

Creating the Claw

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Dave Tallman — 07 Jul 2008, 20:44

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Lane Haygood — 07 Jul 2008, 20:51 · in reply to Dave Tallman

I'm no geologist, but I did have an interest in the subject in my younger days, so I'll take a stab at this one. I'd say that as long as the thorn was coated in some sort of heat-resistant material, like an advanced type of plastic, it could survive the processes used to create such a gem. Then again, in a society that can build solar sails...

Lane

On Jul 7, 2008, at 3:44 PM, Dave Tallman wrote:

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