

FLIGHT 77

Joe had an experience that brought him close to death. Read the story and find out: What saved Joe's life?

Something really weird happened to me. Let me say that I am a young man, 25 years old, with both feet on the ground. Which is to say that I am an ordinary guy, not very different from everyone else.

I am a salesman. I put in a lot of time traveling around the country trying to sell men's clothing—you know, shirts, pants, sweaters, that sort of thing.

This particular day, I am in Toronto and have to fly to Vancouver. No big deal. I am at the airport, waiting to get on my plane. It is a beautiful day. Not a cloud in the sky. But I get this

funny feeling about that flight to Vancouver. It is like I hear a voice in my head, saying that I should not get on that plane.

Now I am just an ordinary guy—I am not the kind of person who hears voices or sees things that aren't there. At first, I don't pay much attention. But as I walk toward the gate, this weird feeling gets worse and worse. It won't go away. It's like I hear someone saying in my ear, "Don't get on that plane. Don't get on that plane."

I look around. Everything is OK. Everybody is fine. The other passengers are in line,

getting on the plane.

I ask you, what would you do?

Well, I turn around, walk back to the ticket counter and buy a ticket for another flight.

You know the rest of the story. That's right. The Vancouver plane—the one I didn't take—crashed into the side of a mountain, killing everyone on board. One hundred twenty-one people. Dead.

I can't believe what happened. I was saved. But how?



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

How do you explain the "inner voice" that Joe heard?
Check the opinions you agree with.

Maybe it was Joe's dead father or some ancestor who is always with him, protecting him.



Joe probably has a sixth sense. You know, he can sense things that are going to happen, kind of like a fortune teller.



It was just a feeling, just luck. Nothing more.



I think it was God's voice. God wanted to save Joe.



I believe in angels. I think Joe has an angel who is watching over him.



Now exchange your ideas with a classmate.

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LOOKING AT THE ISSUE

Some people believe they have a "sixth sense" to help them do things like:

- know what's going to happen in the future
- read other people's minds
- see through things
- move things without touching them

If there is such a thing as a sixth sense ("ESP"), would you want to have it?

Yes

I want the power to _____

Then I would _____

For example: I want to know what's going to happen in the future.
Then I would prevent big accidents and the world would be safe.

No,

I don't want any of those powers because _____