

Catherine Smythe



P.C.C.: Ordinary Person

Occupation: Retired Nurse &
Part-Time Physical Therapist

Alignment: Scrupulous

Details of note for Catherine Smythe

-Catherine was born into an upper middle class political family; her father was both a state governor and a senator in his day. She fondly remembers spending much of her childhood and teens years attending a variety of political functions, fundraisers, photo op's and outings. However, she had no interest in politics herself. She was born to be a healer; she knew early on she'd be in medicine, maybe a doctor or a nurse. Eventually she found nursing to be her calling.

-Catherine met Edmond met incidentally over thirty years ago when she was nearly the victim of a ritual killing. One late night, while walking home from the bus stop after a long day of school and then working, she was ambushed and kidnapped by cultists who required young women for sacrificing to their particular deity.

Edmond had only been involved in Parapsychology for a few years at the time, but he was one of the investigators working on a local cult case, and as fate would have it they intervened in the middle of the ritual that would've led to Catherine's sacrifice. Edmond personally freed her from her bonds and helped her flee the scene when a fire erupted in the underground temple the cult had constructed.

Before that night, Catherine never believed in the supernatural, never had any interest in the subject, and thus couldn't grasp what had just happened to her much anymore than she could process that the supernatural is real. Edmond first consoled her as a psychologist and Parapsychologist, then as a friend, and before they realized it, their relationship became personal. Before they knew it; they were in love and have been virtually inseparable since.

-The first thing that's obvious about the couple is their age difference; Edmond is fourteen years Catherine's senior. It's especially obvious as his years as a parapsychologist have made Edmond look even older while the years have been kind to Catherine. She looks at least several years younger than she really is. One several occasions people have confused her for being his daughter.

The other obvious aspect is that they are a very caring couple, and are still very much in love with one another. It's easy to see that they've been through a lot together, but their trials have only made them a stronger couple. They both agree that they wouldn't trade the other for anything.

-Catherine skills as a nurse have been an important part of their lives. Due to the inherit danger in the field, Catherine has patched up many of Edmond's wounds and injuries during his heyday as an investigator (and still patches up other paranormal investigators on occasion). She was also critical in Edmond's recovery when he needed an emergency pacemaker after nearly being killed by a Dybbuk.

In fact, when Edmond's knees started going bad, Catherine took it upon herself to return to school, earning a degree in physical therapy to help him recover. Edmond is the first to admit that without Catherine's help he'd probably been forced into retire years ago.

- Catherine knows the dangers of the paranormal/supernatural firsthand, and has learned a lot about the subjects from living with Edmond. But even so, she still has no interest in the subjects and doesn't get involved in Edmond's investigation work directly.

Instead, she's taken on a supporting role to Edmond and the Lazlo Society/Agency over the years. This has included tending to the wounds of both paranormal investigators and the victims they've helped, and assisting Edmond in with explaining, discussing, and providing therapy to the victims of the supernatural who would've had no one else to talk to.

Ironically, it was Catherine who had the idea to start a bi-weekly mutual aid fellowship (similar to *Alcohol Anonymous*) for people who've been victimized by the supernatural (which Edmond thought was a brilliant idea). These meetings are held in their home, and attendance is usually between thirty and forty people at each meeting; about half of them are regulars.

Catherine has deduced that out of all the people Edmond has helped over the decades only about one-in-ten ever come to a meeting (most of them would rather forget and move on with their lives). What this means is that by those numbers alone, Edmond has personally helped (even saved) over 300-400 people from the supernatural! That number is probably higher, but Edmond has never bothered to count exact numbers.

- While Catherine is relieved that Edmond has effectively curbed his physical involvement as a paranormal investigator, she still considers asking him to retire altogether due to his health. She was glad to hear when Edmond came to the realization himself that he can't keep doing this much longer, and plans to pass the torch to another Parapsychologist some day. That day isn't coming fast enough for Catherine, but she's remained patient thus far.

On the other hand, she's always understood that Edmond's "a lifer" Parapsychologist. As such, she's always admired his courage, his knowledge, his ability, and the fact that he's saved countless lives. It still goes a long way with her that she wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for him. The many risks, injuries and sacrifices he's made have all been worth it. While she's still scared that he'll attend an investigation one night and not come back, she knows that he would have it no other way, and if push came to shove neither would she.

-Catherine's good health and youthful looks have been no accident. She takes very good care of herself through regular exercise and dieting. It's probably also been a blessing that she's always calm under pressure and stress, even during her worst days as an ER nurse. She's fifty-two, but looks to be in her early to early to mid forties.

-To this day Catherine is haunted by her kidnapping and near sacrificing more than thirty years ago. Edmond has talked with her at length that the cult would have no interest in her today as she's over thirty (they seek out young women), but that doesn't put her entirely at ease. She worries that the cultist will come for her again someday to finish what they started.

While Edmond took a variety of measures to secure their home (through both normal measures and more paranormal ones), she still takes self defense classes and practices at a

local shooting range (Edmond keeps a handgun in an electronic safe in their bedroom) to this day. While she might be paranoid, over the last several months she thinks she's spotted people watching her in public. She hasn't told this to Edmond yet however as she knows that she might be over reacting. But she's stayed vigilant all the same.

-The one sore subject between them is that they've never had children. They both agreed that they would one day have them, but the timing never seemed right. They were both busy in their careers, being involved in the Lazlo Society / agency, their bi-weekly meetings and so on. They never got around to settling down. Now, they are at an age (and Edmond is in a deteriorated shape) where having children now seems doubtful.

They have compensated by encouraging regular visits and outings with their nieces and nephews (they have several), they cherish the children of those who regularly attend the bi-weekly meetings as if they were their own, and they support a few local children's organizations, but they both know it's not the same. They've discussed maybe trying to have children or maybe even consider adopting or even fostering troubled children as Edmond has extensive professional experience in helping them, but in truth Catherine won't bring herself to go any further until Edmond retires from Parapsychology work.

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Personal Information

Age: 52 Height: 5' 6" Weight: 138 lbs. Hair: blond; kept long and well-groomed
 Eyes: blue Birth Order: 2nd of 3 Money: savings and retirement plan
 General Appearance: Caucasian female who looks to be in her early 40's. Tends to dress conservatively, yet colorful; to the casual observer she looks like an artist type.

Her blue eyes are easily her most striking feature.

Disposition: Personable and calming. She's a natural healer and a peacemaker.

Family Origin: Of English & German ancestry w/ no known history of psychic phenomena.

Environment: From an upper middle class political family in Bellevue, Washington.

Reason for Paranormal Investigating: She's not so much involved as she is helpful to Edmond with his paranormal investigating and bi-weekly meetings in their home.

Outlook on being Psychic: She's not psychic and doesn't envy those who are.

Still, she admires their bravery and ability to deal with and confront the supernatural.

Goals in Life: She's hasn't spoken of it yet, but she wants Edmond to start handing over his Parapsychologist duties to someone else due to his health.

Insanity: After what she's experienced its not surprising, but she effectively has a phobia of cultists. She's terrified of the cult coming back for her to finish what they started.



Miscellaneous

Leaping Distance: Up: 1ft / 2.5ft (P) Across: 2.5ft / 5.5 ft (P)

Run: 11.5 mph (max) 14 melees 255 feet per meleee 42 feet per attack

Swim: 4.5 mph (max) 14 minutes 99 feet per meleee 16 feet per attack

Bonus to Trust: 60% Bonus to Charm: 40% Maximum Carrying Weight: 110 lbs.

Character History

-Catherine grew up in political family; her father was a Senator at one time. She regularly attended political functions and outings. But her heart was always in healing and wanted to be a nurse.

-Catherine met Edmond incidentally over thirty years ago when she was nearly the victim of a ritual killing. At the age of twenty, while walking home from the bus stop one night, she was ambushed and kidnapped by cultists who required young women for sacrificing to their particular supernatural deity. Before that evening, Catherine didn't believe in the supernatural, nor had any interest in the subject.

-While Catherine knows the dangers of the paranormal / supernatural firsthand, she has no interest in them and doesn't get involved in Edmond's investigation work directly. Instead, she's taken on a support role to Edmond and the Lazlo Society / Agency.

Contacts

Name: Edmond Smythe Occupation: Parapsychologist Notes: As her husband, she worries about him, but she's proud of his bravery, knowledge and ability to deal with the supernatural.

Name: Amanda Krier Occupation: Sculptor Notes: Amanda owns an art studio and Catherine attends her sculpting classes. They've become friends over the years.

Name: Latrice Renee Occupation: Yoga Instructor Notes: Latrice is her yoga instructor and friend. They met when Latrice began attending their bi-weekly group meetings.

Magic Weapons & Objects

Name: Pacific Northwest bracelet Type: charmed jewelry Description: etched silver bracelet
 Abilities: While it looks like a cheap decorative bracelet, it was a gift from a Pacific Northwest tribal elder. Enables her to perform "Healing Touch" (pg. 99) once daily (meditation is still required).



Notes

Her involvement in helping victims became more encompassing over the years to where she began holding a mutual aid fellowship (similar to *Alcoholics Anonymous*) for people who've been victimized by the supernatural. The meetings are held bi-weekly at the Smythe residence.

The average attendance is between thirty to forty people at each meeting; about half of them them are regulars.

NOTE: Out of all the people Edmond has helped over his many years, about one-in-ten ever come to a meeting (most of them would rather forget and move on with their lives). Catherine has deduced that by those numbers alone, Edmond has personally helped and/or rescued over 300-400 people from over the years! The real number is probably higher, but Edmond has never bothered to count.