

= Christy Jenkins =

Christy Jenkins is a fictional character from the American television supernatural drama *Charmed*, which aired on the WB Television Network (the WB) from 1998 to 2006 . *Charmed* follows the supernatural adventures of the Charmed Ones , a trio of sisters known as the most powerful witches of all time . The character was created by executive producer Brad Kern and was portrayed by actress Marnette Patterson . Developed in response to the WB 's request for a new character , Christy was originally planned to expand the show in a new direction for a possible ninth season or spin @-@ off .

Introduced as Billie Jenkins 's long @-@ lost sister , she secretly collaborates with the demonic council known as the Triad with their plans to destroy the Charmed Ones . She possesses the powers of telepathy and pyrokinesis and is referred to as the key to the " Ultimate Power " due to her connection to Billie , who is prophesied to be the " Ultimate Power " . She eventually convinces Billie that the Charmed Ones are corrupt , and use their power to fulfill their own personal desires , rather than help for the greater good . Billie kills Christy in self @-@ defense after being unable to convince her to understand the Halliwell sisters were good , and to return home with her . The character is further referenced in the canonical comic books *Charmed : Season 9* as well as in one of the novels . The exact nature of Christy 's morality has been the subject of debate among critics and fans .

After speculation as to whether the character would be featured in a spin @-@ off , it was confirmed that all future plans for the show were cancelled following the WB 's closure to launch CW Television Network (The CW) . Kern later felt that focusing the final season on Billie and Christy changed the show from its original meaning , while Patterson described the role as expanding her appreciation for science fiction . Critical response to the character was mixed : some critics praised her storyline with Billie , while others criticized Patterson 's acting , and the character 's development as a sign of the show 's declining quality .

= = Development = =

= = = Concept and creation = = =

The WB Television Network (the WB) renewed *Charmed* for an eighth season on condition that it incorporate new characters that could either sustain a ninth season or a spin @-@ off series because lead actors Alyssa Milano , Holly Marie Combs , and Rose McGowan did not want to renew their contracts for future seasons . Brian Krause , who played Leo Wyatt , expressed confusion at the direction of the final season , stating : " I don 't know if they were trying to groom talent to go on to something else " . During the WB 's merge with United Paramount Network (UPN) to form the CW in 2006 , network executives said there was not enough room for a *Charmed* spin @-@ off . In an interview with E ! 's Kristin Veitch , Cuoco confirmed that a spin @-@ off involving her character would not be developed , saying " *Charmed* is done " . Executive producer Brad Kern initially called the sisterhood between Billie and Christy a " poetic " way to preserve the show 's focus on family . Patterson said that the opportunity to be featured on an established series was " really great " , saying : " it was great to be a part of a highly anticipated finale . " She added that she had " instant chemistry " with Cuoco , and that their connection made it easier to act out their storyline as sisters .

= = = Characterization and powers = = =

Christy has been described as a " source of fandom controversy " over the definition of her morality . Kern called Christy " a little traumatized " and " mysterious " , raising the question if she was " the sweet child " or someone " Stockholm Syndrome 'd and now believes in the demonic way " . He cited the nature versus nurture debate as one of the factors behind the development of the

character . Brittany Spanos of Vulture.com viewed Christy as an evil witch because of her betrayal of Billie and the Charmed Ones , and SpoilerTV 's Gavin Hetherington identified her as the season 's big bad . In their book The Book of Three , authors Diana G. Gallagher and Paul Ruditis write that she was the Triad 's protégée . Ruditis , who later became the lead writer on Charmed Season 9 , viewed Billie as a pawn , instead of a proper villain , and questioned the lack of a strong , female antagonist on the show . Demain of Television Without Pity compared Christy 's identification as the key to the " Ultimate Power " to Buffy the Vampire Slayer character Dawn Summers (Michelle Trachtenberg) , who was also known as the Key .

Christy is the oldest of Carl and Helen Jenkins 's two daughters . Both of her parents are mortal , and her powers were inherited from her maternal grandmother , making her a carrier of the genes determining magical ability . As a witch , Christy possesses the basic ability to cast spells , perform rituals , brew potions , scry for lost people or objects through the use of a crystal pendent , and communicate with the dead . She also possesses an advanced form of telepathy , enabling her to hear and project her thoughts , as well as channeling other magical creatures ' powers . Carl and Helen Jenkins (David Starzyk and Barbara Niven) said Christy heard voices prior to her kidnapping , implying that this power was already active . As a firestarter , Christy had the power of pyrokinesis ; this power could be augmented by Billie 's projection powers to vanquish demons previously believed to be invincible .

= = Appearances = =

= = = Television = = =

As a child , Christy was kidnapped by a demon called Reinhardt (Brian Oerly) as part of a plan by the demonic council known as the Triad (Steven J. Oliver , Seren Oliver , and Leland Crooke) to destroy the Charmed Ones : Piper Halliwell (Holly Marie Combs) , Phoebe Halliwell (Alyssa Milano) , and Paige Matthews (Rose McGowan) . Prior to her abduction , the Triad sent the demon Dumain (Anthony Cistaro) to pose as Christy 's imaginary friend and corrupt her . It is implied that Christy has some awareness about the Triad as her parents find the council 's symbol on the final page of her diary . During the fifteen years of her kidnapping , Christy is taught to believe that it is her destiny to unite with her sister Billie Jenkins and to stop the Charmed Ones since they have become corrupted by their selfish desires . After gaining the power to warp reality , Billie travels back in time to speak with an 11 @-@ year @-@ old Christy and track down her location . She rescues Christy off @-@ screen between the episodes " 12 Angry Zen " and " The Last Temptation of Christy " .

With the Halliwells ' help , Billie attempts to help Christy reintegrate back into everyday life and to gain control over her powers . Billie and the Halliwells are unaware of Christy 's collaboration with the Triad . At this time , Billie is identified as the " Ultimate Power " foreshadowed in earlier episodes as the season 's big bad , and Christy as the key to the " Ultimate Power " . The Triad arranges for Christy 's parents to be killed by a pair of Noxon demons (John Rosenfeld and David S. Lee) , believing prolonged contact with them could sway her morality to the side of good . Billie becomes angry and feels betrayed by the Halliwell sisters when they decide to interrogate the demons to gather more information about the " Ultimate Power " rather than killing them to avenge her parents ' deaths . Christy uses this moment to turn Billie against the Charmed Ones . Billie and Christy vanquish the Noxon demons , who were previously believed to be invincible , and the Halliwell sisters realize that Billie is the " Ultimate Power " .

Christy attempts to convince Billie that the Charmed Ones only use their powers for their own personal gain rather than to support the greater good , and it is their destiny to stop them . Billie agrees with Christy 's plans to kill the Halliwells after exploring the sisters ' dreams and believing their " inner @-@ truths " were driven by selfish desires . After turning the magical community against the Halliwells , Billie and Christy engage in the ultimate battle with the sisters , which destroys Halliwell Manor and kills Christy , Phoebe , and Paige . Billie uses her projection power to

travel back in time to save Christy , but discovers that she was being manipulated by the Triad . She realizes that Christy is working with the Triad and begins to question her morality . Christy and Dumain steal the cupid Coop 's (Victor Webster) ring to travel back in time to warn the Triad about the outcome of the ultimate battle . Billie helps the sisters project back in time to vanquish the Triad and the past and present versions of Dumain . Billie attempts unsuccessfully to convince Christy to come back home with her . Christy throws a fireball at Billie and the Halliwell sisters , forcing Billie to telekinetically deflect it back at her and kill her .

= = = Literature = = =

Christy is also referenced in a novel and the comic books based on the Charmed television series . In " Trickery Treat " , Paige experiences guilt for being unable to prevent the massacre of the magic community because Christy puts her under a hex turning her inner truth into obsession . Charmed : Season 9 , a canonical comic book continuation of the television show written by Ruditis , reveals that Billie and Christy were not intended to be powerful enough to confront the Charmed Ones . The eldest sister Prue Halliwell 's bond to the Charmed Ones prophecy , even after death , restricted her sisters from reaching their true powers , and made them vulnerable to the Triad 's plot with Billie and Christy .

= = Reception = =

Throughout her run on Charmed , Christy Jenkins received mixed critical feedback . Sheldon Wiebe of the entertainment website Eclipsemagazine.com praised the Billie and Christy storyline for having a " dark undercurrent " reminiscent of the show 's first and second seasons . Vulture.com 's Brittany Spanos placed Christy as number three on its list of 161 " demons , warlocks , and baddies " as ranked by " scariness " . Jeffrey Robinson of DVD Talk felt that the Billie and Christy storyline was the strongest part of season eight . Demain of Television Without Pity praised Christy as an interesting character following the reveal that she was secretly working for the Triad , and parodied her as " Chrisssty " and " Ssssecretly Evil Chrisssty " from Cuoco 's pronunciation of the character 's name .

Alternatively , SpoilerTV 's Gavin Hetherington wrote he was " impartial " about Christy and opined that the Jenkins sisters were disappointing villains for the show 's final season compared to those of previous seasons . Nadim of the television and film review website Nad 's Reviews praised the concept of the Charmed Ones engaging in an ultimate battle with another set of sisters , but described its execution as a " downright embarrassing affair " . Jon Langmead of PopMatters described the familial relationship between Christy and Billie as weak in comparison to those from previous seasons . Langmead was critical of Patterson 's performance , saying she " huffs and puffs through her on @-@ camera time " . Digital Spy 's Hugh Armitage listed the Jenkins sisters as " the gruesome twosome " and one of the eight things that derailed the show . Armitage criticized Patterson for having " a habit of pulling ' evil ' faces when no one could see her like a pantomime villain " .