

Qm List 2017

Fluor & Pete

- Balkon-hole - wet pitch at the end of Dark Arts
- drafting rft post bipedal
traverse P. PIS. 2 small pitches into slightly
choked rft. May be able to climb over the
top but if progress to be made at rft level need
a bump hammer. Speak to Pete Talling.
- Nothing to See: ~~to~~ Far south end at Atkinson.
to-see / ~~top~~. T-Junction Lead to ^{top} two different
shuttles. Vadose passage leads off from top of
both (might work). K Brook, Adam Aldridge, Luke S.
- Ice run: Ice slope in Frozen North.
Andrew Atkinson.
- Charm Passage Area: 27a P50.
- Sloppy Second: 3 leads which have reasonable
potential. (1) Dog End Series. Good draft but
slit cave. (2) At bottom of pitches Nathan walked,
turn left & follow ~~the~~ past droppy area on
right to pitch that needs dropping. Not too drafty
but promising (3) Traverse over top of 2 hole horizon
& then traverse over second hole. Use 12m rope
to head down sloppy slope. Cross. Big passage.

FOOD

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Food left 2016

London

- Curries → 162
- Noodles → ~ 200?
- Cans cans → ~ 8 kg
- ~~Outs~~ ^{Smash} → 0.5 kg?
- Soup → ~ 150 packets
- Oats → 8 1/2 kg
- Milk - 0
- Choc → 4 kg
- Mustard - 3.5 kg

Suggest buying;

- 300 curries ✓
- 200 noodles? if not main ✓
- 25 kg cans cans
- 200 pack - a soups
- 8-10 kg Smash?
- 10 ~~kg~~ kg oats
- 10 kgs milk powder?
- 4 kg hot choc.
- 10 kg mustard.

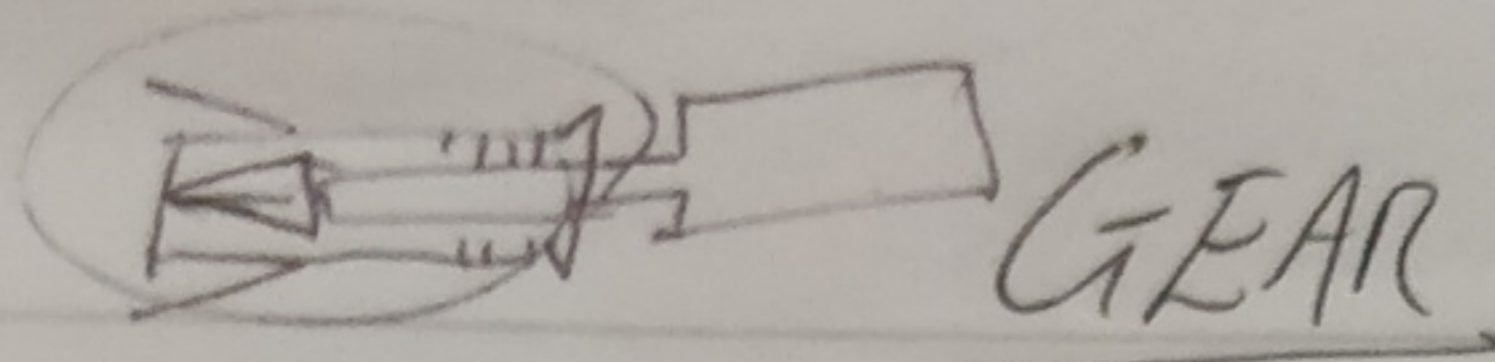
- ✓ Aloo choley
- ✓ Aloo matar
- ✓ Matar Paneer
- ✓ Paneer makhani
- ✓ Punjabi choley
- ✓ Shahi Melhi matar
- ✓ Navratan Korma
- ✓ Palak paneer
- ✓ Bombay Biryani

(4)

360? ✓

40 g each



500/9 ϕ , 100 m 110 ϕ

- 2016 order; 500m rope; ~~200/9~~, ~~200/10~~, 100/11
- 30 bands
- 20 rings
- 50 MP bolts
- 50 MR'S $\approx \approx \pounds 100$
- 10 slings
- 10 screw. kerbs

\rightarrow Used for? - Long drop, Rigging Eunnodis below C. Lathor 8/5.
Champagne On la.

- 2017 order; Same again, maybe rest slings etc.

\rightarrow To be used for; Organ hook, Eunnodis rig, Balcony
 \hookrightarrow 66 HW + 30 \hookrightarrow 120

2x 200m 9 ϕ @ $\pounds 218.10 \rightarrow \pounds 436.20$

+ 100m? @ ~~$\pounds 125.70$~~

561.9

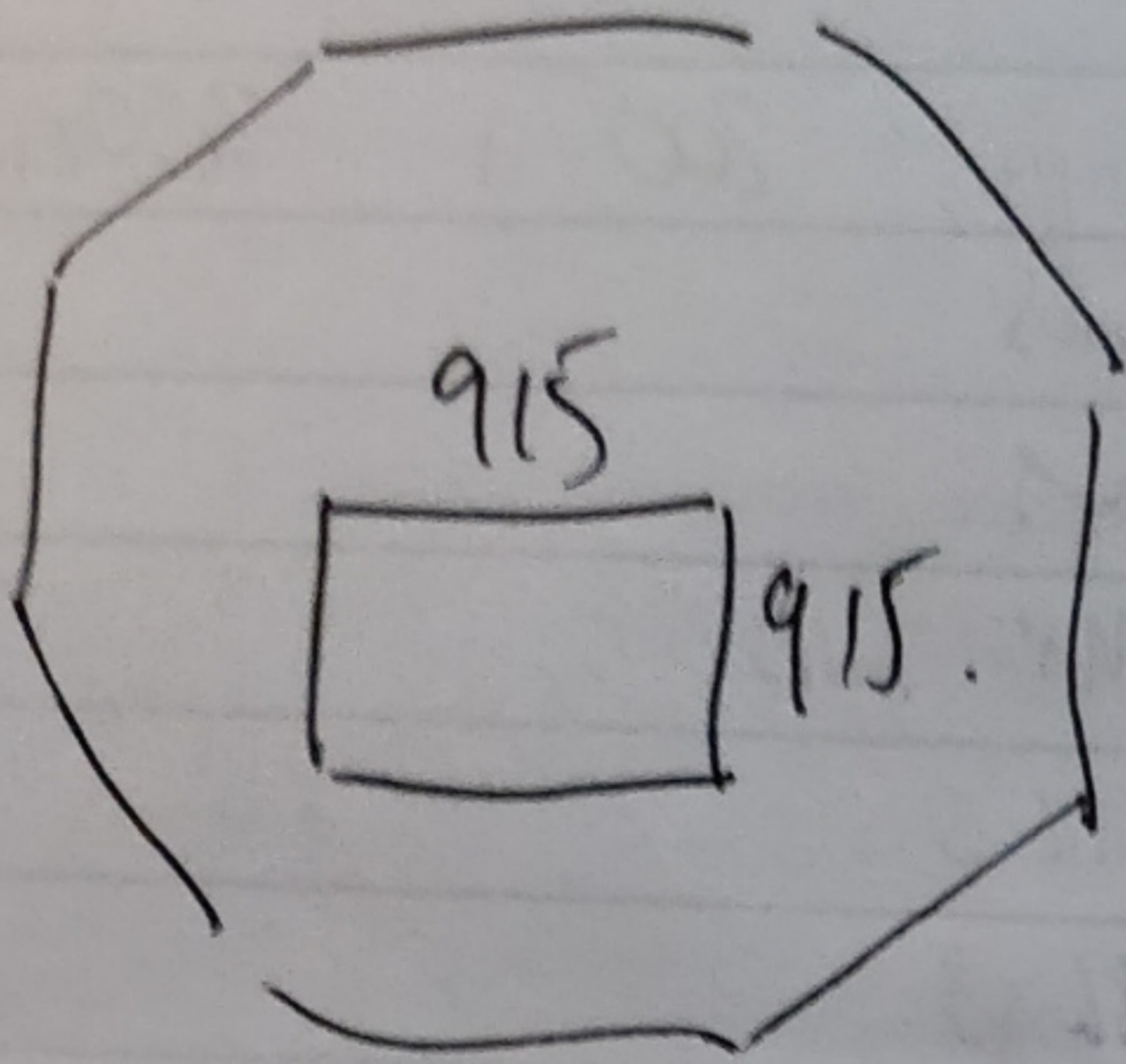
 $\pounds 114$

1x 200m 10 ϕ @ $\pounds 240$

1.68 $\pounds 32$

53.68

61cm



Gear List.

Metalsmith

• In Australia;

366 hinges

($> \frac{1}{2}$ as hand & bus)

242 MKs

63 knobs



NO

veggie stop
mushrooms
pease pudding

YES

* pasta bake (pesto?) (+ chicken)
* asparagus & pea risotto
curry (+ paneer)
~~cod~~ kodgee
* fish pie
quiche
* moussaka

Ellis - LDN → CAM → YORK → LEENS
→ CAM → ESSEX → AUST.

→ Arrive overnight → Out of Sirens

→ Austria → rope & metalwork snagged by
then out already.

→ 01 Sunday → Larry Monday → Larry Tuesday
↳ Heather rope → it did let the
bottom.

→ Mould Soreng - etc.

→ SOTE, Paw-Paw



To Do Tonight

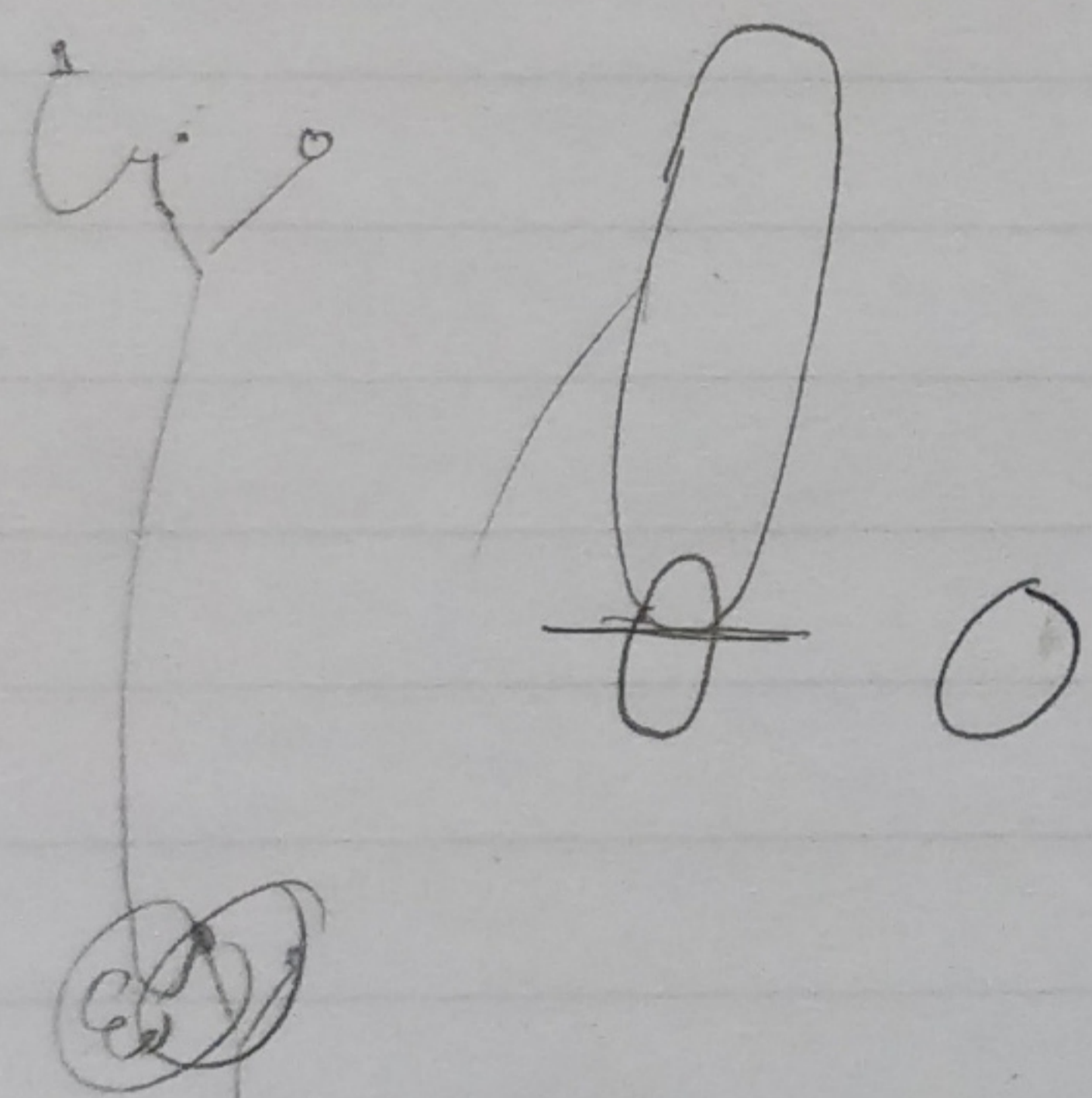
- ~~pay Dart charge~~ ←
- ~~pay Elaine~~ ?
- check UG camp kit taken out of camp
- check above currently at expo
- ~~message people about flapjack production~~ ←
- ~~emergency contact folder~~ ✓
- ~~discuss merits of rope washing~~ ?
- discuss Nicola phones
- discuss camping gas cylinders
- camping across the road
- tape S+E routes
- Bolly Day -

email Elaine
NOW?

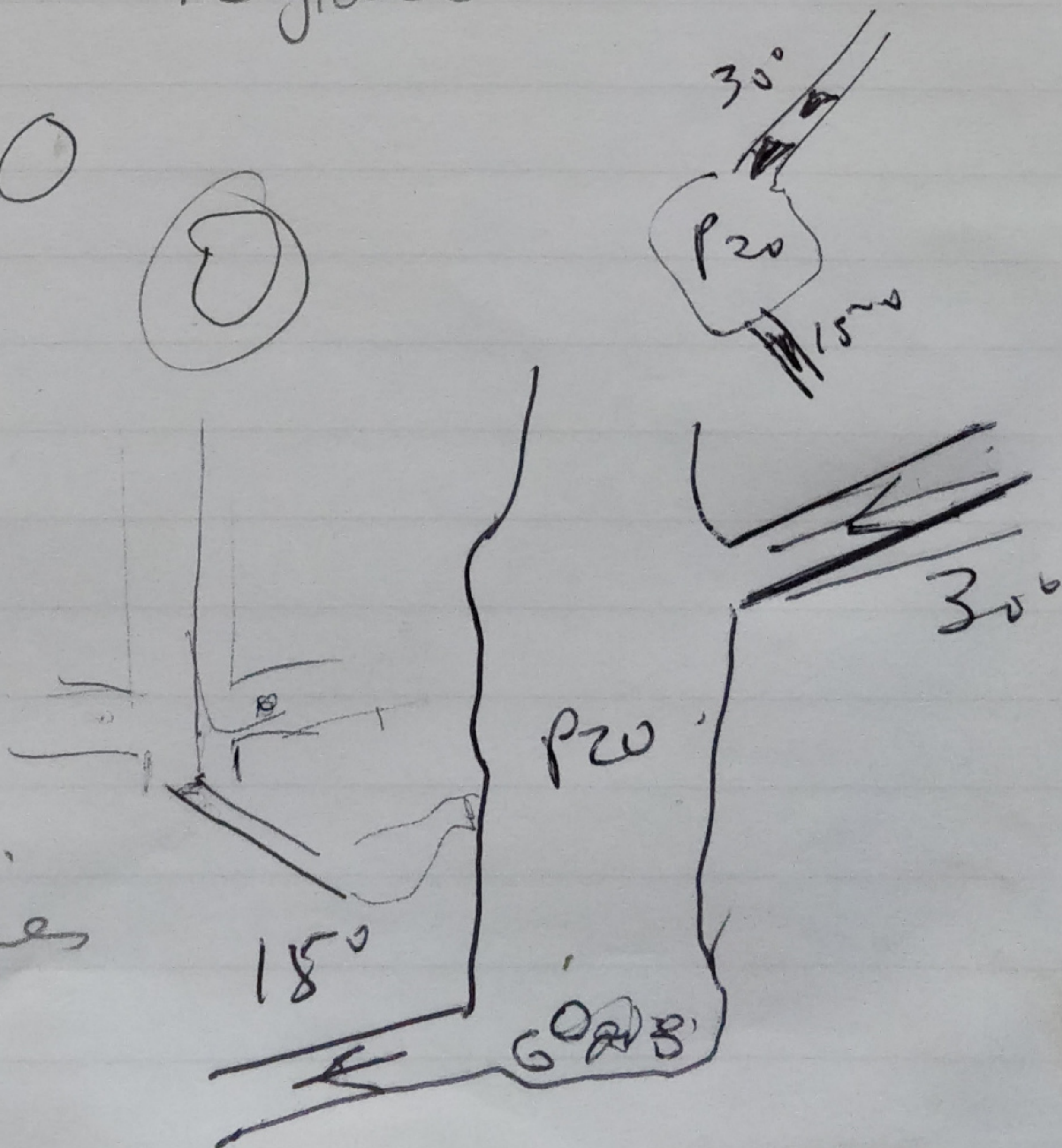
SOTE?

Elaine?

- Mayden → Solvent plastics
- ULSA disto petli case
- KB gloves

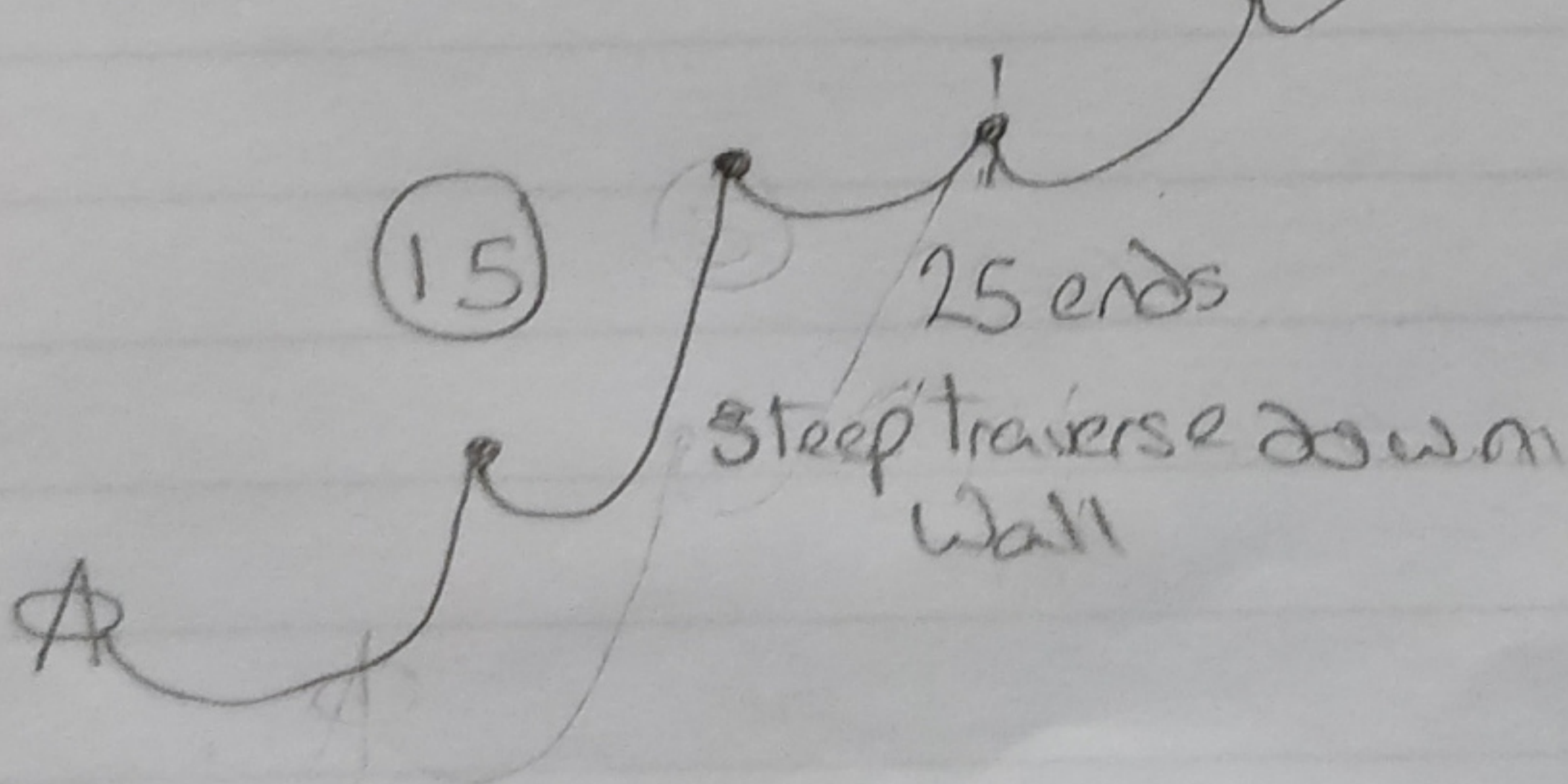
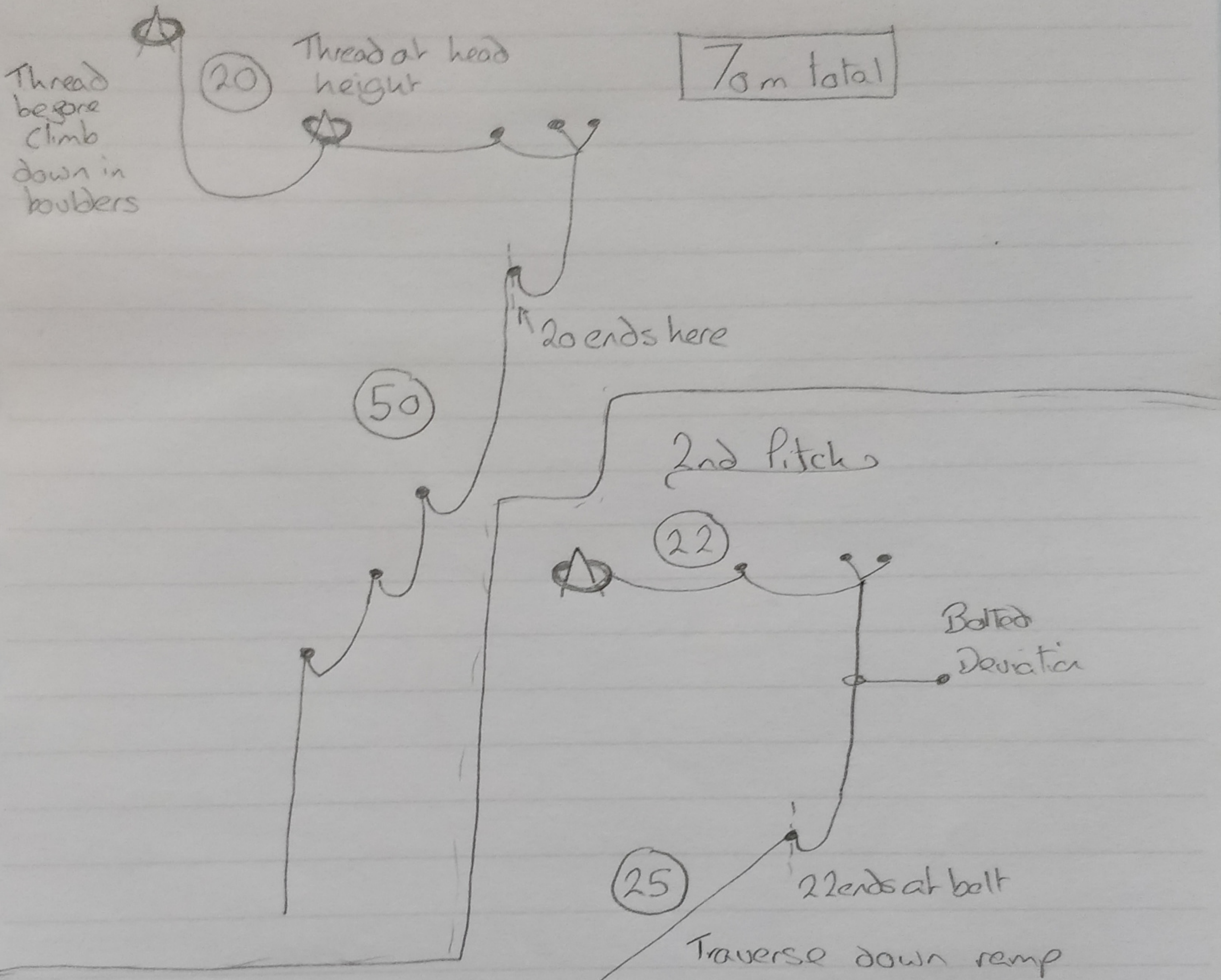


Gas stove
rope eyes
pits
sky hooks?
AA batteries



Sloppy seconds rigging guide, 19/07/17

1st Pitch



Tunnocks - 1st camping trip

Tues 18th July - Thurs 20th

Elliot Smith, Katy Bender, Chris Denston

Tues 18th

The team out in the first week had done a tremendous job, rigging Tunnocks down to Kraken in 3 days. After arriving we worked, dried & stuffed 1 km new rope into tackle racks & carried half of it up the hill. ~~After another carry of our~~ ~~we had~~ On Tues morning we packed the camp kit, drill, rigging gear & Elliot managed to cart a 200 m bag of rope down to camp. I fettled the rigging as required on the way in eg. a deviation on Magee Glue & dimmering a itchy sub at the bottom of Inferno, which now lands on a rock ledge, saving ~10 m further descent & ascent. I added a traverse line & was rewarded by the green glow from the camp Kraken tent. Katy & Elliot had had to drain it & scrape the mould off the floor to make it habitable - even having to scrape white off the zips to get in. It was a comfortable night.

N.B - Elliot from here,

Day 2 Saw us heading down to the passage
great at 'Paw Paw Passage'. All was left rigged,
has 'The Song of The BARK' rope ~120 m of rope disassembled
or that one. We carried on to the med Song
(@ -902 m), and took some photos. We returned

a small continuation where a more modern
Stream (road bridge) had carved out a
a bit of the mud. Katey went for it
and found it too tight. She did notice
a drift however, albeit a small one.

Onto Par Par, Katey climbed the EG left
from last year and bolted it. The passage
abends up a rocky (but still phreatic) section
, approx 3-4m wide, 6m high. Still drybag.
At this point, Elliott climbed an area
to the left (UWA), I, Chris and Katey
surveyed. Two right passages soon crapped out.
Elliott's Area ('Aye, There's the Rub') was for
~ 25 m before reaching a ~ 20 m pitch.
Katey found a rising tube to the North about
half way up the climb. I pitched here, again
~ 20 m. Out of rope, huthery I will power,
we headed to camp.

Next Day (Friday) we headed out. Left
camp @ 10 am, out for 13:00 - 16:30.

T/W. ; 58 hrs.

Rob, Luke. 12/7.

Rob (D/4)

TRIP #2 - BOTTOM OF STRING THEORY

After failing to locate any ropes longer than 61m, myself and Luke headed back to Tomcocks, underground at the more respectable time of ~~11am~~ ^{11am} rather than 3pm. I fettled the entrance rig a bit, replacing ropes and some of Luke's knots while he rigged Camel Catharsis. This done, we went to rig the traverse across Usual Suspects, which wasn't very nice. I missed quite a few of the knots the first time around, which Luke then found & added in using red Mammut rope as tat - suggest these are left in on the design - while I rigged String Theory, which made a relaxing change from the Entrance Series & Usual Suspects traverse. Then on the way out we fettled the

LOGBOOK - TUNNOCK'S RIGGING

TRIP #1 - ENTRANCE SERIES, 11/7

Rob, Luke

After a slow start at base camp, myself, Brendan, Nathan & Luke went up the hill so Brendan could have lunch. This done, we were off camp, myself & Luke to rig Tunnocks. The rig was very fatty & not much grease had been used on the derrick last year which didn't help. After much fuff, we reached the snow slope which was sporting some very large icicles at the bottom. Out and back for 9pm, TU 6hrs.

Rob (2) / 4

Entrance Series a bit more still not ideal,
but when has it ever been perfect?

Icicles still there. Bit dangerous, should
probably destroy them in a controlled manner
before they chop us or the ropes to bits.

TU 7 hrs.

TRIP # 3 - 1st REBELAY, NO TB (666)

Rob, Luke, 13/7

With me having a plane to catch & having
had all evening ^{the night before} ~~the night before~~ to pack gear,
a very efficient start was had, underground
by 9am! Luke went ahead to rig Procrust-
nation while I again fettled the Entrance
Series (Icicles still there) & Caramel Catharsis
where a rope protector cannot prevent rips
at the top (shit I had using natural thread
required). Then I went to assist Luke,

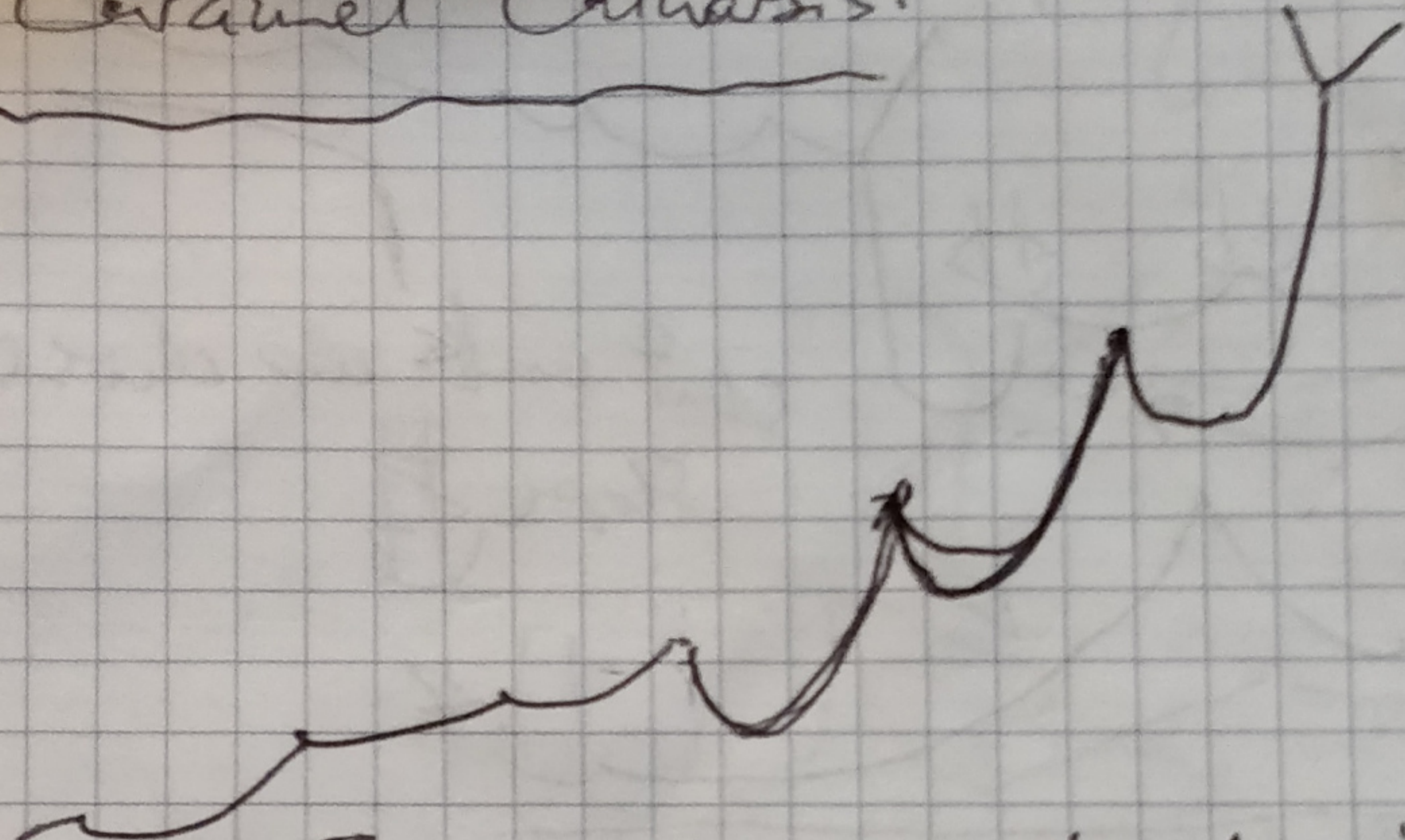
who had run out of hayaks and had also
missed some bolts. After some faffing, the
rig was almost perfect & we were onto
the short little traverse & pitch before
Bring On The Clowns. It was $\frac{1}{2}$ barely 1m
at this point, so we decided to see how
far down Number of The Beast we could get
with 39m rope. It turns out you can get
to the first rebelay. Then out & down the
hill to print boarding passes & rigging
ropes. Tu 9 hrs.

Note: The Y-hang at the top of NOTB
should be a bunny ear style
knot for ease of safe rigging.

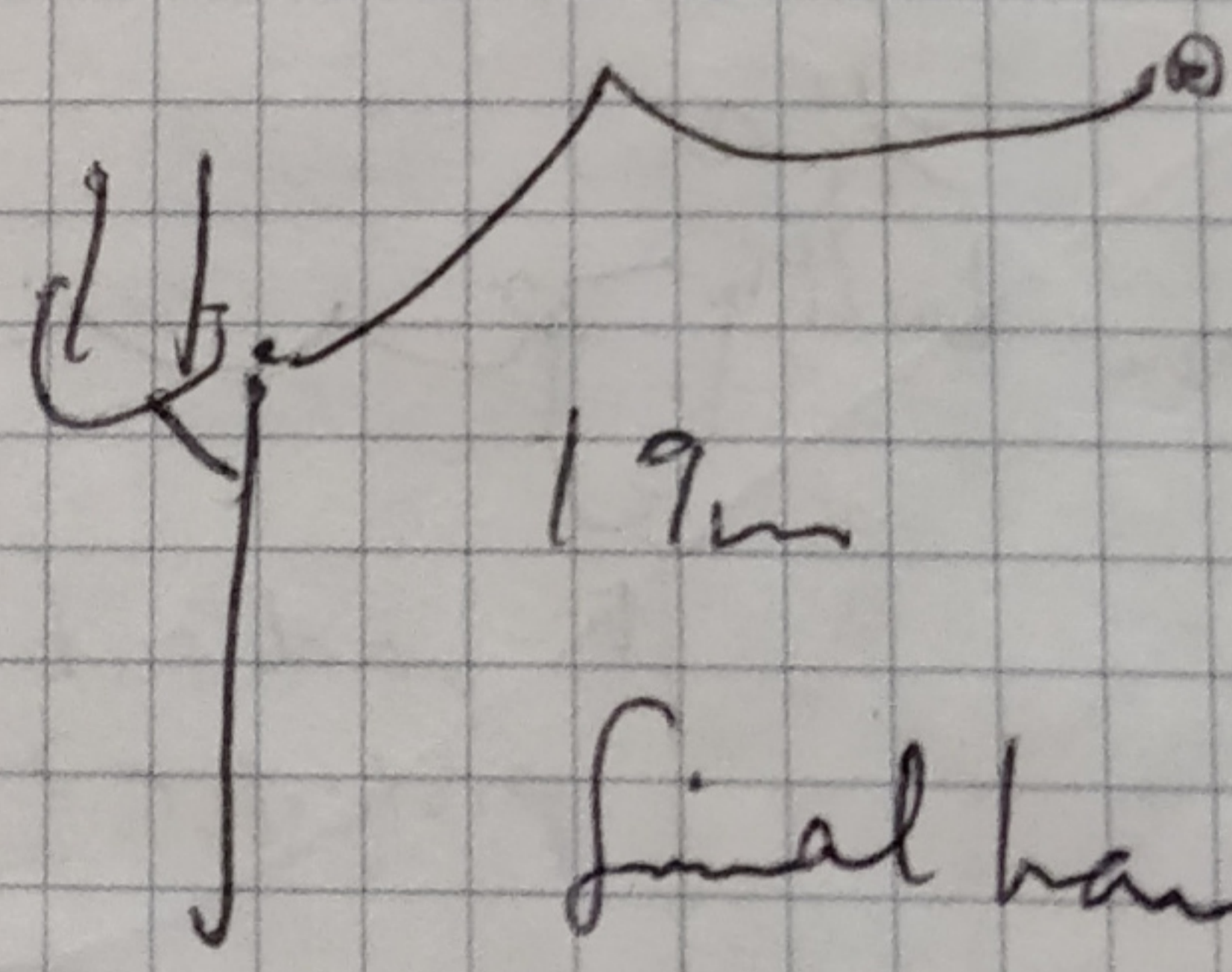
Rob 3/4

RIGGING TOPUS - TUNNOKS.

Caramel Catharsis.



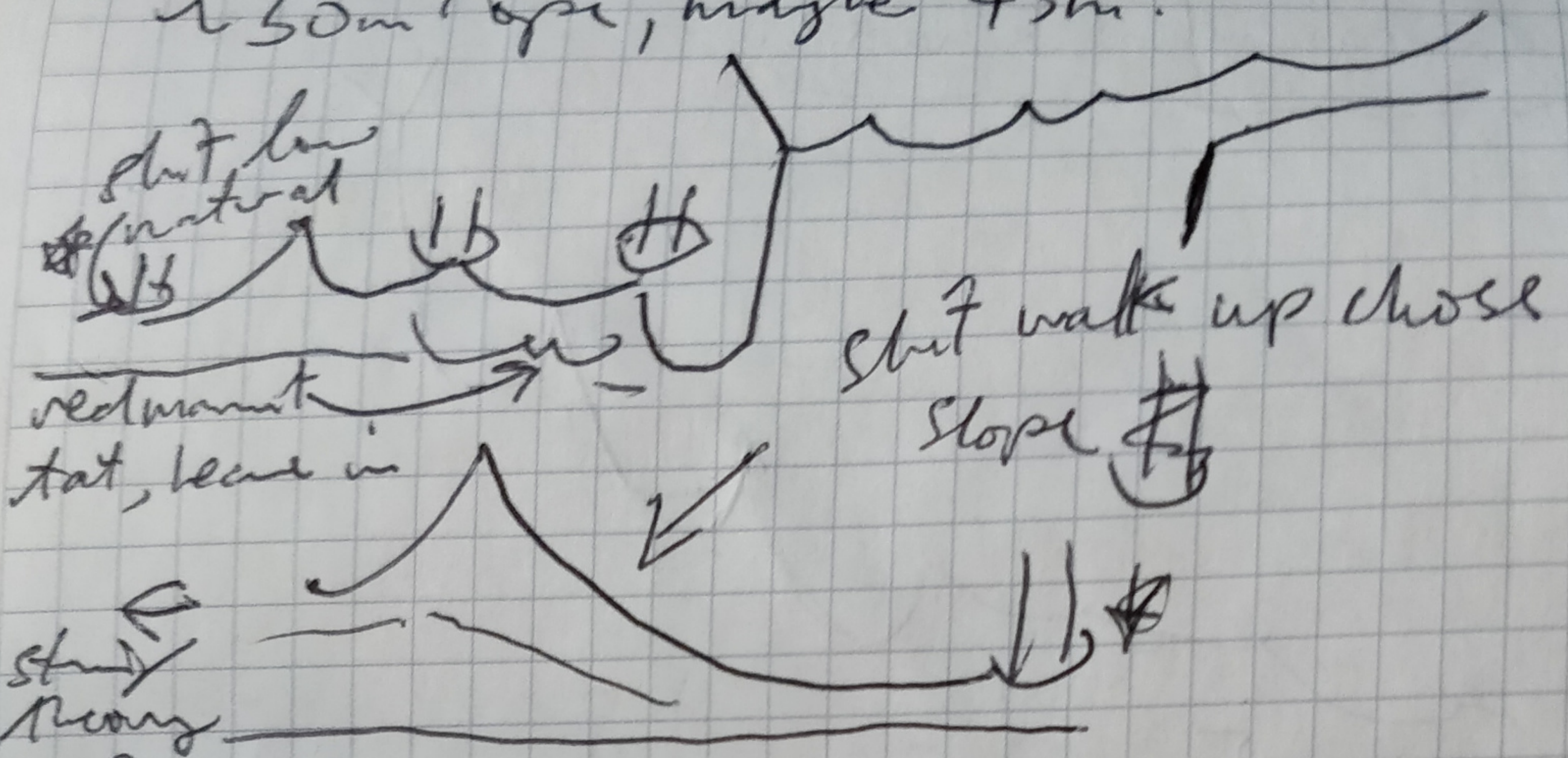
etc 50m, some natural, in site that



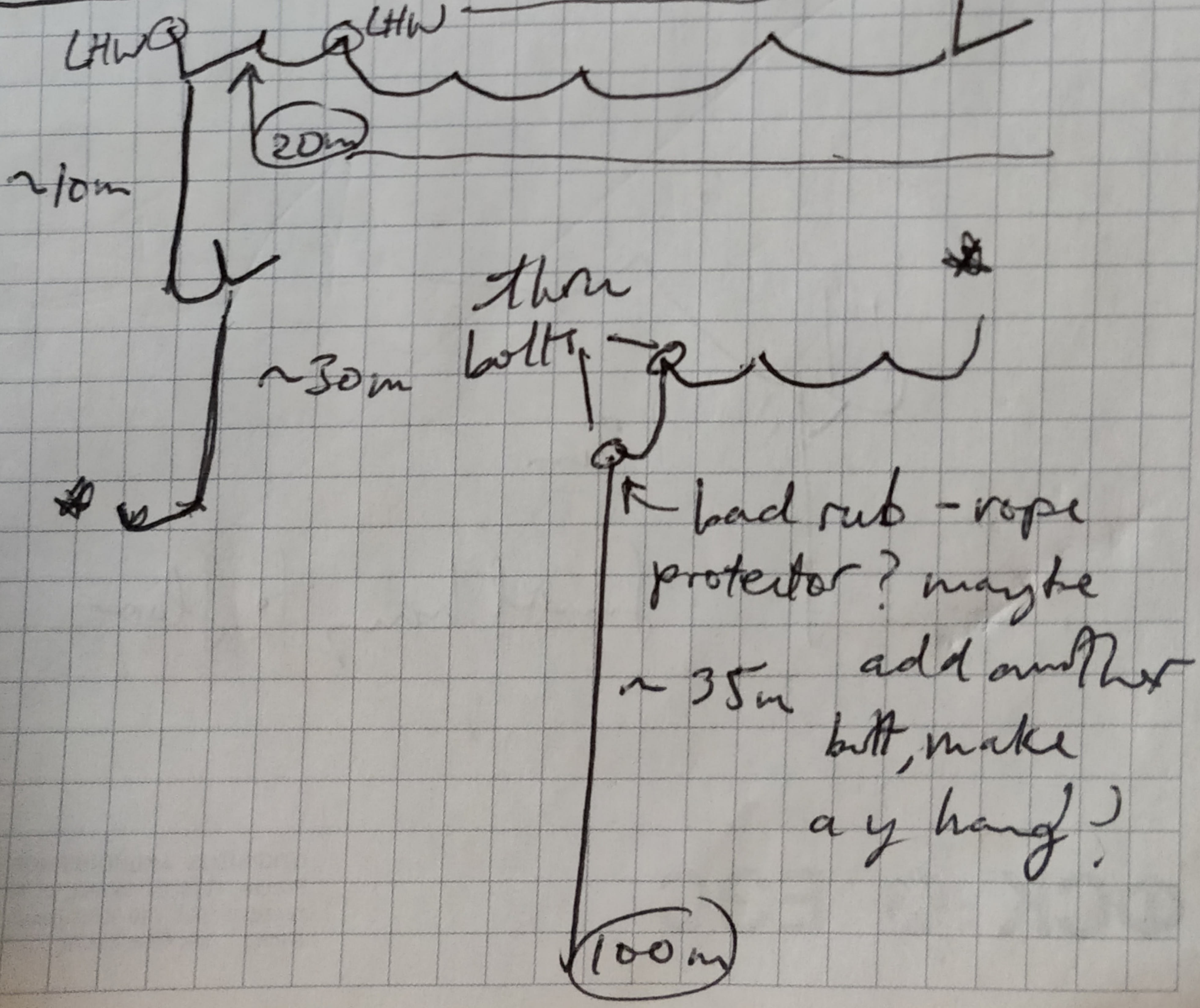
final hang to floor.

Usual Suspects Traverse

~50m rope, maybe 45m.

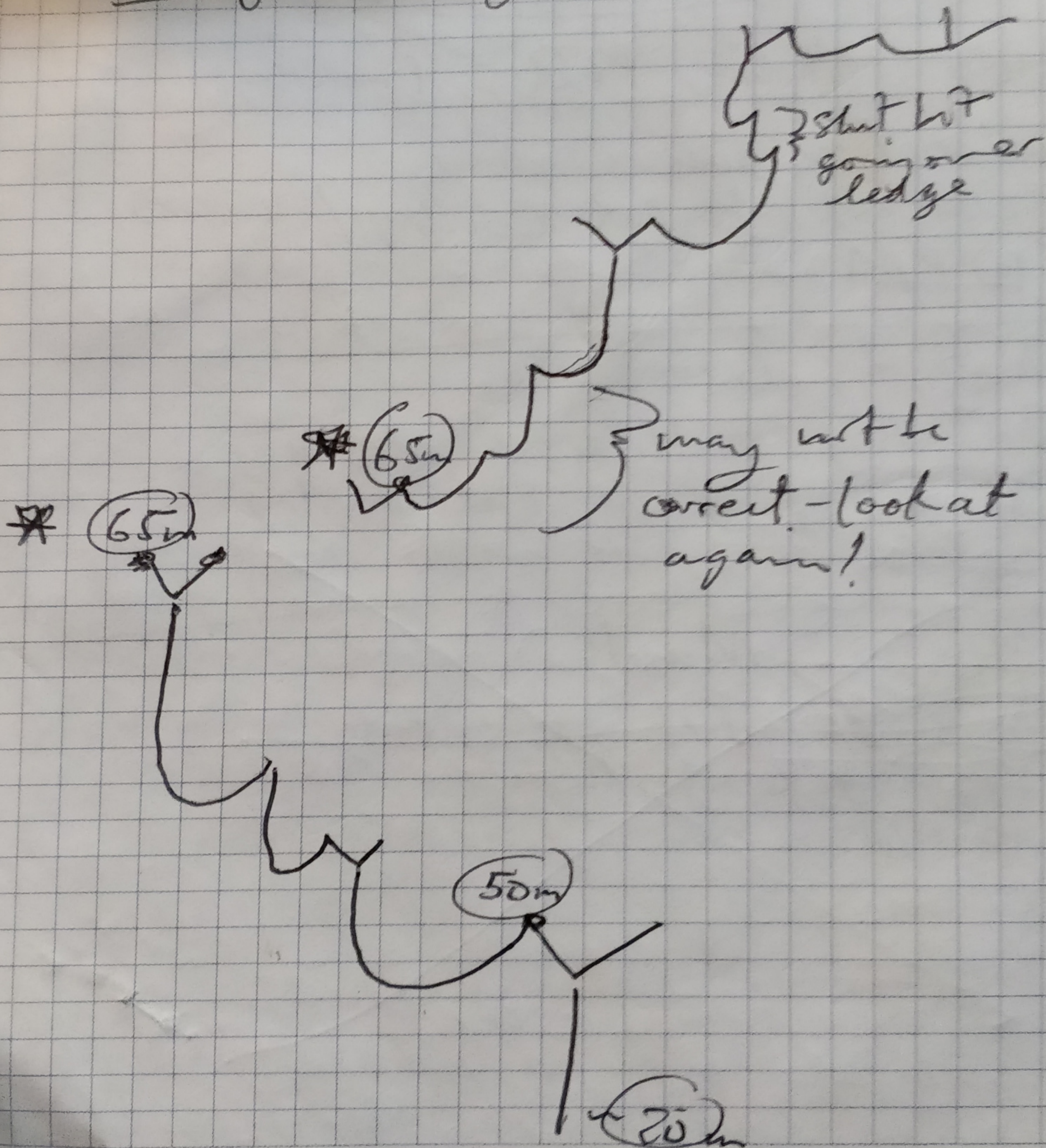


PROCRASTINATION



String Theory

Robo @ 14



11th July

Balancing Ripping Trip

Nathan Walker & Brian Hall rigged balcony entrance
series with 100+20m rope following 2016 rigging
topp. To 2 hour

12th July Balkan - Hiltapentis

Nathan - Nadia & Mark D rigged hilti appurty
extra pitches with 80m rope using Martens
rigging guide To 3 hours.

16th July Tunnocks

Nathan w George B & Luke S rigged Tunnocks from
Number of the beast to Kraker. Missed on
rebelay on ingerona and decided it required a longer
rope. Rigging done by Luke - Kraker & Kraker
George - Magic glue & Inferno. To 10h

17 July

Nathan w George B

Balkan. Sloppy seconds

Went down balcony to bad country and dropped
to lead near Galactic. Pitch rigged using 80m
rigging guide earlier in back. Turned back at
next pitch due to lack of rope To 8 hours

18th July

Nathan w George B & Brian L Balkan - Sloppy Seconds

Rigged pitch / Traverse to a 100m of horizontal passage. Ended
in multiple passages pitches with horizontal continuation
Survived. To 8 hours

Monday 16th July

→ Sloppy seconds 2

Nathan W, Adam A & Lachlan T

Went Dropped 2m pitch in SS to inactive meander
found small horizontal passage that all crapped out in
mid and inactive meander To 9 hours

Thursday Tuesday 25th

Balcony - Cathedral Chasm.

Lydia Leather, Corin D, Ash G, Micheal

This was myself & Corin's first trip underground whilst on expo. Ash took us
down Balcony to cathedral ~~chasm~~ chasm. He gave myself and Corin a lesson
in surveying which was great because because he uses a PDA which - so I'm told -
is ~~the~~ a very efficient surveying technique. We surveyed a total of 79 metres²!
In about 2 hours... By the end of this we'd found one c lead and 2 B leads,
one of which resulted in a grim mendip crawl that only Ash ended up doing & surveying.
Micheal thinks the other B lead could connect to Tunnocks. Will see.

Balcony (Monday 16th July) - Tourist

BRENDAN, Luke, Phil

T/U Shans

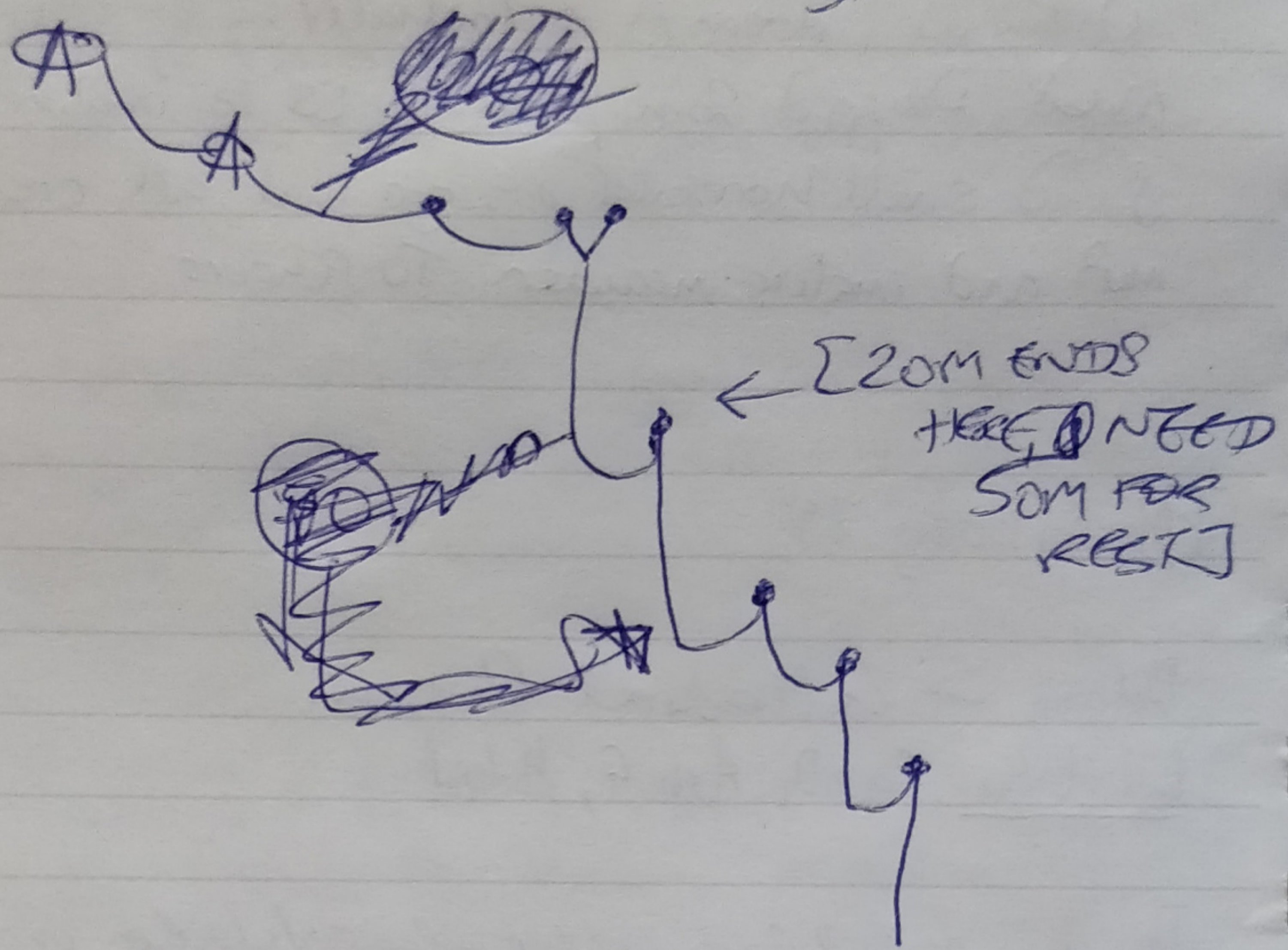
went down Balcony for a quick refresher trip in
order to familiarise myself with the cave, Luke
helped guide where I went wrong and also did some
rigging, most of the way from the entrance to
ice cock had been left rigged from the
previous year, I took one photograph of ^{ICE COCK} ~~ICE~~ ^{OVER} ~~WATER~~

18/7/2017

Rigging guide Joffy
Seards 1 (from 17th + 18th July
in H. Malenty, Balkanische)

FIRST PITCH

70M TOTAL



SECOND PITCH

BOLTED
DEVIAION.

22M TO
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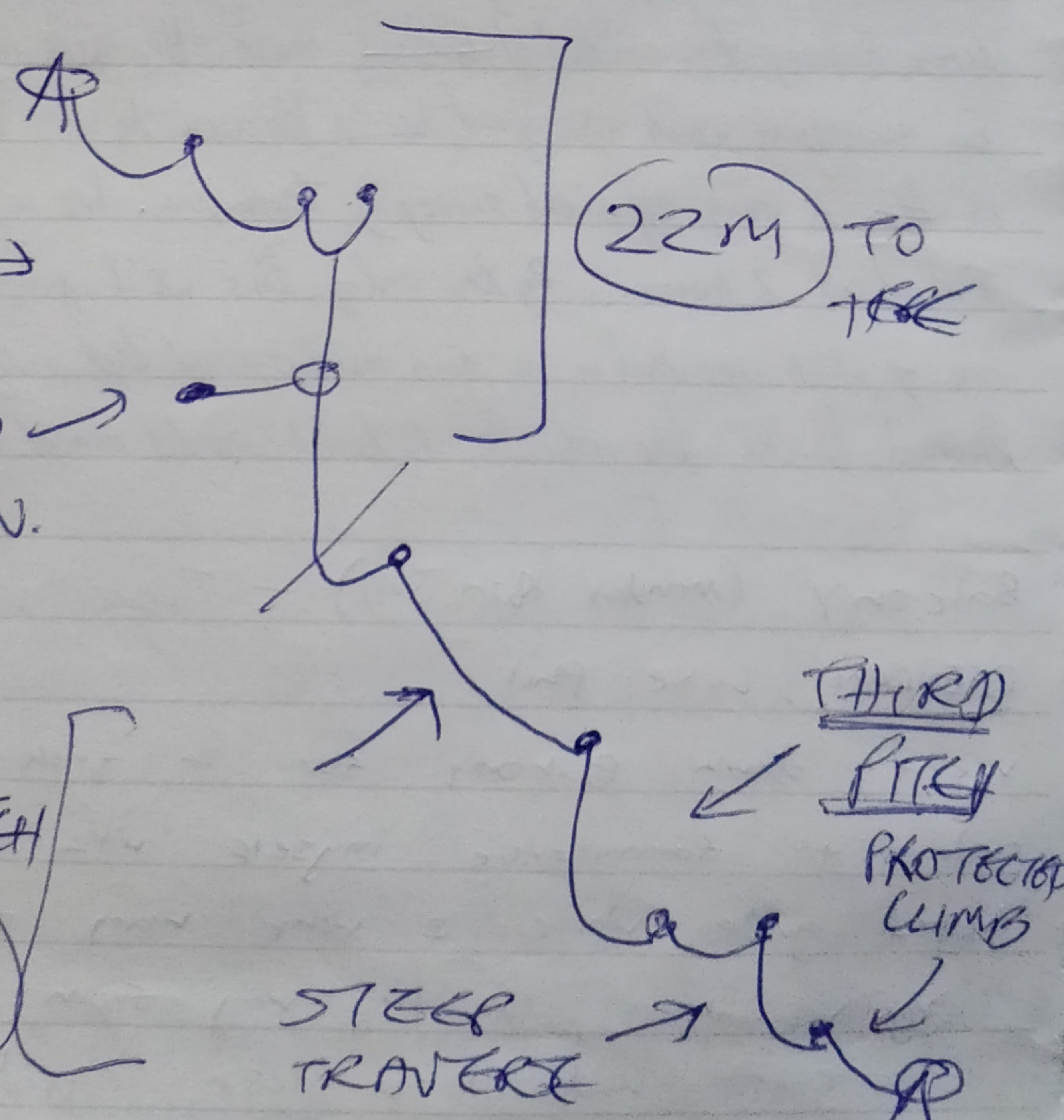
THIRD PITCH

40M???

THIRD
PITCH

PROTECTED
CLIMB

STEEP
TRAVERSE



Friday 21st / 17

Balkan hoehle

Destroying Galactica Elliott, Nadia, Rachel, Philip

Elliott, Nadia, Rachel and Philip went down to Galactica to survey it and drop a rft pitch at its northern end. Rachel and Philip drew triangles all over the floor surveying it. Elliott and Nadia dropped the pitch (cheesy rock). It craps out, wetly. This leaves a wet rft C-lead below the entrance pitch, and no other leads. Galactica is dead. TU 10 hrs

~~19. 17/17 264 - Hilltop by - Stoggy Second 1
Becha, George + Waltham TU 9 hrs~~

19/17/17 264 - Balkon - Natural Highs.

Becha, Adam, George + Rachel. Dry

Aim was to drop the Bomed 9A_n lead on the night at the handline up at the end of the Natural Highs traverse. Rachel started bolting then recognised she'd been on the shelf on the opposite side in a previous year. Then Adam + I found a way halfway down the pitch from the rabbit warren at the far end of Natural Highs down to an easy free climb. Here we could see the drens' lights and there were bolts already in to drop the rest of the pitch. Rachel had nearly finished rigging but we decided to give up given it had already been dropped.



2017/17 Bedra + George.

Prospecting + rebind of 1623/110.

Tue 11/2 Jan

No b/s ^{we were} relying on phones for location. ~~He~~
He headed off beyond the cross-country ski pole
line after rebinding 2010-Q7 and 2010-Q1.
Right next to 2010-Q1 is a drafting shaft
blocked by very loose boulders which could
perhaps be dug in a couple of hours

Found an open 10m⁺ shaft, ~3x2m opening,
33W 550789E 7885325N, 524067Y 317175X
according to Martin's phone, - may not be correct! ↑

Second open shaft, ~20m deep, 2m x 0.7m opening,
Tagged UCC-2017-~~02~~ Q3. On Martin's phone
~~33W 550789E~~ screwed up, same location as

Only find worth definitely returning to was
a rebind of ~~1623/110~~ 1623/110, had v. faded red
paint + fitted description (I crawled in q a way in
a T-shirt, painful + low but excellent draft and
tagged it as UCC-2017-04 but no bolt for
tag so just balanced. On my phone b/s was
47.693408 13.812227 or 47°41'36.3"N
13°48'44.0"E.

It's on the top lamp
side of the ski pole line
by 100-150m.
Maybe 1.10km from top lamp



Saturday 22nd/7

"BAD FORECAST"

Prospecting - Philip + Nadia - Including Rindry
2017-PW-Q)

A bad weather forecast saw most of top camp head out prospecting instead of raving. Nadia found and tagged two caves, one of which crapped out quickly (2017NR01), and the other was a 20m pitch which crapped out in 2 tight directions at the bottom (2017NR02). Good bolting practice though. Both tagged, and notes and photos taken. Thu 0.5 hours

21/22/23 July - U6 Camping Trip

Tunnocks - Camp Kraken.

Becky, Luke + George Thu 14 + 24 + 11 hours

(21st)

Underground at 10am, camp at 12-30 including Luke adding a couple of spits on Kraken pitch. Then took 90 minutes to get to top of pitch. Eliot climbed beyond mud sump in Song of the Earth. George rigged a traverse then an arny pitch to whoops - it was a huge chamber. We surveyed around the outside + then had a second wander around it but despite some dodgy freeclimbing by George, aided by Luke providing a moveable foothold + plenty of scary flunking amongst really loose boulders we could find a way on. We derigged the pitch then George spent two more hours trying to find a higher level way on to no avail despite the strong draft. Eventually we set off back to camp at 8pm

with Luke pulling through to retrieve the rope
+ denigging the long set of pitules/brovers in
Sarg of the Earth. Back at camp at 22:30
after a long day out.

22nd

Luke started rigging the pitch to the left
of Indian Rope Trade whilst George climbed
the boulder ramp below Indian Rope Trade with
me belaying. This led to a large, low phreatic
passage which we surveyed + eventually
looped to the pitch Luke had rigged + to a pitch
down to a significant streamway + a large
pool. Sadly we couldn't get down to it as the
2nd ~~last~~ (+last) drill battery died as soon as
George tried to rig it. We finished the survey then
ran all around Jackers to check other
potential leads + we surveyed two QM's,
finishing one + leaving another as a good ongoing
lead.

23rd

Headed out taking up to 3 1/2 hours to
prossik out followed by a swift trot down
to the hill. As everyone else (nearly)
seemed to be having the weekend off.

Sunday 23rd / 7

"BAD FORECAST"

Prospecting — Philip + Nadia. — 2017-PW-Q1
Initial survey trip

Due to another apocalyptic weather forecast, Philip and Nadia decided to do another day of prospecting north of Bekony rather than potentially getting marooned down a cave.

We went back to a potential lead at a cave tagged 2012OK01, for which the existing prospecting notes were along the lines of "tagged, undropped, unsurveyed". (Not quite as bad as some of the notes along the lines of "lost".) We ~~do~~ dropped 2020K01 off 3 networks, to find a pleasant amount of nothingness with a peephole through to a depression in the plateau. Another one crossed off the list.

We then went back to a potential lead north of 2011-01. Shining a headtorch down it showed a passage and a lot of dry dust. Shoving a handline down it (p8 45° slope) gave us access to a cave, with a drafting pneumatic passage leading off at 45° down at the bottom. We followed this down 30m until the slope angle increased and a rope was needed (which we didn't have). Surveyed, photos taken, and GPS coordinates taken. A lead!

Nadia christened the cave "Bad Forecast", since it turned out sunny all day.

T/U Shows

based on tunes originally whistled by Kristian Brook

'The Beast' Has Fallen #GloriousBendings #whataday
#Pokemon

Vicims - George Bender, Becka Larson, Kristian Brooks
Author - Kristian Brook

I woke at 10AM to find Becka screaming that she ^{had} not gone caving in 24 hours (it had been only 13 hours). Whilst George was laughing he asked me if I was keen. I responded by packing my caving ^{gear} ~~gear~~. The destination was the Beast to explore a window George had seen when last he went there. After the 50,000,000 rebels of Turners entrance we made it to the top of The Beast. Me and Becka descended the Beast in order to survey whilst George took a drill and 2 dubious batteries in order to rig a separate shaft called 'NOT the Beast', ~~that~~ ^{we} would link into the window at the bottom of the Beast in order to look at virgin passage. George set off down the passage first and crossed a Low Risk, High severity traverse. This was rigged with the remaining rope we had and on whatever naturals we could see. The dubious rigging inspired the passage name Rig-A-Work. There were ~~to~~ three streams passing through the passage and sinking into Person Sized Stream passage. These leads would be pushed enthusiastically in the UK but they were too cold to push on this occasion. A trip back with a wet suit ~~is~~ is recommended. On the way out Becka derigged The Beast and George derigged 'NOT the Beast'. I was knackered going out the cave & so Becka ~~for~~ and George carried all the rope out and Drill Stubb out. ~~13~~ ~~Hours~~ Came out at 2AM, 13 hours underground. A new personal best for myself

Monday 24th

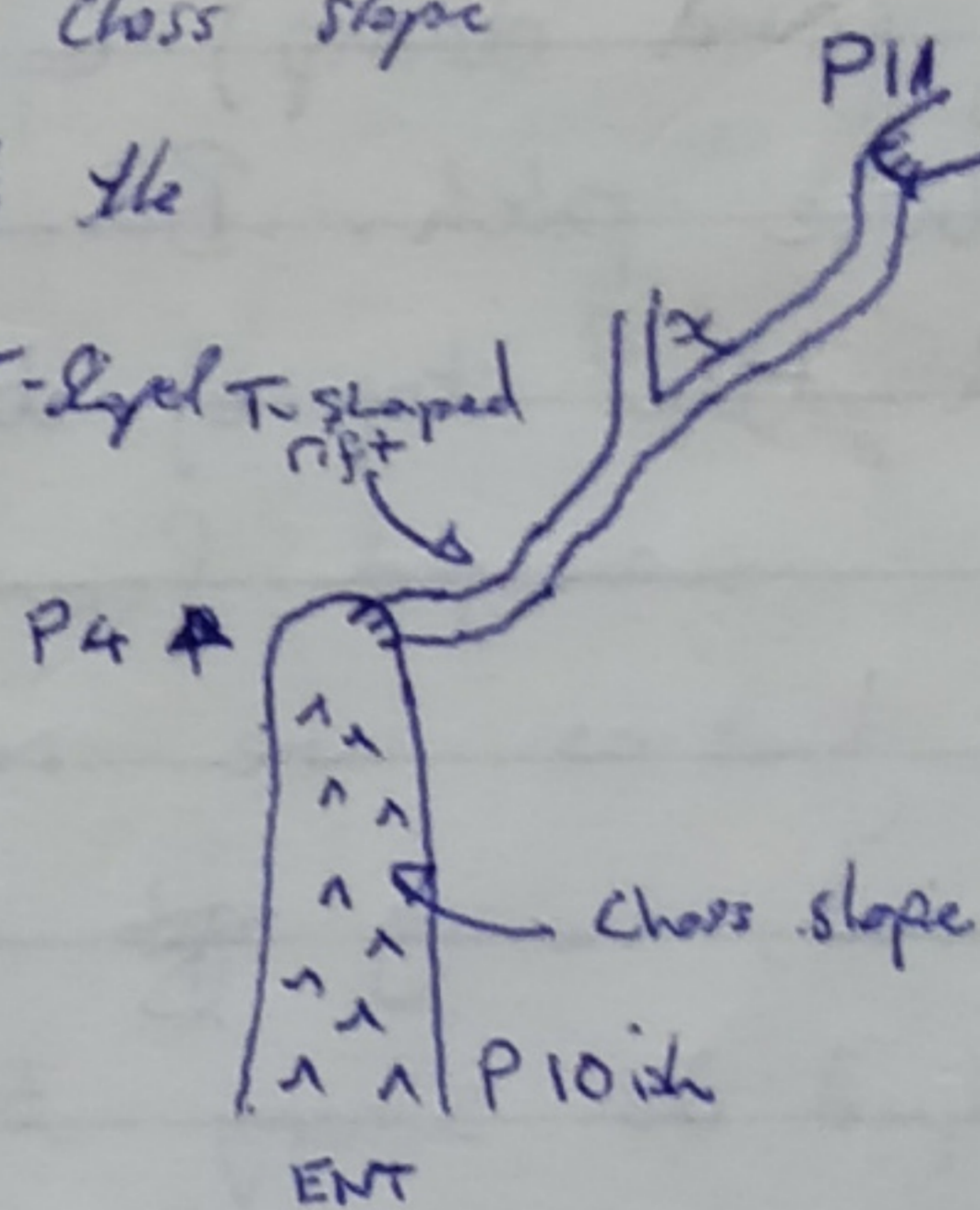
Everyone in top camp festored because they were scared of the multiple cms of rain. Nobody covered.

Sunday 6th August 2017

Elaine, Jacob 1hr

Guten Morgen Höhle

After walking across ~~to~~ to the organhohe Bing in the rain and then sitting cooped up by the weather, E + I decided to push GMH, a lead very close to the bing, which had been followed to a T-shaped rift by Haydon and Elaine a few days before. The cave starts with a cross slope and then appears to end, but up to the right a slot bolt climb accesses the T-shaped rift. We followed it past the junction (JC) approximately 25m through a fairly tight section to an undropped pitch.



Monday 7th August 2017

Elaine, Jacob

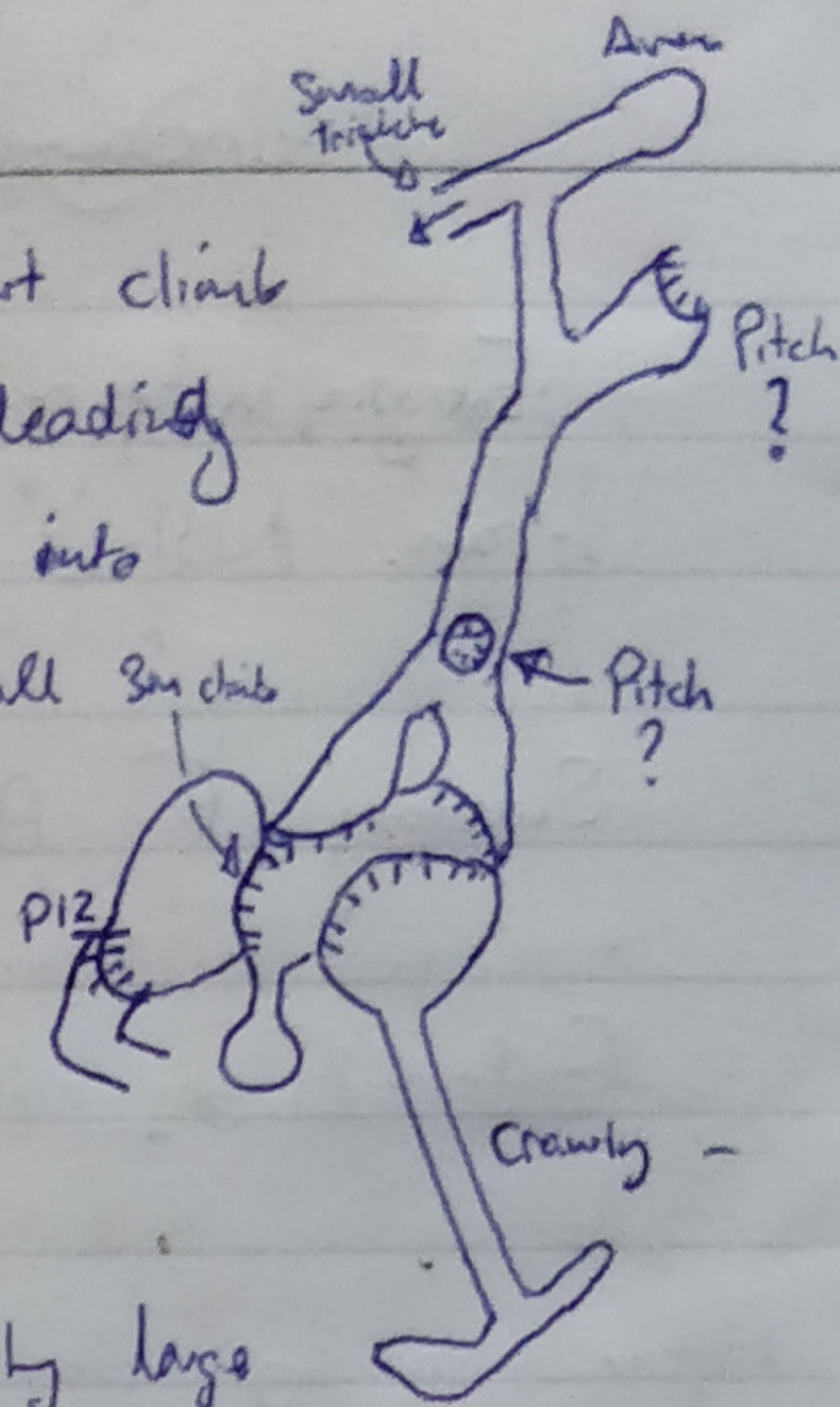
5hrs

Guten-Morgen Höhle.

E + I returned to GMH the following day to bolt the pitch and survey the cave (nothing ~~was~~ past the entrance pitch had been surveyed so far). Below the 12m pitch at the end of the T-shaped rift (Waterfall Rift) there was

27/1/77 Bedouin

Several horizontal ~~leads~~ leads. Down a short climb put us in a chamber with several routes leading off of it. On the right a short rift leads into a small chamber with drops coming from a small hole in the ~~roof~~ ceiling. Also on the right is a low crawl which reached a sandy junction and immediately crapped out beyond.



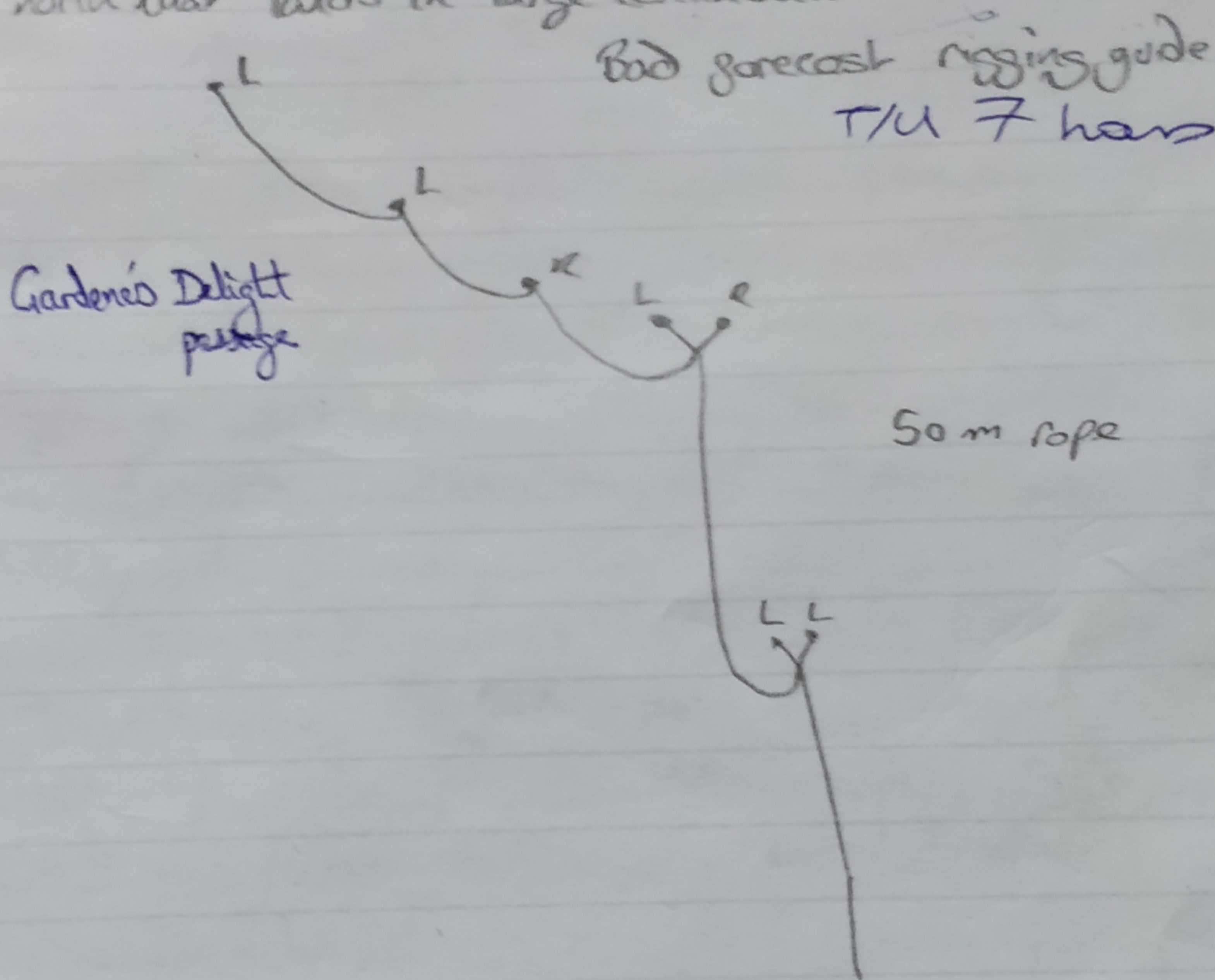
On the left (From the chamber) a fairly large section of walking passage continues past a hole in the floor to a junction, the left hand route leading to a drippy ~~avenue~~ avenue and a small stream which we did not follow (it was quite committing and damp) and the right hand route lead to a promising little pitch. Because we had left the survey gear at the top of the pitch, we turned back at this point and surveyed from the pitch head to the cave entrance. Just as we reached the cross slope, Haydon and Elliott arrived, having ~~got~~ got fed up of the Organ Grinder. Elliott helped us survey the ~~pitch~~ pitch while Haydon went to have a look at what we had found.

Tuesday 25th July

Phil + Nathan

Bad Forecast - 2017 - ~~2017~~ PW - Q1.

Nathan & Phil found ≈ 40 m of passage heading due east at 45° , passage ended in ≈ 35 m pitch into large phreatic passage way on is undropped 20m pitch to the north that leads in large continuation.



(+Phil) continuing.

The continuation chamber has several aers in the roof, as does the choked phreatic chamber. Hopefully it doesn't crop out with breakdown debris from the roof, since it looks like it lies on a fault.

Progress down the passage prior to the \bullet 40m pitch was slow due to bulldozing several cubic metres of cobbles down the passage, continuously. We got to know some of those cobbles quite well.



25/7/17 Cathedral Churn - Balcony
Ash, Lydia, Michael, Corie
T/V 7 hours
Surveyed 79 m

After the rain prevented caving yesterday, the four of us left off to Balcony at long last. Got underground just before midday and soon reached the lower of the eastern series. Lydia + Corie had not been in Balcony before, so was a nice introduction to Austin Caving.

Successfully remembered the route to the Trident, much fun off. The route Lydia rigged the intermediate 10m pitch. The both had not been left in by Luke who had taken out a slightly too short rope.

Showing the other the bat skeletons just before we got to the next B lead we had planned to explore. Was leading Corie + Lydia how to survey (paperless) so progress was slow but successful. The next intermediate in a couple of places before heading

off in a direct towards Tunnel 5.
Passed an Aven - possibly free climber
B lead began getting to a T-junction
junction, Two B leads and a C lead.
Pushed a B lead which got smaller
and turned into a crawl.

Michael called for a 'Mendip cover'
up point so I pushed a squeeze
lead to make sideways thrutchy crawling.
This continued for 30m through another
cave of squeeze before coming out. I
then did a one-man disto mission to
survey it.

Meanwhile Corin and Lydon took
some photos. Michael and I caught
them up and we left the cave.
Entrance pit was a bit drippy
and quite cold.

27/7/17 Cathedral Chasm - Balcony
Ash, Elliott, Elaine.
T/O 9 hours

Went back to Cathedral Chasm to find out
what was done the day before. Started by
going left at the junction, this was after
visiting the traverse to Cathedral Chasm (17m) and
left Elliott alone at the top of the scree loose
pitch.

Elaine and I surveyed along, eventually
reaching an area and pitch. Both crapped out,
with the small stream we found on route dissolving
into a pebbly flow. There was a bat skeleton at
the top of the area.

Elliott then met up with us to inform that the
pitch had crapped out. I told him to say it,
apparently it was very wet and loose and the
bottom of the pit deep. A definite E lead -
but was 80m surveyed.

Elaine was rather cold at the point so we got
her bulky a black traverse with Ezyone Superwool.
I went dizzy. 5 towel full of earth made
it through. The lead then crapped out after
10m. I then put some carport tape and the
three bat skeletons in the main passage.

Elaine found the traverse, and we left it to be
completed later, began lead out.

28/7/17 Nothing to see - Balcony

Ash, Lake, Adam, Kristian
The 8 hours

After being about Lake's many A
feels I decided to go on a trip
down hills - a - path to 'nothing to see' just
below Kristian but country.
A lead which Adam says a pit had made
superior for Lake. One of our leads
went for 20 m here only a
a 17th chance. The other went to
large depth which looked to take a
Galactica.

We then took some photos of some
'dinosaur bones' which looked like
bit like rocks. Then we went down the
pitch take Adam says our sunset that.
This ends in a night that
it connects into Galactica.

Decided we had got down enough
to go to another pitch level
Starty with a dandy free-climb which we
then put a hand line on. Then they
a pitch. I went down a tight
which popped out by way down the pitch. It
was a small route for that. Still
that but been possibly swept by Lake at
to before. Then it's a very tight but heavy

toward Galatia what I needed was too hard
at a dog leg.

We had re-converted the way the
battery died on the drill. Left the way
and decided to come back to port the
p.m. Kristian started. The process out
was long but effort with much
taking a bit less due to the 'honey'
be was taking out. Still a fair bit
to do down here.



25/07/2017-27/07/2017 Under ground camp, Chris, Hayden
tunnaks master cave, Gryke of the earth, and
Bullshit in a china shop

After the rain on the 24th delaying our start we were all packed up for the morning of the 25th. We arrived at camp at 2 and had a quick lunch before setting off for the tunnaks master cave. We got to the master cave around 4pm where Chris insisted that we rig a traverse from the start of the rift. Around every corner Chris would claim to have not gone past it the year before only to be proven wrong by foot steps and survey points.

Upon deciding where to start to rig the traverse line, our one and only drill battery only had power for half a bolt. After considerable swearing it was decided that Chris would go back to camp for another drill battery while Hayden and I went to check out other leads in the area. Hayden and I were given clear instructions as to where to go so naturally we did not find what we were looking at however we did find a small waterfall lead that we decided was to grin to do ourselves.

Chris arrived with hopefully charged batteries and we began rigging the traverse and surveying the passage. The stream at the end of the passage dropped down about 10m into a rift

while a phreatic tube continued above the rift with considerably muddy and sloppy walls. We decided to end the day there and make a decision on our plans over tea.

Considering our lack of faith in our remaining drill batteries we chose not to continue with the battery eating rift and went to pursue another lead. (Side note: we thought we would like to go for something a little less muddy). We set off for a pit in the north of Slackers passage. Down a 3m climb we were dropped into a muddy pit and the more we moved the more the mud stuck to our clothes, wellies and gear, doubling us in weight.

Hayden dropped the rift pitch which had phreatic properties. Chris and I sat getting a very cold in very drafty passage occasionally going on a run around to warm up and check out the area. Chris went to the waterfall lead Hayden and I had been in the day before to find a massive waterfall where a small one was a day before. Proving that conditions underground must be much more pleasant than that off top camp.

Once the pitch was rigged Chris and I surveyed down and became very excited by the sloping phreatic tube with hard mud plates coating the floor. We began to

feel guilty for ruining the plates looking like bulls in a china shop then suddenly the way in was entirely mud choked, Bullshit! on our way out we considered the cross sectioned prediaz tube about 5 m from the floor. We determined that the draft was coming from there but did not have time to inspect the tubes.

The next day we slept until 12 waiting until the water level had receded enough to feel motivated to head up to procastination.

28/07/17 Prospecting, 110' area.

Rob, Beika, Nadia, Rachel.

After beginning to carve a route the evening before, myself & Beika decided that despite the sure-to-come rain we wanted to check out the 'Howling draught' at NW Helicopter Hole at a 110' again. Due to a shortage of drill batteries that contained charge, we brought a hand battery kit and a short length of rope. The route taken was convoluted to say the least, and visibility was not optimal, but after an hour or so the cave was found. I quickly changed into my canyoning kit & crunched inside the low & very

chilly entrance. After $\sim 10m$, I came to a small constriction which was passed without much trouble. After some $\sim 20m$ further passage sloping at $\sim 30^\circ$ and a small crawl the 8m 'climb' described by the original explorers was arrived at. I began to climb this but then realized that most of the rock was very loose & that I was just loose boulders. After this I exited to get a rope & Rachel. When attached to the rope tied round a boulder extensive gardening occurred to the point at which the pitch would need to be belted on the far wall to be descended safely. We then exited the cave & ~~had~~ had a very welcome lunch. I was able to warm my hands up. This cave is very miserable all round, being sharp, cold, drippy and small. This was to be a prevailing theme of caves in the area.

After lunch, we decided to prospect further in the surrounding area to see if other easier entrances to the same system could be found. In total, around 6 prospects within a $100m$ radius ^{to the east} of 110 were explored, none of which had any potential or anything like as promising a drought as 110. Myself & Becka then surveyed 110 until the pitch was reached. After this, we began to prospect further west of 110 before the heavy mists came in & a tactical retreat was made.

TU: ~ 4 hours total.

29/7/17 Prospecting, 110 area, day 2.

RSB, Beeka, Luke.

Temsted back once more by that sweet sweet draught, this time with a drill no less as the only good rock in 110 at the pit or was in the ceiling & placing hand bolts in a ceiling was beyond my stroke remit. Bolts were placed and a descent was made. After a look around at the bottom, I frustratedly concluded that the 'dig' they had described in the chamber would be a major operation and unfeasible without a lot of time & materials. I summoned Luke & Beeka in, with Luke complaining substantially about the misery & shittiness. Survey done, we headed out & again had lunch. Further prospecting then failed to reveal any other ~~ways~~ ways into the cave again, after looking SW by around 200m from 110. 2 shafts were dropped, CCCC 207 21 & 22. 21 was a pitch of around 15m leading down to a breakdown area at the bottom with no way out. 22 was of good novelty value as it was filled with snow at the bottom of a ~7m climb with a very small gap behind the back to be slid down by me. Nothing at the bottom though.

Slightly dejected, we started on the walk home. En route we found some excellently draughting holes as we decided to divert from the ~~main~~ main.

We did

~~It was decided after doing a good dig in one~~
to find a large passage which led to another dig,
and then ~~the other dig~~ exploring the other
entrance for room to a very loose climb down to large
walking passage. After these excellent prospects, we
decided that the area merited another visit the
next day. TU: ~4 hrs total.

30/7/17. Glücklich Schmetterlingehöhle &
Kein Wassermelonhöhle, Initial Exploration.
Rob, Luke
& Becca TU 6 hrs?

We returned with more rope & drill batteries to rig
the loose climb in cave 24 (Glücklich Schmetterlingehöhle
or Happy Butterfly Hole) & to dig cave 23 a
bit more. While Luke satisfied himself with digging
in a shit muddy surface hole I got on with bolting
the climb, which proved trickier than anticipated due
to the sheer abundance of shit rock. Soon I was done
& the draught was confirmed to be a gale force
wind. I headed out to find Luke, who informed me
that Becca had also broken through digging in 23.
Great Success!!

We decided that we would survey Happy Butterfly
first, with Luke & Becca surveying while I bolted
a second ~~small hole~~ ^{small hole} which was to the right of the
~~initial~~ initial climb. I then followed on to act as
varnish bitch. We soon reached a T junction &
first took the right branch. We headed down a large
steeply ramping pneumatic passage ~~to~~ which had

quite a few holes in the floor, one of which fat
bastard Luke Stangroom managed to exacerbate greatly
by slipping at the outer edge whilst investigating it
& then half blocking the hole with a large boulder.
Just after this we got extremely excited, however,
because the wind turned to ~~another~~ a Baltic storm
positively whistling through a small sandy hole
heading upwards. Very cold! we surveyed to just
beyond this & then went back to the other branch
of the T-junction for a couple of legs before returning
to the climb I had just rigged.

Myself & Beeka had only just reached the floor
when we heard Silverback Stangroom beating his chest
in triumph, for he had found a bypass to the short
pitch via a nice boulder choke. We surveyed this passage
until we came upon another fine dig. Then we
headed out and home. * TU: ~6 hrs.

* Also, en route home we found a series of exciting
~~S/N/A/N/A~~ holes, one ~50m NE of GS hole &
blowing massively. 3x1m passage with a wind coming
out. GPS coords are all in Luke's phone.
I will draw a sketch map later in the book.

(KWH)

CULL 2017 23: 47.692470; 13.891546 ~~KWH~~

CULL 2017 24:

Rob, Luke

31/7/17 Glücklich Schmetterlinge hole pitches,
crapping out kein Wassermelon hole, sweeping

After the excitement of yesterday, having left all our ~~personal~~ personal kit + bolting kit at the cave, we returned optimistic that we would find something big today and under strict instructions from Becka not to crap out Beckas cave. We headed off into GS to continue surveying from where we had got to the day before. We first went to the right hand side at the Junction. After 1 further leg we realized we had reached a pitch of about 12m, which had not been noticed the day before after strict sweeping restrictions from Becka, which were to prove a great inhibition all round throughout the day. We decided to survey as far as possible in the other direction before returning to bolt it. A reasonable distance (~60m total) was surveyed, but as it was draughting inward we suspected that it was leading to the surface. We found 4 ways on, 3 of which became choked with boulders after 1 leg. The 4th was a ~5m climb up a drippy aven which had horizontal passage leading off at the top, but we didn't climb that as we thought it was heading to the surface and the climb probably needed a rope for the way down. ~~After~~ This done, we went back to the surface for a melon break.

I then returned to the pitch & began to bolt. The rock again was extremely poor & there had clearly been some major ceiling collapse. Huge boulders were

lose at the pitchhead. After the drill battery ran out having done 3.5 holes, with taped battery I doing zero holes, a scrappy descent was made using the jackbag as a rope protector at the top. At the bottom, a rift led off for ~20m before I arrived at another pitch head. This one was huge - at least a 3 second drop. Exciting! We would return with more rope & batteries tomorrow to drop it. We exited again for a second lunch of snowmelt, noodles, & soup.

Then we went back to Berka's cave, where both of the working leads crapped out after only 1 more snowey leg. Another example of where further scooping would have given extremely useful information & saved a lot of time. The final example of this was when we stuck our heads in the other very draughty lobe found the day before, which Berka claimed to have ventured ~20m into. After ~50m, we found a very draughty pitch which looked much easier to drop than that in C5H. Another excellent prospect, and much safer & easier than C5H.

So, with 2 excellent prospects and 2 excellent digs for Ash to investigate, we returned to Top Camp quite early but in high spirits.

TU: ~6hrs total.

Rob, Luke.

1/8/17 Dropping the big pitch in GSTH, Fattia leg break.

After having worked out the optimum route the day before, we headed back to the cave with Nathan & Nadia in tow. They were to drop the other hole while we went deep in GSTH & surveyed out. The rigging again was difficult due to shut rock. Prior to this, we had spent a good hour crow barring big table sized boulders at the top of the pitch rigged yesterday. At the bottom of the pitch, a rift was followed for ~60m ~~over~~ under & over some boulder obstacles until another pitch was reached. This was where we stopped for the day, ~~before~~ placing 2 bolts with the last of the drill battery before surveying out, which due to the enormous dimensions of the passage (a huge fault-controlled rift with multiple arms coming off it) was a treat to visualize on paper.

Soon out & en route back after receiving a message from Nathan on a Sony packet: 'Nadia injured leg. We need your help. Time now 16:00! 3 hours behind, with Nadia's casing gear parked up, we set off back, picking up her rucksack en route. Apparently she had pulled a big boulder onto herself. There was an obvious section of disturbed mud but we didn't see the claimed blood splatters.

TU: 7 hrs.

02/08/2017

Adam A, George, Brendan H

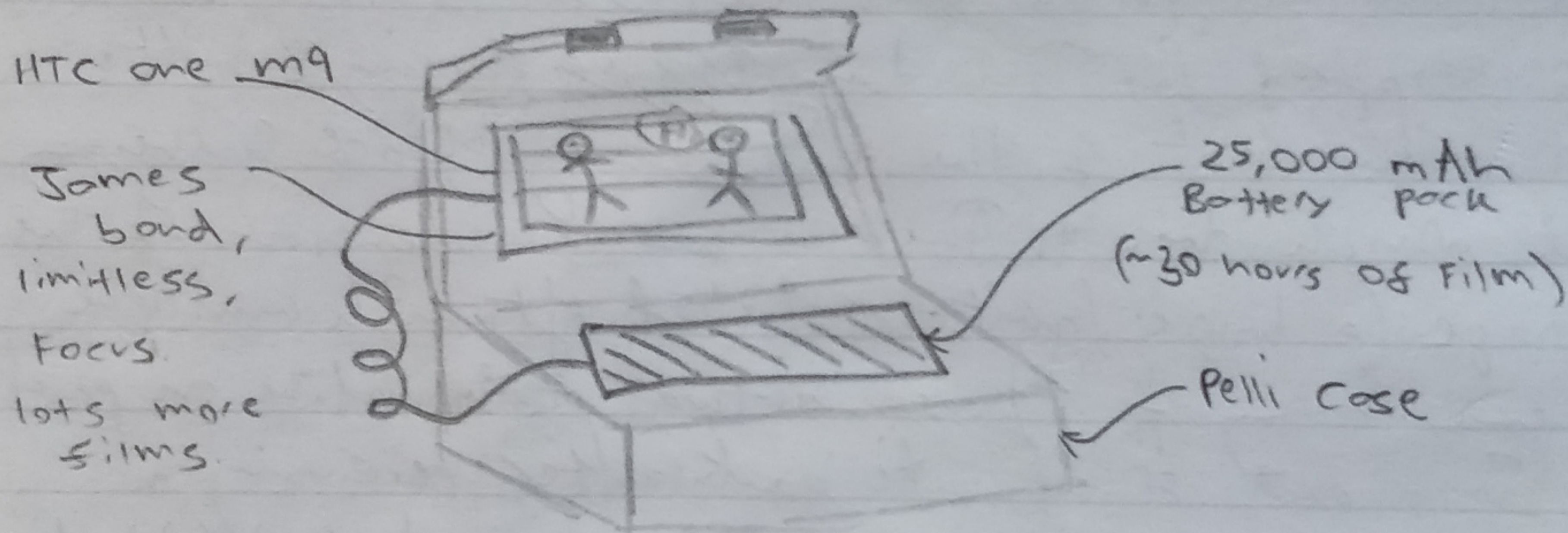
THE BEAST

"Who Wants to come caving with me?" ←
→ what George said

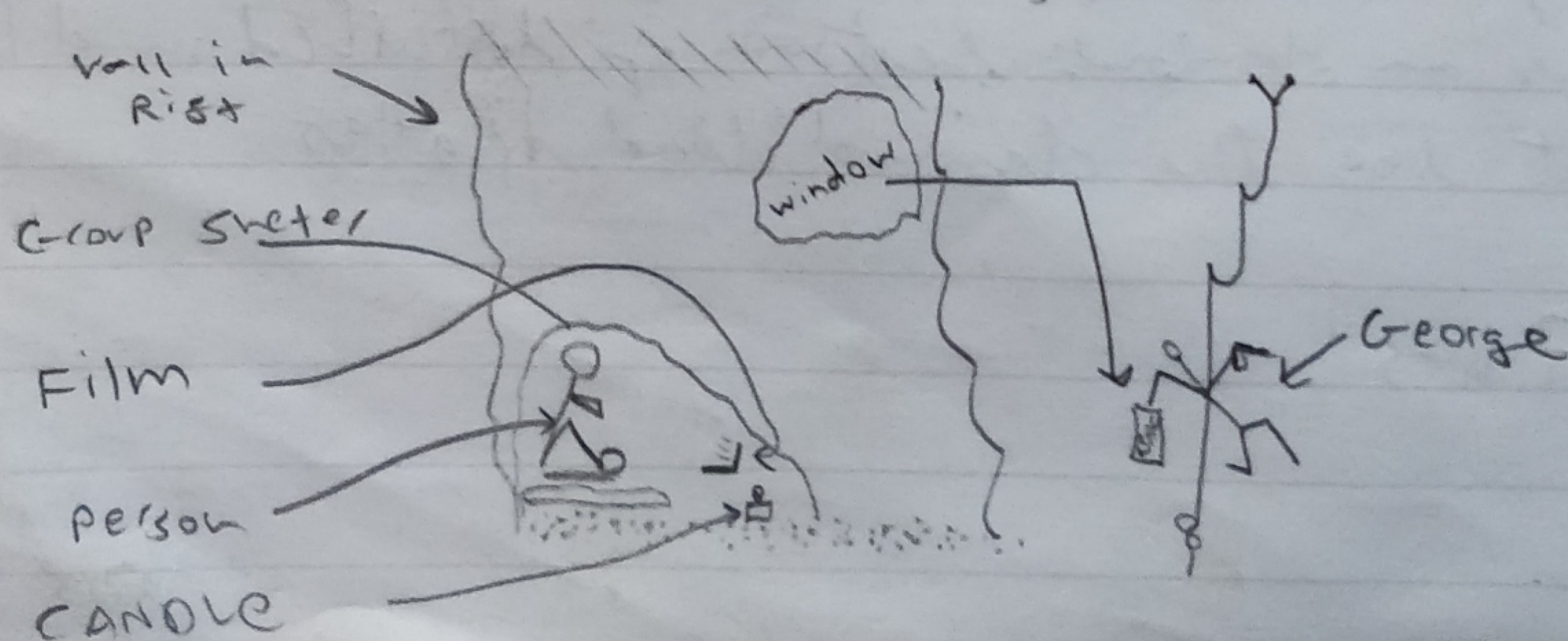
→ what george meant. ↴

"Who would like to come sit at a pitch head while
I bolt for over ~~3 hours?~~ 1.5 hrs 2.5 hrs

Having lost all enthusiasm for caving yet
needing an excuse to stay at stone
bridge, I saw a golden opportunity to
utilize the Brendan cave cinema system™.



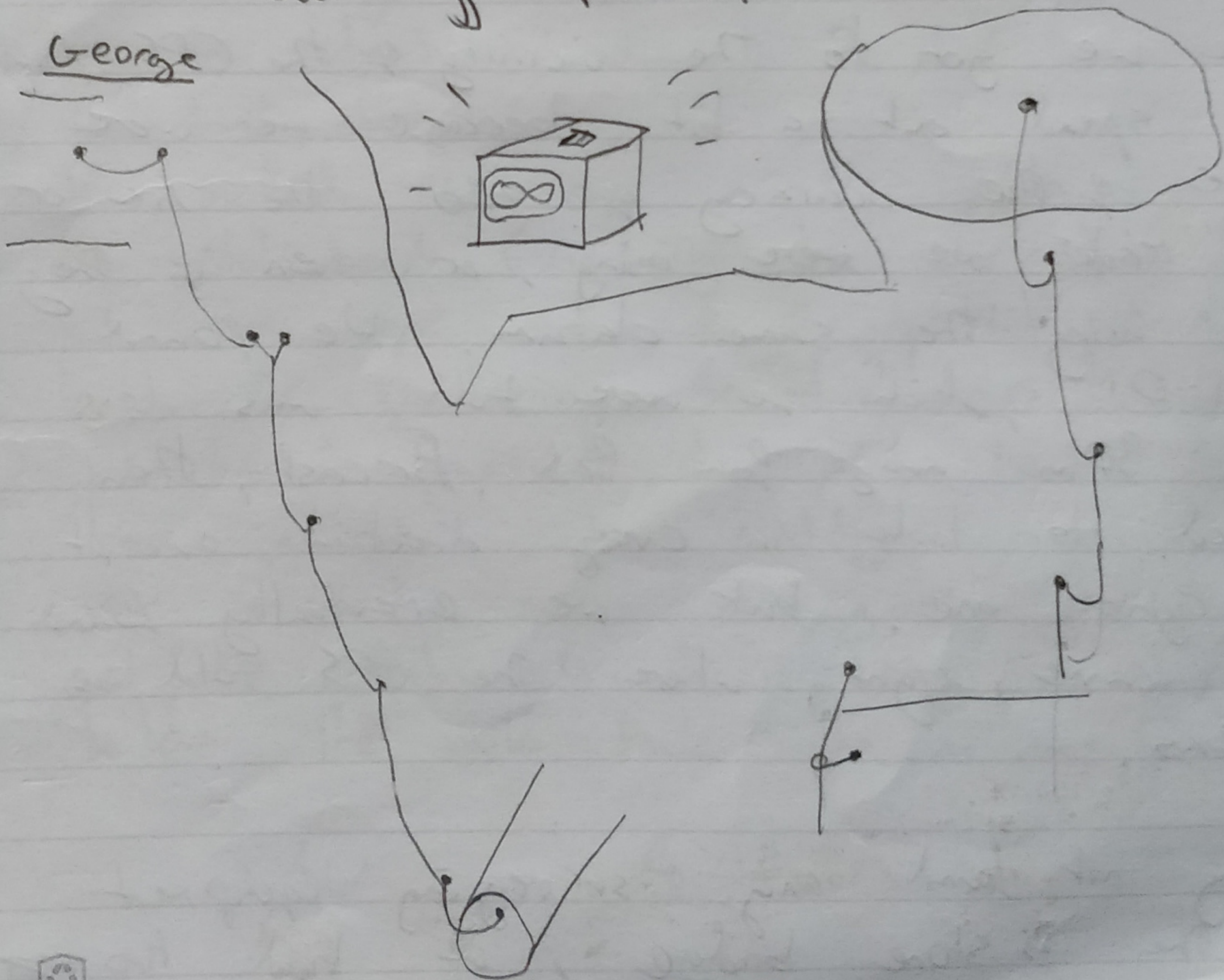
The device had previously been tested with
great success in Balckony with Corin D. We
were able to watch the whole of James bond - SKYFALL
before ASH had finished rigging his pitch.



Adam and I found a comfortable spot next to a window - through which we could see/hear George rigging. I told George he would have to scream at least three times before I could be persuaded to leave the warmth and comfort of my cave cinema.

Adam and I watched the whole of *Limitless* and half of *Focus* before leaving to check on George. (At about 5:00pm we heard loud noises around the corner.)

George and I met at the pitch head to catch up. He'd rigged to the bottom... it crapped out, but the good news was it ended next to another pitch which had been rigged previously...



MICHAEL, CORIN

Bad Forecast (2017-PW-01)

Friday 28th July

On a wet, classy day we decided that we should at least try to go caving, so we set out to try and find Bad Forecast, based on only a GPS pin and the instructions: "You go to Balkönhöhle, then continue up a bit". Given the visibility was ~50m and dropping, it took rather a long time to get to the right area, and then even longer to find the cave.

Once we got to the vicinity of the GPS point, we spread out a bit because we were unsure of the accuracy of either the fix or the reader we were using, or even if they were using the same datum. We found 2011-01, which we were told was less than 30m away from Bad Forecast, then proceeded to look in every direction except the right one, but we eventually found our cave, right where the GPS told us it was.

Having not had any surveying equipment at the stone bridge, we had two ~~ways~~

mins : to garden a dangerous slope above the large pitch, and to better cairn the route there. Low visibility prohibited any cairning, so we set off down ~~the~~ the steep chossy slope to the pitch head. We had a look down below the pitch to see the large chamber, and where the rocks would fall.

Coming back up, I theorised that the second hole near the start of the pitch traverse would connect to the second hole of the large chamber, so dropped a rock down to let Corin hear where it fell. It actually landed in the first hole of the chamber, about 2 feet from Corin, so don't do that.

We pulled the rope on the pitch up above the pitch head (undoing the reelay) to put the rope out of the path of falling rocks for gardening. ~~Several~~ 2 hours later we had improved the pitch head from 'large gravel' to 'muddy gravel', which we decided was as good as we could get, the actual rock floor being several feet below. The walk back was no more visible,

T/U 4 hours



MICHAEL

Bad Forecast
Saturday 29th July

Returning from the previous day, to surface
survey another entrance that I saw on
the way out the previous day. After failing
to see the Disto laser in the bright sunshine,
I went back to the Stone Bridge bivvy
to pick up a tape, compass, and clinometer
to do the surface legs. Overall, not an
entrance really worth doing, unless the ~~main~~
handline is not present on the main entrance.

T/U

1 hour

July 30th Sloppy Seconds

Nadia, Fleur, Pete, Brendan

TU 11

The four of us set off with the intention of dropping some pitches in Sloppy seconds and photographing the Galactica chamber. When we got to the junction between the two Brendan and Fleur went down Galactica and Pete and I headed on to sloppy seconds. When we got to the pushing front we scouted the leads and decided to traverse around one of the pitches to a horizontal lead.

Pete was almost finished rigging the traverse when Fleur and Brendan arrived having had a surprisingly efficient photography and derigging trip. The only issue being that Brendan had derigged on his cave lunch.

It was decided I would drop the pitch we traversed around while the others surveyed. past the traverse, I tied in to the traverse bolts and dropped down to do a rebelay. The others carried on and a few meters on found another pitch. After 3 failed attempts at placing a bolt the battery ran out and the others were done surveying. I swapped over with Brendan and he dropped down to a platform. We surveyed the platform level and found 4 more pitches to be dropped with varying pleasantness. We also confirmed our

suspicion that the nearby holes on the level we had started were connected. We found multiple mud slopes leading to over 5.

There is a horizontal lead at the higher level that a traverse line could be rigged for, and there is still a pitch at the turn slightly higher than the rest on the higher level that potentially does not connect with the rest of the holes. As well as the obvious lower level pitches that could be dropped.

August 1 Prospecting
Nadia + Nathan.

The two of us were lead to a prospecting lead by Luke and Bob with a Blowing draft and pitch that needed to be dropped. Because drill batteries were in short supply I sent the efficient Nathan to bolt the pitch while I soaked up the sun at the entrance. After a while I mustered up the enthusiasm to enter the cave and was immediately greeted by Nathan complaining about the drill battery being dead. He sent me to check if Luke and Bob were using theirs but not being able to enter them or the bolting equipment.

I assumed they were using it. Nathan had rigged a 6 bolt traverse to the pitch head but was prevented from dropping it.

We headed back to camp early and were trying to add extra kerns to the path. I climbed up a bit of a ridge to add one, couldn't find any loose rocks and climbed down. On my way down I found a microwave sized loose boulder and dropped it on to my leg. With it being so early in the day we assumed no one was at camp. We sat around for about an hour and a half and then decided we might as well try to head back. An hour later we had gained about 150m with some bum shuffling progress. As we carried on I got better at using my leg without hurting myself and 3 hours after setting off we got back to camp. Having learned to walk no one believed I was seriously injured. The next day I set off down the hill and after 5 more hours walking I too no longer thought I was seriously injured. Turns out I'm really hard and have a broken leg.



3rd August

Radost + George

We went down balcony to investigate Cathedral Chasm following suggestion that "there will be 100m of rope waiting there"

THERE WAS NONE :C

Prossiqued back up.

31st July
- 1st August

MICHAEL, RACHEL, BECKA

Underground camp, Yorkshire's Finest
(Snake charmer 2~~2~~ & 3)

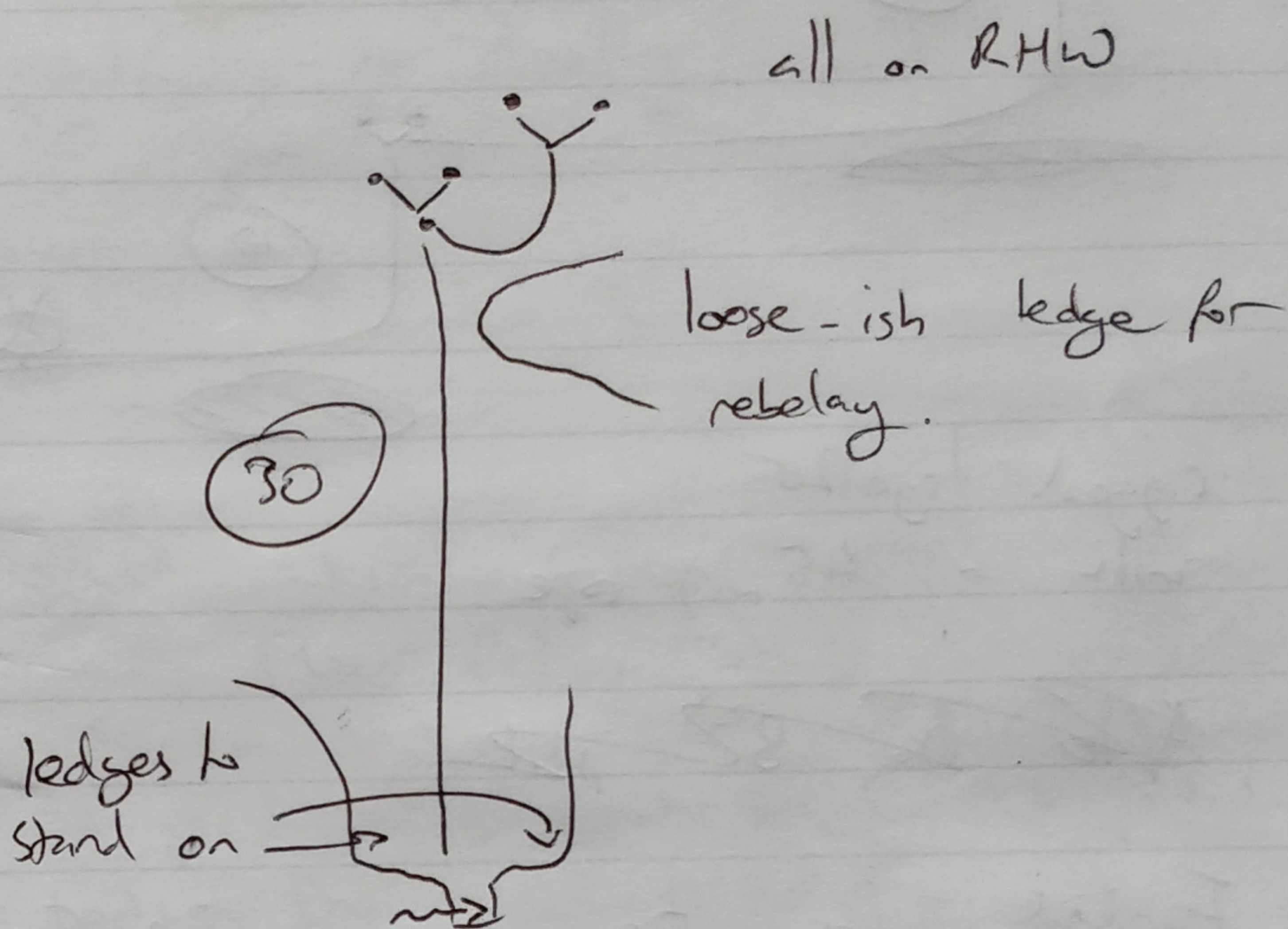
set off from the Stone Bridge bivvy at 8am on Monday 31st, planning to spend 2 nights at camp Kraken, to follow the leads from Snake charmers. Underground at 9am.

Route finding was simple enough, no major mistakes, and arrived at camp at 12:40.

Dumped camping gear and picked up rope and drilling bit and headed down Octopussy. Took 2 of 3 batteries to the front.

On the way, put in another bolt to the lowest rebelay on Snake Charmer, and a handline on the climb down shortly after (Rachel did this bolting).

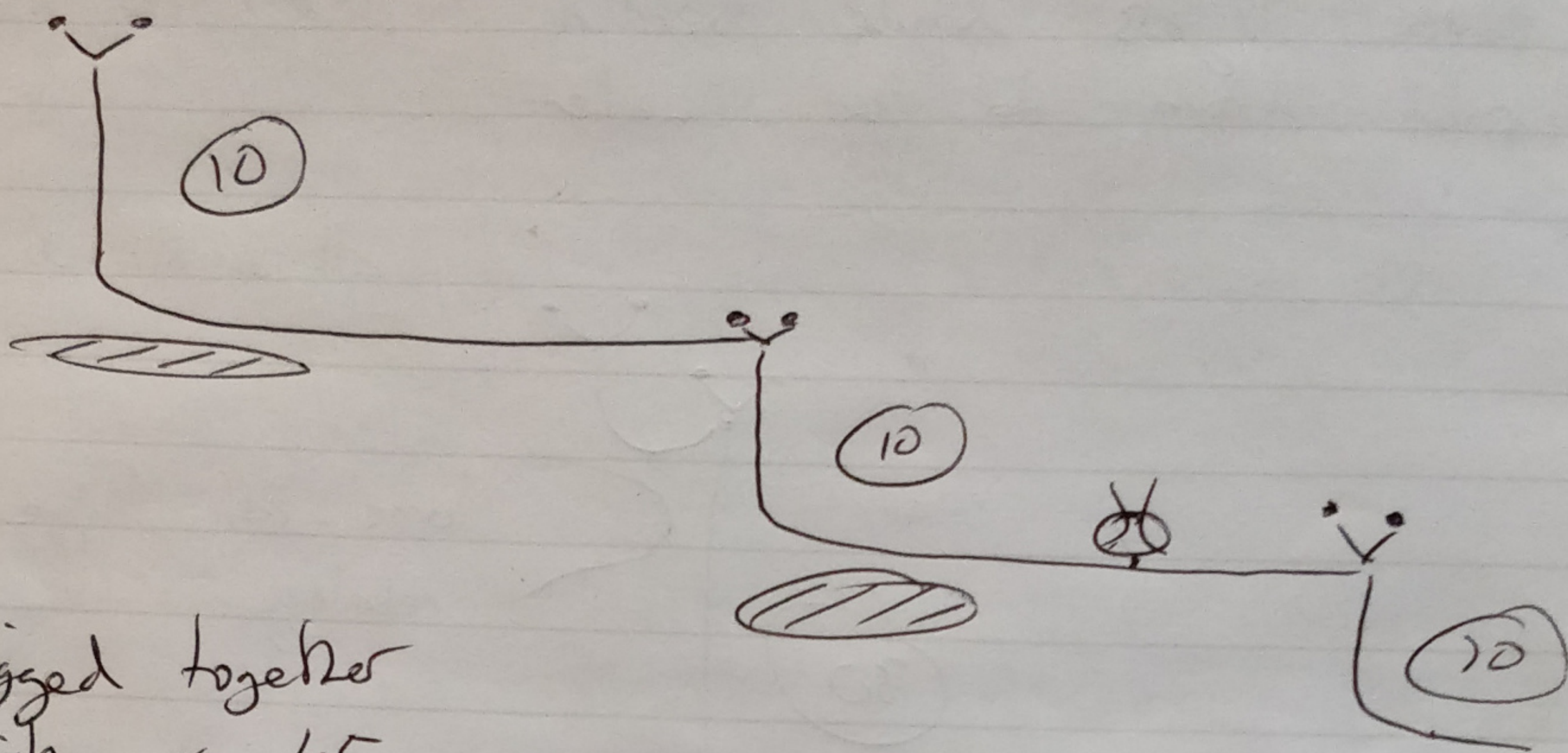
Arrived at the window looking over the lead,
Rachel and I sat in the bivy and put on
extra layers while Becha belled the main
pitch down to the water.



The water came from a large ~15m aven
just upstream of the pitch. The ~~majority~~ majority
of the water went down under a low
passage, along ~50m of vedose rift
with frequent pools and free climbs with
flaky sharp limestone.

The main route comes up and left of
the water into a rift canyon with
pools and a short 2m climb.
Eventually a pitch head (P6) comes up

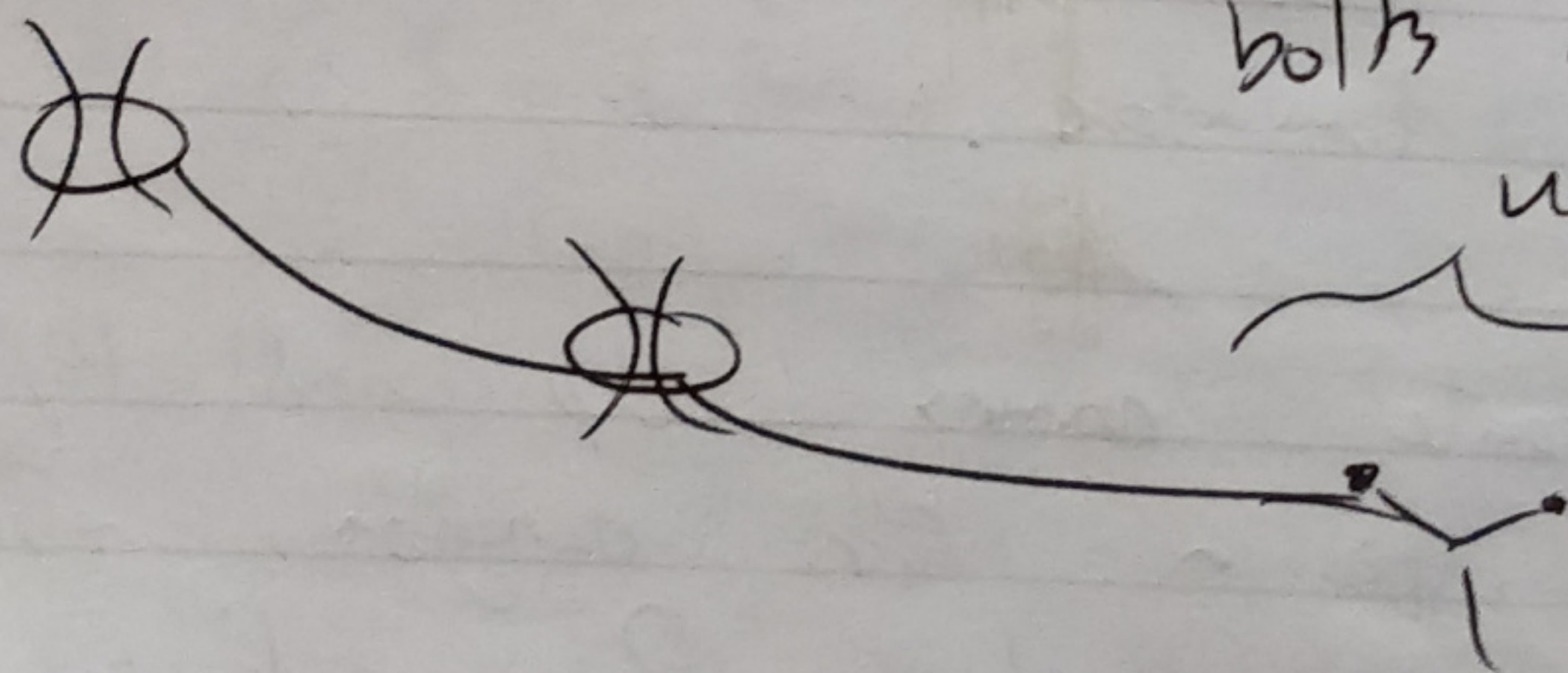
marking the start of the series:



rigged together
with ~ 45m rope

~~After the 3rd pitch~~

Ended for the day with the 2nd pitch,
unavoidable back to camp, sleeping, and up
early on the 1st, to get back to the front,
with the remaining drill batteries.
The 3rd pitch becomes tighter and
leads to 4th pitch



bolts not set by
us, needs
finishing

Unfortunately, there we ran out of battery so had to turn back, both to camp and then out. A brief lunch of noodles fuelled Rachel and I while Becka powered on out. Return journey also uneventful, to finally exit cave at 10:30 pm.

T/U 34 hours

23rd August - Kraker Camp; tunnel
Fleur, Pete, Ash

On the 1st Becka and co came out with instructions of pushing beyond Snake Pit pitch. They descended on the previous trip.

We were underground by 9am on the 2nd. In the back of our minds that it might rain that morning. But we sailed past procrastination with no trouble. Outwards to Kraker arriving after ~5 hrs. This was Ash's deepest trip

by a very long way and due to be Pete's most substantial post trip so all was good. After quick noodles, we set off again.

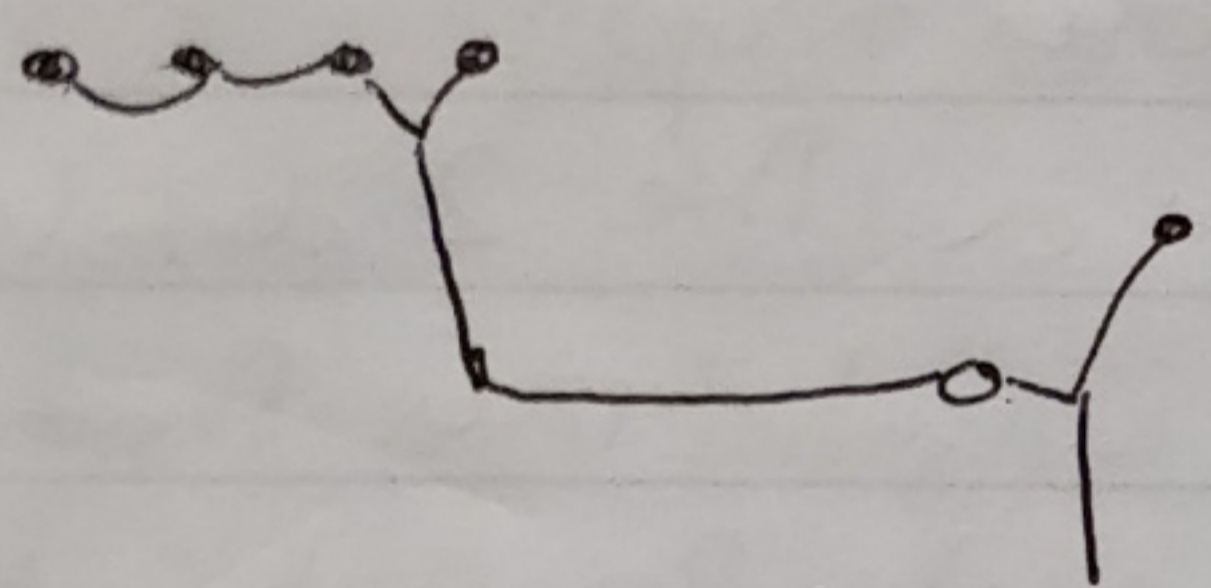
Marvelling again at the beauty of Odysseus + using the drum.

First job was to derig Indian Rope ~~trip~~

trick so we had more gear for rigging.

NOTE: It was impossible to unscrew the down hanger at the pitch head so we had to cut the rope out and leave the hanger in situ.

Then followed Bede's detailed rishchain down Snake Churner + Snake Pit to the impressive stream falling from 2-culverts. We took the flood over the "dry" streamway, arriving in due course at the pushing front. For expedience I started bohring - a short hauler and then partially down a small pitch. As the rift at the base was small, we progressed at part height before descending the second part further along.



20m rope max

Then the rift degenerated into small + catching. After initially trying to go for a "look see" in case of another pitch, I returned and stripped off all the drilling paraphernalia. I thutched at mid height then climbed down and squeezed through at low level. Meanwhile Pete + Ash surveyed behind and poked an alternative route in the rock. We both independently popped out into the

base or side of a messy boulder choke.

Inching forward we entered a long passage. Sadly very soon it became clear it was not the Earth. I found a survey station for us to tie back into.

Then we derigged back to base of Snake Pit. Here we left rope in allowing for pushing of the streamway, but also unhooked the rope from the base so it could be derigged from the top easily. Left a gear dump at the base of Outpost. Back to camp 14hrs after entering Unrock. Nice enough night at camp then out by rope the next day. Just in time to miss the impending Thunder storm
TU (33hrs).

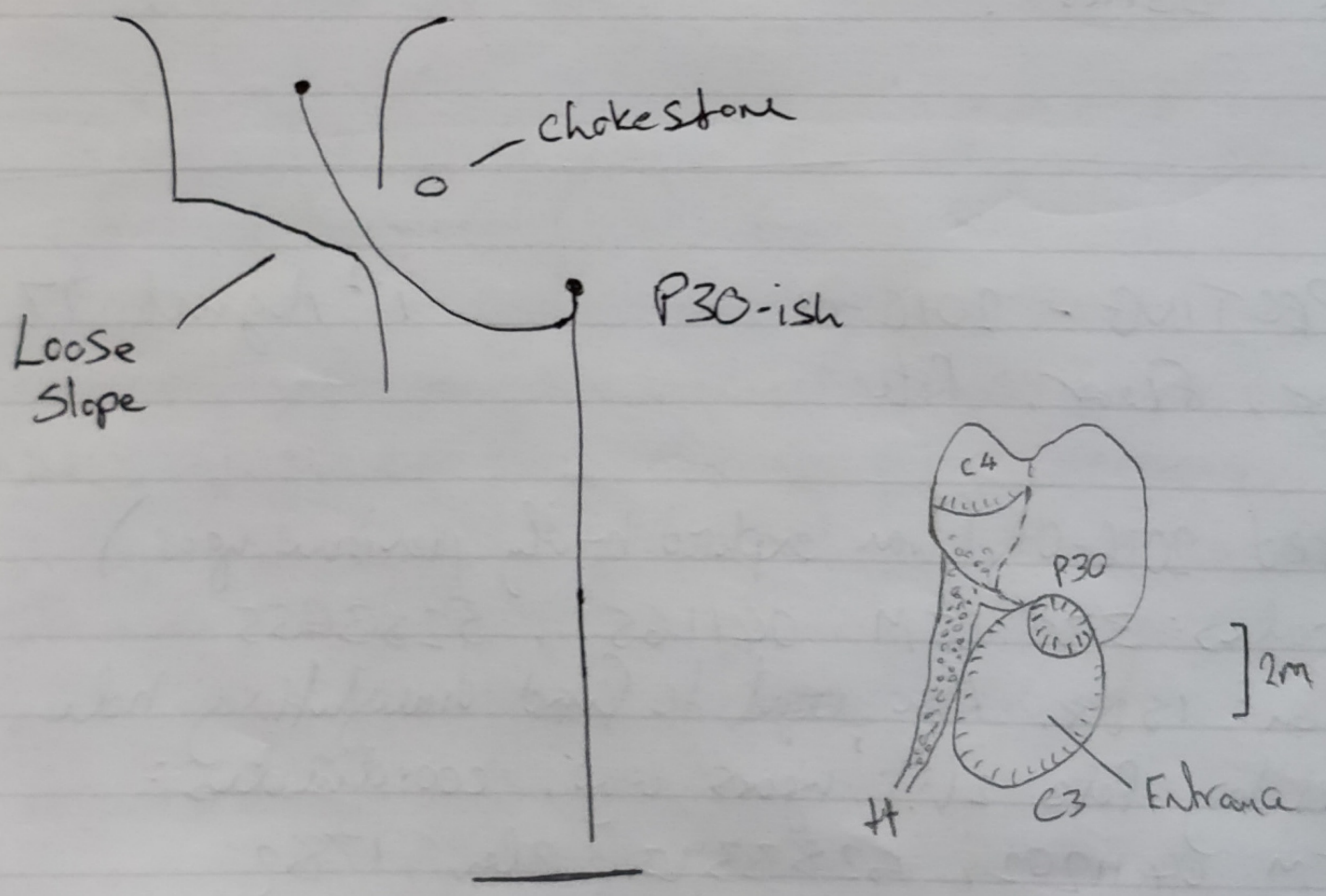
PROSPECTING - 2016-01
George, Floor, Pete

1st August '17

Revisited 2016-01 (was explored briefly previous year)
coordinates: 33T UTM 0411651, 5283655
elevation: 1888. Also went to find drafting hole
identified by Pete 2(?) years ago, coordinates:
33T UTM 0411202, 5283393, elev: 1782.

201601

3m climb down into 2m x 3m surface depression with muddy floor. Single bolt in wall at head height, descender small hole (obvious) at far end of depression. Optional deviation on chokestone adjacent to hole, re-belay ~ 2m down shaft. I descended to the end of the rope 22m + 9m (too short!), down climbed the rest of the shaft ~ 6m. Passage continues underneath ledge turning back on itself (limit of 2016 exploration). Further 4m down climb and passage very soon gets too tight / filled in. Ascending passage on left ends similarly. DEAD



- Untagged

Pete's hole Wriggle down a slot and climb down
~ 2m. Very short crawl immediately ends
in tiny chamber with draught emerging from
under large slab of rock. Spent some time digging
out cobbles but slab requires capping for further
progress.

Wednesday 2nd August 2017

Alice, Rachel, Corin, Michael S. - Balcony Trip

We headed to Balcony with the intention of pushing
sloppy seconds. We were underground by midday and
nominated Rachel as leader as she knew how to get
to hilly-a-plenty^(ish). All of us however, did not know for
sure^(bat) how to get to sloppy seconds (we were looking for
back country). I enjoyed the entrance series and the
completely dry big pitch (which is apparently abnormal)
and the following pitches down hilly-a-plenty. We took a
left at the bottom in the hopes of finding the right
way but sadly, after much fun exploring, we decided to
head back to the bottom of hilly and take the other
passage. It soon became clear that we were not going to
find sloppy seconds and so, as it was my first trip, we
replanned for a tourist trip to 'ice-cock-haven'.

After ascending hilly^(Cathedral Kazan), Corin decided to head out with
Ash's pushing rope for chasam as he had been to ice-
cock haven only the day before. The journey for us 3
left was very enjoyable as I like a good climb

and there were some good sandy crawls. The actual ice ~~sculptures~~/formations were as good as promised and Michael gave a great tour of the area. I was first onto the "15m pitch" when we heard a rumbling noise. We gave each other a worried look before ~~made~~ quickly deciding to retreat away from the pitch to see where the water would appear. It was 5.40 at this point and we found out that although the far side of the chamber gets wet we were alright to go up.

Our next concern was how far Colin had got as ~~to~~ the entrance series - big pitch is too wet to pass in flood. Thankfully we found him sat at the bottom of the series in a bothy bag singing contently. He had a similar close call where he had to retreat after having just put his coil on the rope.

So it then became a military level operation to all put on our extra warm layers and prepare for a long wait in a bothy bag. We sat on rope and put tackle sacks below our feet to keep warm. The efficiency was excellent and we soon had water, food and a seating plan ready for our party. We pulled the bothy bag over and made sure to leave a small hole for oxygen. 6 games of 'what time is it?' ~~was~~ ~~later~~ and lots of chats later, ~~and~~ Rachel went to check if the much less noisy pitch was now only drippy. After shouting down that it was good we all gradually left the bothy and headed out safely. Almost missed call-out at 11pm. What a first trip.

T/U 11 hr

Wednesday 2nd 2017

Luke, Bekker,

With Robes cutting Nad in down the hill
Becha was keen to see the continuation of
GSH - successful distribution of batteries. Set off
to cave route needs carrying but only takes
30 mins. Mike and Nathan other cave
nearby. Went in cave inspected other leads
but crapped out immediately still had drill
battery so descended to the pushing front at
bottom battery wouldn't die so had to keep
on going multiple options but ran out of rope.
On the exit flood pulse happened at top of big
pitch so not sure how it responds to water
would have should have could have has rigged
perfectly out of water excited cave triggered
Nathan and Mike's cave noted that they probably
didn't have any drill battery. To top camp in
Hominis confirmed Nathan's drill got no holes. Almost
on Balcony who got ruined in despite rain
happening for 30 mins 5 hours previously.

August 1st - Balcony, Nothing to See.

Mike Butcher, Kristian Brook, Adam

My first trip on the hill having arrived & walked up the day before. Good introduction to Balcony pushing in the Nothing to See area. Kristian tried bolting the pitch at the end; only to find his 2 drill ~~battery~~ ^{batteries} ~~was~~ ^{were} flat. so he went back out to get a fresh one from top camp. Meanwhile me and Adam rigged the pitches off naturals, first dropping ~~the~~ tube to the right of the traverse which was choked by boulders part way down. After unsuccessfully trying to clear the boulders by kicking them into the void below, too stable, we then dropped the main lead to find it also choked by boulders below the second pitch.

I was able to squeeze past into a 8m x 3m chamber below, but Adam declined to continue. From the chamber, ahead a tight meander could be slithered along for 7 body lengths before becoming too tight. To the right a pneumatic passage 3m above the floor was choked by rock. In the roof two ~~choked~~ shaft came in, both appeared choked with boulders part way up, the right most shaft being the one I'd dropped earlier, and the ~~right~~ left most joined the base of the 1st pitch. We surveyed from ~~the~~ above the boulder squeeze, but having forgotten a pencil Adam had to engrave onto the paper.

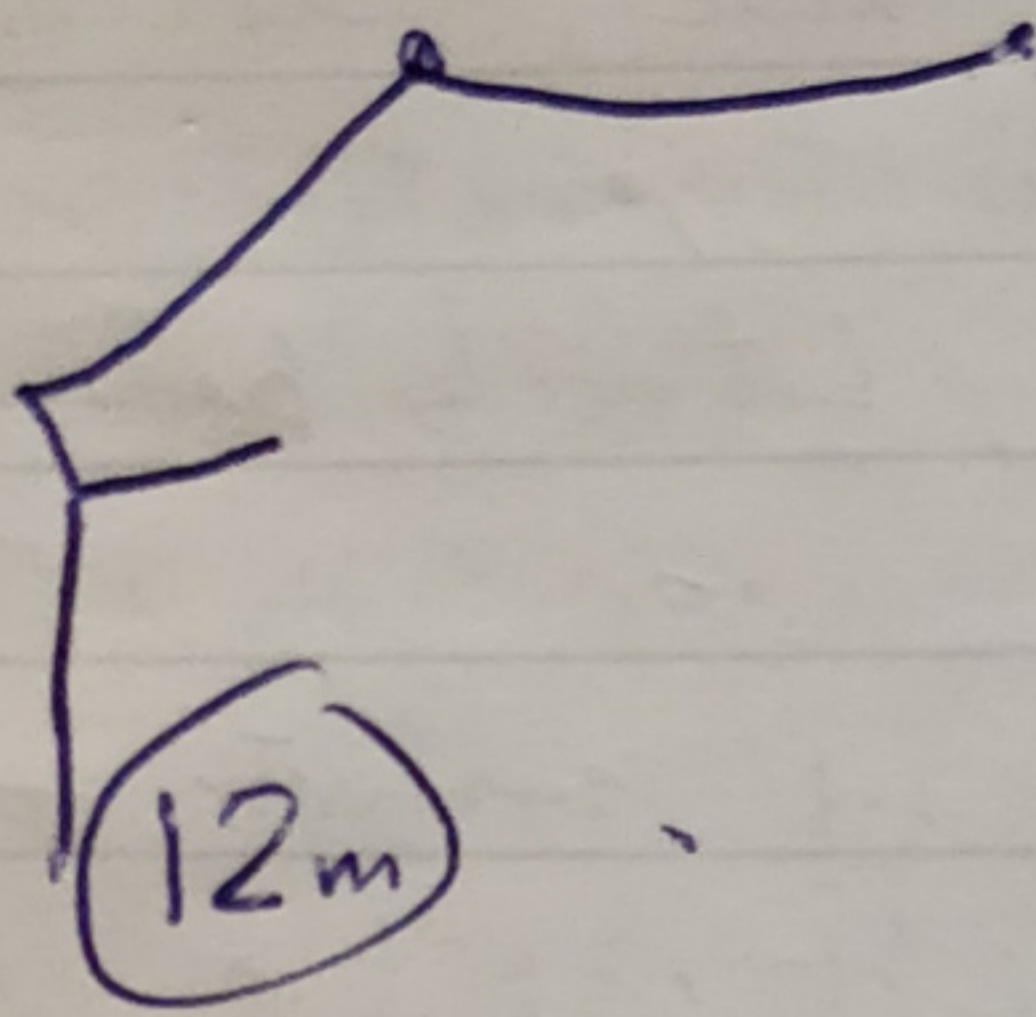
We'd finished by the time Kristian returned with the "fresh" battery. So went to investigate the climbing lead Adam Luke & Rachel had previously tried but thought it needed a bolting. It was an inclined plastic tube, ~30m high easily free climbable but exposed. From the top, another parallel shaft was to the left which continued up but needed bolting. ~~From~~ To the right a narrow passage soon joins another shaft similar to the other two, which we suspect ~~is~~ drops down to the chocked pitches we'd rigged earlier, but also continues up requiring bolting. At this point we ~~realised~~ realised Kristian's 'fresh' battery was also flat, so rigged of a natural and made our way out. The shafts need a return trip to survey & ~~test~~ possibly bolt,

AUGUST 6th. SUNDAY

Becca, Philip Sargent (+ George)
Tourist trip to test our Philip's gear (Philip)
down first 2 pitches of Steinbrückhöhle.
Snow plugs smallest ever seen (says Becca).
Time underground: 2 hours (1600-1800)

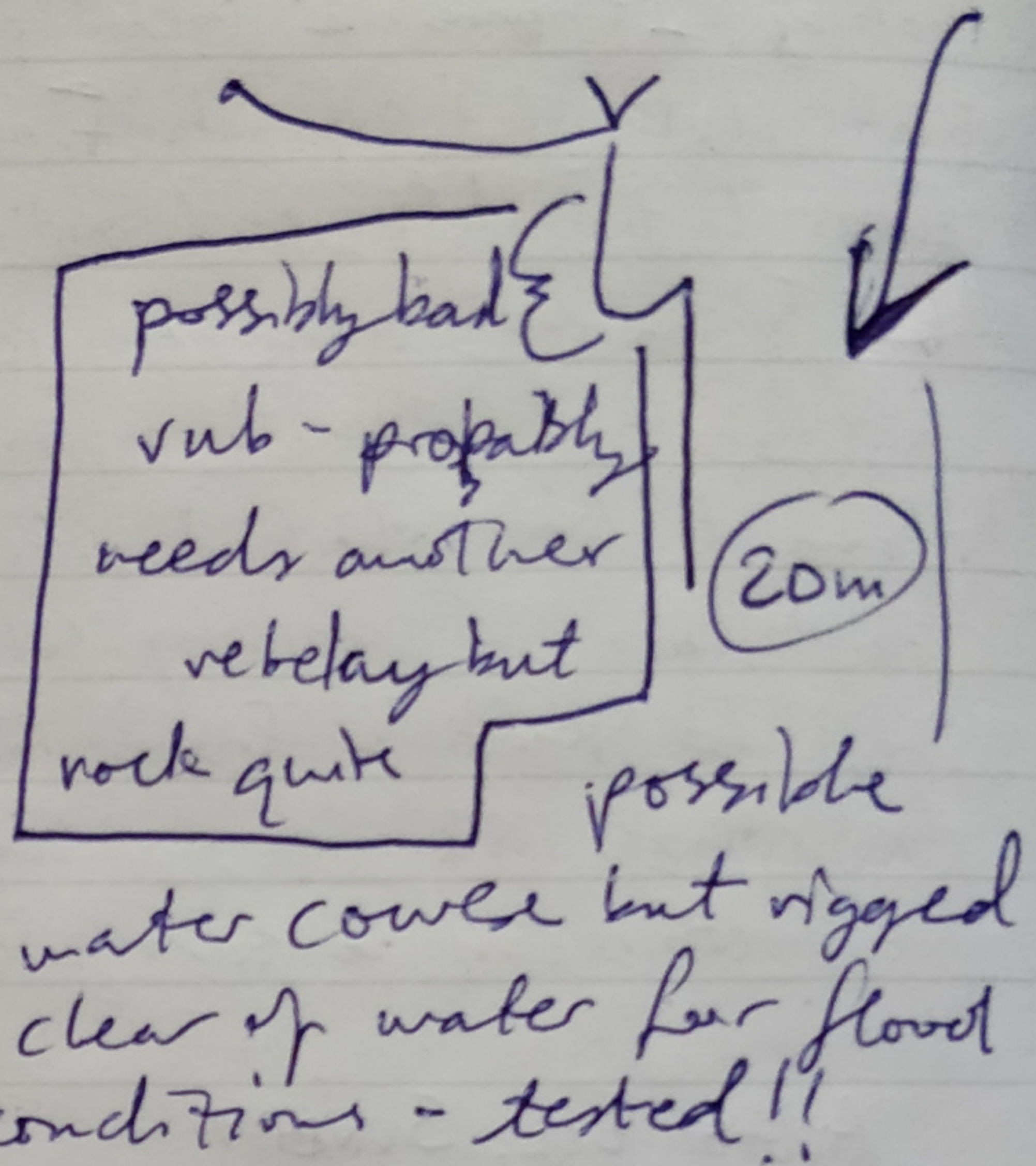
Rigging Conide, CoSott.

1st Climb/Pitch:

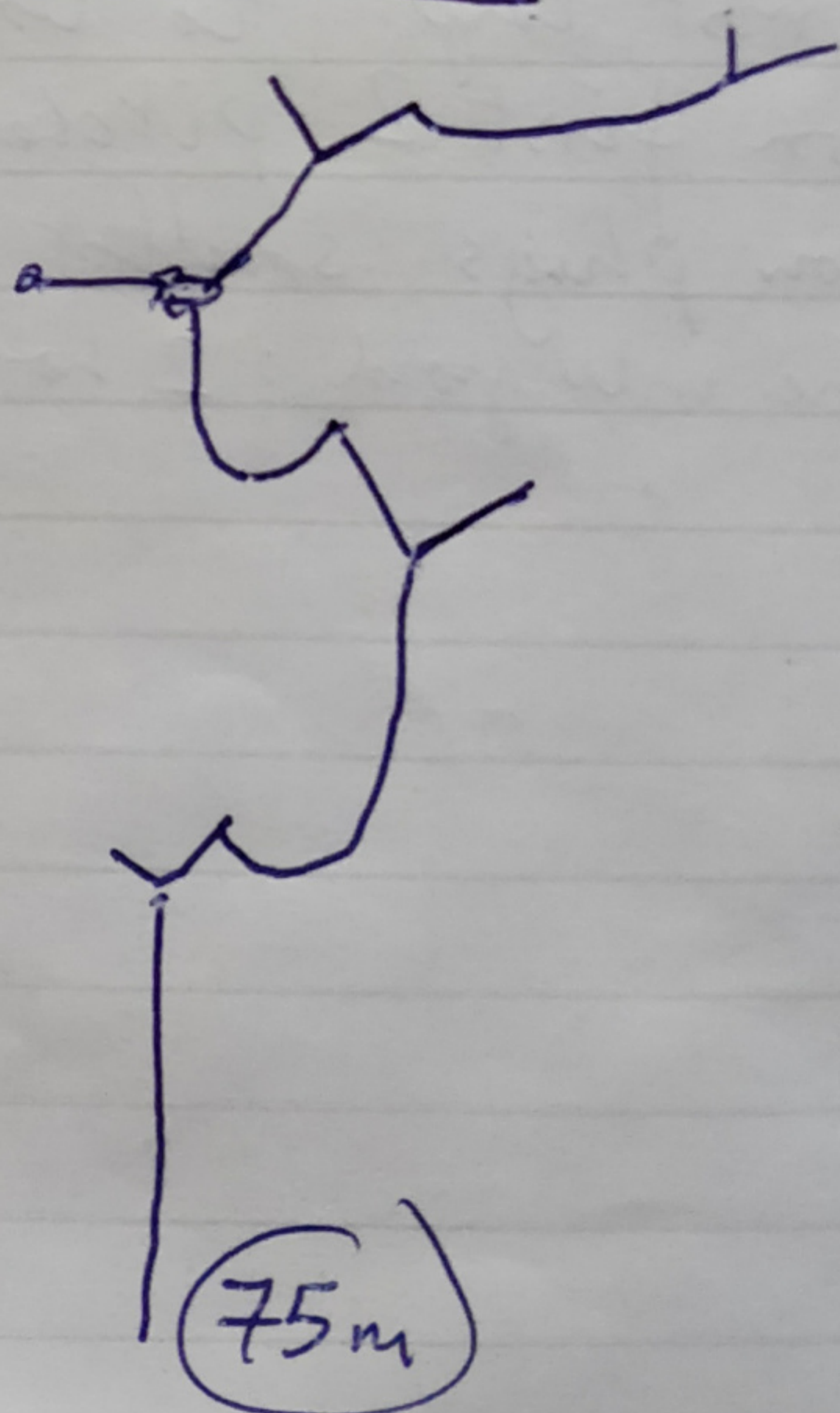


can be free climbed
but rope useful for moving
bags & those who don't
like climbing.

Coulda Woulda
Shoulda Pitch:



This is horrid. What is it? Pitch.



August 2nd - New cave near Happy Butterfly

Mike Butcher & Nathan Walker T.U. ~ 1hr.

We went to drop the pitch, Nathan having previously ^{loosely} rigged the traverse before his batteries died. However, our drill battery was flat, no surprise. Nathan very angry. We surveyed up to top of pitch. On way out, ~~drop~~ instead of dropping the pitch and surveying, I dropped the survey down the pitch. Nathan Very Sad.

Note to self 1: don't stuff note books down jumper when just wearing shorts & jumper and over a pitch.

Note to self 2: Cave very cold and windy, don't wear shorts & jumper.

Wednesday 9th - Thursday 10th August 2017 Becka, Rob, Jacob 29.5 hrs
Tunnocks - Kraken camp - below Snake Chormer - North Slackers
Leaving at just after 0900. I had not been to the deep stuff in
Tunnocks before, so I waited at the bottom of Corancel
Catharsis for Becka (Rob had gone ahead) and route finding
instructions. ~~Apoco~~ Apart from at the bottom of string theory,
~~the route finding~~ I did not have to much trouble finding my
way around and we were at camp just after half twelve.

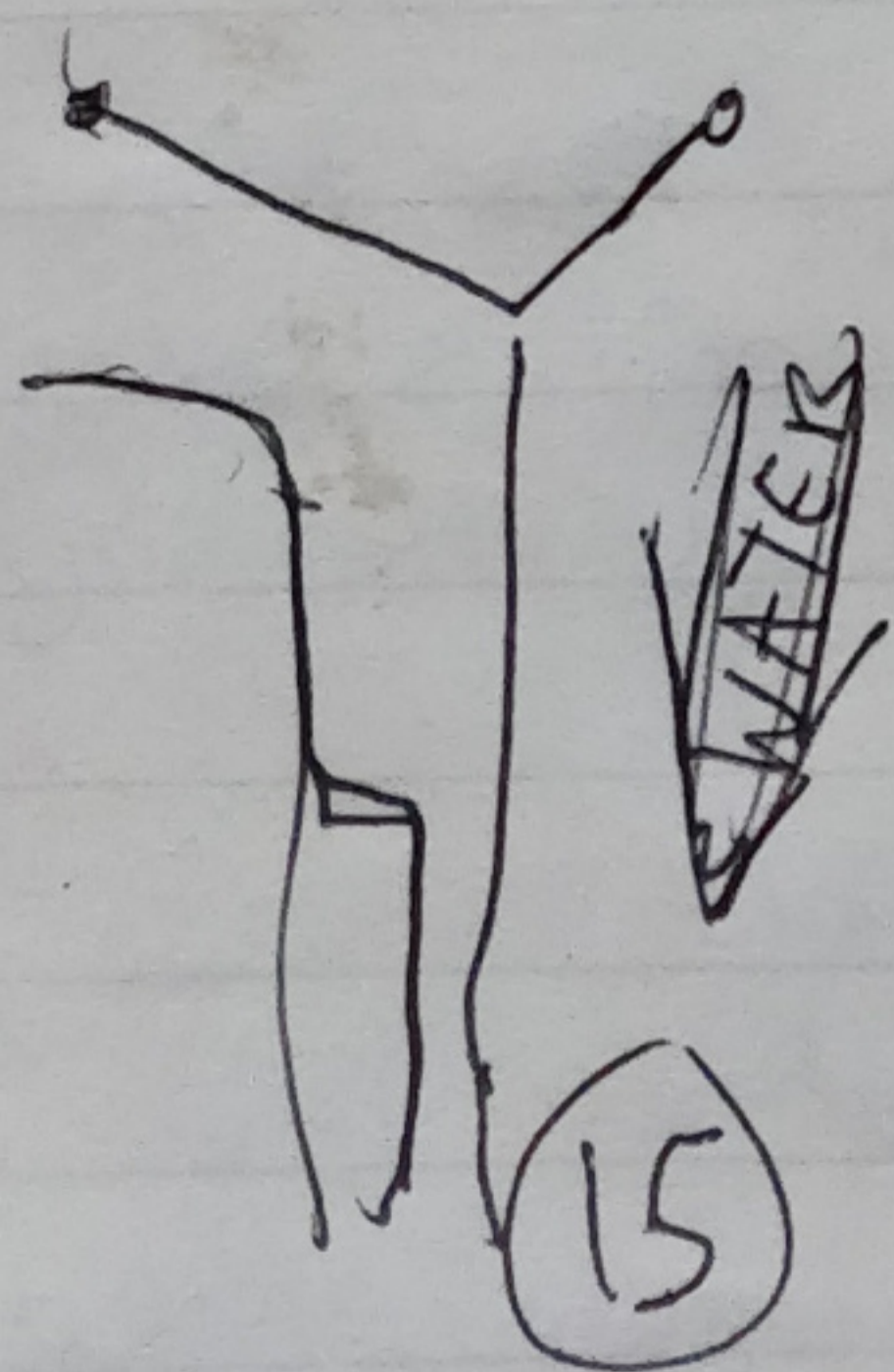
From here, we went to try and push a lead below snake
chormer, which is very yordishish stream passage. We fellared it to
a ~~pitch~~ pitch which had not been dropped. Once Rob had belted it,
we surveyed from there to another deeper ~~pitch~~ pitch which took the
stream and we assumed dropped into Song of the Earth. We
de-rigged our way up to the bottom of Octopussy. From here we
went ~~into~~ the for north of Slackers to investigate a lead
George had been talking about that morning. For a while this tested
Becka's route finding but eventually we found ourselves above
Gryke of the Earth. The lead was above this, up a short
handlined climb (which gained a not so helpful re-belay as
a result of our passing). The pitch we were going to drop
led down to a large drippy passage which ~~can~~ carried a small
stream. After 20m the stream disappears down a crack in
the floor while the way on continues above this, with
one hole below which presumably leads back down to
the stream level which we left as a question mark.
The passage became smaller and draftier, and, below
another short pitch, became steeply sloping with a
dry muddy floor. By this point it was 2100

and ~~if we had to~~ in order to sleep at any way a reasonable time we ~~had~~ had to leave, which took some careful diplomacy by Beeta and I. It was still a promising lead, and would need to be visited again one day.

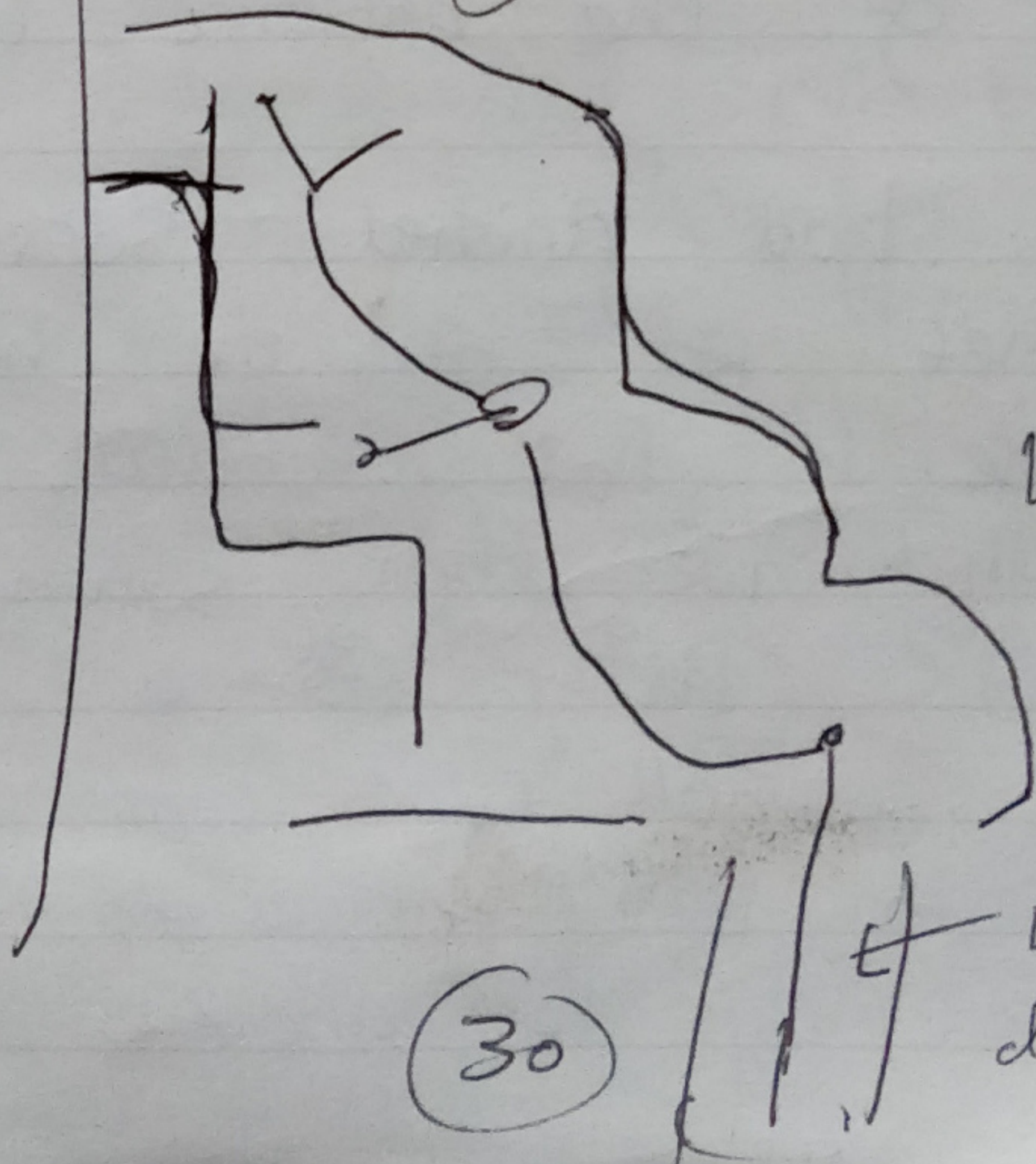
name; Beckoning Silence

On our way back we de-rigged everything below camp, and then ate everything we possibly could at camp before bed. Despite missing/failing to set our alarms we were up and ready quite early and we were all on ropes carrying other ropes (and skills and poo etc.) by 0930. Rain was forecast for the afternoon so we wanted to make sure we were all above procrastination with plenty of time to spare. All went very smoothly until the entrance pitch, where we had to pass Aidan, Fleur, Pete and Ruairidh on their way down. Got to the surface just in time to get rained on for the ~~rest~~ walk back.

Rigging Topo, lower
Snake bite



Beckoning Silence Rigging Topo



heads down
tube on TR,
bottom has
bad rub,
needs a
derivation



7 AUGUST 2017

PROSPECTING ON PLATEAU (Beyond FSH & GSH)

Plenty S., Adam, Aidan

- GPS track recorded for whole walk.
- altitudes done (GPS) for FSH & GSH.
- 3 reasonable holes found.

#1 "DELICATE BRIDGE HOLE" near ski-route pole, rigged on natural & steel pole section to snow slope 40m (Adam went back next day). Tagged with Al. tag, +Lavin

#2 Three big holes. } see ~~survey~~ ^{survey} notes.

#3 Pit

Sunday 6th August 2017

Aidan, Rob, ~~Adam~~ Adam

FSH - Pushing trip

- We descended the entrance series around midday to investigate some leads located previously by Mike and Alice. Adam and I surveyed the main chamber and side passages whilst Rob dropped a small pitch lead to the left hand side of the entrance to the main chamber.
- Once we had finished surveying, Rob Adam and I met Rob at the head of this small pitch, where he had identified several promising leads, which we then surveyed.
- One lead ~~led~~ ^{arrived} ~~to~~ a choiced crawl, down a small climb; another ~~lead~~ to lead produced a pitch with a promising path around a barrow (left for another day).

The final lead unearthed a long rift after a slightly dubious down climb. (which I fell off), eventually leading to a stream flowing underneath the rift. We then headed out and reached the bivi before sunset.

Tuesday 8th August 2017 Aidan Radost

Fisha FSH - Pushing trip

Radost and I dropped a pitb pitch ~~to~~ the previously bolted by another trip (who ran out of rope) some 50m down a small pitb icy pitch series to the right of the entrance.

The pitch ~~past~~ passed the icy layers of the cave to one somewhat warmer. Whilst the top of the pitch was promising, the bottom was less so - one crawl, which choked after 10m, one tight, inaccessible rift, and on the opposite



Side of the base chamber a rift that could be squeezed through for 1.5m or so until it became too tight to navigate. We both tried again without SRT kits, as the rift was drafty, but little more progress was made. Eventually, we sacked it off and derigged the pitch hang; Radost thought he saw

some leads halfway up the pitch on the way out, which may be worth another look.

~~Wednesday~~ 7th August 2017

Becca Alice Rob Rodost
Fishgesicht pushing trip.

Firstly we went down to the left of entrance pitch with help of handline towards tight rift. It ended with t.t. passage. Went back to entrance chamber to survey and across the ramp to bolt and rig pitch to the right. Successfully descended pitch onto a massive block of ice. Horizontal passage leads to junction — forward in an icy tube to avert and right into a chary passage that needed rigging. This stopped us from progressing further. Surveying backward we exit the cave safely.

Monday 7th August 2017

Kristian, Sarah
Surveying & Photography in Nothing to See

We descended the Balcony entrance pitch, myself taking it embarrassingly slowly and cautiously due to my lack of caving for several months. On reaching the bottom Kristian led me to and down Hilty-a-Plenty, and then on a sporting romp to Nothing to See (featuring a traverse, a sandy crawl, and a bold step that was 'a bit dodgy' - K Brook, 2017). Once there we completed surveying as far as possible and took some distances up two potential leads that required bolt climbing to reach. Once this was done we bimbled back towards Hilty-a-Plenty and took some amusing sponsorship photos, featuring myself jealously guarding my Tunnocks bars and Kristian enjoying a refreshing drink of pesto. Nothing to See was then de-rigged and we made our way out slowly due to my ~~&~~ tendency to prussic at a snails pace. ~~However,~~ we arrived back at camp in time to watch a lovely sunset and moonrise.

Tuesday 8th August 2017 Haydon, Elaine, Jaco


Caramel Catlensis photo trip

Haydon and I went from Stonebridge and met Elaine at Turnoekes (with Elliott) at just after 1030. H went in first and zoomed ahead while E+I were a bit slower. ~~The~~ The original plan was to head to camp at Kraken to take sponsorship photos with Turnoekes bar, however, issues with H+E's skt kits forced us to change the plan; we decided to do photos out CC and then head out. Peter Haydon for the pictures.

Monday 7th August

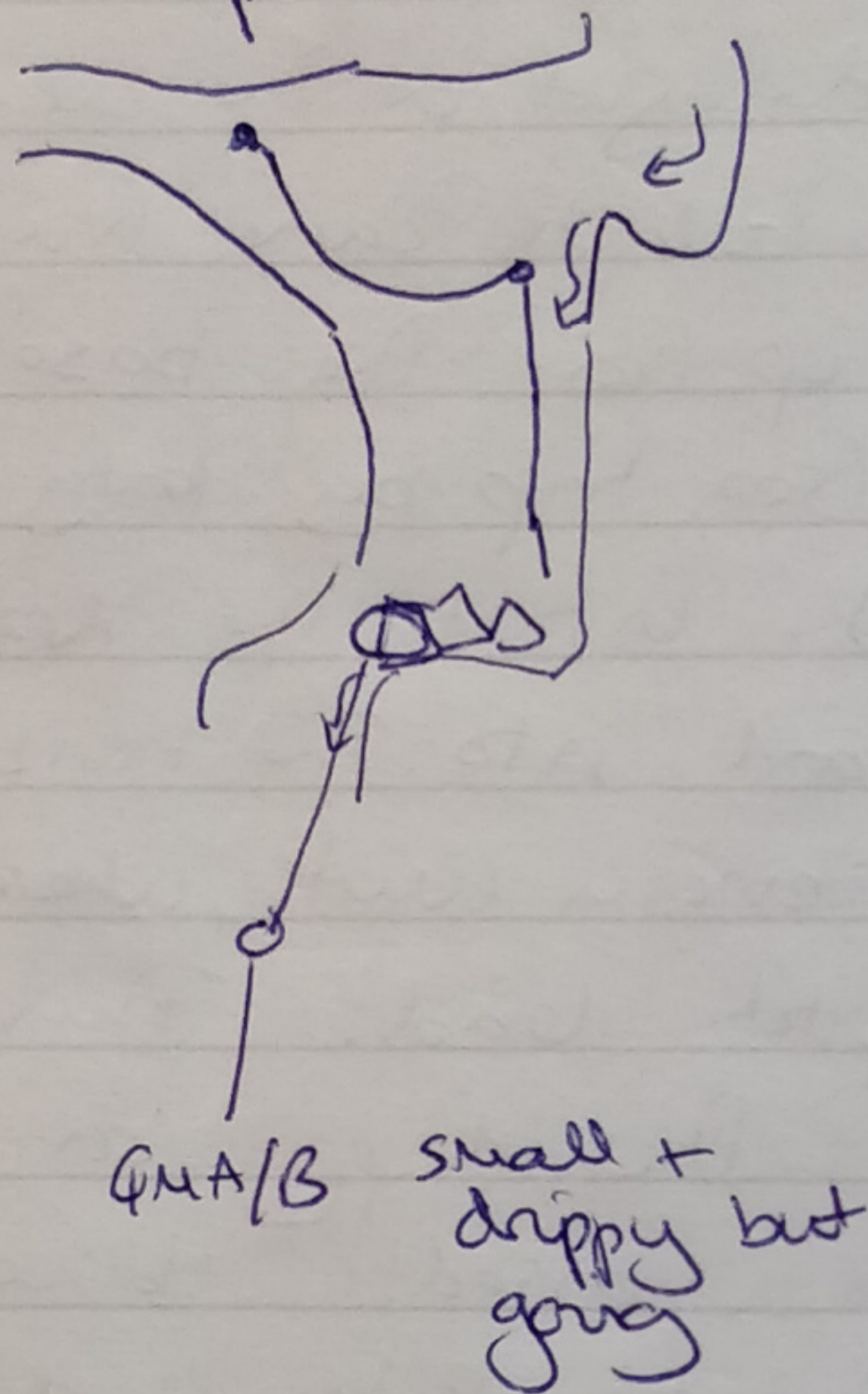
Balkan, Sloppy Seconds to Second Wind
Fleur, Pete, Corrin

Had walked up in the rain on Sunday ready to hit Sloppy Seconds the next day when drier conditions prevailed. The absence of good draught last time meant I was not too optimistic, but also committed to try and trace the draught on the way in.

The draught going into Galactic came from Sloppy Seconds, but mainly up from the base of the second set of pitch (see trip by Kathy, Adam + Nathan earlier in expo). In fact the draught on this trip came up here and into the horiz. passage. We came on to our previous limit, where Pete chose the right hand pitch lead. This route was initially muddy, then drippy as an area with small stream was passed. However drill battery failure (again) left Pete in a small clean rift looking down narrow pitch with no more drill power. With two slings he got further and saw pitch continuing, but small and wet (AMB). Hence heading back up to try second (left hand) pitch or best we could on a couple of slings. Tied rope round huge rock and Corrin made his first descent of an unexplored pitch. A sling made a rebound and I followed adding two descensions. At the base one way choked after 2 dribs down.  But the other way lead to a draughting

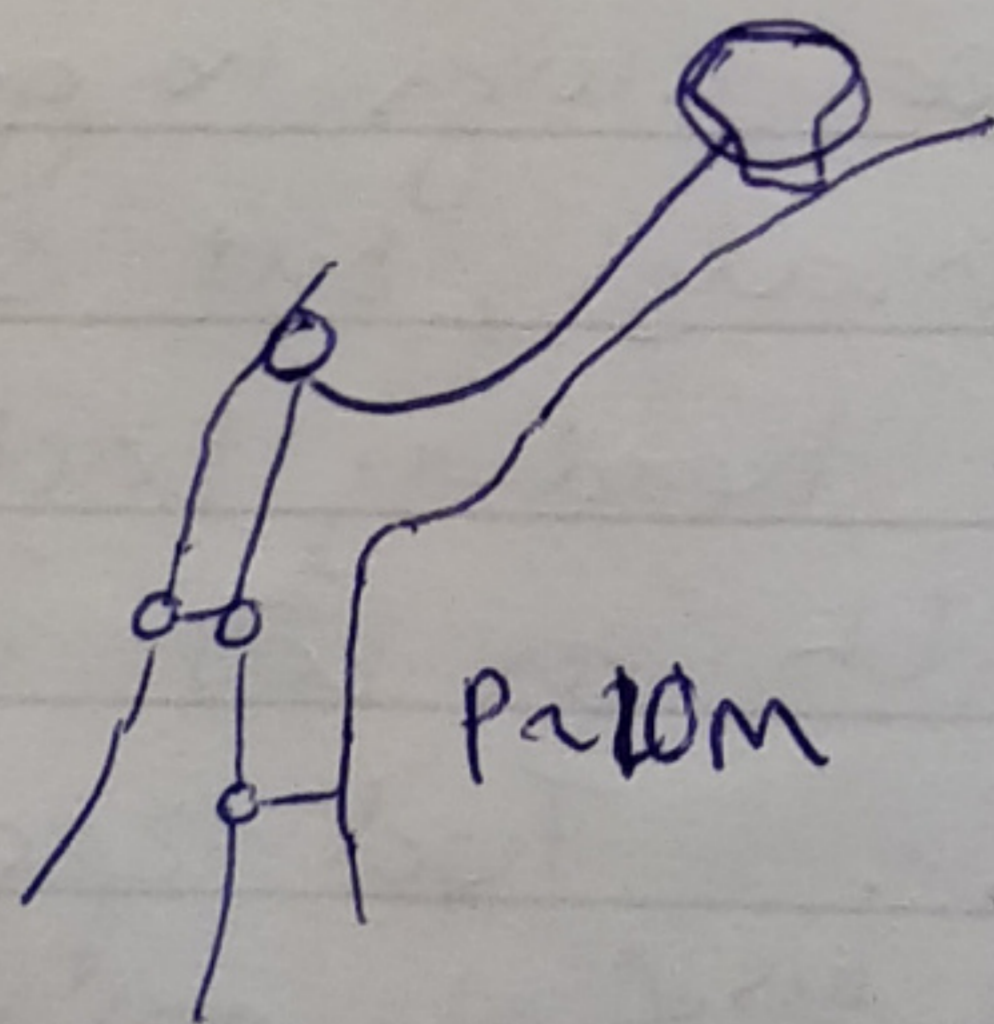
tube - yay we had rebound the wind.
More dodgy natural rigging saw us at the
end of the rope staring down a 2m wide
steep phreatic ramp. Game on. TU 14

Right hand pitch route - "Two hole hanger"

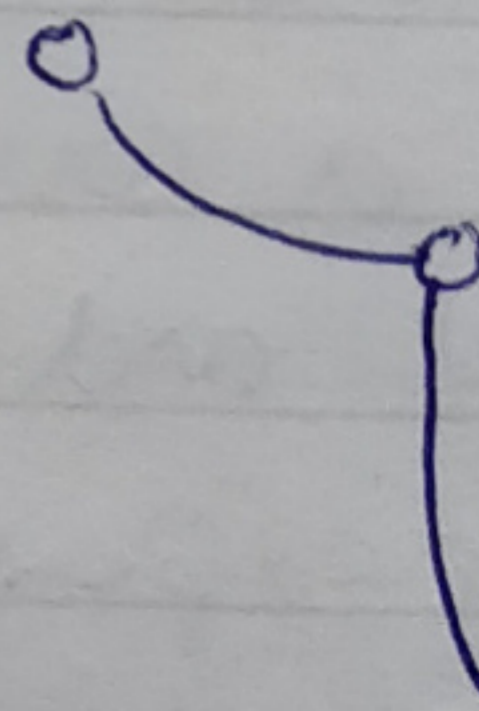


Left hand pitch route - "Second wind"

P1



P2



P2 10M to ledge

Both These need proper rigging.

Wed 9th Aug

Balken, Sloppy Second → Second Hand.

Fleur & Pete

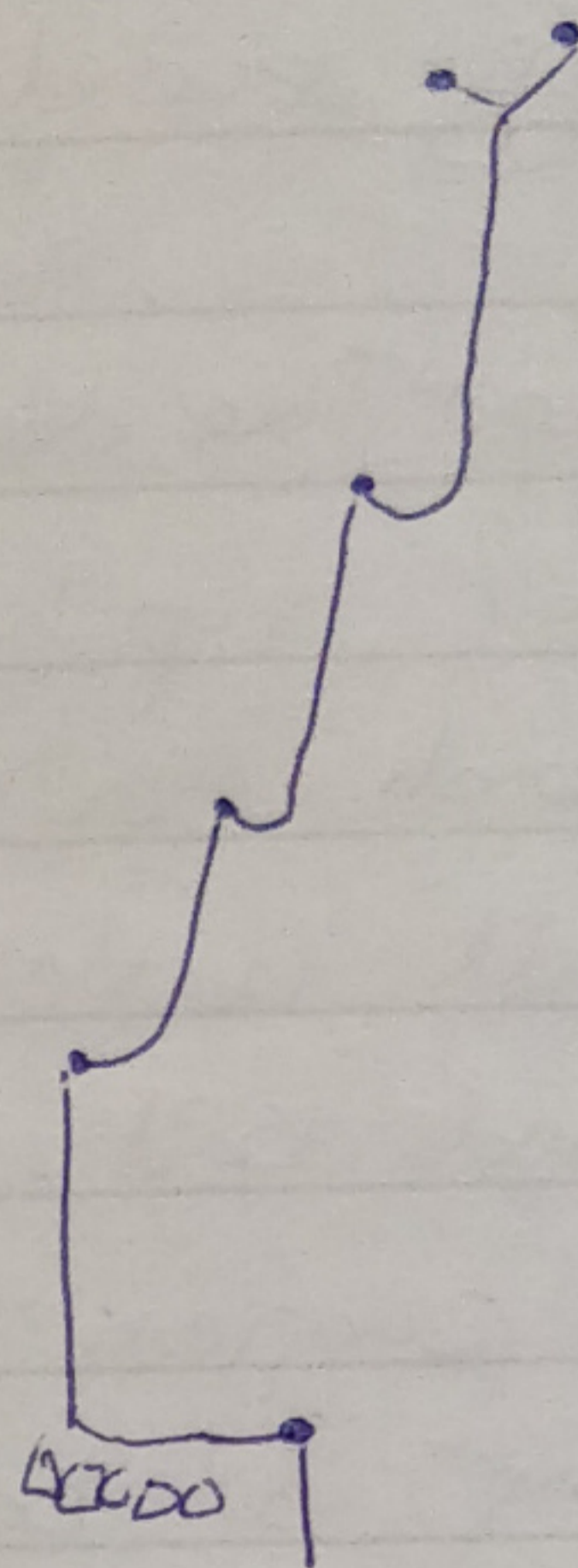
Having escaped the deep Tunnel's denig, I sneaked another trip to our second wind lead in Sloppy Second with Pete. With an absence of functioning drill batteries we decided to go old school and hand bolt.

Relatively good progress to the limit where we spent 3 hours placing 5 bolts to get down the shaft that followed the ramp. Rob + Beda had left in a starting bolt, Pete added a Y, betwe 2 more rebelay to the end of the 28m rope. We then swapped, Pete got a chance to shiver whilst I tied in the next rope and added another belay to reach the floor 20 to 25m below. Here I lashed a a bundle pitte. A small hole lead into a rift. Not looking promising. A final spit allowed me to ab into the hole but there was no way on. The draught we were chasing came out of the boulders and there was no option but to denig and go home. Took out as much rope + gear as we could manage, making it out ~~at~~ at 11pm. Had final excitement as Thunder storm broke while I was on the entrance shaft and got a soaking. Out to amazing lightning show and lots of Thunder.

TU13



Second Hand



8/7/17 Becka + Rob Dog End Series
258 - Sloppy Seconds - ~~Stop~~ T/U 8 hours

Batteries were in very short supply ~~so we~~
~~had~~ (three :-C) so we headed off with
our allocation (one) plus three ropes and
lots of metalware down some seriously
slippy rope to the "ramp" at the pushing
front from yesterday's Second Wind trip.
We arrived, Rob kitted up and set to on the
first bolt ~~dr~~ 3333333333 went the drill.
Gorman went Rob he managed to wheelie a
single bolt out of the battery, put in a deathly
dodgy deviation on a perched boulder and
absailed down a bit. The "ramp" ~~to~~ rapidly
swivelled from steep to vertical with not a hope

of naturals so sense prevailed and we gave up there and left the rope for a better equipped party. We returned to the top of the Second Wild pitches and dropped the pitch opposite the hole (rather than through the mud tube to the left of the hole where Second Wild starts).
~~My first~~ My "pitchhead" natural was a monster but the next one immediately cracked off when I weighted it but some mud excavation gave a convincing thread for a rebelay down to a confused bridge area. Rob came down + we spent some time digging mud out to give a second decent thread natural to descend one way to a dead end and then a second way which continued as a climb/^{pitch}down. ~~Rob~~
We had nothing to right this but Rob dumbled down on shifty rock (later regretting his address) + it continued. We finished the survey getting very muddy then ~~headed~~ headed out.

Wednesday 9th August '17

Balkon, Cathedral Kasam

Corin, Aidan, Sarah, Radost, Rury, Alice

All of the more experienced expedition cavers seemed to be busy, so a fairly straightforward trip was needed that we (me, Aidan, Alice, Radost) could take the new arrivals on (Sarah, Rury). The aim was to derig the pitch in Cathedral Kasam that Ash had rigged (over many hours, entirely on naturals) and use the rope to drop a drippy hole nearby.

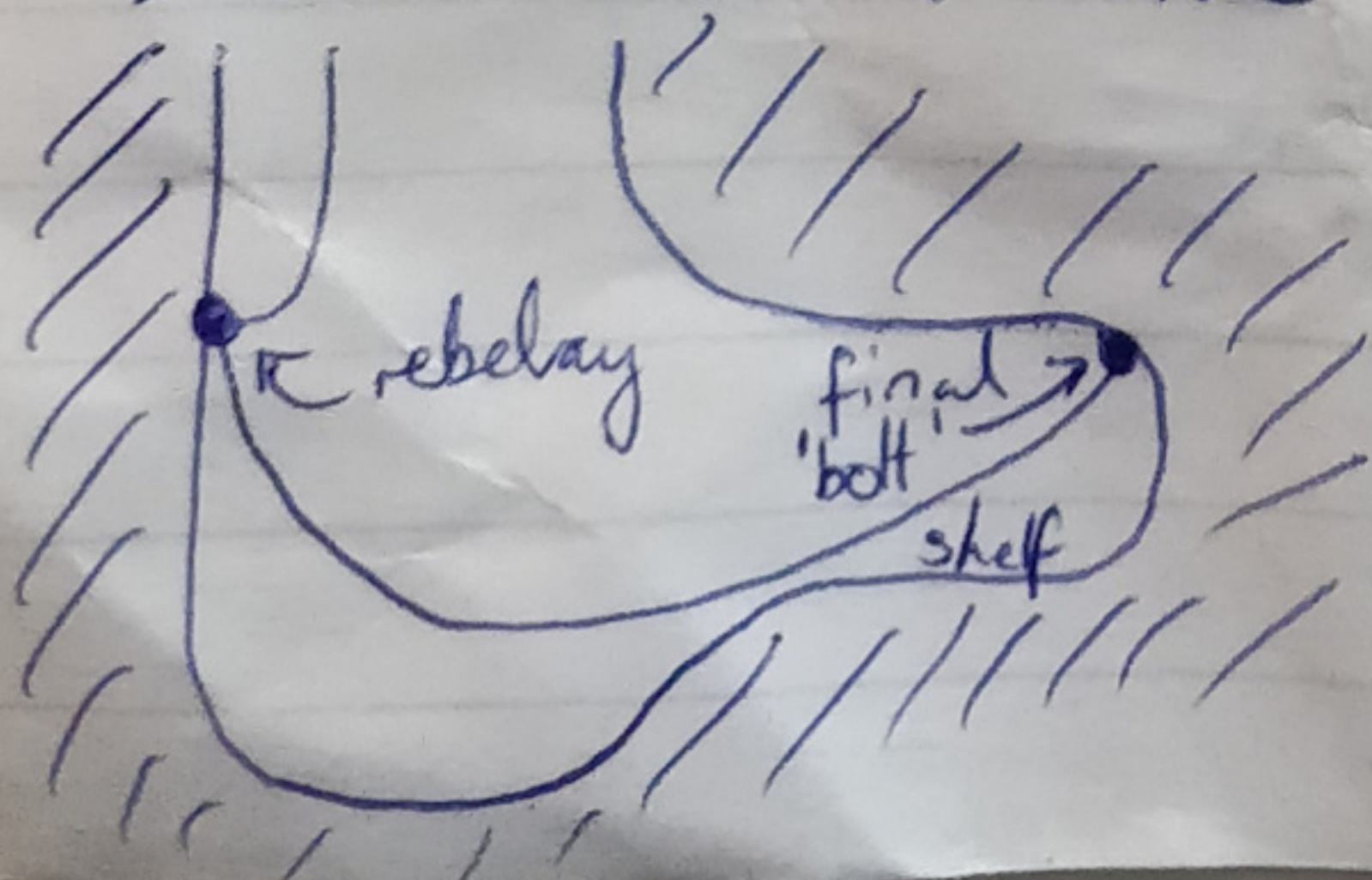
We eventually passed the Balcony entrance series and got to CK. This trip was clearly a little too large.

Aidan, Sarah, Radost and Rury went to take a look at Ice Cook Aren while I and Alice went to derig the pitch. The pitch had some unconventional rigging, and was rigged very tightly on naturals with some awkward sections.

Neither of us had done much derigging before and we were both somewhat intimidated so we promptly sucked off at speed. We apologized to the others and then beiled on the trip. Six people was too many for this trip so it was a bit cluster-fuck-y, but eventually we gained the surface.

↳ Alice, Corin

The bottom of the pitch series lead to a shelf that I was unable to reach. The cross section below shows the rigging at that time:



pitch bottom to rebelay ~ 7m
[unable to see if there were leads on the shelf]

Thursday 10th August 2017

Balcony, Cathedral Kazam

Rachel & George

The aim of the trip was to denig Cathedral Kazam and poke around George's lead in the Dark Arts. We followed Arsen's exceptional rigging and were thoroughly impressed with his resourcefulness and creativity.

The man deserves recognition and from here, the pitch will be known as the Masterpiece.

At the bottom of the rigging, a ledge led to a short crawl and five meter pitch. We considered how much rope we could cut off the Masterpiece ~~and~~ given the swing across necessary to ascend.

We tied the rope off with a length of cord we'd brought.

The 5m pitch gave way to a month-bound rift with an A lead crawl for 10m after a C4 down and we

left it at a 20m+ pitch, draughting
inwards. The obvious way ~~to~~ on
from the P5 is up a C4 to
another chamber, C14 ^(chimney) down to a
large and echo-y chamber. This
had a huge jammed boulder,
reading a 30+ m pitch, also
very worth dropping. We surveyed
from the bottom of the Mastertop
to the C14 climb, but it needs
tying into the above survey
(we were unsure where this
ended, so didn't bother to risk
duplicating work.) We promptly
ran away to the Dark Arts.

George had tried to drop a P-15
for the previous two years,
and we finally dragged the
final four functional drill
batteries through the crawling
rift with trench in the floor.
I was somewhat behind with the
rope bag when swearing filled
the passage. It transpired George
had done a bad thing. He had
let the drill bag slip down the rift

whilst leaving back through an awkward ~~dog-leg~~ dogleg at the pitch head.

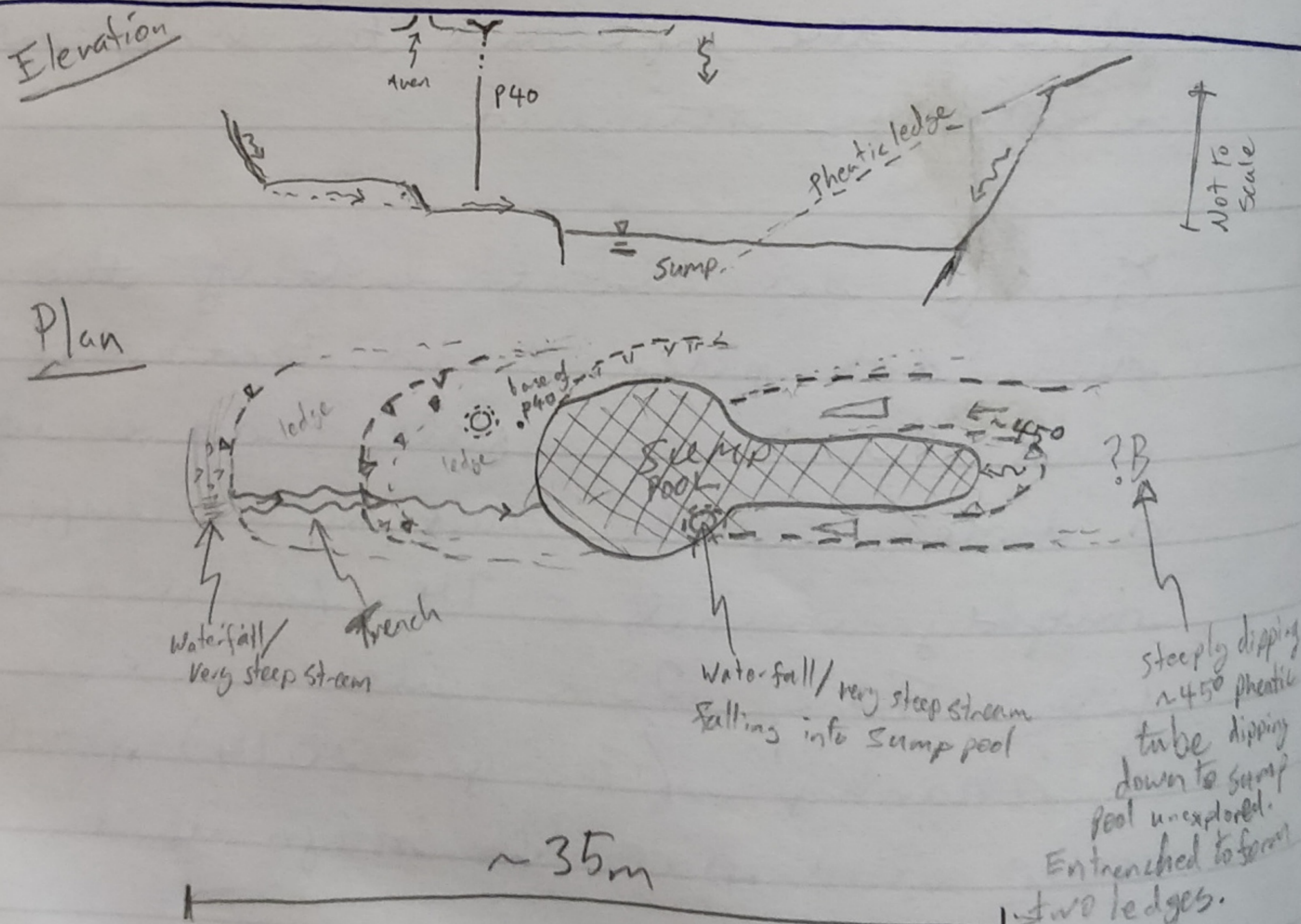
The next 20 minutes involved a whole-hearted effort of 'hook-a-duck', where I tried to manoeuvre the bag with a snappate, tied open on the end of a piece of cord. For reference, if possible, hauling from the top or bottom of the bag may be more successful than the shoulder straps. George gave his best in forcing his arm down the rift and the bag was eventually retrieved.

George set about bolting the awkward pitch head. Batteries 8, 13 and 15 successfully gave us half a hole in the shit rock, before the mighty number 14 finished the job. The 25m pitch gave way to a 'skanky' (George, 2074) pool of water and sparrable shaft that also went nowhere.

Quite cold and disheartened, we ~~were~~ left to find the entrance series rather wet. Deciding to give it half an hour, we set about investigating the flood-drum. Some items are of obvious importance, although the absence of a pan is noteworthy in the presence of a stove, gas cylinder and large selection of outso and soups. Fairly frustrated, we braved the not-very-wet entrance.

T.O. 10 hours.

SUMP Below Gryke of the "The Loser Lido" Earth



- Mike

Monday 7th August 2014

Turnover's camping with Rachel,
George & Mike.

From camp, we headed north to a
bolt climb. Mike free-climbed 5m to a
ledge, was unable to climb further,
placed a bolt and pull-throughed down.
* Rock was very flakey, holds coming off in my hand, would need through bolting
to progress. Also loose looking boulders above. -Mike

In Grief of the Earth, from the ledge we
headed NW, following pleasant walking
passage, turning into inactive stream passage
with higher false-floor. This led to a 40m
pitch to a large rift chamber, clear sump
pool and drippy cavern. No obvious leads
could be found from here. From the ledge,
SE tunnel dropped 20m on a ramp
down to a mud sump. A previously
noted 'too tight' rift directly North was
followed for ~20m where the draught
disappeared into the choked ceiling. At
3am we headed back to camp, to dig
the next day.

T.O. 42 hours.

Thursday 10th August, 2017

Shallow Tunnockschaeb trip ~~with~~: Fleur, Aidan, Ruairidh, Pete

We ~~intended to~~ decided to investigate shallow leads in the Tunnocks system due to the expected rain. ~~After~~ I went to the base of the pitch entrance whilst the others negotiated their way down - eventually we met the campers (Rob, Becka and Jacob) who passed the others on the entrance series, and Ruairidh / Pete headed back to the surface after some extensive SRT practice.

Fleur and I checked out a number of leads in Tunnocks, which fell apart due to apparent dodgy historic surveying. The first A-lead we checked was through Sterfish junction, again past petticoat junction; however, we can't access a 15m pitch in the way of this lead we had missed on the survey, and could not access the pitch so abandoned this lead after some viewing.

As an alternative we went the alternate way down Hedonism highway to OS-413 in Rocky Road. This lead was very promising, continued for 40m up some climbs until we found a 20m

era rope down a pitch lead. As a result we abandoned these leads and decided to investigate the survey further. *

An alternate route down Rocky Road lead to a series of PS pitches which allegedly produced a B lead; however, after dropping these with naturals and hard bolting (good practice for me) we discovered this lead was in fact an Aven.

After this, we headed out, and the trip was very good practice for me, and I hope for Rusidh as well. mainly, I hope Fleur enjoyed a run around Tunrock Schact as much as I did.

- 3 QMA's in the double barrel area (all small pitches to be dropped). - Fleur.

* I could find no record of this lead being pushed in 2008 to 2016 logbooks, no data in survey and nothing in tunnel. A Mystery!

Monday, 14th August 2017

Turnovers doing
(Camp Kracker to Number of the
Beast) → Rob, Alex H, Rachel

The Pallet had been unanimously
sacked off. (Real reasons apply).
After arriving at camp, we
learned Rob had investigated
Anthemusa and was thoroughly
unimpressed. [DETAIL]

Alex set off with three hefty
tackle sacks, Rob following
whilst I dinged Kracker.
The rope for Inferno was
coiled in sets upto the rebelay
to support rigging of next
year, and left at the pitch head.
Magic Glue pitch was pulled up
and left at the pitch head.
Widow Turankie's rope was removed
from the cave, with Rob ferrying
7 tackle bags from pitch to pitch as

far as the top of Procrastination.
The short rope below
Number of the Beast was
dugged & coiled.

Tackle Bags were removed
including the camp pits &
degradables [full list available].

Three tackle bags & rope
containing rope from below camp
removed, in summary, and all
but three rope bags left at
the following stations:

- bottom of N° the beast
- top of N° the beast
- bottom of Procrastination

A very solid effort put in by
all, as myself & Rob exited
the cave shortly after Alex.

~~Rob~~ Hilt's greased and reflectored.

T.O. 15 hours.

P.S. I did the 'women's work' of
cleaning the tent floor with disinfectant &
the washing up & tidying up whilst
Rob & Alex did the 'proper work'.

Stuff left at camp 14, 10/17

- 14 soups
- 1.5 smaph bags
- 27 tea bags
- 2 bags custard
- bag sugar
- bag milk powder
- 4 bags flapjack
- bag ready brek
- 15 tea lights
- real vanilla
- 3 pencils
- small amount cleaning fluid
- (for tent cleaning)
- 5 green cups
- 4 roll mats
- sandwich bags
- 1/2 panning gas canister
- ~~460 ml~~ 460 ml canister
- pop stool
- 3 daren downs (water)
- 2 billy pans - lighter
- 20lb camp first aid kit
- small amount whisky

- 4 [unclear]

Top camp inventory 2017

- Hangers
- 145 Twists* - 6 AS hangers
- 57 Rings†
- 4 Trolls * All have malleons attached
- 9 Clowns † Grouped in 5 with 2 malleons
- 48 Bends*

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- 20 Malleons (loose) - 3 declined tapes
 - 4 Rope Protectors - Purple - yellow
 - 8 Hilbi Setters - Black
 - 426 Hilbi Bolts - ~300 cable ties
 - 2 Hand Bolt setters - 7m of 4mm cord
 - 17 Spits - 22 cones - 5m of 6mm cord
 - 7 Bolting hammers - 4m of 6mm cord
 - 8 Bolt pots - x2 6m of tape
 - 1 ABC Marking kit - x2 2m of tape
 - 2 123 Markin Kit NOTE: Missing '2'
 - 5 12mm drill heads
 - 11 8mm drill heads
 - 8 Blow Tubes - 2 small drybags
 - 1 60cm crowbar - 4 Large drybags
 - 1 45cm crowbar - 1 Geology hammer
 - 40 large caps - 1 Lump hammer
 - 10 small caps - 1 Shovel
 - Drill Handle - 1 Paint roller

Objectives For Next Year

- Connect fish feed with Happy B. the fish

Limitations

- Stability (Political)
- ~~Visibility~~ < £ 300
- (Feasibility)

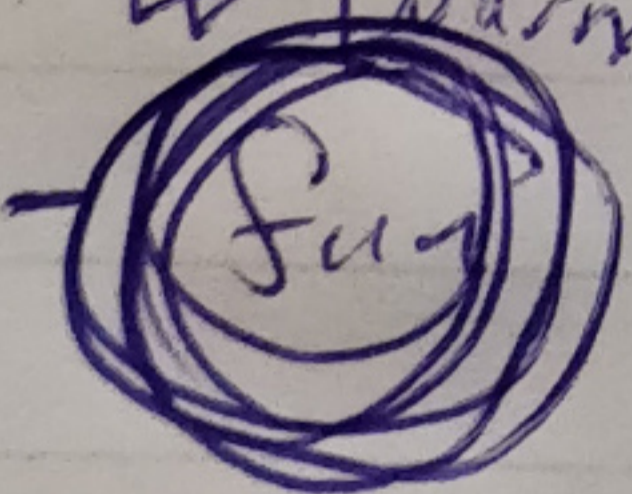
Needs

- Faster Reccy.

Logistics

- Accommodation
- Transport there

Want

- Caves that are appropriate
 - ↳ Warm enough to get wet.
-  enough for people to go back

TUNNOCKS 2017 DERIGGING

RW, RT, HA to camp on Monday, push Anthemusa, pack up camp, leave Tuesday.

HS, GB, ES bounce trip to camp Tuesday, ~~ATD~~, Jakob, MB.

★ dry bags for sleeping pits.
disinfectant for tents.

Bahar	X	160 m
Canal	✓	
Song Bay	✓	
Procs	✓	
B. NOTB	✓	
Under trucks	X	80 m
Major Lake	✓	
Ingen	✓	
Archer	X	100 m

Ropes to remove:

NB. - All rope to top of pitches.

- Kracken
- Window Twanky
- Entrance Series

Usual suspects + carmamel
catharisis to remain.

- * reflectors, syringes + grease
required
- * make more reflector belts.

Cathedral Chasm Area Leads:

- Bottom of Ash's pitch, follow obvious way on, down 7m pitch (nature calls. six), north continuation leads to big airy pitch with huge jammed balder at pitch head ✓ (30m)
- South continuation at bottom of 7m pitch leads to 20+m pitch ✓ (draughting in) draughting out

- Bottom of Magic Circle / top of Inferno:
~ 5m climb up on the left (heading
into camp) - Very muddy - will need bolt
climbing. 3 bolts will get you up. Draught
not discernable due to the fuck off draught
from Inferno. Can't tell if passage is horizontal
or vertical.

→ 2 A leads

- Double Barrel - series of small pitches
- Top of Magde Col: Wookrey?
- Super Girl? Holly?
- 3 B leads North beyond Straight Choice
- Determination: A lead & 2 B leads
- Right @ Starfish Junction, B lead before Grandy Always wins, Also lead that once had a lot of ice on which no longer does. Speak to Beeta.
- ~~10~~ B near Rocky Road. lots of pitches to be dropped here.

Waters Edge

- Antheussa: big potential. Could find another Kraker etc. Cross Tuttle Traverse (slippy, bolted, can do without a rope but quite high stakes) & ascend cross slope. Possible to kick rocks down so care required. Good draught coming out of ~~the~~ entrance to Antheussa chamber proper near top of slope. Enter drippy chamber where draught dissipates. Chamber very loose with a lot of muddy boulders. Hard to work out way on. Re 2017 survey has pitch marked on in NE corner. Watson (2017) could not find it. Needs another look by some people who like boulders & bolting technical pitches.

Below Camp Qm list 2017 contd.

- Traverse over Lobster Pot ~~is~~ ^{aka} Suck
Very Crustacean. Slippery & muddy & big
but very promising.
- Denshan Master Cave. Unanimously
down played but something to do. Speak to
Berka, Denshan, Fattia etc.
- Another look at Big Lad. Bolt climbing
up ~~the~~ the far end. Humid held boulder
wall. Death. Low potential.

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- Clayton's Cock Up. Directions:
2015 logbook. Flew
- Champagne on Ice:
 - what would your mother say? Nat D.
 - Haste Speed & the Straight Choice!
 - ? A leader near P20.

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- Beckoning Silence: North Slabbers. Go to chamber with pillar in then ~~to~~ walk to left by passing Crick of the Earth. Up climb with in situ rope & continue up slope to 8m pitch, 3 bolts, 20m rope. Continue past 2 drippy caves (climb down). Water drops down deep muddy rift (QMA) but large draught emerges from iron tube above rift during traverse. Follow to series of drops & pitch (4 bolts, 30m rope). Land at bottom of under slope in sandy chamber & follow draught to left down series of climbs to 4m climb which needs bolting. This will lead to a pitch & then some passage which drops into something huge (shouting stand test). QMA!

- Bolt climb in Northern Slabbers: bad rock but very promising area. Go to chamber with pillar & then go NW toward Lobster Pot. Instead of going down toward Lobster Pot go upward to right along slope. Free climb 5m up to bolt & then climbing becomes more serious. Will need to climb up between 5-10m to horizontal passage above carrying strong draught.

