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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.

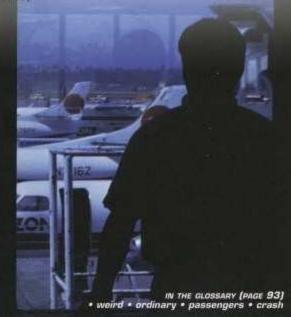
I ask you, what would you do?

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