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SPECIAL AGENT DANA SCULLY

Dana Scully scores a respectable 6 on the geek scale. If the name still doesn't compute, you can take 4 if Mulder and Scully rings a bell. If I have to say *The X-Files*, you don't get any points. Still, any decent geek will recognize the TV and film character that was really the first to mix sexy and truly geeky. Attractive women have always been a mainstay of geek-oriented film, comics, and television, but Scully was the smart one in the Mulder and Scully pairing, and that

character would never be caught dead in spandex. Scully was also a real Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) special agent. Well, she was a fictional real FBI agent, but you get the point. She didn't run around and shoot everything. Scully behaved as an agent would. She investigated. She followed legal procedures. Her character brought the reality of a legal bureaucracy to the screen in a way that had never really been done before, at least not on in the realm of the geeks.