S3680 SIDEKICKS (USA, 1993)

**Credits:** director, Aaron Norris; writers, Don Thompson, Lou Illar.

**Cast:** Chuck Norris, Beau Bridges, Jonathan Brandis, Mako.

**Summary:** Martial arts/comedy set in contemporary Texas. Daydreams turn to reality when an asthmatic boy’s fantasy hero, Chuck Norris, comes to his real-life rescue by becoming his partner in the state karate championships. A *Karate Kid* imitation, with Mako (playing a Chinese American cook) assuming the role of teacher. Includes scenes from Norris’s *Missing in action* films.


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