



# **RAS-AL-KHAIMAH – INLAND CRAGS** (v1.0)

*(Roadside, Dickinadozer, Cleavage, Threesome)*

## BRIEF HISTORY

Most of the areas in this topo are “historical” climbing areas of the UAE, and are mentioned in the UAE climbing book.

Nevertheless, many routes are not included in the book, as well as an entire area (Threesome). While most of the information can be found here and there in the Internet, the lack of a single topo describing all the routes in the area has prevented many climbers to enjoy this area of RAK that is, at the time of development of the present topo (Nov 2017), rarely climbed vs. better documented areas as Stardust. The purpose of the author of this topo is not to take any credit from the development effort undertaken by the original bolters, but to allow the UAE climbing community to enjoy the area without wasting too much time to identify areas, sectors or routes. Please do contribute by providing further information or pointing out imprecisions.

## A WORD TO THE ORIGINAL BOLTERS

The authors of this topo have the utmost respect for the work that the original bolters of this crag. While producing this topo, we needed to take some editorial decision that we hope will be understood.

- We partially relied on existing published and unpublished topos, but also climbed all the routes (except a few above 7b grade) to gather firsthand route information (height, # of bolts, grade). As we did so, we felt the need to adjust some grades to increase consistency of grading among the different areas of this topo and broadly speaking with the other topos of UAE crags
- As much as we don't like (re)naming routes we have not bolted / first ascended, in certain cases this was made necessary by the lack of information and / or choices of name that in our opinion would not be appropriate for a topo broadly shared with the whole UAE climbing community. We apologize in advance with the bolters.

## APPROACH

5 to 10 min approach needed for all sectors except Roadside (no approach needed). Hiking or approach shoes are recommended. Approach is not further described as it should be pretty obvious from the map that have been provided in this topo.

## SAFETY NOTE

As you climb any of the routes reported in this topo, be aware that such routes might have been bolted several years ago and not always properly cleaned or maintained. While we tried to remove loose rocks and dubious flakes as we climbed the routes, the authors of this topo cannot guarantee the safety of the climbing areas and cannot be held accountable for any accident that might occur on any of them. As always, the climber is responsible for her/his own safety.

## RESPECT THE AREA

All the areas described in this topo area relatively far from urban areas or even from isolated houses or farms. Nevertheless, please ensure not to leave trash behind to allow conservation of the area.

## WHAT IS SUITABLE FOR

All the climbing areas in this topo offer a mix of trad and sport routes; bouldering (the Cube) is also possible near Dickinadozer far right. This topo is exclusively describing sport routes and the boulder area. Sport routes typically range from low 5s to 6c.

## MISSING AREAS

We are well aware that this topo does not cover (yet) some sport routes in RAK - e.g., after Threesomes on the road to Jebel Jais. If you have information on these routes, please share GPS coordinates and ideally pictures, names and grades that can be incorporated in the topo. We can be found on the whatsapp climbing group or on FB.

## WEATHER AND EXPOSURE

The areas described in this topo (Dickinadozer, Cleavage, Threesome, Roadside) offer shade throughout the day

- Threesome and Dickinadozer far right is in the shade most of the day
- The Cube is in the shade late in the afternoon
- Dickinadozer – center inset is in the shade in the morning
- Cleavage right side is in the shade early in the morning and evening, whereas the left side is in the shade in the afternoon
- Roadside is in the shade from late morning (~10am) until sunset

**GPS coordinates are included in the map in the next page**



**Stardust** (not on this topo)  
25.9259676, 56.0901608

**Greyskull** (not on this topo)  
25.909868, 56.072456

**Dickinadozer** **D**  
25.8890140,  
56.1055101




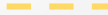
**Threesome** **E**,  
**Cascade** **F**  
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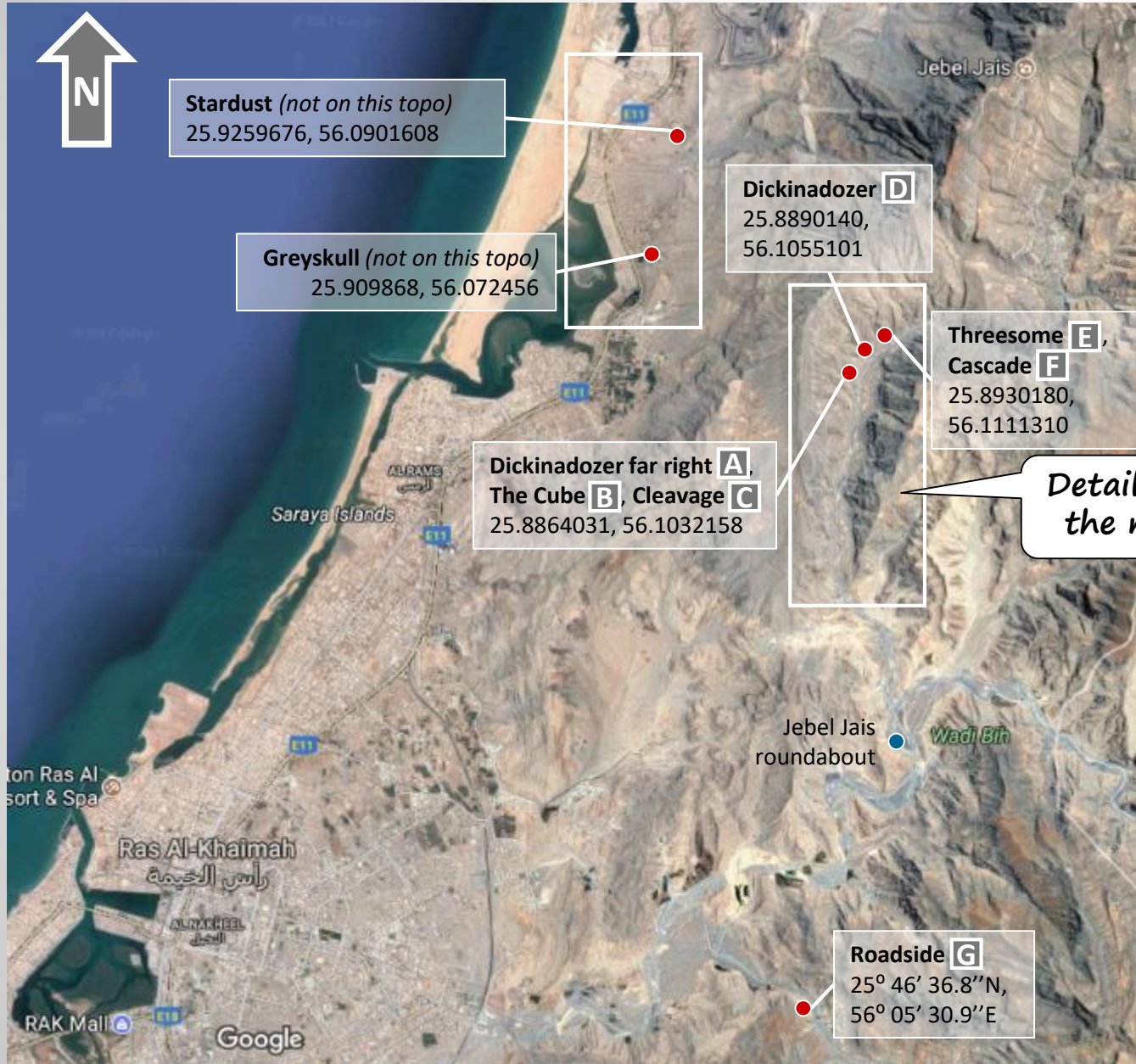
**Dickinadozer far right** **A**,  
**The Cube** **B**, **Cleavage** **C**  
25.8864031, 56.1032158

*Detailed map in  
the next page*

**Roadside** **G**  
25° 46' 36.8"N,  
56° 05' 30.9"E

**Topo legend:**

-  Bolted route
-  Bolted route (not visible from the picture angle)
-  Bolted route not recommended for climbing (e.g., missing hanger)
-  Project (not climbable yet)



A  
B  
C  
D  
E



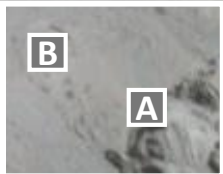
Cleavage



Dickinadozer  
center inset



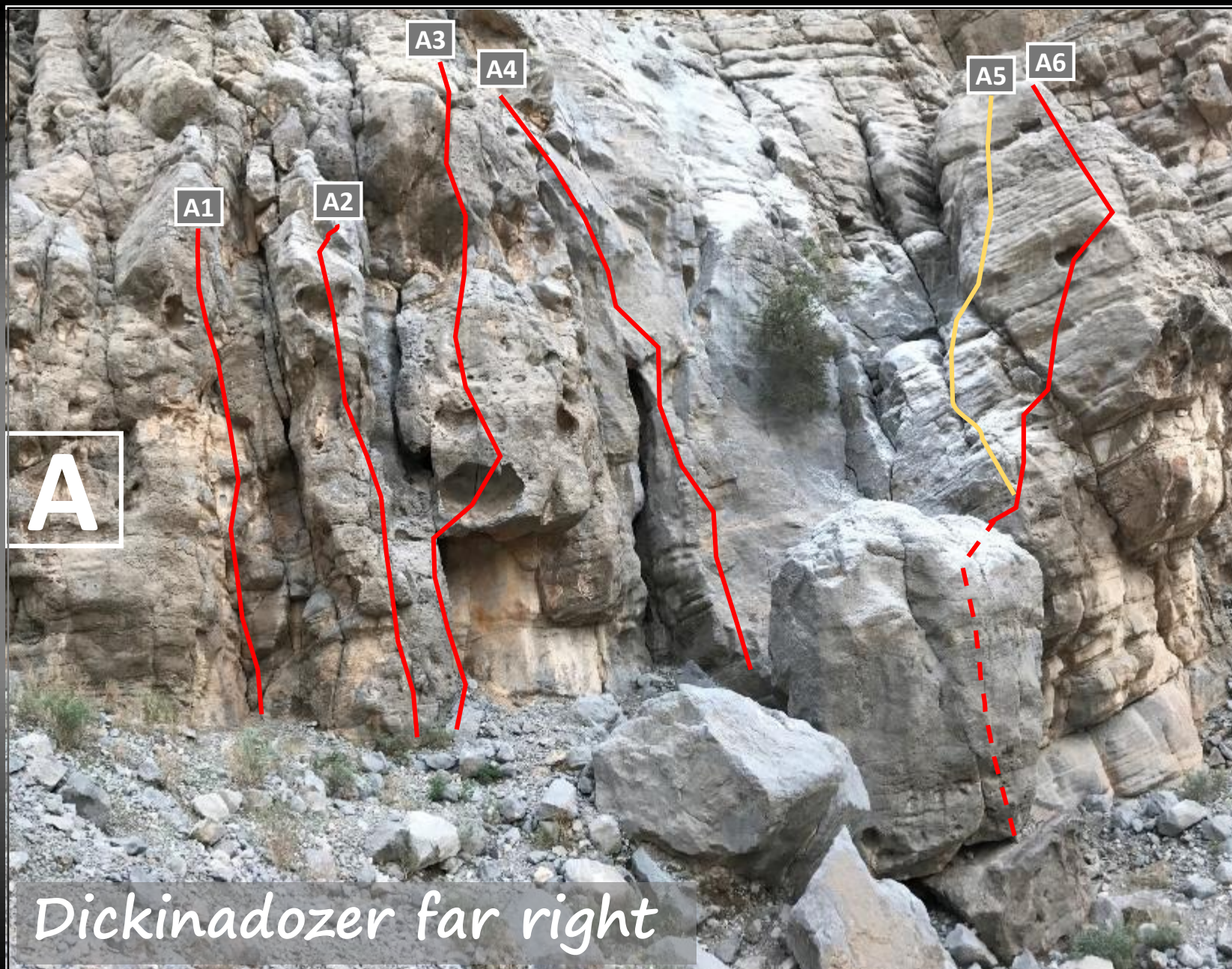
Threesome



A

Dickinadozer far  
right & the Cube

Cascade **F**  
(not in this topo yet)



|           |  |               |      |
|-----------|--|---------------|------|
| <b>A1</b> | <b>Vyseris' walk</b>   | 9m / 4 bolts  | 5b   |
| <b>A2</b> | <b>Sons of the harpy</b>   | 9m / 4 bolts  | 5b+  |
| <b>A3</b> | <b>Blood rider</b>   | 21m / 8 bolts | 6a   |
| <b>A4</b> | <b>The power of love</b>   | 23m / 8 bolts | 6b   |
| <b>A5</b> | <b>The space between</b><br><i>(do not climb – needs an additional bolt)</i> | 25m / 9 Bolts | 6c+? |
| <b>A6</b> | <b>Cyclop's eye</b><br><i>(2 locking carabiners at the top)</i>              | 25m / 9 Bolts | 7a   |

Note 1: Routes A1 to A4 have been named by author of this topo due to lack of available documentation. We would be happy and eager to correct the name if the original name is provided by the bolters.

Note 2: Dotted area of A5-A6 is not visible in this picture (covered by the boulder)

Dickinadozer far right

Front

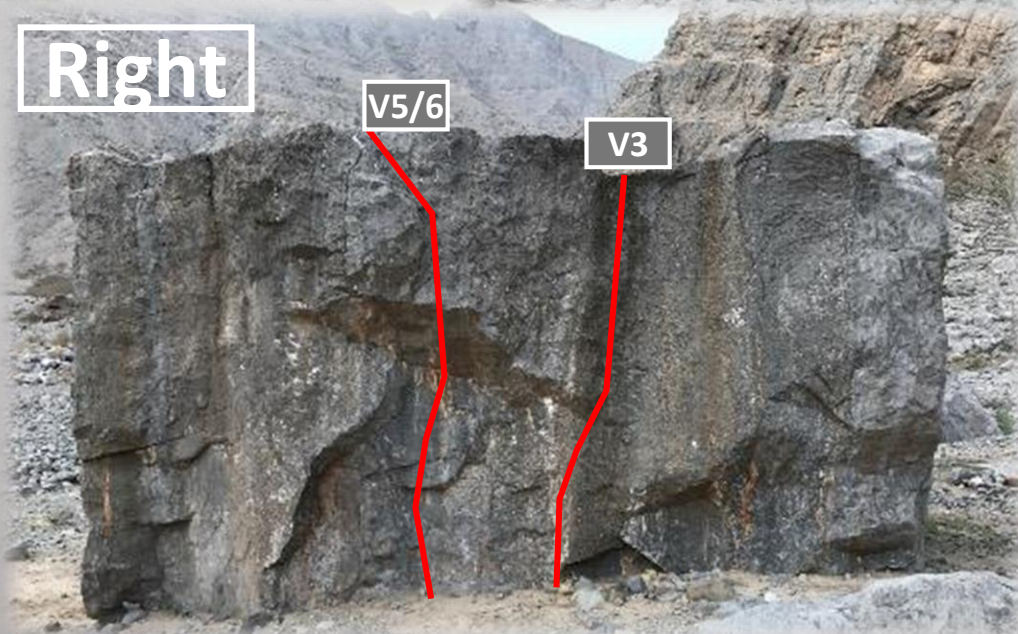


Left



B

Right

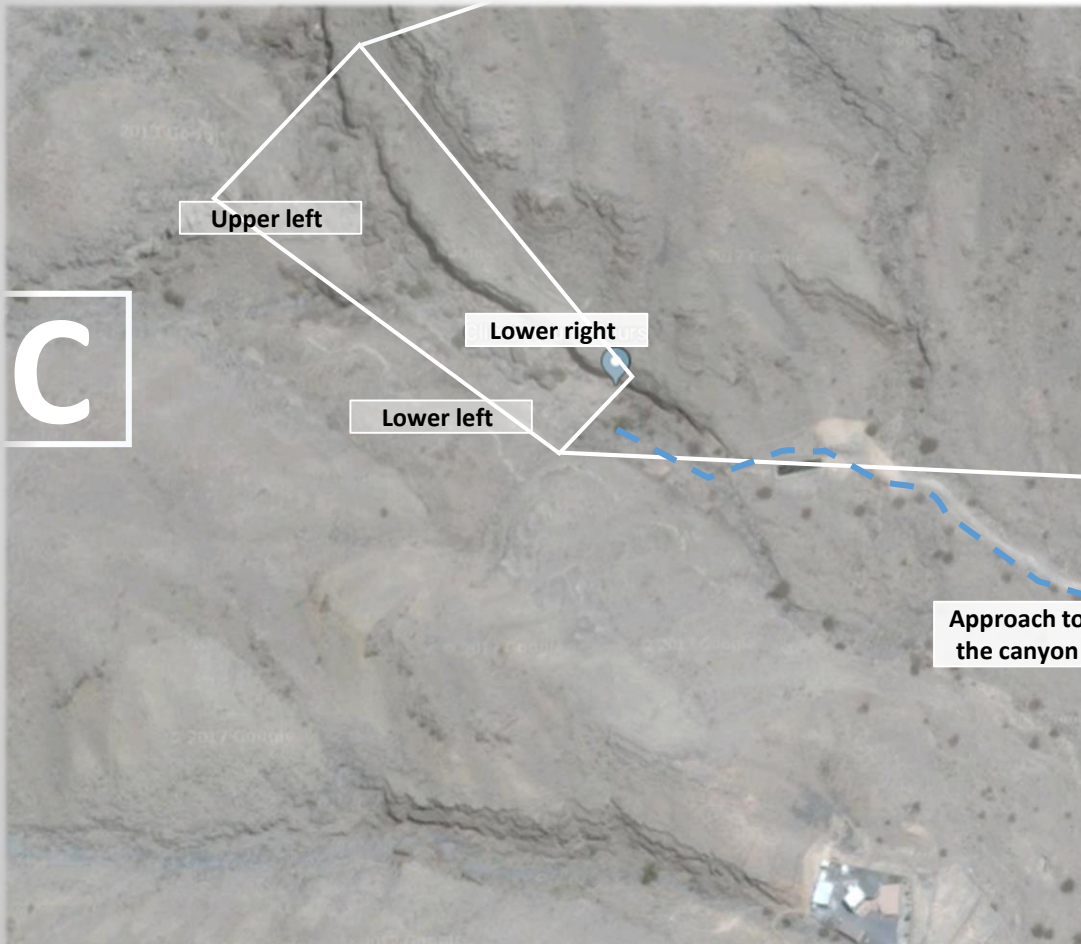


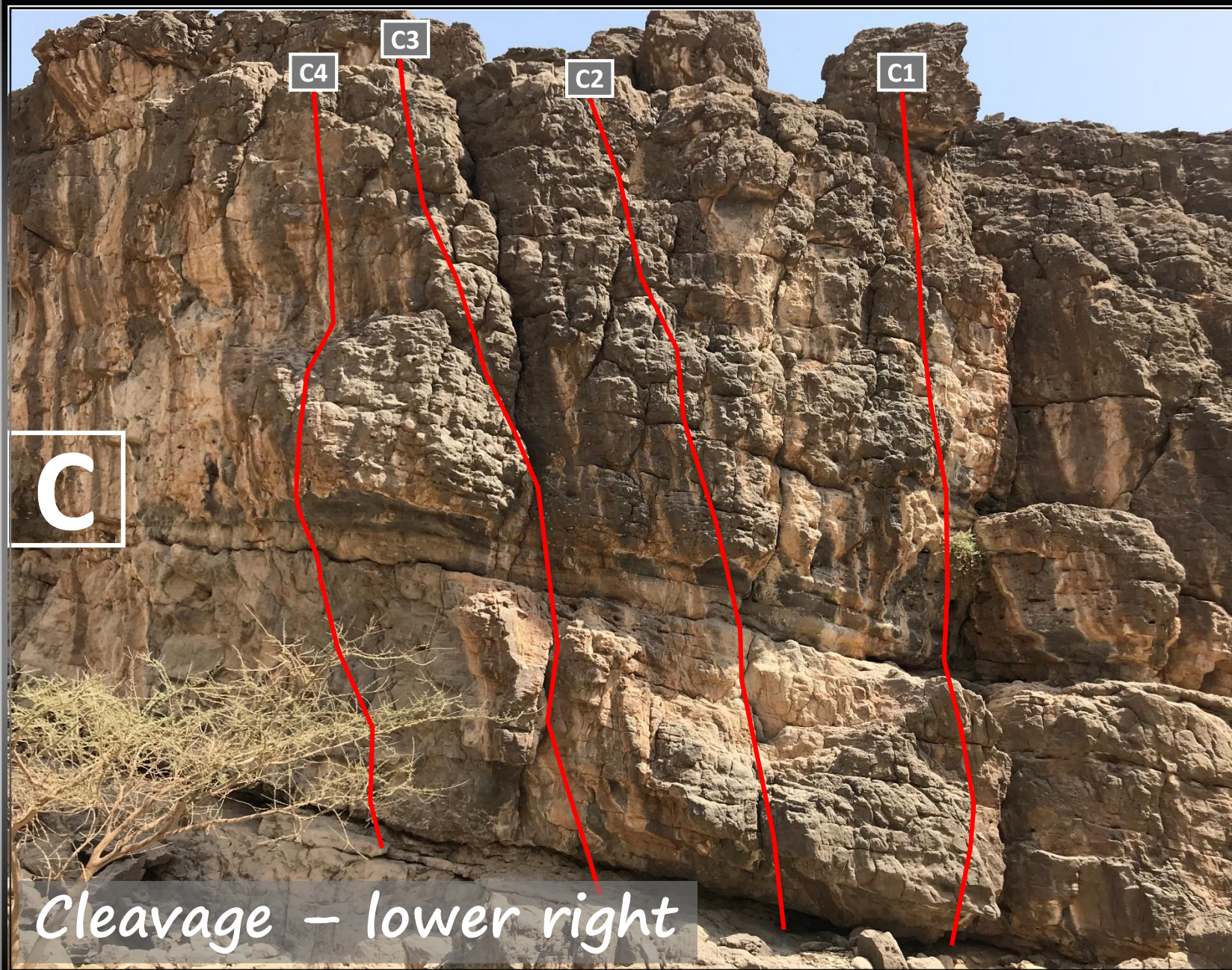
Back

The Cube

Note: faces names (front-back-left-right) consider an observer from the road. Several other bouldering problems exist – pretty much on every face!

# Cleavage canyon map





|           |                              |                 |     |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| <b>C1</b> | <b>Vlad crashed my route</b> | 16m / 6 bolts ? | 6a+ |
| <b>C2</b> | <b>Saif's dilemma</b>        | 16m / x bolts ? | 5c  |
| <b>C3</b> | <b>FBT</b>                   | 18m / 6 bolts ? | 6a+ |
| <b>C4</b> | <b>Sweat shop</b>            | 19m / 6 bolts ? | 6b+ |

C

Cleavage - lower right



# Cleavage lower left (1/2)



C

C5

C6

C5

**Piles**

11m / 5 bolts ?

6c/+

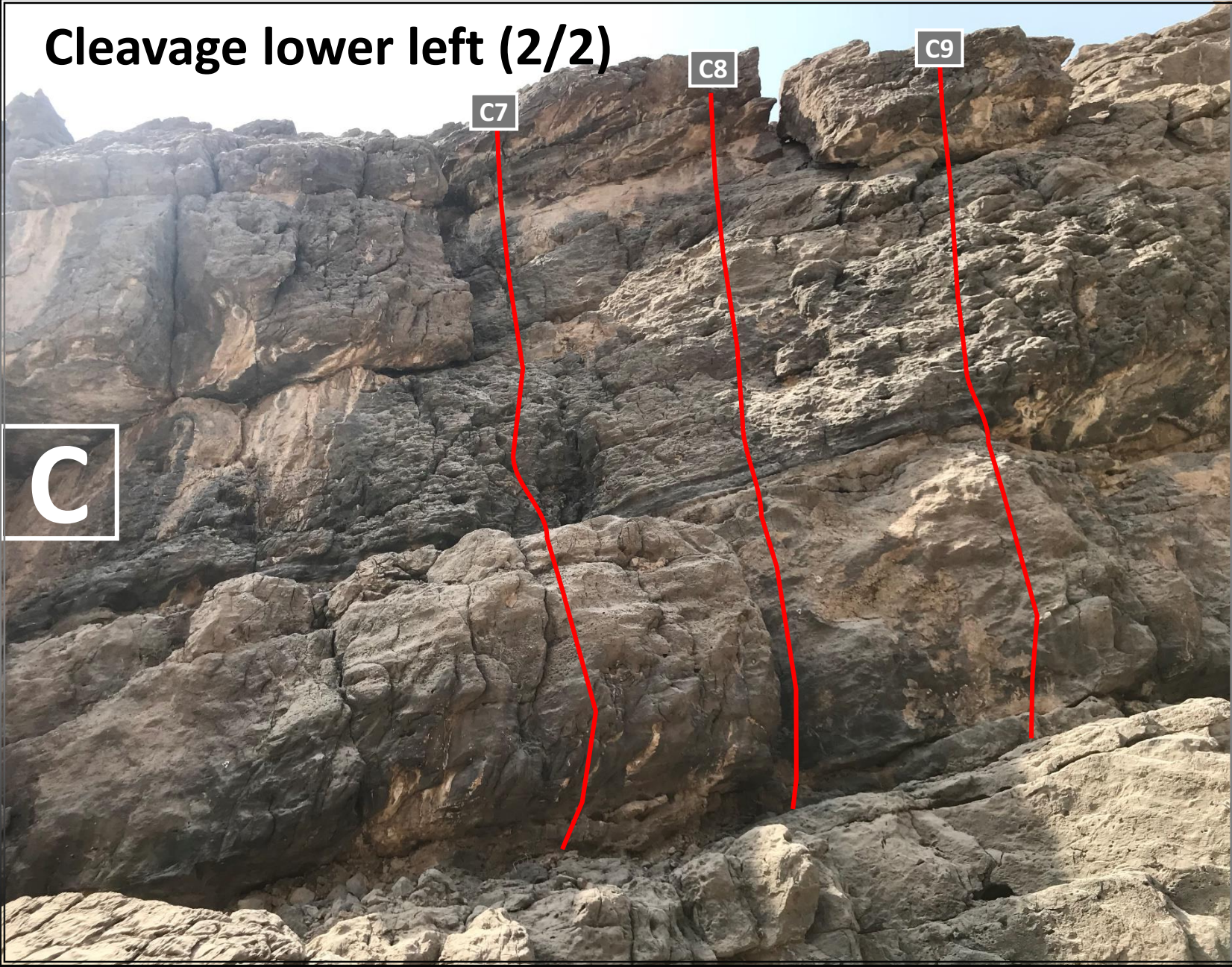
C6

**Hanging hemorrhoid**

12m / 6 bolts ?

6b/+

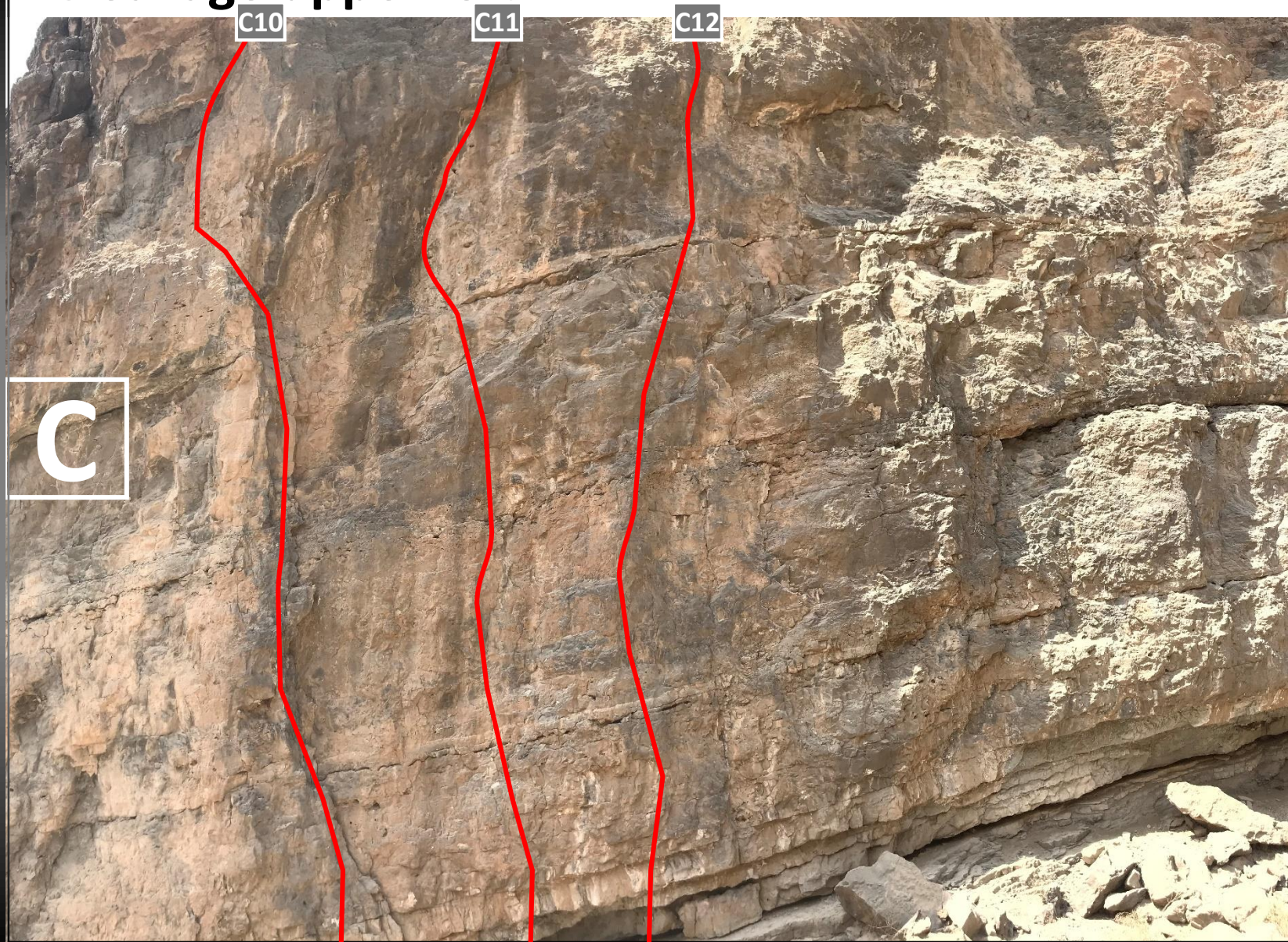
# Cleavage lower left (2/2)



|           |                      |   |   |
|-----------|----------------------|---|---|
| <b>C7</b> | <b>Unknown route</b> | ? | 5 |
| <b>C8</b> | <b>Unknown route</b> | ? | 5 |
| <b>C9</b> | <b>Unknown route</b> | ? | 5 |

Limited information available about this area, apart from the fact that there are 3 relatively easy routes, shortly after Piles and Hanging hemorrhoids

# Cleavage upper left



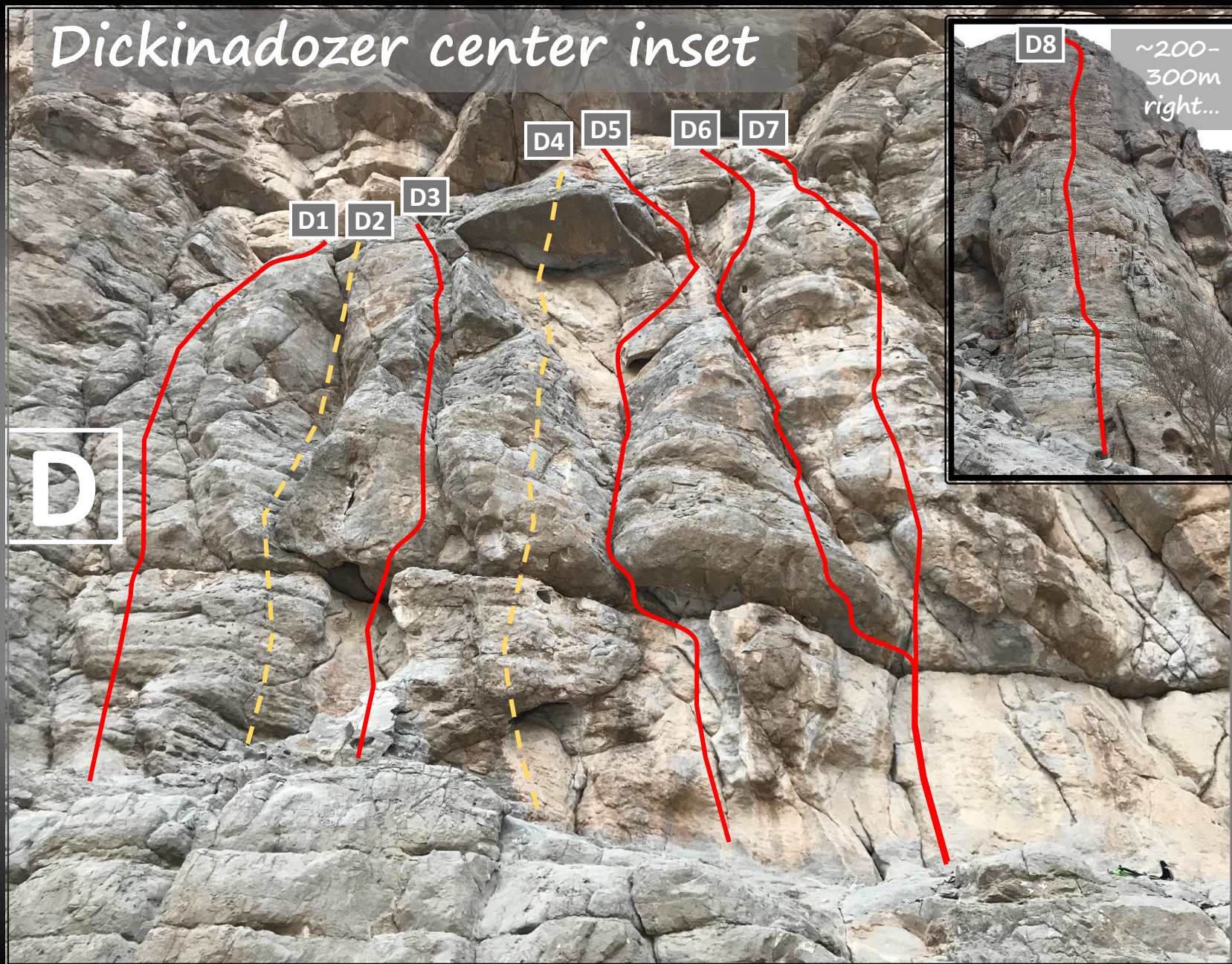
**C10 John's route**  
18m / 10 bolts ? 6a

**C11 Nightmare of a Brown Slurry**  
18m / 10 bolts ? 6c

**C12 Wrong turn at Maqta Bridge**  
18m / 10 bolts ? 6b

This sector is ~200m down (3-5 min walking) into the wadi from the lower left sector

# Dickinadozer center inset

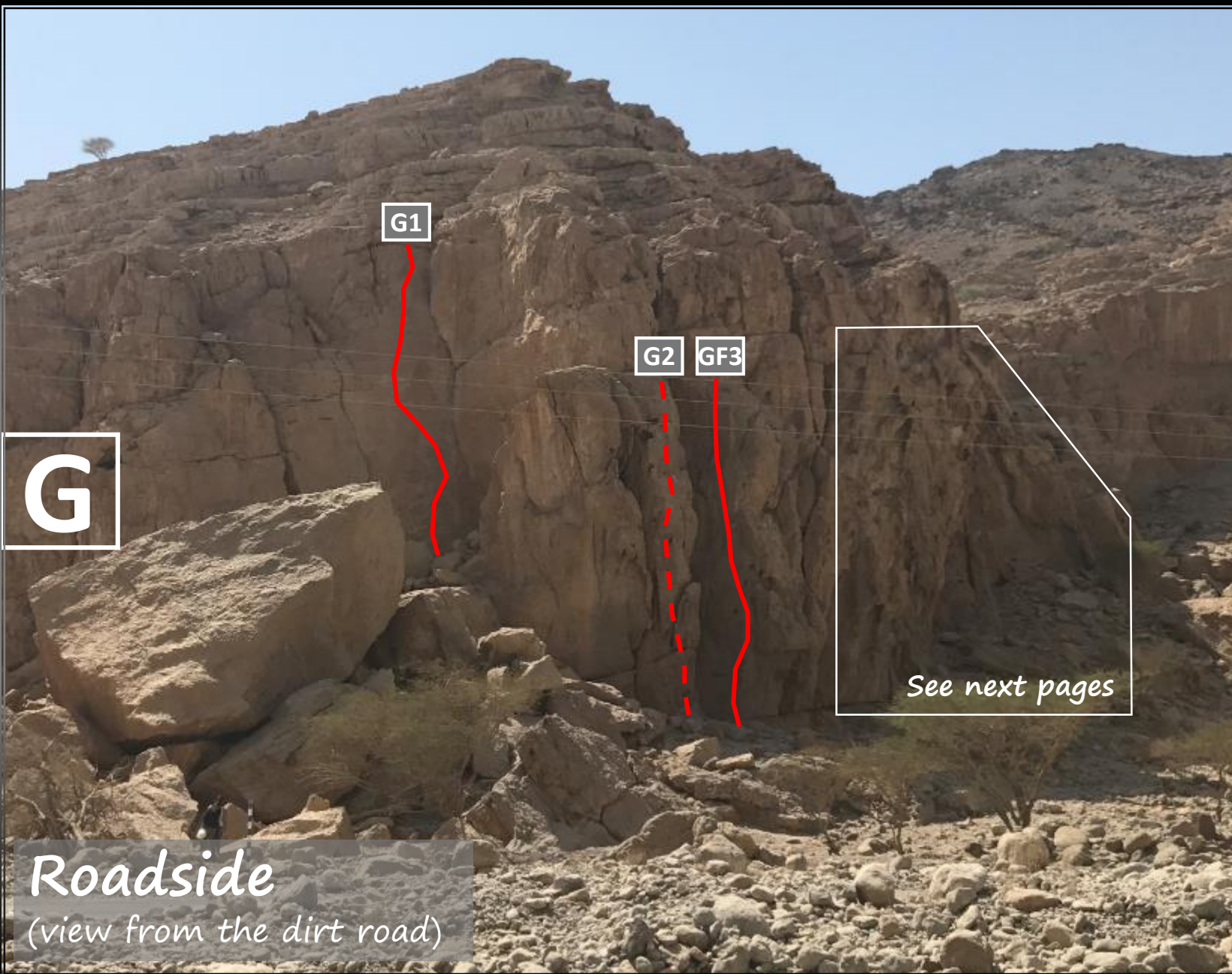


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|--|---|-----------------|-----|
| <b>D1</b>  | <b>Hot feet</b>                                     | 20m / 6 bolts ? | 5a  |
| <b>D2</b>  | <i>Project (not bolted yet)</i>                     | 20m / ? Bolts   |     |
| <b>D3</b>  | <b>Motivate</b>                                     | 18m / ? Bolts   | 6a  |
| <b>D4</b>  | <i>Project (not bolted yet)</i>                     | 20m / ? Bolts   |     |
| <b>D5</b>  | <b>Dog leg interruption</b>                         | 18m / ? Bolts   | 6a+ |
| <b>D6</b>  | <b>Beaching Whales</b>                              | 18m / ? Bolts   | 6b+ |
| <b>D7</b>  | <b>Reach for the Sky</b>                            | 18m / 9 bolts   | 6b+ |
| <i>~200-300 m on the right you can find a multi-pitch route:</i> |   |                 |     |
| <b>D8</b>  | <b>Columbus (3 pitches)</b>                         |                 |     |
|  | L1: 45m / xxx bolts (first part can be downclimbed) |                 | 4   |
|  | L2: 20m / xxx bolts                                 |                 | 6a  |
|  | L3: 25m / xxx bolts                                 |                 | 5c  |



|            |                             |   |            |
|------------|-----------------------------|---|------------|
| <b>E1</b>  | <b>Double the fun</b>       | 10m / 4 bolts ?   | 5b+        |
| <b>E2</b>  | <b>Good vibration</b>       | 18m / 8 bolts ( <i>left start</i> )<br>18m / 7 bolts ( <i>right start</i> ) | 6b<br>6a/+ |
| <b>E3</b>  | <b>Hard job</b>             | 18m / 7 bolts   | 6a         |
| <b>E4</b>  | <b>Joy</b>                  | 28m / 9 bolts   | 5b         |
| <b>E5</b>  | <b>Eloi's birthright</b>    | 12m / 6 bolts   | 6c         |
| <b>E6</b>  | <b>Harder than it looks</b> | 19m / 7 bolts?  | 5a/5c      |
| <b>E7</b>  | <b>Swinging in RAK</b>      | 24m / 9 bolts   | 6a         |
| <b>E8</b>  | <b>Mutually engaged</b>     | 27m / 9 bolts   | 6a/+       |
| <b>E9</b>  | <b>Lone ride</b>            | 31m / 9 bolts   | 6a         |
| <b>E10</b> | <b>Project</b>              | 33m / 10-12 bolts?  | 7b?        |
| <b>E11</b> | <b>Break of dawn</b>        | 31m / 11 bolts?   | 6b         |

Note: some routes in this sector were renamed (see "A word to the original bolters" paragraph at the beginning).



**Roadside**  
(view from the dirt road)

|           |                              |                   |    |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------|----|
| <b>G1</b> | <b>Desolation of Smaug</b>   | 16m / 8 bolts ?   | 6c |
| <b>G2</b> | <b>Braavosi water dancer</b> | 25m? / xx bolts ? | 6b |
| <b>G3</b> | <b>Sellsword</b>             | 25m? / xx bolts ? | 6a |

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Note 2: Route F2's line is dotted since it is not visible in this picture (hidden face of the wall)

# G



## G4 Robert's bastards

25m / 8 bolts ?

5c+

## G5 Queen of Thorns

30m? / xx bolts ?

6a+

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|           |                        |                 |     |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| <b>G6</b> | <b>Thug's monkey</b>   | 18m / 8 bolts ? | 6b+ |
| <b>G7</b> | <b>Damian's groove</b> | 18m / 8 bolts ? | 7a+ |
| <b>G8</b> | <b>Project</b>         | 28m / 9 bolts ? | 8a? |
| <b>G9</b> | <b>Pokemon</b>         | 15m / 9 bolts ? | 7b+ |



G



**G10** *Dothraki screamer*

*(do not climb – one hanger missing)*

14m / 5 bolts

6b/+

**G11** **Tarly the destroyer**

12m / 5 bolts

4

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# List of routes by area / grade

| Grade                                    | Notes                               |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Dickinadozer far right (6 routes)</b> |                                     |
| Vyseris' walk                            | 5b <i>New name</i>                  |
| Sons of the harpy                        | 5b+ <i>New name</i>                 |
| Blood rider                              | 6a <i>New name</i>                  |
| Jorah's peril                            | 6b <i>New name</i>                  |
| The space between                        | 6c+ <i>Needs an additional bolt</i> |
| Cyclop's eye                             | 7a                                  |

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| <b>Dickinadozer center inset (6 routes)</b> |         |
| Hot feet                                    | 5a      |
| Motivate                                    | 6a      |
| Dog leg interruption                        | 6a+     |
| Beaching whales                             | 6b+     |
| Reach for the sky                           | 6c      |
| Columbus (3 pitch)                          | 4/6a/5c |

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|--|-----|
| <b>Cleavage (lower right) (4 routes)</b> |     |
| FBT                                      | 6a+ |
| Saif's dilemma                           | 5c  |
| Vlad crushed my route                    | 6a+ |
| Sweat shop                               | 6b+ |

| Grade   | Notes |
|---|-------|
| <b>Cleavage (lower left) (5 routes)</b>               |       |
| Piles   | 6c+   |
| Hanging hemorrhoid                                    | 6b    |
| Three unknown routes                                  | 5     |
| <i>Several low-grade top rope routes before Piles</i> |       |

|   |    |
|---|----|
| <b>Cleavage (upper left) (3 routes)</b> |    |
| John's route                            | 6a |
| Nightmare of a Brown Slurry             | 6c |
| Wrong turn at Maqta Bridge              | 6b |

|                             |      |                          |
|-----------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| <b>Roadside (10 routes)</b> |      |                          |
| Tarly the Destroyer         | 4    | New name                 |
| Robert's bastards           | 5c+  | New name                 |
| Sellsword                   | 6a   | New name                 |
| Queen of Thorns             | 6a+  | New name                 |
| Braavosi waterdancer        | 6b   | New name                 |
| <i>Dothraki screamer</i>    | 6b/+ | New name; hanger missing |
| Thug's monkey               | 6b+  |                          |
| Desolation of Smaug         | 6c   | New name                 |
| Damian's groove             | 7a+  |                          |
| Pokemon                     | 7b+  |                          |

| Grade                         | Notes                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Threesomes (10 routes)</b> |                      |
| Harder than it looks          | 5a/5c <i>Renamed</i> |
| Joy                           | 5b <i>Renamed</i>    |
| Double the fun                | 5b+ <i>Renamed</i>   |
| Hard job                      | 6a <i>Renamed</i>    |
| Lone ride                     | 6a <i>Renamed</i>    |
| Swinging in RAK               | 6a <i>Renamed</i>    |
| Good vibration                | 6a/+ <i>Renamed</i>  |
| <i>left start:</i>            | 6b <i>New</i>        |
| Mutually engaged              | 6a/+ <i>Renamed</i>  |
| Break of dawn                 | 6b <i>New</i>        |
| Eloi's birthright             | 6c <i>New</i>        |

## Summary of routes by sector / grade

|                   | 4-5b      | 5c/+     | 6a/+      | 6b/+      | 6c/+     | 7        | Tot.      |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Roadside          | 1         | 1        | 2         | 3         | 1        | 2        | 10        |
| Dickinadozer f.r. | 2         | -        | 1         | 1         | 1        | 1        | 6         |
| Dickinadozer c.i. | 1         | -        | 3         | 1         | 1        | -        | 6         |
| Cleavage          | 3         | 1        | 3         | 3         | 2        | -        | 12        |
| Threesomes        | 3         | 1        | 4         | 2         | 1        |          | 10        |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>10</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>44</b> |



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