

Quotes & Humour

“Me and offwidths have a love-hate relationship. When I’m on the ground looking at one I really love it and start planning to climb the thing. But when I’m climbing it I really hate it and curse myself for doing it. What was it again that I was missing on the ground and had to climb here to get it???”

“overlord”, Rock climbing.com/Trad climbing, 2005

“ I did not have the power to stop and place a cam.”

Toc Foale’s excuse for the big runout on top of Sultans of Swing (18), Mt Cuthbert, 1997

“If you have footholds, you are not on the climb.”

Shane Chaldwell to Wayne Foale, who was leading Slipway (20), Mt Cuthbert, 1997

“After a long swinging pendulum fall seconding on pitch 7 an inquiry to my partner’s well being elicited the response:

“No, I’m fucking not alright ! Get me off this fucking cliff !!”

Mark Poustie on The Chimes of Freedom (17) Frenchman’s Cup, Tasmania

“Climbing walls can be any height from 7.5 to 15 meters. The discipline is basically the opposite of the more publicised rappelling, which is the art of descending sheer walls”

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Ross to Kathy, discussing different types of nuts: “So many shapes and sizes, there are some weird nuts out there these days, Kath !”.

Response: “Are you telling me ?”

somewhere, 1998