

SCENE I

EXT. BEAR MOUNTAIN PARKING LOT - DAY

Bastion manually releases the lift gate to gain access.

A PARK RANGER, 27, tight-assed ball buster, pulls up in a PATROL CAR. Bastion stands there red handed. The Park Ranger gets out and struts over.

PARK RANGER

There's a reason the gate was down Jolly Rancher. The park's closed today. What are you doing here? And don't tell me it's a free country.

BASTION

Look, I'm here to meet somebody. I'll only be about twenty minutes.

PARK RANGER

Who are you meeting? Way out here?

BASTION

I'm here to meet Poncho Vegas.

PARK RANGER

Poncho Vegas? You mean to tell me that if I sit tight, right here, that a man named Poncho Vegas is just gonna stroll right up in here and meet with you.

BASTION

That's right.

PARK RANGER

So what is he gonna do when he gets here? This... Poncho Vegas.

BASTION

Look, you're gonna ruin this for me. He's not gonna show up until I'm alone.

The Park Ranger peers into Bastion's car. PILL BOTTLES litter the floor and a VALENTINE'S CARD sits on the seat.

PARK RANGER

What's that?

BASTION

What's what?

PARK RANGER
On your seat there.

BASTION
Oh, that? That's nothing.

PARK RANGER
Nothing aye? Let me see that. Not
the card. The flyer.

Bastion hands him the "Arcanatum". The Park Ranger examines
the flyer. The WORD SEARCH PUZZLE reveals THREE CIRCLED
WORDS: "Meet Poncho Vegas."

PARK RANGER
Are you with them? The "Arcanatum"?
I assumed you were just another out-
of-towner. No one usually parks
this far away.

BASTION
I'm here to see the "Arcanatum". I
don't want to be late. I missed
them last time.

The Park Ranger hands Bastion TWO, TRAIL MAPS.

PARK RANGER
Here's a map of the trails. One for
you...
(deliberately mischievous)
...and one for Poncho Vegas.

Both maps are identical, however, the second map for Poncho
Vegas has HAND-WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS on it.