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W2776 WARRIORS (CANADA/ISRAEL, 1994)

Credits: director, Shimon Doltan ; writers, Alexander Epstein, Benjamin Gold.

Cast: Gary Busey, Michael Pare, Wendi Fulford, Catherine MacKenzie.

Summary: Action/adventure film set in the contemporary U.S. Colonel Frank Vail (Busey) a skilled government assassin who commands a secret anti-terrorist hit squad of psychopathic former soldiers, goes AWOL to see his dying father. Capt. Colin Neal (Paré), whom Vail once trained, is sent to bring Vail back dead or alive. Vail is a Vietnam vet, who after returning from a particularly bloody mission there and suffering from post-traumatic stress, was overwhelmed by paranoia, lost control, and killed a number of civilians in his hometown. The government gave him a choice: join the secret anti-terrorist unit or spend the rest of his life in prison. The unit's members are all officially dead and the government does not want the unit's extra-legal operations exposed. Vail evades Neal and reaches his dying father. The father, it turns out, is a retired Marine general who actually gave the order that sent his son Frank on that hopeless mission in Vietnam. He wants Frank to shoot him, but Frank refuses. The old man finally dies and is given a Viking send-off in a burning boat by Frank. Then Vail and Neal, who has by now changed sides, fight the remaining psychopaths of the hit-squad who have been sent to silence them.

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