A7280  AREA 88  (JAPAN, 1985)  [ANIMATED TV SERIES]
(Other titles: Eria 88)

Credits: director, Hisayuki Toriumi ; writer, Akiyoshi Sakai ; story, Kaoru Shintain.
Cast: (voices) Kaneto Shiozawa, Yoshihito Yasuhara, Sakiko Tamagawa, Taro Shigaki.

Summary: Anime war series set in the contemporary Middle East. The desert Kingdom of Asran is being torn apart by a bloody civil war. On the front lines of the battle lies a mercenary air force base - often, the last refuge for pilots from around the world - a hellish pit known as Area 88. Japanese pilot Shin Kazama had everything going for him - a beautiful and wealthy girlfriend and a promising career as a pilot with Yamato Airways. That is, until the night his 'best friend,' Kanzaki, duped him into signing up as a pilot for the Asran Mercenary Air Force. With Shin out of the way -- perhaps permanently -- nothing will stand between Kanzaki and Shin's girlfriend, Ryoko! As Shin soon discovers, there are only four ways out of Area 88: survive for three years, pay the $1.5 million penalty, desertion, or ... death. Another of the mercenary pilots, American Mick Simon, is a Vietnam veteran.

_________. “Area 88 – Target 02 – A lonely crossing of paths” DVD talk (Sep 13, 2005) http://www.dvdtalk.com/reviews/read.php?ID=17759

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