

PSYCHIC MELTDOWN

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INT. PSYCHIC HOTLINE SET - DAY

A woman dressed as a psychic sits at a table with a crystal ball on it. She addresses the camera directly.

MISS THEO

Hello boys and girls! My name is Miss Theo and I'm your one stop shop for all your psychic needs. Ask me anything you'd like. My number is 1-888-P-S-Y-C-H-I-C. It's only 99 cents a minute, so call me now! And what do you know, it looks like we have our first caller on the line. Talk to me!

CALLER #1 (V.O.)

Hello?

MISS THEO

Yes deary! I'm here. What can I do for you today?

CALLER #1 (V.O.)

Ummm I'd like two medium pizzas, one with pepperonis and the other with extra cheese.

MISS THEO

Sir, this isn't a pizza delivery line, it's a psychic hotline.

CALLER #1 (V.O.)

What? But I swore I dialed the right...

MISS THEO

(interrupts)

It's okay sweety. I knew you were going to call. That's why I called the pizza place a half an hour ago.

CALLER #1 (V.O.)

Oh, really? Wow, that's so nice of you. Did you remember to order a side of...

MISS THEO

Breadsticks? Yeah, I got that too. In fact, they should be coming to your door right about...

CALLER #1 (V.O.)

Crap, I gotta go. Someone's knocking on my door.

MISS THEO

(chuckles)

Another satisfied customer! Remember, the number is 1-888-P-S-Y-C-H-I-C. And lookee here, another caller! Ms. Theo speaking!

CALLER #2 (V.O.)

Oh you're name's Ms. Theo? That sounds so erotic.

MISS THEO

Sir, sir, let me stop you right now. You've called the wrong number. This isn't a sex hotline, it's a psychic hotline.

CALLER #2 (V.O.)

Oh...well can you still talk to me like we're having...

MISS THEO

No! I do not offer that service...oh and you may want to hang up sir because your wife is listening in on another line. My dearies, allow me to explain this to you again. The number is 1-888-P-S-Y-C-H-I-C. Please, call the right number or don't call me at all. I have time for one last call and it looks like we have one on the line right now. What can I help you with?

CALLER #3 (V.O.)

I just can't do it anymore. I lost my job, my wife, my kids, and now I'm about to lose my house. I'm going to do it. I have the gun pointed at my forehead right now. Don't pressure me!

MISS THEO

Jesus Christ, why can't you people get it right?! This isn't a suicide hotline sir, it's a psychic hotline!

CALLER #3 (V.O.)

Well then, if you're a psychic can you see if things are going to get better for me?

MISS THEO

Trust me sir, pull the trigger. And that's enough for today dumb asses. Anymore phone calls and the ambulance is going to have to come here and clean my blood off these walls...and I doubt they want to do that twice in one day.

Miss Theo walks off of the set and out of the shot. There is a brief pause when suddenly a gunshot is heard followed by a disconnected dial tone.