



House on fire

Fire!!! Fire!!! Fire!!!

I opened my eyes as I was coming out of a deep sleep. Was I dreaming about a fire?

Fire!!! Fire!!! Mieke! Wake up!!! I heard my next door neighbor and friend Rita Eggermont screaming from the top of her lungs. Get up! House on Fire!!! She pounded her hands very hard on my door attempting to wake me up.

I hurried downstairs and opened the door. I saw relief on Rita's face that she was able to get to me.

Quick quick, get Rayca and get out of the house, Rita warned. Gerarda's house is on fire. I was living in a row of little houses all attached to each other. Rita was my next door neighbor on my left and Gerarda's house was connected to Rita's house on her left.



I walked outside to take a look at what she was talking about. I saw big flames coming out of Gerarda's little home. The windows already broke and big violent flames rushed from the inside through the window towards the roof outside. I quickly assessed what I needed to do next.

My car which was in front of my house and my dog needed to first be removed from the house. The car could possibly explode. Still in my pajamas and with bare feet, I put the dog in my car and parked it on the other side of the street away from our little row of houses.



Where is Gerarda I asked? Her home was totally consumed in total flames. I was afraid that Gerarda, her cat and birds would be in her house. At that same time Rita and I witnessed Gerarda coming out of the farthest little house where our oldest neighbor lived. He had just lost his partner. He was not able to take care of himself very well and Gerarda had decided to stay overnight at the neighbors house to take care of him. Rita and I were so relieved when we saw her walking out of that house.

Gerarda did not know what was happening. I also knew in that moment that her animals were still in her home and would not survive that fire. There was no safe way to enter the house and rescue the animals.

As Gerarda looked at the flames she started screaming, my house, my house, my house! She threw her hands on her head and was in total shock. Someone had already called the fire department. Rita and I carefully guided Gerarda back into the house of the neighbor she was staying at to sat her down and help her calm down. We both quickly assessed what needed to be done to get our old neighbor out of bed and get him ready to be removed from his home. We had no idea what path the fire would take.

Everything happened so fast! The fire trucks arrived quickly and poured water onto the flames and our neighboring houses. When I saw that the flames were getting under control and that Gerarda and the other neighbors were taking care of, I decided to first drive my dog to my moms home and walk back to see what else needed to be done.



Fire truck Deinze - 1999

Rita had done such a great job of getting everybody out of their homes very early in the morning and had brought us all to safety. Her house was right next to Gerarda's and the fire had broken through the roof into her bedroom. Luckily her house and all other

houses were saved. The knowing that we were not able to save her animals left a deep feeling of grief to us all. We all hoped that their death was quick.



Rita

A few days later all of Gerarda's home was cleared away. Nothing was saved. All was burned or had water damage. The smell of smoke and burned belongings lingered in all our houses. The neighborhood feeling I felt before was destroyed by this traumatic event. It didn't feel good anymore to live there and I decided to temporarily move back into my parents home. I knew by then that soon I would fly over to America for Spring Break and see how Paul, the kids and I felt being together.



Home my parents build  
Leiepark 20, 9800 Deinze, Belgium

What really struck me was that the predictions Talou Deweerdt, a young tarot reader did for me (see episode 24) in the 1990's were one by one becoming reality. At that time she had said that I would most likely meet someone living abroad with two children. (At that time Paul had only two children, Christopher wasn't born yet.) We would be getting along very well and supporting each other in physical activities, like running. I always hated running so everything she said to me I couldn't relate to at that time. She had also mentioned that she saw something with a house fire and that I would move back into my parents home. At the time I was hearing that, nothing made sense and I totally resisted the information that I would be moving back into my parents home. Why would I do that, I thought to myself no way! I had just found my freedom as a student living in my own apartment in Gent, away from my parents home.

I didn't really believe or not believe any of it. I just listened and as I lived on with my life, I came to realize after each event happened that everything she had said was becoming reality.

Rayca and I moved back into my parents home. Everything was up in the air. A new chapter of my life was opening up. Paul, the children and I would soon be spending Spring Break together and we all would figure out then how we did together. We had no idea what would be next. Time would tell we said to each other.

A few more pictures from the home front.



My brother Jeroen, my dad's blind sister Caecilia, my sister Leen, my niece Tina and my mom Anny. - 1977



My sister Leen with the animals - 1976



My brother Jeroen - 1999

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