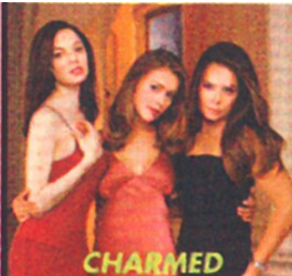


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Each of these shows stars three butt-kicking females. Do they promote girl power, or just turn on horny guys? By Lauren Ambrose



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GIRLS CLUB



BIRDS OF PREY



THE SPIES

THE CHICKS	Rose McGowan (Paige), Alyssa Milano (Phoebe), Holly Marie Combs (Piper)	Kathleen Robertson (Jeannie), Gretchen Mol (Lynne), Chyler Leigh (Sarah)	Ashley Scott (The Huntress), Dina Meyer (Oracle), Rachel Skarsten (Black Canary)	Natasha Williams (Shane), Natasha Henstridge (Cassie), Kristen Miller (D.D.)
THE GIST	Witches saving innocent people, one day at a time	Lawyers at work in the boardroom and in the bedroom	Batgirls in bondage-wear save the day	Ex-cons-turned-spies fight for their country
FLIRTING TACTIC	Who needs a tactic when you can just cast a spell?	"Wanna get together and do something illegal?"	Their skintight black leather outfits say it all. Is it Halloween, or are they for real?	High kicks in high heels
GUY APPEAL	Not much: They spend more time beating up bad guys than they do in bed	A bit: Usually, the girls are too busy working on legal briefs to hang out in their briefs	Major: C'mon, can you really fight crime in a bustier?!	Total: Have the spies ever heard of a bra? (Read: lots of bouncing when they run)
MADE FOR	The WB's avid female fans (OK, and some hormone-addled little brothers)	<i>Ally McBeal</i> mourners	Comic book-loving guys who aren't turned on by <i>Smallville</i> 's Superman (Tom Welling)	<i>Maxim</i> -reading guys who can't wait for <i>Charlie's Angels 2</i>