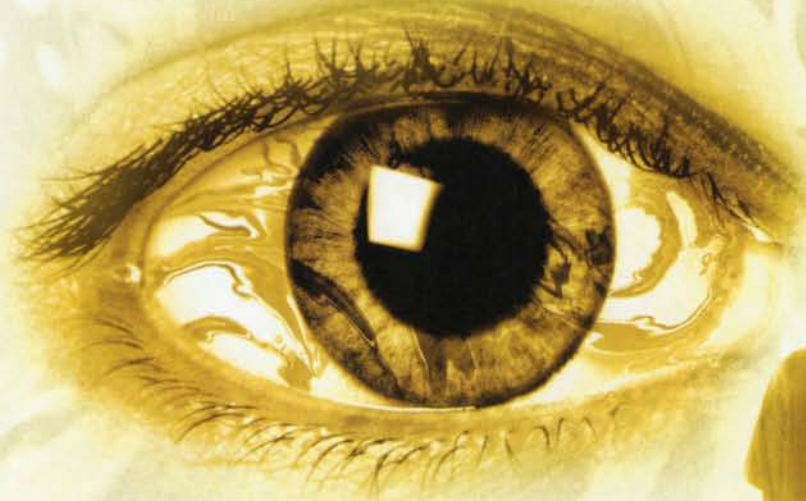


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# BLACK OIL





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October 1995

NISEI

Following leads that began with an "alien autopsy" tape, Scully encounters a group of women, all claiming to be abductees, who tell her that she too was subjected to "the tests." Meanwhile Mulder boards a train he believes is transporting an alien life form.

X3 Nisei

October 1995

731

The Syndicate convinces Scully that her abduction was the result of secret experiments conducted by Japanese doctors on unwilling subjects. Mulder, who thinks the project's real goal was to create alien-human hybrids, tries to find the proof he needs.

X3 731

October 1995

X SAVES MULDER'S LIFE

Trapped aboard the train car carrying the possible hybrid, Mulder is attacked and knocked unconscious by the assassin who killed the Japanese doctors. Just before the train explodes, X saves Mulder's life by carrying him to safety — a fact Mulder is unaware of.

X3 731

October 1995

PIPER MARU

A salvage mission to a sunken World War II fighter plane brings a Black Oil entity to the surface. While investigating, the agents discover the deadly fate of a U.S. sub sent 50 years ago to recover the plane. They also learn of a secret digital tape being sought by Krycek.

X3 Piper Maru

October 1995

SCULLY TRACKS A KILLER

Scully is frustrated when the murder investigation of her sister Melissa is declared inactive. New leads arise when a man shoots Skinner, who turns out to be Luis Cardinal, an operative of the Cigarette-Smoking Man and Melissa's murderer.

X3 Piper Maru and Apocrypha

October 1995

APOCRYPHA

Krycek, infected with the Black Oil, trades the digital tape with CSM in exchange for the location of the alien craft downed in WWII. In an abandoned missile silo, CSM prevents Mulder and Scully from finding the entity which oozes out of Krycek's body and back into its ship.

X3 Apocrypha

Circa 1996

TALITHA CUMI

A case involving miraculous healing causes the agents to meet Jeremiah Smith, an alien rebel who seeks to resist colonization. When Smith escapes from CSM, the Bounty Hunter pursues Smith by using the Stiletto against the Bounty Hunter.

X3 Talitha Cumi

Circa 1996

MULDER'S MOTHER SAVED

When his mother suffers a stroke after arguing with CSM, Mulder asks Smith to use his powers to save her. But ultimately, CSM, who once had a possible romantic relationship with Mrs. Mulder, has the Bounty Hunter cure her.

X3 Talitha Cumi

X4 Hemenvolk



1996

### Circa 1996 HERRENVOLK

Smith takes Mulder to a farm inhabited by clones of his young sister Samantha. The Bounty Hunter learns of Smith and Mulder's location by taking Scully hostage. Mulder loses Smith and the clone of Samantha when he is incapacitated by the Bounty Hunter.

X4 Herrenvolk



1996

### Circa 1996 SMALLPOX CATALOG

By reviewing data taken from Smith's computer at the Social Security office, Scully learns of the secret program designed to catalog every human through the use of a unique genetic marker located in smallpox scars.

X4 Herrenvolk



1996

### Circa 1996 DEATH OF X

When X is exposed as a traitor, CSM has him killed. Before he dies, X manages to scrawl out a message written in his own blood — "SRS6". This message leads Mulder to encounter Marita Covarrubias, the Special Representative to the U.N. Secretary General.

X4 Herrenvolk



1996

### Circa 1996 CSM REVEALED

The Lone Gunmen reveal to Mulder and Scully that CSM is a lonely and powerful man who has had a direct hand in the assassination of leaders and presidents. However, CSM secretly wishes he could give up the Syndicate and follow his dream of being a writer.

X4 Musings of a Cigarette-Smoking Man



1996

### Nov. - Dec. 1996 TUNGUSKA

Krycek returns and leads the agents to a rock infested with the Black Oil. Mulder takes Krycek to the rock's origin in Tunguska, Russia. The two are imprisoned in a Russian Gulag where Mulder is given a vaccine and exposed to the Black Oil.

X4 Tunguska



1996

### Nov. - Dec. 1996 TERMA

Leaving Krycek behind, Mulder escapes the Gulag. Back in the U.S., Mulder follows a lead to Terma, North Dakota, hoping to find another Black Oil rock. Mulder arrives too late as Peskow, an ex-KGB agent, destroys the rock in an oil well explosion.

X4 Terma



1996

### Nov. - Dec. 1996 COMRADE KRYCEK

In the Gulag, Mulder learns that Alex Krycek could be a Russian spy. Unfortunately for Krycek, he is caught by a group of men who cut off his right arm in order to "protect" him from the Black Oil tests. Later, Krycek is told by Peskow that the rock has been destroyed.

X4 Terma



1997

### Early 1997 MOMENTO MORI

Scully is diagnosed with the same type of lethal cancer responsible for the death of female abductees. While trying to save Scully, Mulder is contacted by a group of clones who explain that the ova of these women had been harvested for use in the cloning process.

X4 Momento Mori



## BLACK OIL

Dormant for millions of years, the Black Oil lay waiting for the Alien Colonists to return. A sentient entity, it has the ability to inhabit and control human beings. Mulder and Scully first learn of it while investigating a sunken WWII vessel. The Black Oil has been described as “the life force” of the Alien Colonists.

## X

Out of loyalty to Deep Throat, X double-crosses CSM to aid Mulder. A devious operative, X alternately manipulates or intervenes on the behalf of the agents. Despite his intent not to suffer Deep Throat's fate, X eventually pays in blood for his double cross. He leaves a last message for Mulder — “SRSG.”

## MARITA COVARRUBIAS

X's message of “SRSG,” leads Mulder to Marita Covarrubias, a U.N. official. However, due to her ties to CSM and the Syndicate, Marita is an untrustworthy source. As a result of her double dealings, Marita ultimately becomes a test subject in the Syndicate's Black Oil experimentation.

## ALEX KRYCEK

Initially one of CSM's men, Krycek becomes a rogue agent. While trying to sell government secrets, Krycek becomes inhabited by the Black Oil entity and is left entombed in a missile silo. After escaping, Krycek leads Mulder to Tunguska, Russia, where Black Oil tests are being conducted.

## JEREMIAH SMITH

A member of the alien rebels, Jeremiah Smith seeks to help humanity by subverting the aliens' plans. Smith tries to expose the colonization plot to Mulder, including the plan to use lethal bees to transmit the Black Oil virus, but Smith is thwarted by the relentless Bounty Hunter.

## ALIEN BOUNTY HUNTER

A deadly instrument of the alien colonists, possessing the ability to change form at will, the Bounty Hunter pursues Mulder, Smith and others whom the agents attempt to protect. Nearly unstoppable, the Bounty Hunter can only be killed with the Stiletto — a weapon that Mulder is able to locate.

## MICHAEL KRITSCHGAU

Michael Kritschgau, a D.D.O. agent disillusioned over his son's illness, tells the agents that everything that Mulder believes about alien life is a lie and that Mulder has been used to propagate the lies. A couple of years later, Kritschgau aids Mulder who is suffering from unusual hyperactivity of the brain.

## MAX FENIG

Back in 1993, Mulder tried to save Max Fenig from being abducted, but to no avail. Years later, Max is killed in a mysterious plane crash while trying to bring the agents evidence of alien existence. Mulder and Scully discover that the crash was the result of a mid-air collision with a UFO.

## THE X-FILES: BLACK OIL

While investigating a series of deaths connected to a sunken World War II aircraft, Mulder and Scully encounter a mysterious black oil, which Mulder believes to be an extraterrestrial entity, capable of inhabiting a human host. A tip from Krycek leads Mulder to Siberia, where in 1908, an unidentified object smashed into the Earth. In a Russian Gulag, Mulder is forced to have a deadly encounter with the Black Oil. As Scully continues to search for the truth behind her abduction, she meets a group of women abductees who all have chips identical to the one found in Scully's neck. Yet after all Mulder and Scully have experienced, when they are asked to verify the remains of an alien body, they finally discover just how far the government will go to make Mulder believe.

### AGENTS FOX MULDER and DANA SCULLY

Fox Mulder, driven by a need to understand his sister Samantha's abduction, uses his early success at the FBI to reopen the X-Files. In his quest to explain paranormal phenomenon, Mulder begins to uncover a global conspiracy involving the shadowy Syndicate and alien beings intent on colonizing Earth. Dana Scully gave up a promising medical career to join the FBI and was originally assigned to the X-Files in order to debunk it. Scully soon comes to support Mulder in his cause but she retains her scientific objectivity in her approach to the paranormal. Along the way, the agents learn that the price they have to pay to reveal the truth is high.