

WHOLE WIDE WORLD

PETRA

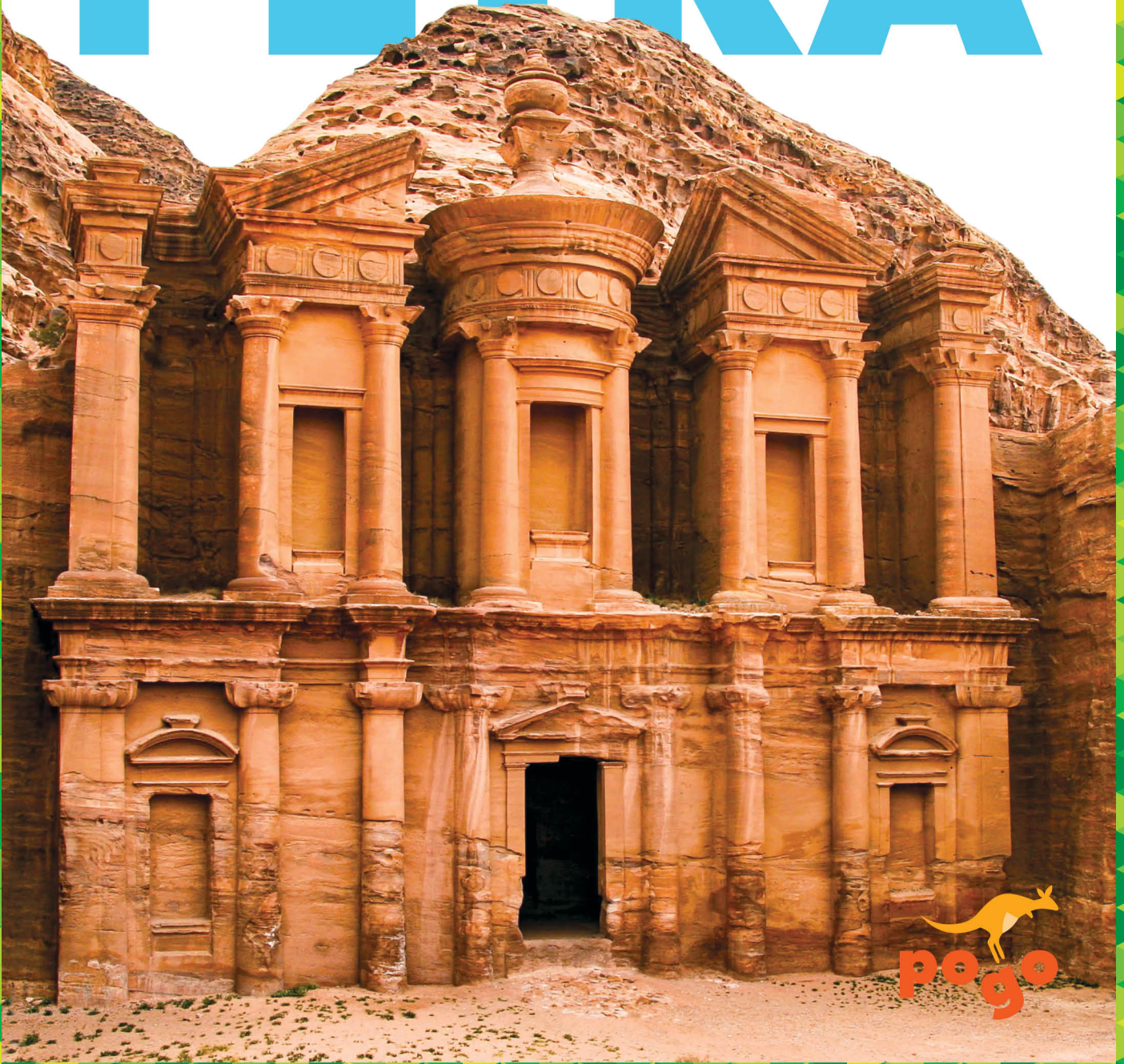


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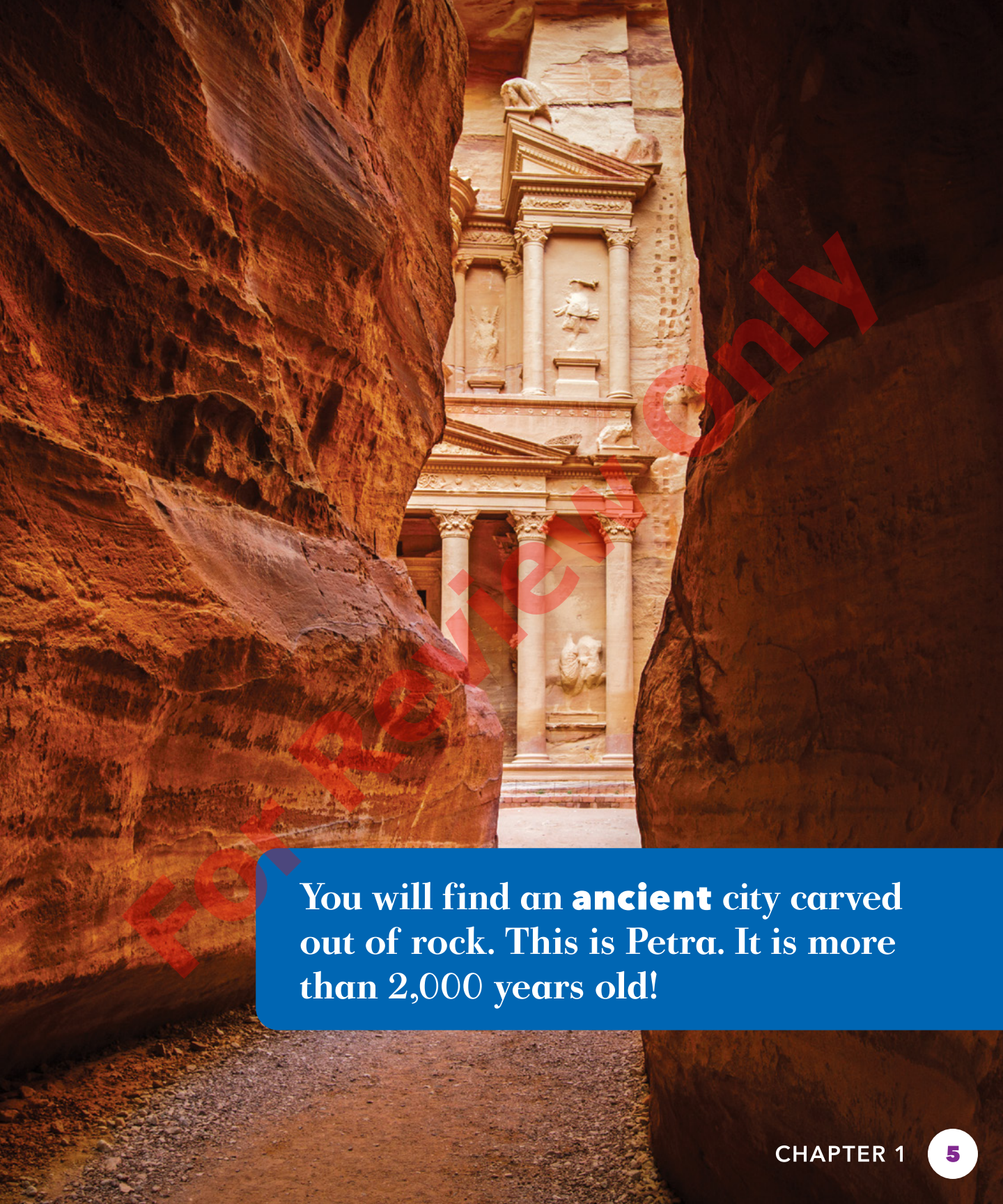


CHAPTER 1

ROSE-RED CITY

Travel south of the Dead Sea in Jordan. Walk through a narrow **gorge** called the **Siq**. It is almost one mile (1.6 kilometers) long.

Siq



You will find an **ancient** city carved out of rock. This is Petra. It is more than 2,000 years old!

Petra means “rock” in Greek. People call it the rose-red city. Why? The **structures** are carved out of red sandstone.

Petra was a **capital** in the 400s BCE. The Nabataean **Kingdom** ruled. This was an Arab **tribe**. More than 30,000 people lived in this desert area.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

People here collected rainwater. It moved through channels and pipes. It was used for farming. What else do you think they used it for?



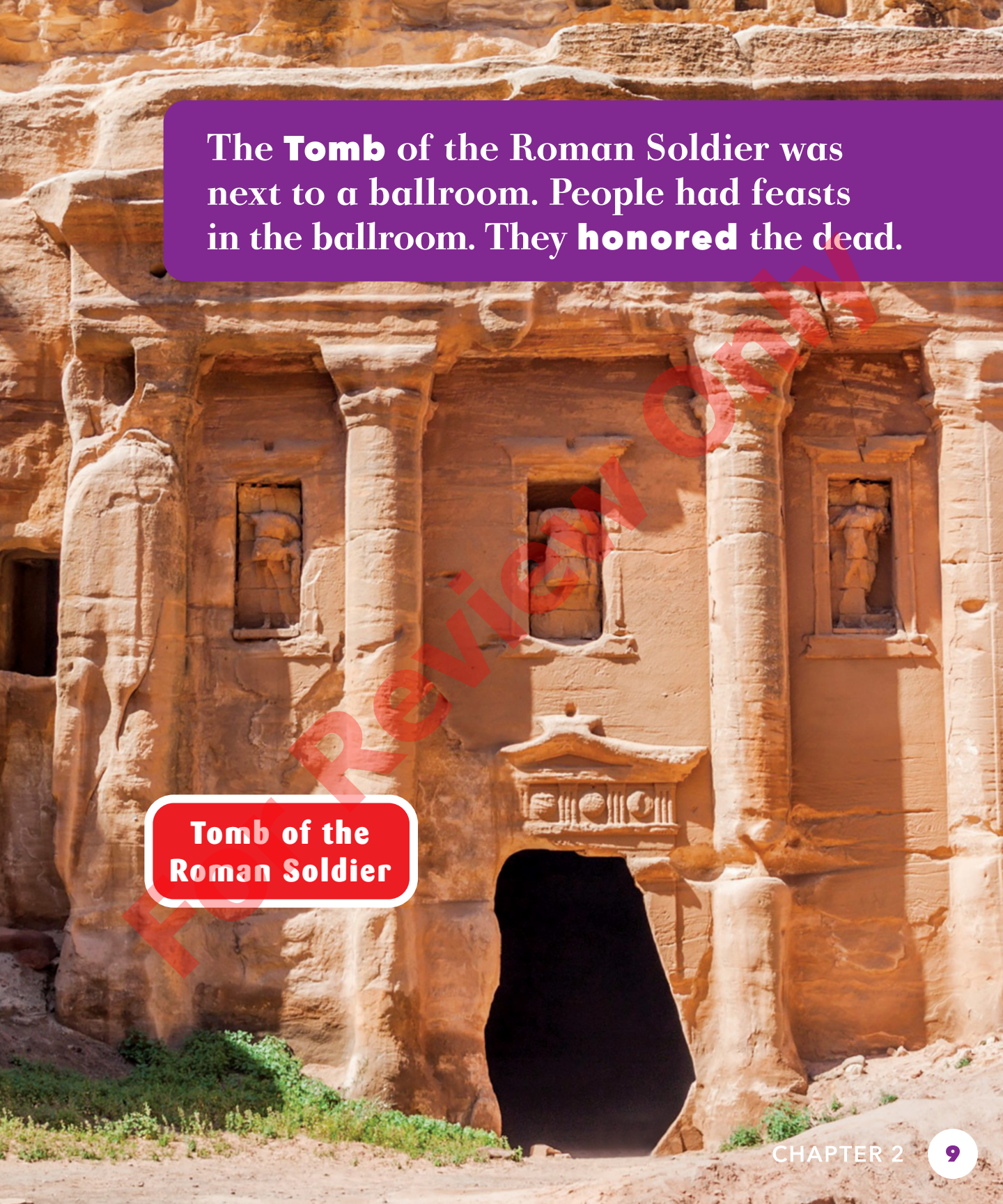


CHAPTER 2

ROCK STRUCTURES

More than 800 structures have been found here. Large groups of people met at the Ad Deir. This was a place of **worship**. The doorway is 26 feet (7.9 meters) tall!

Ad Deir



The **Tomb** of the Roman Soldier was next to a ballroom. People had feasts in the ballroom. They **honored** the dead.

**Tomb of the
Roman Soldier**