

China Doll

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TITLE:

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TAGLINE:

Love, obsession and hard traditional climbing with Heather Weidner

SHORT SYNOPSIS:

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LONG FORM DESCRIPTION:

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This story exposes the pervasive nature of unconscious gender roles and reveals differences in how men and women approach love and sport. Heather and her husband have what many climbers would call the perfect relationship. Despite external achievements and support from her husband, Heather refuses to believe in herself. This emblematic struggle is not just about discovering personal freedom, but giving oneself permission to enjoy it. Is confidence a choice?

LT11's director Jon Glassberg teams up with writer Caroline Treadway in this groundbreaking short film starring Heather and Chris Weidner.

NEWS:

<http://www.rockanddice.com/climbing-news/heather-weidner-sends-china-doll-5-14a-r-on-gear>

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web16b/newswire-china-doll-5.14-heather-weidner-interview>

<http://www.dpmclimbing.com/articles/view/heather-weidner-climbs-china-doll-514a-r>

<http://gripped.com/news/heather-weidner-sends-china-doll-5-14a-r-gear/>

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