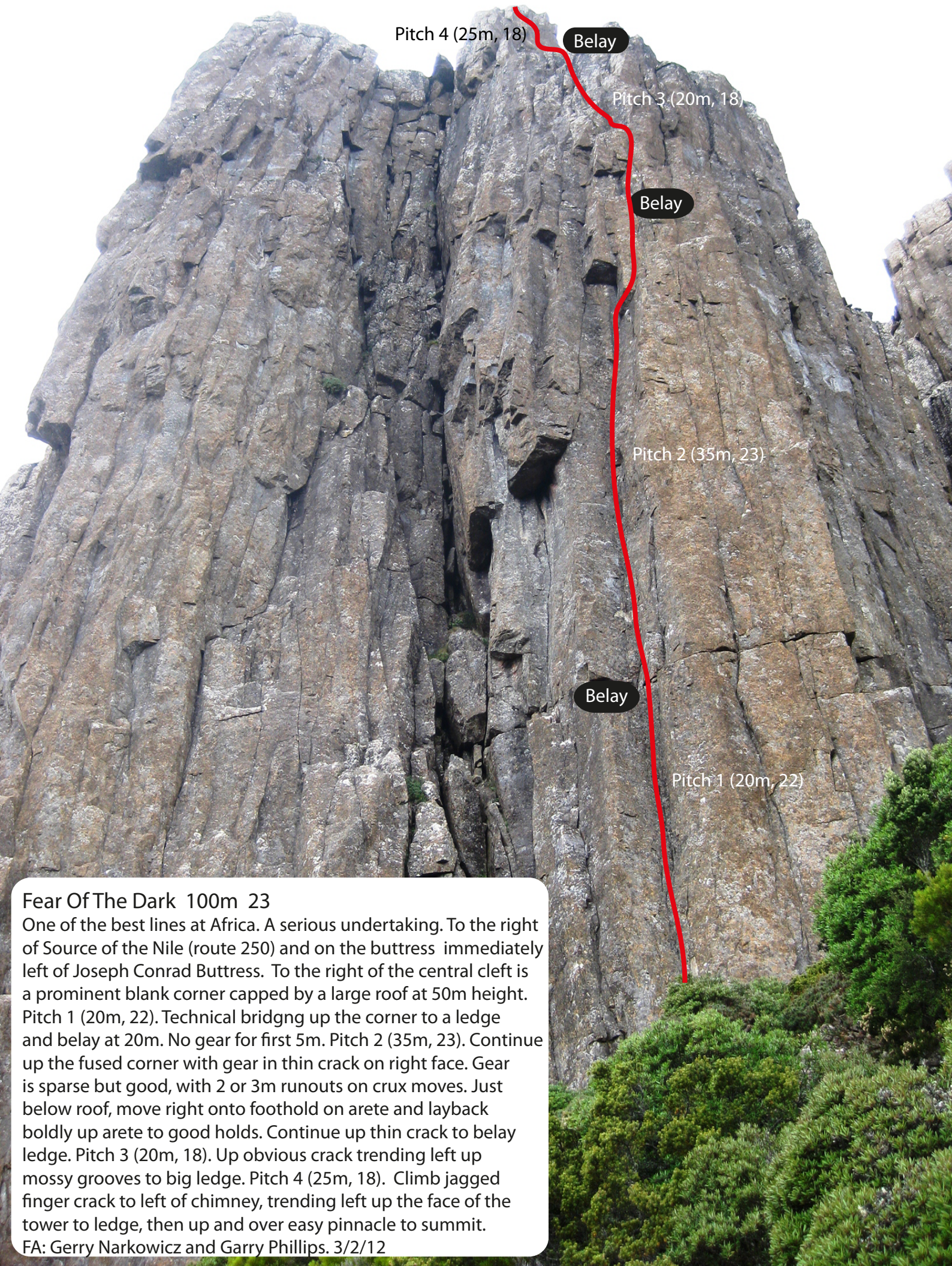


FEAR OF THE DARK 100M 23

Route 250A in Memory Of A Journey



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One of the best lines at Africa. A serious undertaking. To the right of Source of the Nile (route 250) and on the buttress immediately left of Joseph Conrad Buttress. To the right of the central cleft is a prominent blank corner capped by a large roof at 50m height. Pitch 1 (20m, 22). Technical bridging up the corner to a ledge and belay at 20m. No gear for first 5m. Pitch 2 (35m, 23). Continue up the fused corner with gear in thin crack on right face. Gear is sparse but good, with 2 or 3m runouts on crux moves. Just below roof, move right onto foothold on arete and layback boldly up arete to good holds. Continue up thin crack to belay ledge. Pitch 3 (20m, 18). Up obvious crack trending left up mossy grooves to big ledge. Pitch 4 (25m, 18). Climb jagged finger crack to left of chimney, trending left up the face of the tower to ledge, then up and over easy pinnacle to summit.

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