



REAL MUSEUM



their children, Blake and Eryn.

Born-Again Sniper

Six, Delta, some Rangers, and the Department of Energy (DoE) nuclear power plant (they had great training and equipment) sniper pairs.

Country and I became the top sniper team at the competition—until the morning of the last day. We finished some preliminary shots. I spotted one target for Country, and he engaged it. Then I spotted another target.

Country had his crosshairs on the target, and as he squeezed the trigger, the hostage target moved. “Damn!”

“What?” I asked.

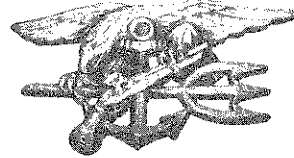
“I think I just grazed the Hotel.” “Hotel” meant hostage.

If we had not shot at all, we would have scored zero points, still having enough points to win the competition. Even though it wasn’t a killing shot, we still lost ten points for nicking a hostage. The winning sniper pair included a Ranger who had gone to marine sniper school with me in Quantico. I think Delta came in second. The Savannah River Department of Energy sniping team placed third. Do not mess with DoE nuclear sites.

Even though Country and I lost big points for that mistake, we still finished fourth overall. In the Teams, though, fourth only means third-place loser. Country and I were not pleased. The FBI HRTs and Secret Service finished last—even behind the good ol’ boys from the local sheriff’s department. Even so, it’s better to make mistakes during training and learn from them. For me, the next shots would be for real.

SEAL TEAM SIX

MEMOIRS OF AN ELITE NAVY SEAL SNIPER



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