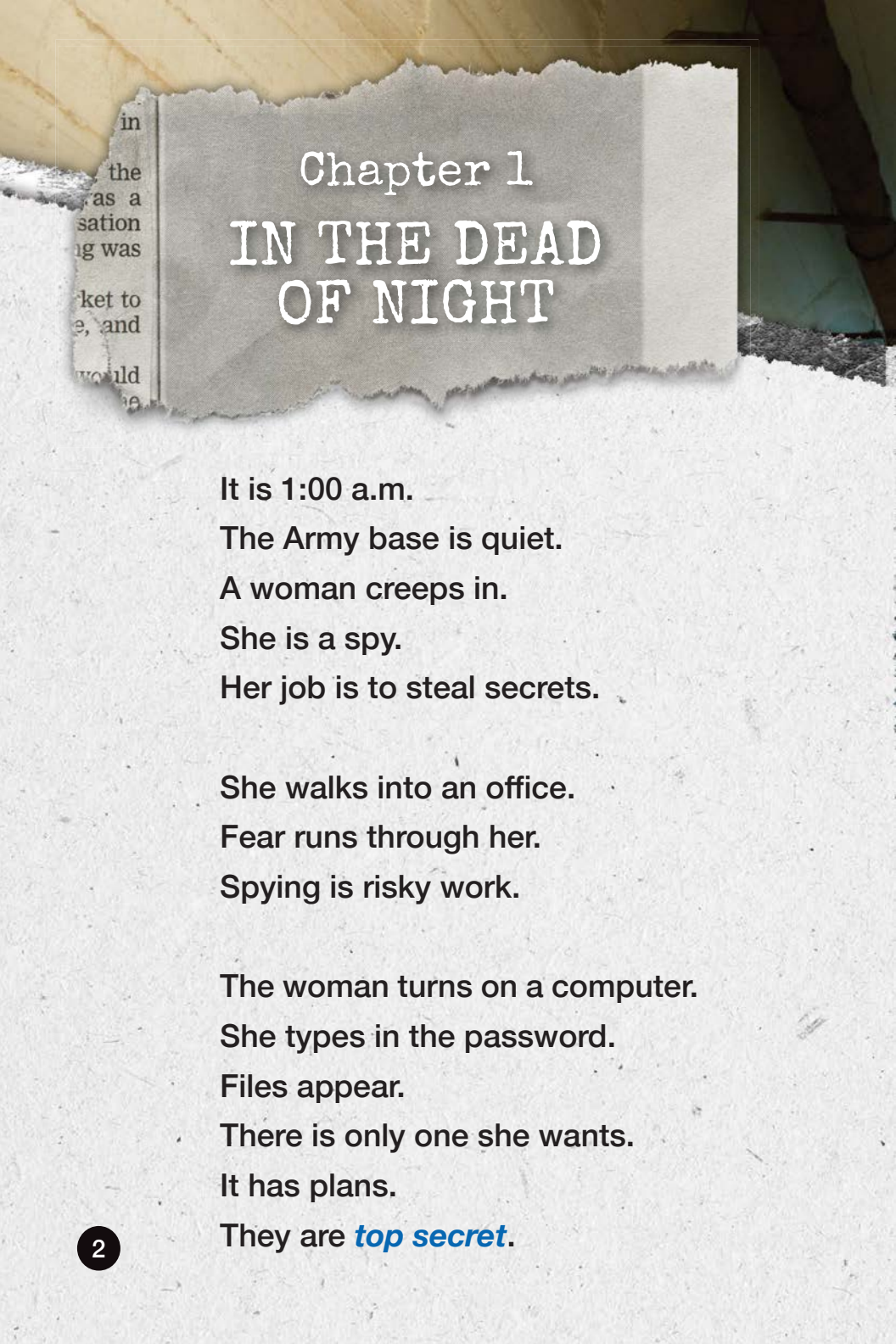


A man in a dark suit is seen from the back, looking out over a city at night. In the background, there is a large bridge with multiple arches and several tall skyscrapers, some of which are illuminated. Red laser lines crisscross the sky. The title 'GREAT SPIES of the WORLD' is overlaid on the top half of the image.

GREAT SPIES of the WORLD

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Chapter 1

IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT

It is 1:00 a.m.

The Army base is quiet.

A woman creeps in.

She is a spy.

Her job is to steal secrets.

She walks into an office.

Fear runs through her.

Spying is risky work.

The woman turns on a computer.

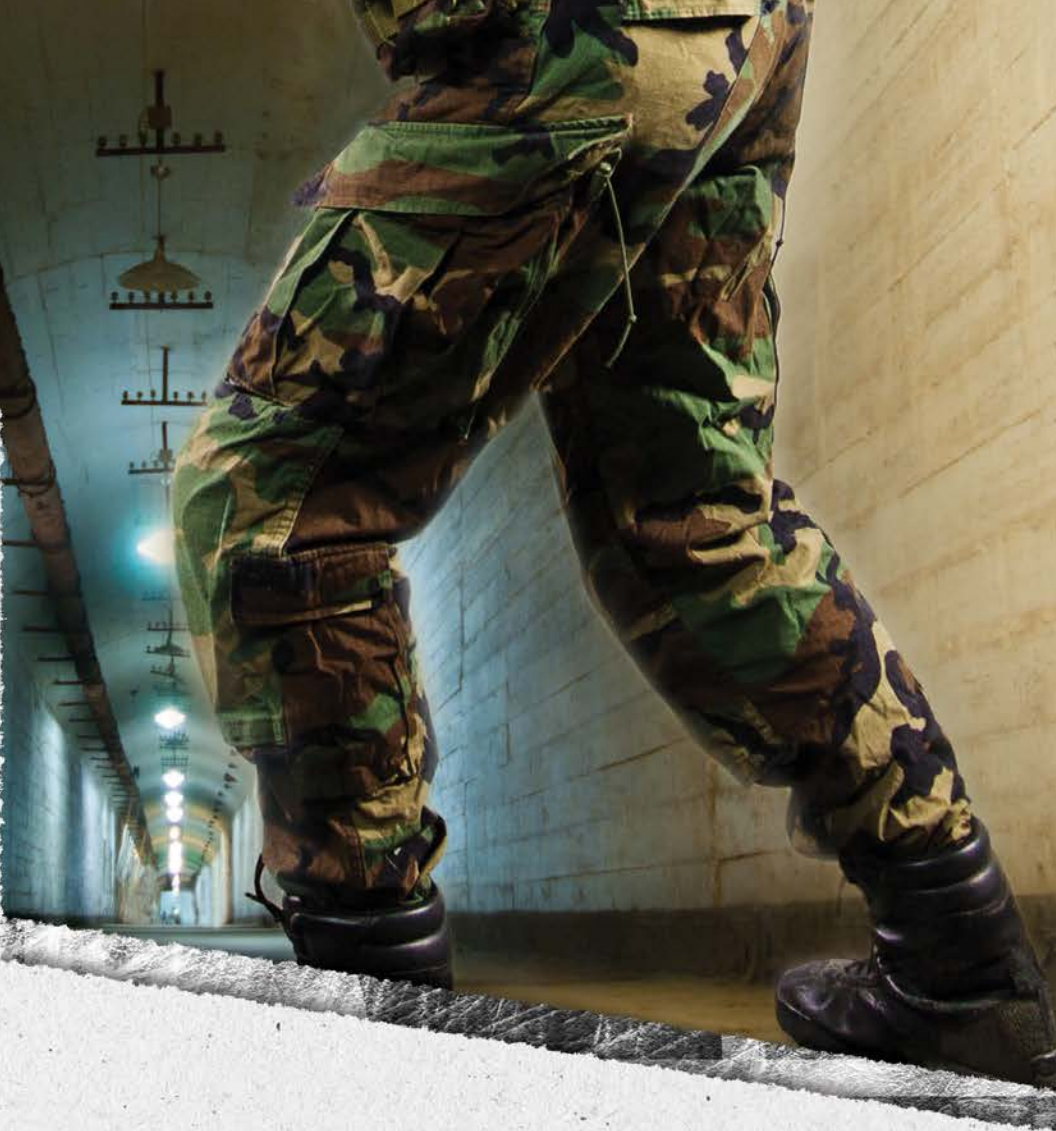
She types in the password.

Files appear.

There is only one she wants.

It has plans.

They are *top secret*.



She puts in a memory stick.

The file starts to copy.

*I am not a **traitor**.*

That is what she tells herself.

But the woman needs money.

This must be done.

Footsteps echo.
The woman looks up.
Her heart races.
She ducks under the desk.
A guard checks the door.

Time stands still.
Finally the guard moves on.
That was close.
The copy is done.
Now the plans are hers.

The woman sneaks away.
Soon the base is behind her.
She heads to a park.
A man is there.
He asks for the plans.
“No,” the spy says.
“I want the money first.”



Then things go wrong.
Sirens blare.
Red lights flash.
The man runs away.
He leaves her there alone.
Cars pull up.
A voice yells.
“Put your hands up!”
Her spying days are over.



Spies are real.
They steal secrets.
Most lie about who they are.
It is not a safe job.
Some end up in jail.
Others have died.

Are spies criminals?
Could they be heroes?
It all depends which side you are on.



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Chapter 2

I SPY

Spies steal.

What do they take?

Secrets are their goal.

Some hit governments.

The military is another target.

Others steal from companies.



TOP SECRET

Some spies are called moles.

Moles are animals that dig
in the ground and hide.

Similarly, spies must hide
and dig for secrets.

They look for what they need.

Phones are *bugged*.

Computers are hacked.

Letters may be stolen too.

Getting information is key.





Some spies work for their country.
They want to help.
These people spy on other countries.
Secrets are stolen.
Those are sent home.



Others spy for another country.

Why?

Leaders are bad.

Change is needed.

That is what these spies believe.

Then they help the enemy.

How?

They give away secrets.

Some spies are not **loyal** to anyone.

They just want to be paid.

Secrets can be worth big money.

For some, that is all that matters.

Spying goes on all the time.
But it happens more during wars.
Countries fight.
Each wants to win.
They need information.
Spies help find it.

Some spies have helped win wars.
We know about a few.
Many we never will.
Staying hidden keeps them safe.



Companies use spies too.
They spy on their *rivals*.
New products are made.
Some try to steal these ideas.
Spying is big business.

