

## **Appendix: Backstory and Interview for *Ireland's Got Talent***

Hi! It's amazing to be here. Wow!

**What's Your name?**

Edward James Dean... But, you can call me Eddie... if you like.

**How old are you?**

I'm 37.

**What do you do? (What are you going to show us tonight?)**

I'm doing PhD research, here in Ireland, on non-physical communication, or, as it's known in some circles, telepathic thought transference... I know what you're thinking...

... But I'm not psychic. I'm more like, BEYOND PSYCHIC...

**What is beyond psychic?**

Well, psychic is an old word based on old science and a misunderstanding of the mind and body. My research is way beyond all that. But I am psychic in the sense that I do what was once thought of as being psychic.

**So, you're going to read our minds?**

That's the idea, yes. I'm not always perfect, but – statistically speaking -- I always do better than I should... Just something to bear in mind. Tonight, I'm hoping to be perfect.

**So... you're a mindreader?**

Statistically speaking, yes.

**Is this for real?**

Well, I believe in myself, and my 10 year old daughter Lulu (hi Lulu), she believes in me. I've dedicated my life to this work. This is the most real thing I've ever done.

**Where are you from? Are you Irish? Do you have Irish descendants? What brought you to Ireland?**

[I'm from Seattle, but] my great great great grandmother, Jane Dean, was from Tipperary. Her telepathic abilities were documented by the Irish physicist Sir William Barrett in his book *Psychical Research*.

Growing up, I spent a lot of time with my grandmother – who was widely believed to possess the second sight – and she shared her experience with me and always told me that I had it too. That's what sparked my academic interest in telepathic thought transference.

**How long have you been doing this?**

As long as I can remember.

**Are you married?**

Oh, yeah! Loads of times!

**Any kids?**

I always say that I believe in myself, and that's all that matters. But my ten-year-old daughter Lulu believes in me, too, and that motivates me to do this work day after day. I want her to see that she's not the only one who believes in me. I want her to know that the whole world believes in Eddie Dean.  
#IbelieveinEddieDean

**Do you believe in telepathy? Is telepathy really a thing?**

I am a skeptic at heart. I am looking for answers. And I am looking for evidence. And these things are illusive. All I really know for sure is that I have had experiences all my life that – even taking into account potential psychological explanations for these things – really do seem to be genuine instances of telepathy.

**What is my zodiac sign?**

Danger.

**What is my favorite real animal?**

That's an easy one. Unicorn.

**What is my favorite imaginary animal?**

Duck billed platypus.

**My heroes?**

Elvis. Brando. Picasso. Warhol. Jackie O. The Piddingtons.

**What is my relationship status?**

Rock Star.

**Is it hard being a telepathy Rock Star?**

Ah jeez. If it was easy, everyone would be doing it. But most days it doesn't even feel like a job.

**Good luck.**

Thank you.