

"Don't talk about me. Just don't." This was the first reaction I get from my boyfriend when I tell him I am going to see a psychic. The guy who isn't afraid of clowns, supernatural phenomena, or horror films is afraid of psychics. "They freak me out," he says. Little did he know that my spiritual advisor would not obey his request.

I walked into Psychic Place feeling excited, but apprehensive. Thanks to fantasy-laden tales, I was half expecting a dark room with an old haggard woman hovering over a crystal ball. Instead, I found myself entering a bright cozy room and was quickly put at ease. A friendly young woman named Delfina greeted me. She would be my psychic, or spiritual advisor as she preferred to be called, for the day.

Delfina has been doing her work for the past 20 years. "I've always respected the field I'm in and I've always been interested in it," she said to me. "It's actually something that runs in my bloodline. It's not something [where] I picked up a book and learned how to do."

Delfina explained how her mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and up to seven generations, were all psychics. Before this encounter, I didn't know if psychics were real or not, and as Delfina explained the family business, I remained skeptical – until she began my reading.

Although Psychic Place offers many services, from palm to crystal ball to chakra sessions, Delfina advised I choose tarot cards to get a more direct reading. She first instructed that I take the deck of cards and shuffle them until I felt comfortable. I did so, nervously dropping a few. I handed them back to her and she began to fan them out, rhythmically and with

Delfina studied the cards for a moment before she began. She first talked about my past and current financial situation, which seemed like an easy guess for anyone discerning the financial state of a student. But then she began to describe my personality: "You're the kind of person who's not lazy. You're not afraid to go get what you want. Even when you're in financial trouble, this will not faze you like it does most people. You can deal with that. However, what you can't deal with is when your relationships are not what you want them to be."

Though this is not an extremely specific description, it is exactly how I would describe myself. Psychic: 1. Skepticism: 1.

Next, she described my past: "From your past I see one very significant relationship. You loved and cared about this person very much, but you had communication and trust issues. This relationship has shaken your confidence in love and – excuse me if this offends you – but it has left you with scars."

Bang on. There was one outstanding relationship in my past where communication and trust were big issues. This relationship lasted over three years and had a huge impact on my life. And yes, I did love this person.

Not everyone falls in love in every relationship, but Delfina was correct about this one. Psychic: 2. Skepticism: 1.

She then went on to talk about my current relationship. She saw the presence of someone but said it wasn't very strong, either because they're new in my life or they're a friend with whom I have an on and off relationship. She asked me which it was; it was the former. She then asked for his name. These were the only questions she ever asked me.

She flipped over three more cards and then went on to describe his exact personality: "The strength card shows that he is a strong individual who can do anything he puts his mind to. But this fool card shows that this can go both ways. Once he decides he doesn't want to do something, he won't.

In a nutshell, this is how I would describe him. As I conversed with him. later on, he completely agreed and was spooked by Delfina's accuracy. Psychic: 3. Skepticism: 1.

While Delfina divulged into the personal details of my life, describing how I feel about relationships, what makes me happy, and what I desire out of life, my skepticism melted away. She then moved on to tell me my future: You will have two engagements, most likely to the same person. But I do see only one marriage and no divorce. You will have three children: two girls and one boy. They will all be healthy and happy. As for your career, this hanging man card overshadows everything else in your life. This only means that your career is not set in stone. In seven to eight months from now, you will have to make a big decision. I advise you to take the choice that brings about change. You will be much happier.

Even from her predictions, I could see elements of truth. For example, I don't believe in divorce, although in reality many marriages end this way. If Delfina told me there was divorce in my future, I wouldn't have believed anything she said on that basis alone. As for having three children, Delfina couldn't have known that I wanted to have a big family some day. Some people hate children, some can't have children, and some refuse to have children. In my opinion, for her to so confidently and boldly tell me that I will have three was pretty amazing.

Needless to say, Delfina blew me away. Though I can't predict the future or say for a fact these things will happen, I believe in her ability and her power to see into peoples lives. "I do feel that this is a gift," she said. "It's not something that made me say, 'It's a burden.' No. It's a gift and I like to use that gift to help people."

I'm happy to say that I am now a believer in psychics. Though nothing is set in stone, I'm excited to see what my future has in store!

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