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Previously on *The X-Files*...

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.

In 1970, as a young Marine, **Assistant Director Walter Skinner** uncovered a mysterious amulet deep in the jungles of Vietnam. Now, the amulet has returned to him, bringing the ghosts of his past along with it...

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SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM
1970



THIS PANEL OF INQUIRY TO RESUME AS OF 0800 HOURS.

A REMINDER, THIS IS NOT A TRIAL. THIS PANEL HAS BEEN CONVENED TO DETERMINE THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE ALLEGED CIVILIAN DEATHS DETAILED IN THE RECORD.

CAPTAIN, IF YOU'RE READY, YOU MAY PROCEED WITH QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE SKINNER.



THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I'D LIKE TO SKIP THROUGH THE DETAILS THAT LED YOU TO VISIT—AS YOUR MARINE SQUAD HAS CONSISTENTLY DESCRIBED IT—“SOME OLD TEMPLE” IN THE JUNGLE, AND FOCUS ON YOUR OWN SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE TODAY.

IS THAT ALL RIGHT, PRIVATE?

YES... UM.



YES, SIR, I MEAN.





"...I THINK WE'VE GOTTEN WHAT WE NEEDED."

HEY, SKINNER!



HOW YOU HOLDING UP, MAN?

YOU LOOK TIRED.

I'M NOT SLEEPING VERY WELL LATELY, TO BE HONEST, HICKS.

THAT'S TOO BAD, SKINNER.

BUT WE'VE JUST GOTTA HANG TOUGH THROUGH THIS, LIKE COUNSEL SAYS, RIGHT?



THE INQUEST HAS BEEN HARD ON EVERYBODY.

I'M JUST HAPPY TO BE GOING HOME SOON.

YOU'RE LUCKY. SOME OF US HAVE TO STICK AROUND YET.

AND IF THIS ALL DOESN'T GO AWAY QUICK, WHO KNOWS WHAT'LL HAPPEN.



REMEMBER WHO YOUR FRIENDS ARE, SKINNER.

WE DON'T WANT GREENE TO HAVE DIED FOR NOTHING.

HEY, HICKS... WHERE'D YOU GET...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SKINNER?



I'M NOT CARRYING ANYTHING AROUND THAT WE AIN'T ALL CARRYING, RIGHT?

YOU'VE JUST GOTTA STEP TO NOW, PRIVATE, AN' GO WITH THE FLOW.

YOU NEED TO THINK, YOU THINK ABOUT GREENE, HEAR...?

"YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR *BROTHERS*, OUT THERE DEEP IN THE *SHIT* WITH YOU..."



"...AN' I KNOW *EVERYTHING* IS GONNA BE ALL RIGHT."



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