



## **You only live once**

You have two kinds of people in the world. The ones who believe in destiny, and the ones who think that life is just a game of chance.

But no matter who you might be, I'll tell you a story that will make you think about this again and again.

According to my mother, my grandfather was someone quite afraid of death. He never stopped thinking about it his whole life, always repeating the same thing to his daughters. In fact, he would always find a situation so that he could say that he would not live long. It used to scare my mother and my aunt...

First, you should know that he came from a very poor family, who had nothing. This is the reason why he enlisted in the army very young. So that he could feel useful and give meaning to his life. And thanks to this choice, he met my grandmother on one of his missions in Algeria. She was from a very well-to-do background who could afford to host French troops in their own house. You can guess what happened, they fell in love of course, and got married there... Then they decided to go back to France and start a brand new life. My grandfather found work in the Peugeot firm, as a worker. Years later, he succeeded in being one of the most important people in the company.

A few years later, my grandfather told my mother a very unusual story, something that he had never told anybody before. It was a few weeks before he died, after having developed cancer so this must have been very important to him if he waited all this time. There he was, lying in his bed, and in front of my mother, who was devastated, he started telling her this "little anecdote":

"It happened during the summer of 1956. I was very young back then. And besides, you know how much I loved travelling and discovering new cultures and civilizations. There I was, walking down the streets of Barcelona, admiring its splendid architecture. As my regiment had given me a few days of rest, I took advantage of the opportunity to take a break. But this woman struck me. She was acting very weird, and I understood that she was a psychic, palm reading for free. As I was starting to get bored, I decided to play along with that. And three sentences came out of it. ' You are going to raise yourself in society, cross the sea

to get married... But I'm afraid to tell you this, you will not live long, for sure.' I didn't care about that at all... It was only years later that I started wondering: 'What if it was true?'. I confirmed two of them... you can now understand why I was so anxious about the third one."

As a matter of fact, the three predictions were borne out.

And that was it. Three sentences that changed his life forever.

I guess that now, no matter how rational you are, I have probably managed to throw some doubt in what you really believe in.

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