

Foreword

Their feats are nothing short of amazing. From start to finish, the act they perform seems almost magical in nature and nearly impossible. The husband and wife gracing the stage make that which seems surreal appear perfectly natural as if they were everyday occurrences. Their combination of magic, telepathy, skill, humor, and grace make for an outstanding, eye-opening performance. A performance that leaves the audience in wonder, sheer amazement, and utter disbelief – no matter how many different occasions the show is viewed.

Prior to my first interaction with the Evasons, I admit to being a skeptic when it came to psychics and the reading of thoughts. I had been a fan of magic for years but psychics, in my opinion, were not real. There was absolutely, positively, no way on the face of God's green earth for someone I had never met in my life to tell me my name. Moreover, there was no way that same person would be able to accurately predict something that was going to occur in my future. How wrong I was!

In April of 1999, as a junior in college, I was eating dinner with friend in the college dining center when this couple came over to our table seemingly out of nowhere. The man, who introduced himself as Jeff Evason, came to my side and asked to borrow my glasses. Reluctantly, I handed the spectacles over and proceeded to watch as he moved them and turned them over. Without laying one finger on my glasses! I took them back and looked closely at his hands for wires, strings, or magnets or any sort. Nothing.

He then asked my friend to take out her driver's license. When she did so, the woman of the couple closed her eyes, turned her back to us, and went on to tell my friend her name, date of birth (including the year), and her license number. The table was in a state of shock. Before they moved on, Jeff mentioned the show they were going to be giving later. We at the table just exchanged glances. This was definitely something we were not planning on missing.

My friends and I attended the performance that night as promised and were given many pleasant surprises. The very first one came when Jeff introduced the beautiful, dark-skinned woman I had seen earlier as his wife, Tessa. I looked at this woman more closely and noted her elegance, dazzling white smile, and long, flowing, black curls. I then managed to focus my attention on her husband as he made his way through the crowd with a black blindfold in his hand. He had short dirty blond hair and just as stylish as his wife. The one thing that stood out to me immediately from Jeff and Tessa was the way their eyes glittered and sparkled when they performed. That just goes to show how much they love what they do. But I digress.

Jeff passed the blindfold to someone in the audience to make sure Tessa couldn't peek through it and that there were no hidden microphones, earphones, or other devices in the fold of the fabric. The person verified such and Tessa fit the blindfold over her eyes. What happened next was nothing short of amazing. For the next fifteen minutes, she went to identify random people Jeff had selected from the audience. She would tell them their names, dates of birth, and anything else she could pick up from them. At one point, she focused on a smoker who was sitting behind me. Tessa not only told the woman her name but how many cigarettes were in the carton and the type of cigarettes she smoked.

Tessa then removed the fabric from in front of her eyes and it was at that point I was beginning to lose some of my skepticism. As the show continued and I viewed the acts of amazement via the Evasons, I found myself becoming more and more of a believer in the abilities of a psychic, especially the psychic that was standing before me. Little did I know that the most amazing revelation and surprise for me was yet to come.

At the conclusion of the show, Jeff announced that books were available for sale. If a book was purchased, Tessa would answer a question from the buyer. Wanting to prove once and for all whether or not this was real, I bought a book and waited with about 15 other people to speak with Tessa. It was about 90 minutes later when I had the chance to sit down with this fascinating woman and asked her what was going to happen with my relationship at the time. She told me something significant was going to happen in August that would forever change my life.

Tessa was right. In August, my boyfriend at the time and I separated after three years of dating. I was flabbergasted. I couldn't believe that this woman, whom I had never met before that April night, had told me then what had just taken place. It was then that I finally abandoned all doubts and negative feelings towards the art of mind reading. I was now an official believer of such things as telepathy, the reading of thoughts, and ESP (extra-sensory perception).

Over the course of the next year, I would email Tessa any question I had for her. No matter how busy she was, she always gave me a quick but detailed answer within a couple days. When I heard the Evasons were returning my senior year, I was ecstatic and impatiently awaited the day they were to come back. When the day finally arrived, I, along with the other officers of our programming board, waited in the parking lot for the Evasons to show. Their car pulled up and out stepped Jeff and Tessa Evason.

When they came over to us, I expected them to simply shake hands with everyone and they did to everybody present except me. Tessa looked at me, recognized me from the previous year, and smiled wide. She gave me a big hug and said how happy she was to see me again. As I marveled at her even remembered who I was, Jeff came over and gave me a hug as well. Those kind gestures sealed the deal I know have. Ever since then, I have been friends with these incredible magic makers.

The pleasure had been mine to watch the Evasons perform five times in the past four years. Each time, these talented people never fail to amaze me. An even greater pleasure than watching them perform has been getting to know them as people. Jeff and Tessa are always on their road and busy with their own schedule but somehow find a brief second or two to drop me a line to say hello. They are very caring people who can light up a room just by walking in.

Jeff and Tessa are truly a spectacle and an act never to be missed. Tessa will truly amaze you by what she does and Jeff. . well, Jeff is on in a million. His uncanny sense of humor will grab a hold of you if you're the right person and can take a joke. When we first met, he struck me as a real character and immediately flooded me with his jokes and quick wit. Once I was reeled in, I have taken lots of his ribbing and good nature often and have also blushed shades of red I never knew existed. I have been the object of his quips and funny comments. And I'd never give those up for anything in the world. Jeff and Tessa Evason have brought many smiles and shocks to the faces of thousands. Together, they truly do make magic.

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