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AGENT EINSTEIN

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ACT TWO

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A FAMILIAR DOOR IS PUSHED OPEN -- BY SPECIAL AGENT EINSTEIN

MULDER (O.S.)
Agent Einstein -- come in --

INT. THE X-FILES OFFICE - NIGHT (N2)

Mulder where we left him, feet on his desk, book on his lap.

> AGENT EINSTEIN
-- you look mighty relaxed --

MULDER
Please -- join me -- have a seat --

> AGENT EINSTEIN
(remains standing)
-- I came here in good faith, Agent Mulder -- but lives are at stake --

MULDER
You fear this is a waste of time --

> AGENT EINSTEIN
-- if there's another terrorist act and I'm here listening to some woo woo treatise on the paranormal -- I don't think I could forgive myself.

MULDER
I don't do woo woo, Agent Einstein.

> AGENT EINSTEIN
So what's your big idea, how we're going to talk with this terrorist --

MULDER
-- may we first discuss the nature of reality as you perceive it --

> AGENT EINSTEIN
-- the nature of reality -- ?

MULDER
-- do you believe that thoughts have mass, that ideas such as faith or forgiveness have weight much as this desk or any material does --

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➤AGENT EINSTEIN

-- you're too much, Agent Mulder --

Agent Einstein starts for the door, stopped by Mulder's:

MULDER

-- it's a legitimate question --

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

There's a legitimate answer. No.

MULDER

-- what makes you so sure -- ?

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

-- when I stand on the scale and think of ice cream my ass doesn't grow -- need I illustrate further --

MULDER

-- but I'm sure you believe words have weight -- the weight to move people to go kill other people --

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

-- people kill people, bombs kill people -- words incite people to kill people as instruments of hate, but are not lethal in themselves --

MULDER

Ever suck a lemon, Agent Einstein -- do you experience a sensation right now -- a quasi-measureable effect --

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

-- I'm just getting a taste of what Agent Scully must suffer through --

MULDER

Neo-Darwinists believe that every action, every spoken word or, lest I mis-perceive, every perception a step in the evolution of mankind --

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

-- a butterfly beats its wings in China -- but it won't be defusing explosives in any suicide vests --

MULDER

-- you have a terrorist lying in a state of existence between life and death -- if he holds valuable intel on other terrorists, maybe to talk to him you need to expand your mind about the so-called material world.

CUT TO:

INT. TEXAS AIRPORT - NIGHT (N2)

Scully appears, carrying a small bag. Spotting Agent Miller.

SCULLY

There was a delay in Washington, I got here as quickly as I could --

AGENT MILLER

-- let me say, I'm blown away you came down here to help me at all --

SCULLY

I sensed your great frustration --

AGENT MILLER

-- I just want to believe there's some way of reaching this young man and learning what he might know --

SCULLY

-- I believe there just may be -- but not the way you might think --

AGENT MILLER

-- what way is that, Agent Scully?

SCULLY

-- not through an oracle, a psychic or a seer, but through science --

AGENT MILLER

-- I don't know how you mean --

Scully stops to give weight to the weightiness of her words.

SCULLY

Heavy as it sounds, this is a very personal quest for me -- my mother was in a coma recently and I had no way to communicate with her either.



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AGENT MILLER

-- I take it she's passed...?

Scully nods and Agent Miller acknowledges the gravity.

SCULLY

I wish I would've had the presence of mind to come up with this while she was alive. It might have solved a mystery for me I may never know --

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CUT TO:

INT. THE X-FILES OFFICE - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS (N2)

Agent Einstein stands in front of Mulder's desk now, arms crossed. Mulder remains in his chair, legs up on the desk.

> AGENT EINSTEIN

-- enlighten me, Agent Mulder -- on how nine years of college, three degrees and two years at Quantico have left me such a poor imbecile --

Mulder takes his feet off the desk, gets up and moves to her.

MULDER

-- not an imbecile. But a mugwump.

> AGENT EINSTEIN

I resent that characterization, and I don't even know what it means --

MULDER

-- it means sit down and shut up.

> AGENT EINSTEIN

You talk to Agent Scully like that?

MULDER

Only when she's being a mugwump --

Mulder and Agent Einstein are eye to eye. Then she sits.

> AGENT EINSTEIN

-- I'll give you two minutes -- then I'm back to the real world --

Mulder moves to his computer, hits a key -- and brings up a picture of A TALL, THIN MUSHROOM on the large screen monitor.

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MULDER

-- behold Psilocybe Tampanensis --

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

-- I'm afraid where this is going --

MULDER

-- the so-called Magic Mushroom --
the study of which has begun anew
by respected medical practitioners
from Columbia University to Oxford.

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

-- highly contentious studies --

MULDER

-- but rather uncontended results --
most subjects reporting experiences
that transcended time and space --
confrontations with the deceased --
some touching the very face of God.

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

(skeptically)

You believe in God, Agent Mulder?

Mulder takes a beat. It's the same question Scully asked.

MULDER

No. Not in the monotheistic God
something tells me that you do --

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

My faith is very important to me.

MULDER

-- y'know, I think I'm having an
out-of-body experience right now --

➤AGENT EINSTEIN

That's nice, Agent Mulder -- you
got about a minute and counting --

MULDER

The test subjects report that the
impediment of a physical body is
removed and that deep and lasting
truths are revealed in ways that
the conscious mind won't allow --
~~feelings of unity, sacredness,
ineffability, peace and joy,~~ all
without altering brain chemistry --

➤ AGENT EINSTEIN

-- are you proposing that we
administer the Magic Mushroom to
the terrorist, Agent Mulder -- ?

MULDER

-- no -- I propose you give it to
me to try to communicate with him --

➤ AGENT EINSTEIN

-- with a technically dead man -- ?

MULDER

-- death is now viewed by some as
simply another plane of existence --
I believe the terrorist hasn't even
achieved that plane and in fact may
well be reachable on our plane --

➤ AGENT EINSTEIN

-- and you called me back here to
ask me if I'd administer this drug -
- an illicit Schedule 1 substance --

MULDER

-- as a medical professional --

➤ AGENT EINSTEIN

-- which Agent Scully is, as well --

Mulder clears his throat, or maybe takes a deep breath.

MULDER

-- Agent Scully had her own life-
altering death experience recently
and needn't be troubled with this --

➤ AGENT EINSTEIN

-- you want to keep it between us?

MULDER

-- yes -- if you wouldn't mind --

Einstein rises, takes her own deep breath now. And smiles.

➤ AGENT EINSTEIN

-- oh, I wouldn't mind at all --
because there will be nothing to
say -- except maybe to internal
affairs, if I went through with
this lunatic scheme of yours --

MULDER
-- what's lunatic about it -- ?

AGENT EINSTEIN
-- let me think -- everything -- ?

Einstein moves to the door, but turns for a parting shot.

AGENT EINSTEIN (CONT'D)
And rest assured Agent Mulder, when
I walk out of here I will never
again darken your basement door --

~~STOP~~ TO:

~~INT. ICU HOSPITAL ROOM (TEXAS) NIGHT (N2)~~

~~Scully and Agent Miller stand over the inert body of life-
supported, disfigured terrorist, Shiraz. Staring down at him.
His chest rises, falls with the ventilator's mechanical help.~~

~~AGENT MILLER
-- hard to imagine there's someone
in there when you really see him --~~

~~SCULLY
-- research bears out a surprising
incidence of neuro-activity even in
the most severely brain damaged --~~

~~AGENT MILLER
-- you mean sort of like, there's
nobody home but the lights are on --~~

~~SCULLY
-- if only just a single bulb --
what I want to try is a rather
novel but not untested protocol --~~

~~AGENT MILLER
-- I'm open to... whatever --~~

~~Scully studies Agent Miller for a moment -- and smiles.~~

~~SCULLY
I'm certain you are, Agent Miller.~~

~~AGENT MILLER
I believe that so many answers lie
beyond the pale of the known world,
in realms of extreme possibility --~~