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<p>1993 film</p>

<p>Only the Strong is a 1993 martial arts film directed by Sheldon Lettich

, starring Mark Dacascos.</p>

<p>It is considered to be the only Hollywood film that showcase

s capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian martial art, from beginning to end.</p>

<p>Plot [edit]</p>

<p>Former Green Beret Louis Stevens (Mark Dacascos) returns to

his hometown of Miami after completing military service in Brazil, only to learn

that his old high school has become a haven for gangs and drug dealers.

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<p>After Stevens uses his capoeira skills to kick several drug

dealers off the school property, Mr.

Kerrigan (Geoffrey Lewis), one of Stevens' old teachers, sees the i

mpact that Stevens has on the students.</p>

<p>Kerrigan gives him the task of teaching capoeira to a handful of the wo

rst at-risk students at the school, giving Stevens an abandoned fire

station as their practice area.</p>

<p>While doing so, Stevens earns the ire of the local drug lord

, Silverio Oliveiras (Paco Christian Prieto), whose younger cousin, Orlando Oliv

eiras (Richard Coca), is one of Stevens' students.</p>

<p>Silverio is also a master of capoeira, and he engages Stevens in combat

, beating him viciously.</p>

<p>The horrified Orlando resolves to learn everything he can fr

om Stevens.</p>

<p>Stevens' class learns quickly, and they become very skilled at capo

eira.</p>

<p>The principal, delighted, proposes a district-wide capoeira

program to the school board.</p>

<p>After a field trip with his class, Stevens once again clashes with Silv

erio, who declares war against him.</p>

<p>Silverio's gang terrorizes the high school and sets fire to Kerriga

n's classroom, resulting in the death of one of Stevens' stud

ents.</p>

<p>As a result of this incident, Stevens is accused at fault, banished fro

m the school grounds and the capoeira program is terminated.</p>

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<p>In retaliation to the attack, Stevens sneaks into Silverio's chop s

hop and defeats the workers before setting a cash-filled car on fire.

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<p>Furious, Silverio orders the gang to bring Stevens to him alive.</p>

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<p>Orlando flees to get help.</p>

<p>After a desperate battle, Stevens is finally captured and br