C2290  THE CAGE  (USA, 1989)

Credits: director, Lang Elliott ; writer, Hugh Kelley
Cast: Lou Ferrigno, Reb Brown, Michael Dante
Summary: Action/adventure and martial arts film set in Vietnam in 1969 and in contemporary Los Angeles. Mobsters try to convince Billy (Ferrigno), a brain-damaged Vietnam vet, to become a cage fighter -- a 'sport' where two men are locked in a steel cage to fight without rules and without mercy until one man is killed. His Vietnam buddy Scott (Brown) tries to prevent this but the mobsters fire-bomb Scott's bar and kidnap Billy. Scott must fight the mob to rescue his friend from the cage.

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