Kryptonite Bic-picking was published by John Stuart Clark, New Cyclist, 1992.


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Ross Kerber, Boston Globe, 2004.09.18:

“Besieged bike-lock firm plans product upgrade

“Canton lockmaker Kryptonite yesterday disclosed a broad upgrade program for its well-known bike locks after many cyclists complained the products can be picked open with ballpoint pens. . . .
“Last Sunday cyclists began lighting up the Web with complaints Kryptonite’s Kryptolok and Evolution lines, as well as other brands, can be picked using ballpoint pens as substitutes for the lock’s tubular metal keys. Similar concerns have been raised about the locks on everything from telephone-booth coin boxes to laptop computers.

“Kryptonite executives declined to comment on the specifics of the concerns, and said their products still provide an effective deterrent.”

Assignment due 2004.09.08: read textbook Chapter 7 pages 277–308.


Assignment due this week: read libpng. cr.yp.to/2004-494/libpng.html