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For years, FBI agents **Fox Mulder** and **Dana Scully** toiled in the X-Files Unit, a one-office division of the Bureau dealing with cases deemed unsolvable and related to unexplained phenomena. Eventually, both agents left the FBI and began new lives in peaceful anonymity. However, recent events prompted them to return to the Bureau and the X-Files.

Mulder has been contacted by someone from his father's past connected to the Iran-Contra scandal who somehow survived a firing squad ordered by the **Cigarette Smoking Man**. But the illegal arms deal wasn't the reason CSM and **Bill Mulder** were in Nicaragua...

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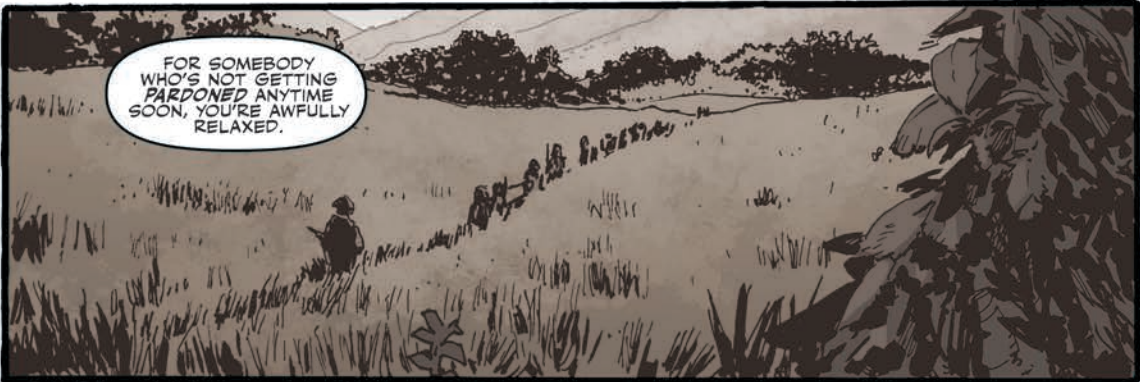


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BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA
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FOR SOMEBODY WHO'S NOT GETTING PARDONED ANYTIME SOON, YOU'RE AWFULLY RELAXED.



GO AHEAD, SMOKE TWO WHILE YOU'RE AT IT.

TRYING TO KILL ME SO SOON, ARE YOU?

TOO LATE IS MORE LIKE IT.



SEE, THIS IS WHY WE WORK SO WELL TOGETHER, MULDER...



...IF I STOPPED TO WORRY ABOUT EVERY PETTY MALFEASANCE OR ILLEGAL OPERATION I'VE BEEN PRIVY TO, IT'D TURN MY HAIR GRAY.

BESIDES, PARDONS ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG.

YOU DON'T FEEL WE'VE DONE ANYTHING WRONG?



QUITE THE CONTRARY.

BUT IT'S HARD TO PROSECUTE A MAN WHO DOESN'T REALLY EXIST BY ANY LEGAL STANDARD, ISN'T IT?



WATCH WHERE YOU ARE GOING!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I CAN'T CONTROL THE—

WHUMP



YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL WITH THAT, SOLDIER.



WAR MIGHT BE WINDING DOWN IN NICARAGUA...



...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THERE'S ANY SHORTAGE OF THINGS TO BE BLOWN UP.

APOLOGIES, SEÑOR! EVERYONE, BE CAREFUL!



SO, HOW'S OUR BOY DOING?

LAST I'D HEARD, **YOUNG FOX** HAD EXCELLED AT THE ACADEMY LIKE EVERY ASPECT OF HIS EDUCATION BEFORE.

VIOLENT CRIMES DIVISION, THEY'VE OCCUPIED HIM WITH.

THEY'VE GOT THEIR WORK **CUT OUT** FOR THEM, I'D SAY.

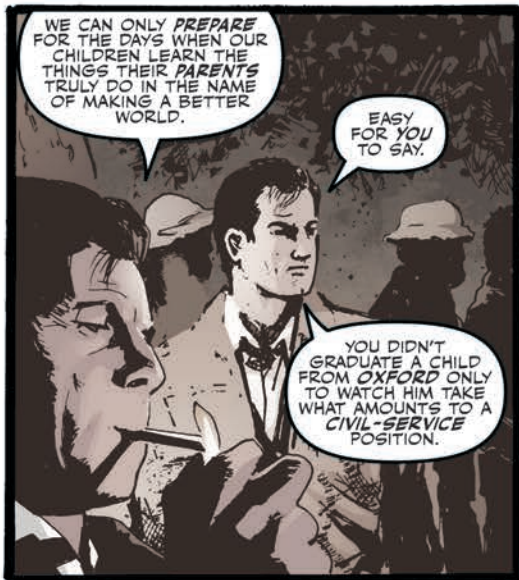


THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF **HORRORS** IN THIS WORLD, MULDER.

I'D THINK YOU'D BE **PROUD** OF SUCH A PROMISING YOUNG MAN DEDICATING HIMSELF TO HELPING OTHERS.

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF **TIME** BEFORE HE STARTS PUTTING TWO AND TWO TOGETHER.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO SHIELD HIM FROM THE **TRUTH** FOR MUCH LONGER.



WE CAN ONLY **PREPARE** FOR THE DAYS WHEN OUR CHILDREN LEARN THE THINGS THEIR **PARENTS** TRULY DO IN THE NAME OF MAKING A BETTER WORLD.

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.

YOU DIDN'T GRADUATE A CHILD FROM **OXFORD** ONLY TO WATCH HIM TAKE WHAT AMOUNTS TO A **CIVIL-SERVICE** POSITION.



SCHOLARSHIP OR NO, HE COULD HAVE RESEARCHED CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, AND ASPIRED TO A GOVERNMENT JOB RIGHT BACK HOME AT SOME **MASSACHUSETTS** SCHOOL, THE WAY I SEE IT.

MAYBE HE GETS HIS **ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT** FROM HIS MOTHER'S SIDE, HM?



ONE MORE SNIDE ALLUSION OUT OF YOU, AND I'M BLOWING THE **WHISTLE** ON THIS ENTIRE OPERATION, DO YOU **UNDERSTAND** ME?

WE ALL HAVE OUR **VESTED INTERESTS**, MULDER.



KEEPING EYES ON THE **BIG PICTURE** WILL HAVE TO SEE US THROUGH.



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