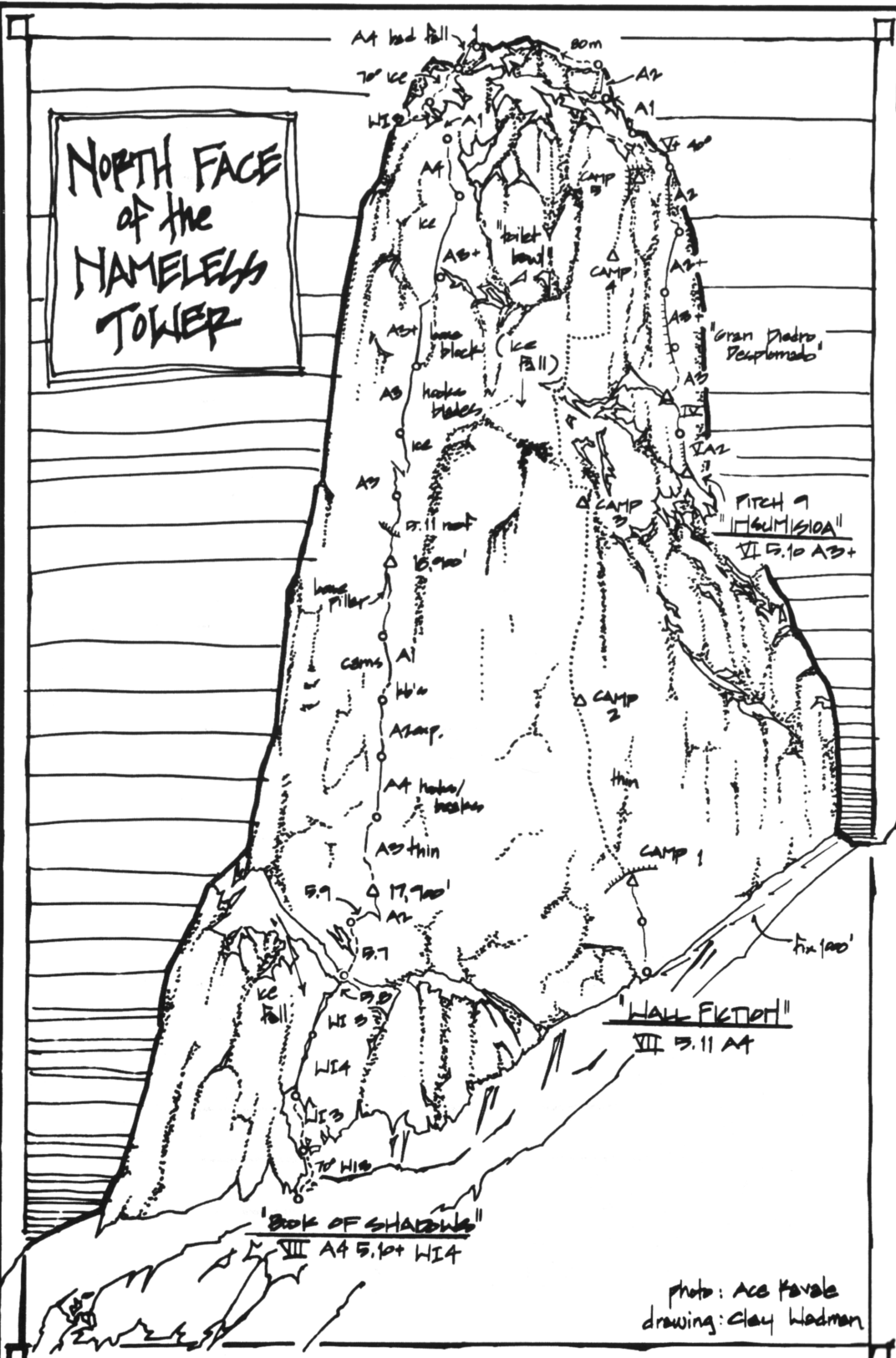


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