

≡MILITARY DOGS≡



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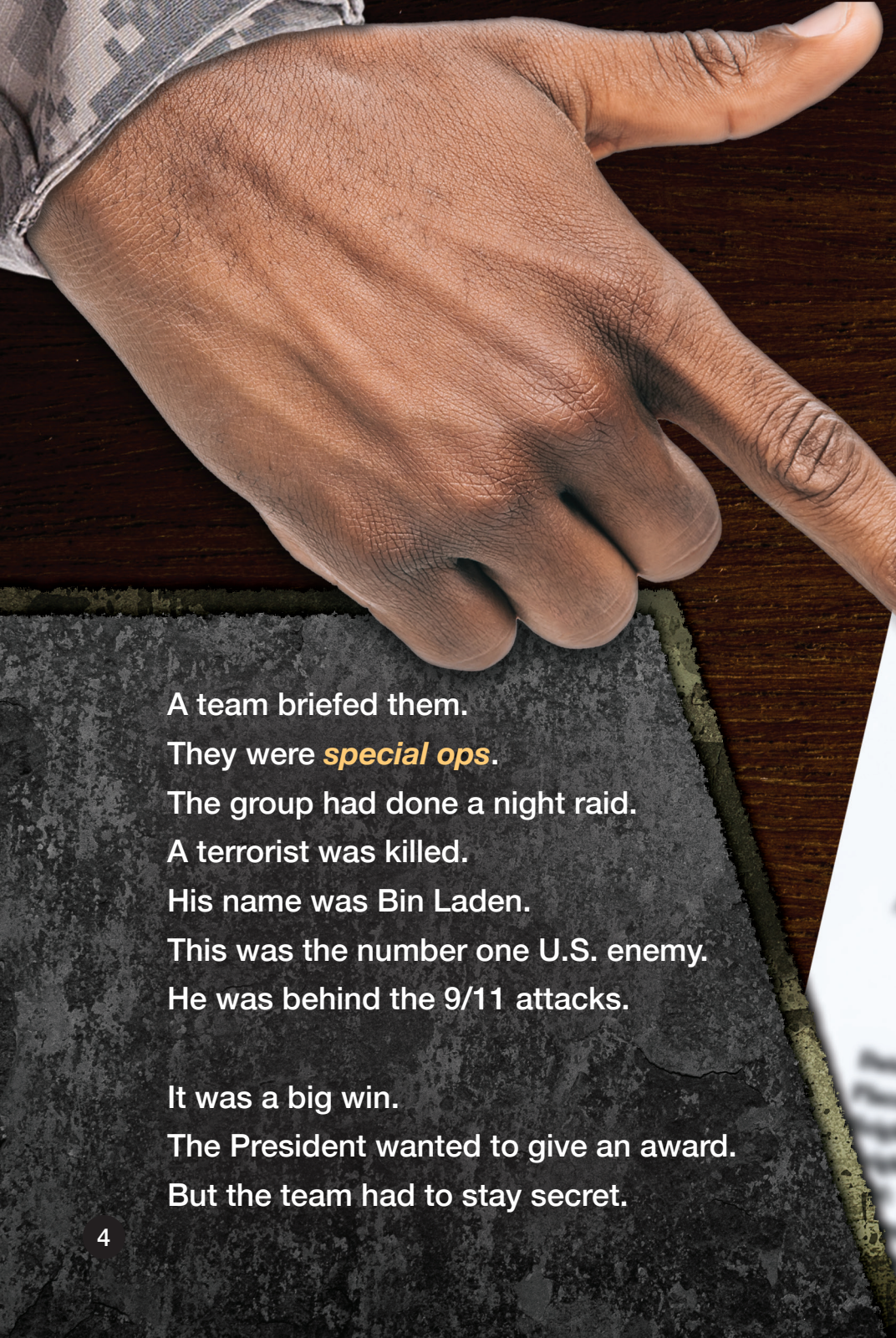


Chapter 1

THE SOLDIER

It happened behind closed doors.
A secret group met.
They were at a military base.
Fort Campbell was the name.
No press could come in.

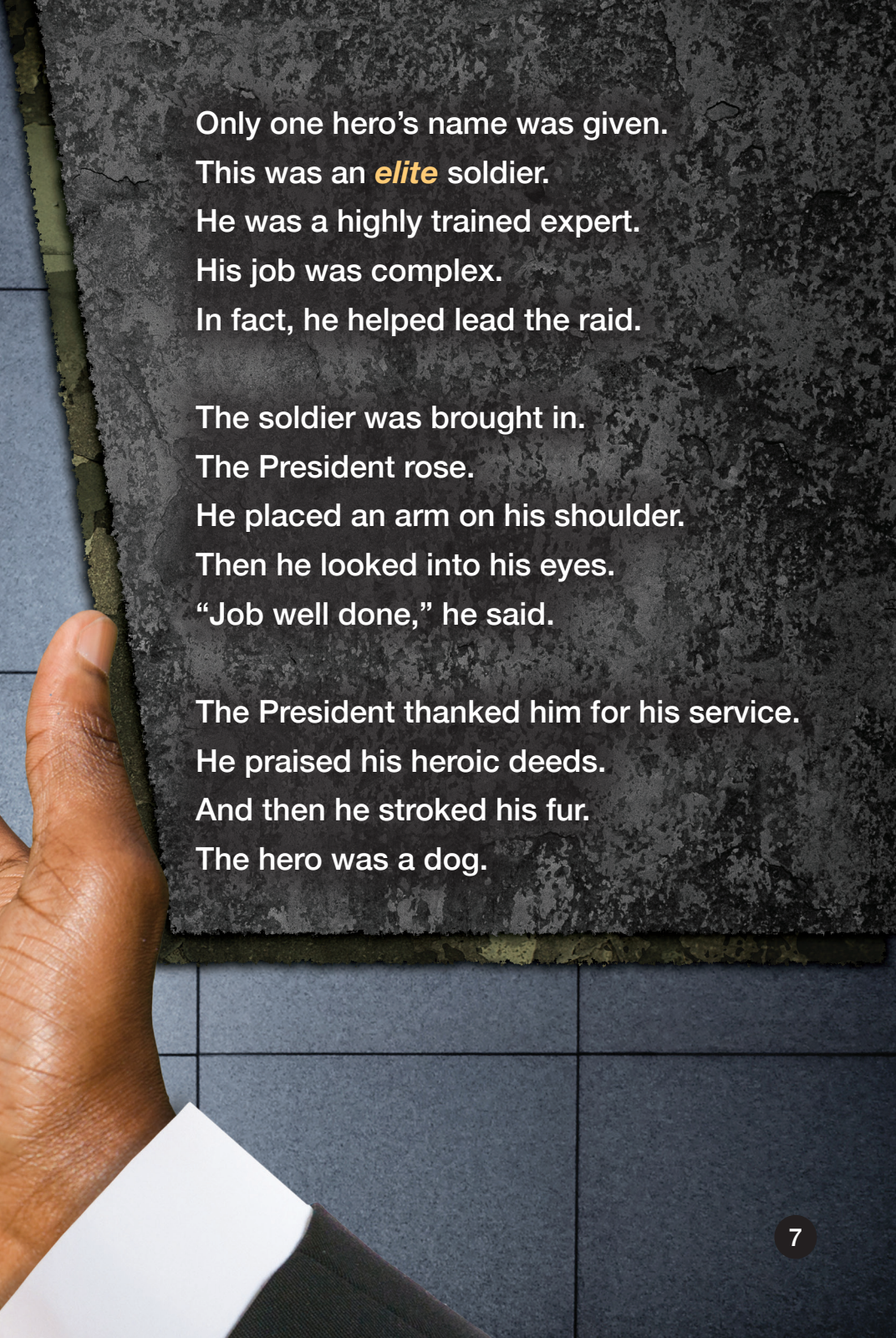
The President was there.
It was Barack Obama.
Joe Biden was there too.
He was the VP.



A team briefed them.
They were *special ops*.
The group had done a night raid.
A terrorist was killed.
His name was Bin Laden.
This was the number one U.S. enemy.
He was behind the 9/11 attacks.

It was a big win.
The President wanted to give an award.
But the team had to stay secret.



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a dark, textured stone tablet. The hand is on the left side of the frame, with the thumb and index finger gripping the edge of the tablet. The tablet is held against a background of grey, square tiles. The text on the tablet is white and arranged in two paragraphs. The word 'elite' is highlighted in orange in the first paragraph. The overall lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the hand and the text, and deep shadows in the background.

Only one hero's name was given.
This was an *elite* soldier.
He was a highly trained expert.
His job was complex.
In fact, he helped lead the raid.

The soldier was brought in.
The President rose.
He placed an arm on his shoulder.
Then he looked into his eyes.
"Job well done," he said.

The President thanked him for his service.
He praised his heroic deeds.
And then he stroked his fur.
The hero was a dog.