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Hainabrakk East Tower, Southeast Face, Heinous Broccoli Robbery

Pakistan, Karakoram, Baltoro Muztagh

Jonathan Schaffer and I climbed a new route on the left side of the southeast face of Hainabrakk East Tower. We climbed ground-up, used no bolts or pins, and made two bivouacs: Heinous Broccoli Robbery (1,100m, 5.11+ A1).

We also climbed Eternal Flame on Trango Tower, as well as a 500m rock route on Uli Biaho Gallery, where most of the pitches had traces of human passage but some were as fresh as a mountain breeze. In addition, we attempted a long route on Great Trango Tower's southern aspect, right of Assalam Alaikum (Cmarik-Kopold, 2005). It's hard to say how far we got. To our high point it was garbage, and the climbing above appeared even worse. We also intended to try a line on Shipton Spire but discovered the glacier had been rendered impassable by climate change.

Big hugs to A.P., A.M., and D.A.—base camp besties with an endless supply of inspiration (and warm clothes). Higher Ground Expeditions smoothly saw us through all things in-country, and of course a big shout-out to Jonny Schaffer, who, for those who don't know, is the man.

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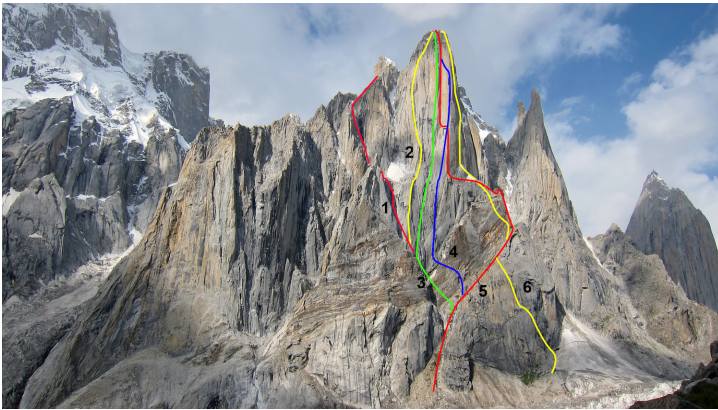
Jonathan Schaffer crack climbing on the first ascent of Heinous Broccoli Robbery, Hainabrakk East Tower.



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Jonathan Schaffer on Hainabrakk East Tower with Trango Tower and Great Trango behind.



Hainabrakk East Tower (5,650m) from the southeast. Routes are around 1,100m in length. Approximate lines of (1) Cmarik- Kopold 2006 attempt to 5,375m, VI/6; (2) Heinous Broccoli Robbery (5.11+ A1, Fasoldt- Schaffer, 2018); (3) The Choice (5.11+ R C3, Lavigne-Meis, 2008); (4) Mystical Denmo (VII+ A2, Kolarik-Rabatin, 2005); (5) Tague It to the Top (5.11 C2, Copp-Pennings, 2000); and (6) For Better or for Worse (5.12a WI3, Baer-Brock-McCray-Schneider, 2000). In 2007, Ko Imai and Hiroki Suzuki linked Tague It to the Top with Mystical Denmo to reach the summit at 5.10 A2. Immediately right of Hainabrakk lies Cat's Ears Spire, and right again, in the background, Shipton Spire.



Pete Fasoldt just beneath the summit of Hainabrakk East Tower after the first ascent of Heinous Broccoli Robbery. To the right are Trango I (6,363m), Trango II (6,327m), and Trango Tower (6,239m).

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