

## THERE AND BACK AGAIN: FROM CHILE TO GERMANY

### A Female Hobbit's Tale

By Victoria Ramos

If you ask me where it all began, I should say....

"Faith and Creed and my Believe  
Will make you carry on  
On these Wings of Trust  
You Will Fly Away

Just Hold on and you'll succeed  
Remember you're the One  
One Day one will speak of you  
As the Light of Day."

January 25, 2014.

Almost three and a half years loving this band, and promising myself that, one day, I could travel and meet them, the opportunity appeared.

I remember I thought: "OMG. This could be. This could really be. I could do this. I could really do this."

OK. Let's do this.



February 15, 2014.

In the middle of my holidays, I recorded the video, in this beautiful park in the beach of Pichilemu. For those of you that do not know, this park was enterily made again after the earthquake in 2010, because the tsunami destroyed it. Now it's really awesome... and it is called Parque Ross.

February 27, 2014.


So it was sent. I was so sad, because I'd seen the found was 970 euros, and I knew my travelling costs were up to 2000 euros. I thought: "okay. I will not win. But I will apply anyway".

I was Sad.

Like... SAD.

March 1, 2014.

Bbq in my home, with my parents and sisters and brother and neeces. Everybody asking: "is there any new? Is there anything?". Nothing happened. I was dying."

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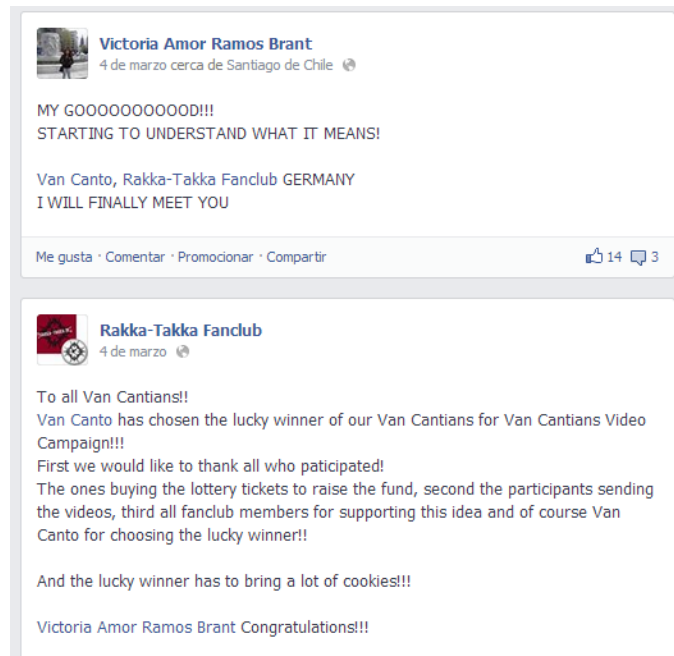
Hi guys! This is Victoria Ramos, from Santiago of Chile.  
First, thanks for the idea, you're all awesome.  
Second, this is the link to my video, I'm sorry it isn't in better quality, and sorry for my english, I got so nervous. And sorry for the cookie thing, you'll see.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgFwynw11WA&feature=youtu.be>  
I live in Santiago of Chile. To travel to Cologne for the show means that I must take a flight that lasts around 20 hours. I arrive to Frankfurt and then the train to Cologne. The cost of the tickets to go there and go back is huge. Like huge.  
So, I know it's unlikely I win this, but I wanted to say that if the odds are in my favour and I get to win, anything that you could help me with I will be extremely thankful, and try to make extra money.  
I need like 2.500 euros. I know that's so much more of what you make in the great lottery, but that's the truth. I'm still searching for cheaper flights  
Anyway, I'm so thankful with all of you guys, you're amazing.



March 4, 2014.

8 am. Varinia (my younger sister) enters to my room. I'm asleep. She asks out loud: "Vicky, what is Cologne?"

Me: O.O?!!!!



YEAH. That's what I felt.

After that: screamings, cry, some pone calls, screamings, tears, and a milk with honey.  
HAPPINESS.

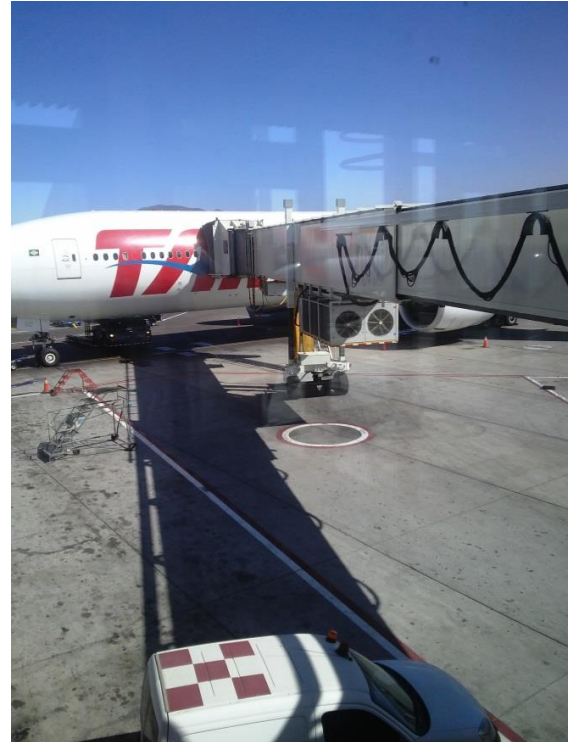
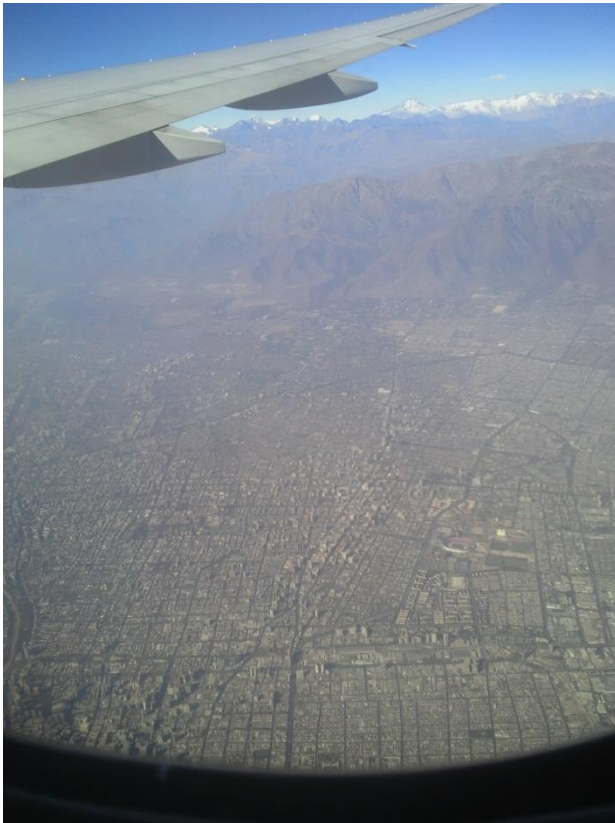
Several days of planning, searching flights, asking questions, meeting lovely people, congratulations, asking for a free days at the University. Happiness.  
AHHH... And making money for the travel :D

“And so I spread my wings up wide  
Over Mountain’s ridge the storm I Ride  
Dragons, Demons, Faithful Friends  
Know and Trust them at my Side!”

April 3, 2014.  
And so it begins!

*“The Road goes ever on and on  
Down from the door where it began.  
Now far ahead the Road has gone,  
And I must follow, if I can,  
Pursuing it with eager feet,  
Until it joins some larger way  
Where many paths and errands meet.  
And whither then? I cannot say”*

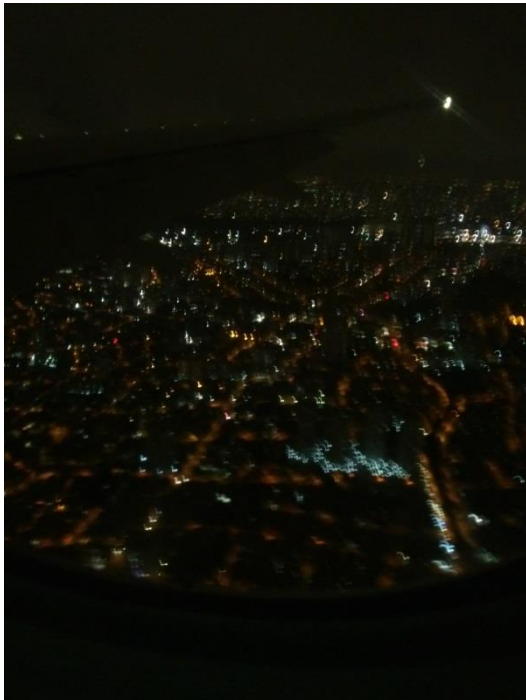
First time flying. First time in many things.  
With my heart beating wild and a huge hope in my soul.  
Thinking about my beloved family, and thinking about the  
loved ones that I was near to meet.



April 3, 2014.  
That is a view I will never forget.  
Santiago of Chile, saw from the sky. My Little and  
beautiful country, see you in a couple of days!  
My beloved mountains, I think I’ll miss seeing you  
in the morning light.

The flight was nice. I studied some hours, eat some  
( :D ) and sleep a while.

And then I discovered this.  
I felt in home again, in a winter and cold day,  
raining outside. My family together, drinking  
chocolat milk and eating cookies.  
Lord of the Rings means Home.

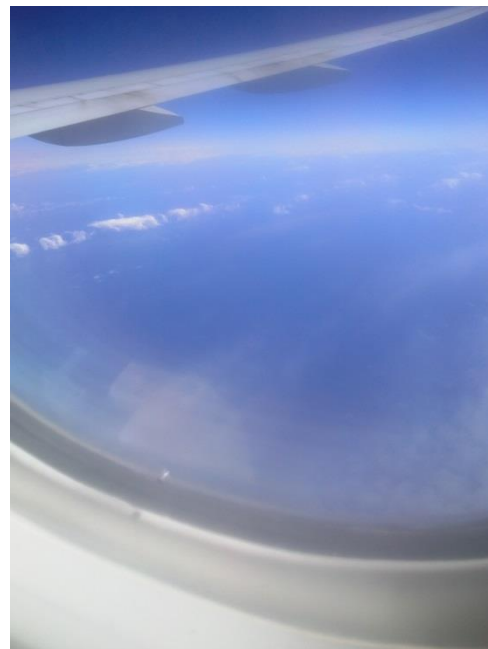


Sao Paulo, night view.

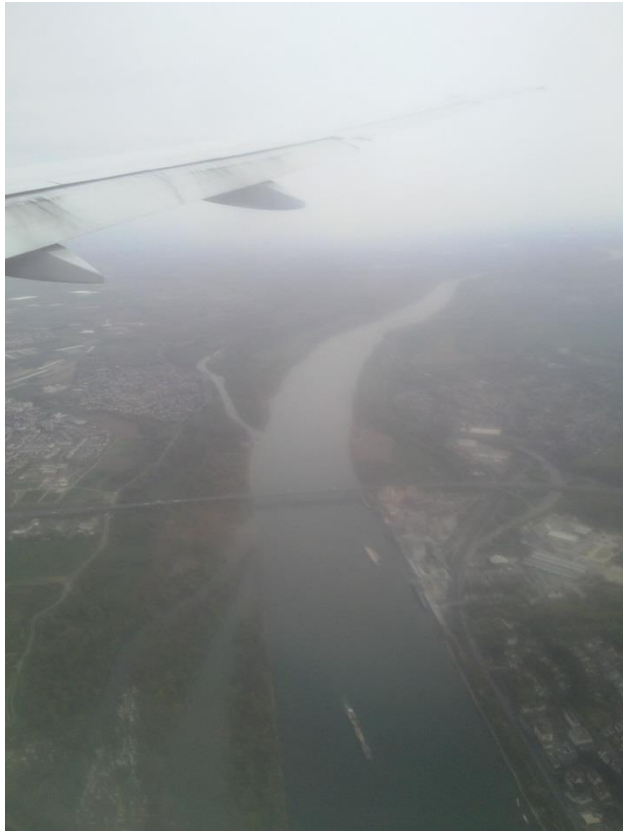
"We are the folk  
And we have the right  
To stand up to fight  
For an independent life...."

Wordless.  
Earth is Amazing  
Sky's Infinite  
  
*"There are Infinites  
Bigger than others"*

So true.







April 4, 2014.

GERMANY

Bitches!!!!

FIRST SELFIE!

After a few questions in International Police that made us all nervous, I could pass the gates...  
AND THERE THEY WERE!

First thought: "OMG, I'm so short!! I'm a freaking dwarf!"

Yeah, that thought remained in my mind every day.



Yeah. I told you. A Hobbit.

Beautiful place there, the river so huge and so great. I remember Ina asked me: "everything okay?"

Me: "I'm just realizing I am really here."

I was actually there, wasn't I?



And this one is just perfect.  
International barbeque, at Ina's and Carsten's house –lovely house-. Everybody having a great time, and Torsten and Silvia look amazing. I just love this picture.

And I don't care what you German people think, but rain and cold and wind is the best weather I could have ever asked for... except for Snow. It would have been legendary if it would have snow :D

*"Not the Rain, not the Blame  
Nothing pulls her down  
She's an independent natural  
The bright side of my life,  
Wild at Heart"*



April 5, 2014.

*"The Awakening of a morning Dawn  
Opens up the gates for Times to Come  
To Aims and Beyond!"*

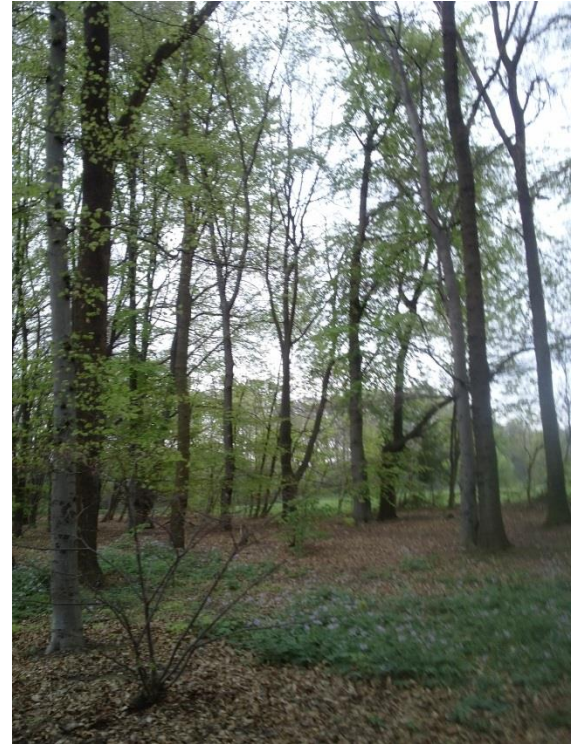
*An Icy Gloria!!"*

Let us travel to Cologne.



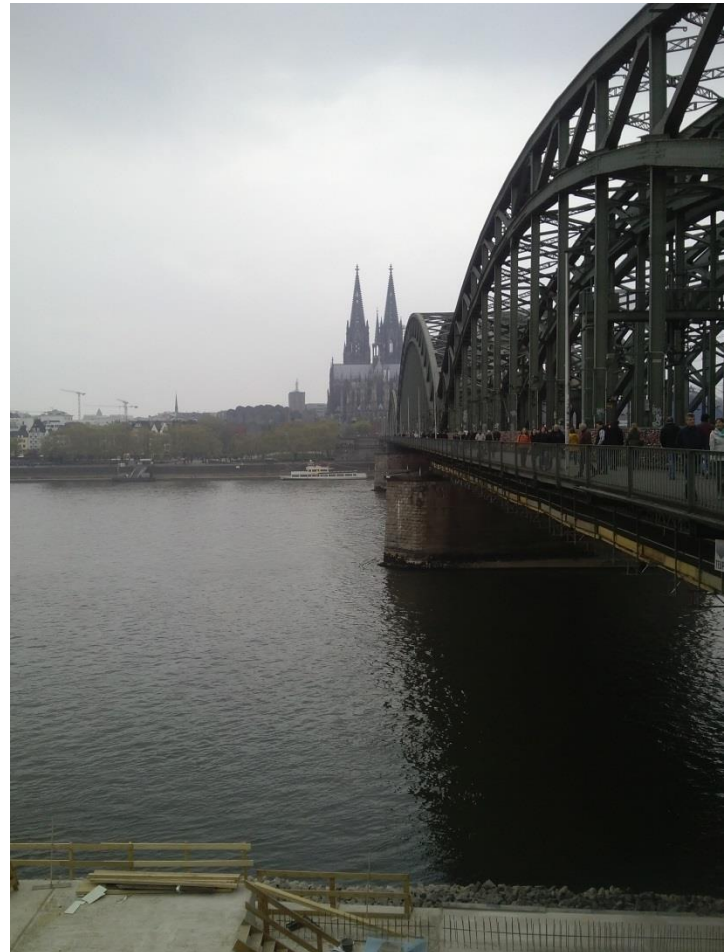
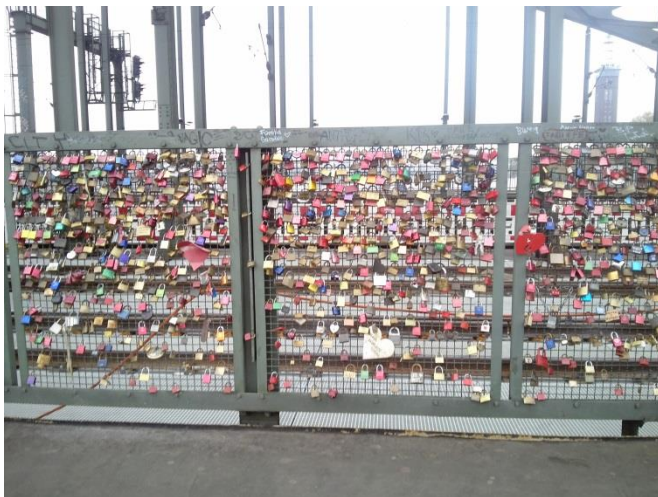


Already in Cologne, met Sabine and Eric. I'm so sorry I didn't get a photo with them. They were really nice to us! Walking through the Woods to the train station. Breath.



Cologne, nice walk from the train station. You know, when everything's new, everything's a surprise. And you're just a Little kid again, discovering the world, for the first time.

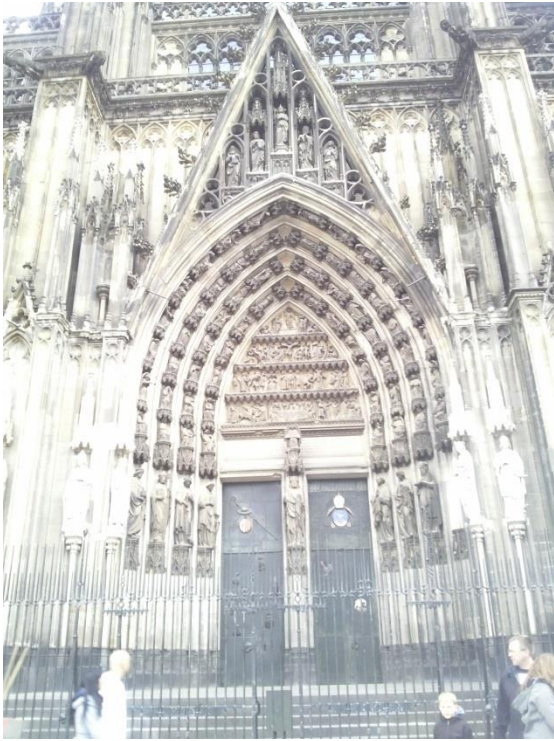
This bridge was full of lockets that lovers had left there, like a signal of their love.





n I told the people in my church I was going to Germany, to Cologne, they were all so happy for me. My priest told me: "you must go and give thanks. God loves you."

I feel, still now, I feel so blessed.



At this point we met the beautiful, rakka takking and lovely Paula! Photos with her soon!!



Thee international lunch ☺ Yeah, we were all STARVING!  
(I mean, we only had breakfast... what about the second breakfast???)



And we got lost, haha ----->  
Anyway, beautiful streets, beautiful place ☺  
*I felt like a whole tourist :D*



BUT WE FOUND OUR WAY!



And yeaaaaaaaaah Basti before he died! :D  
Mileena and I were freaking out, even if you don't see it in the photo haha



In Legend Pre Listening was AMAZING! Thanks for doing it, Basti and Daniel!! And the great surprise... LAURA OF SACRAMENTO! Yeaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah Crazy I Can't wait for Stones at Goliath is released!!

*I will make you Legend  
If you Fly with me!*

PS: Basti, thanks for not dying! ☺

AND NOW  
THE BIG MOMENT



A LOT of things happened after this great photo. We were there, anxiously waiting. Jason, Lena and I were dying.

There were a lot of people waiting and then... THE DOORS OPENED! Ina took us right to the beginning of the line, and we were there, waiting that the guy of the door checked our names at the list...

AND THEN, WE SAW HIM!

The great and awesome ROSS, running to the doors. We screamed and he saw us!!

And then everything is a hurricane of laughing, hugs, smiling, running, screaming.... And I'm on the first line, right in front of the stage, hugging Ross... HELL YEAH!

Ina, Carsten, Jason, Lena and all the awesome people of Rakka Takka came, and we were all there  
EVERY FAN WAS THERE!!

Great? Yeah, wait for more!

hen, we met Ike –GREAT THING YOU SPOKE SPANISH WITH ME :D-, and we went to Backstage to give them the wine and cookies! A promise is a promise.

Damn, I didn't take much of that great moment, but I do remember that Basti was literally dying, lying in a sofa. And everybody was getting ready for the best concert ever!

**And, of course, I delivered the cookies :D!**

It is the right moment to say how thankful I am to this amazing couple. They not only received me in their home, without asking anything, but also made me feel in Home. To never forget. And I am not only thankful with them. Everyone who helped making this amazing experiencia a reality, i'm thankful with. Rakka Takka Fanclub, you are really best people on Earth. You are the DreamMakers!

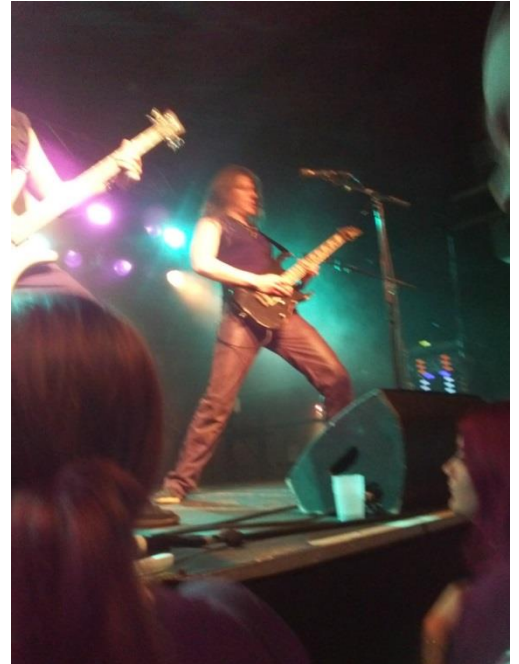




I wish I had more photos of this amazing group, but I didn't take good ones ☹

Anyway, I became a fan IMMEDIATELY!

**WINTERSTORM!**



And Now... we Wait!





And I don't want to bother you with extra words,  
So I will let the photos say everything!





And then, what I could have never expected or asked for....

*We Are the Other Ones  
Unique and united  
We Are the Other Ones  
Those who will succeed  
We Are the Other Ones  
Strong willed and Delighted  
Once more we return to be  
The Other Ones!*



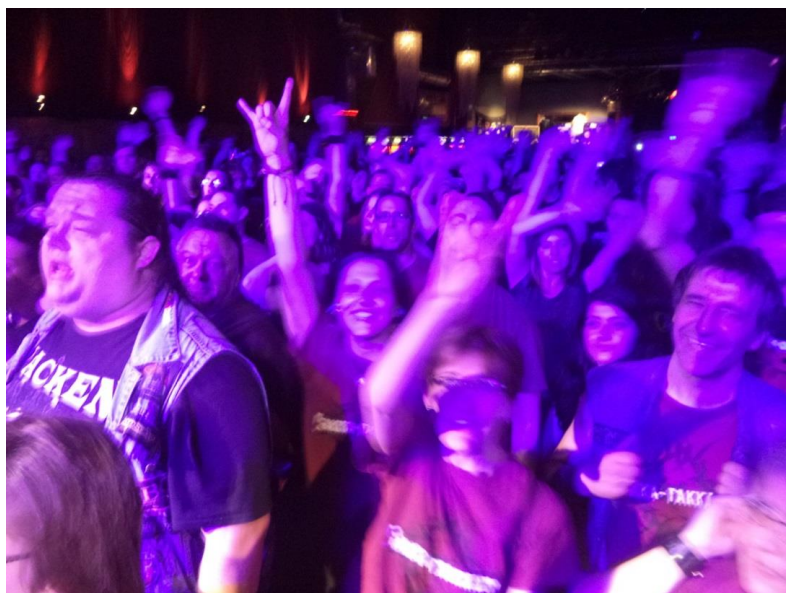
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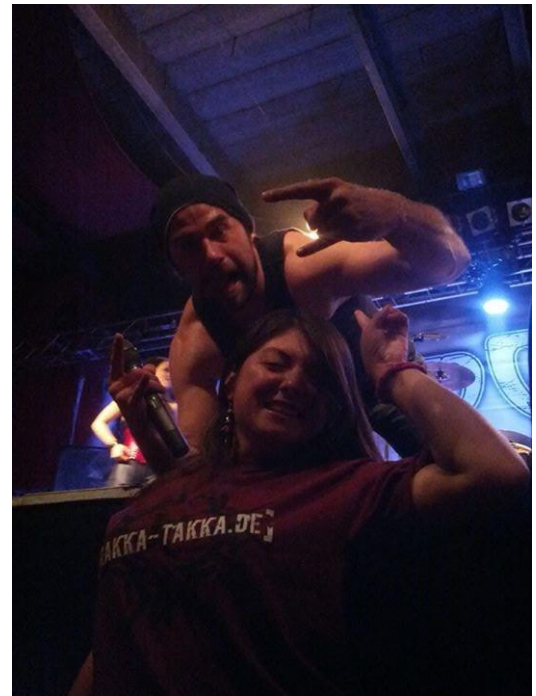


*Now that I know this will not end  
I do understand that I am alone.  
But then We Are more than just One  
We are all but conform  
Still wandering on  
**WE ARE THE OTHER ONES***



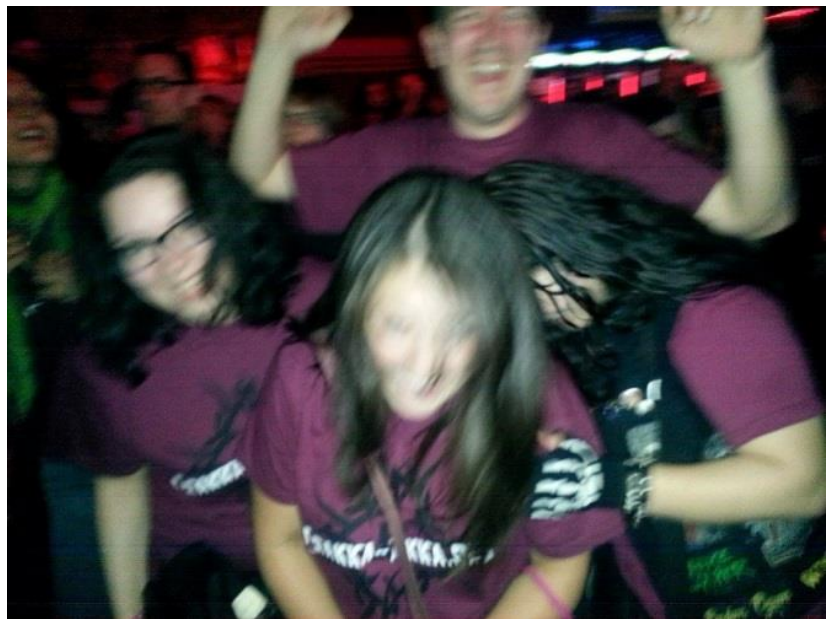
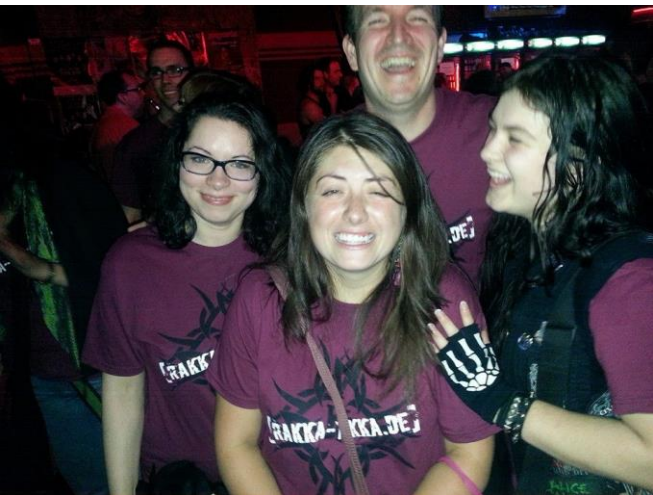


I have many pictures, but they're not so good. Besides, it was such a beautiful, incredible moment, that there is no photo that can express everything it makes feel when I remember it.  
Guys: VC, Rakka Takka, Van Cantias all... YOU CHANGED MY LIFE





THE AFTER CONCERT... OH MY GOD! LoI!



***You guys, all of you... YOU ARE THE DREAM MAKERS***



WHAT A NIGHT.  
NO WORDS ENOUGH TO SAY WHAT I FELT  
A MILLION TIMES THANKS

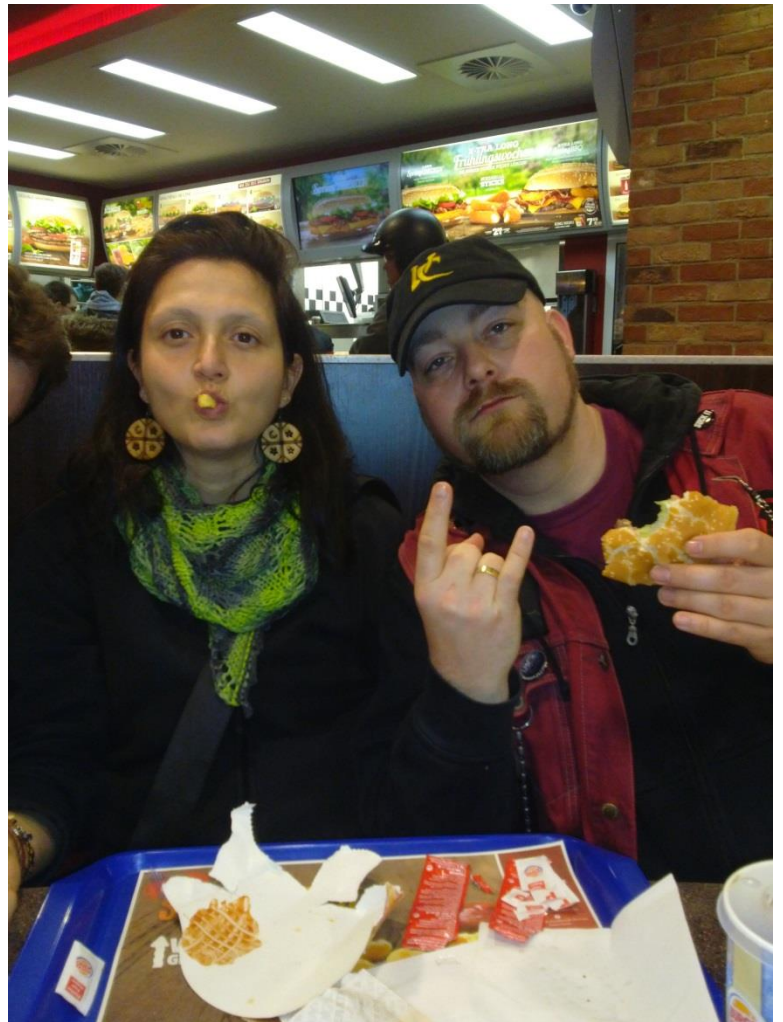








And then... WE'RE HUNGRY!!  
Yeah, I'm totally a Hobbit haha!





The morning after, we woke up early and drove home. All tired and incredible happy. We just stopped for breakfast... Well, Carsten, Ina, Mileena and I. Poor Jason couldn't wake up or get out the car. We left him sleeping with the door opened, and he just stayed there haha



And when we arrived, we even had time to take some great pictures with Ina's and Carsten's outfits



And then we drove to the airport to leave Jason and Mileena...

By the way, Jason almost miss his flight!! It was horrible, we were all dying in that car!

But he made it, and we –the ladies- drank a hot coffee and eat Eastern eggs 😊

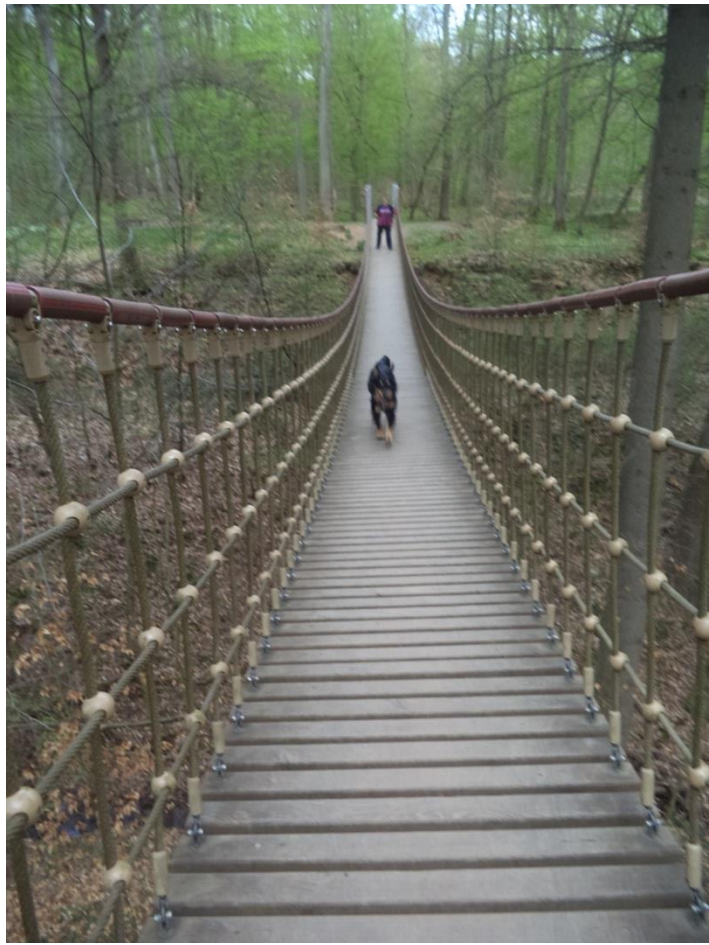


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Monday, everyone's off to work, and I took this amazing walk with Elke and Colin by the Woods. I can't say how thankful I am with Elke, that she gave me her time, to walk, to know new places, to meet her and communicate. There are no words to say how great those hours were.



And faces in the trees!  
I was amazed, such a great idea :D

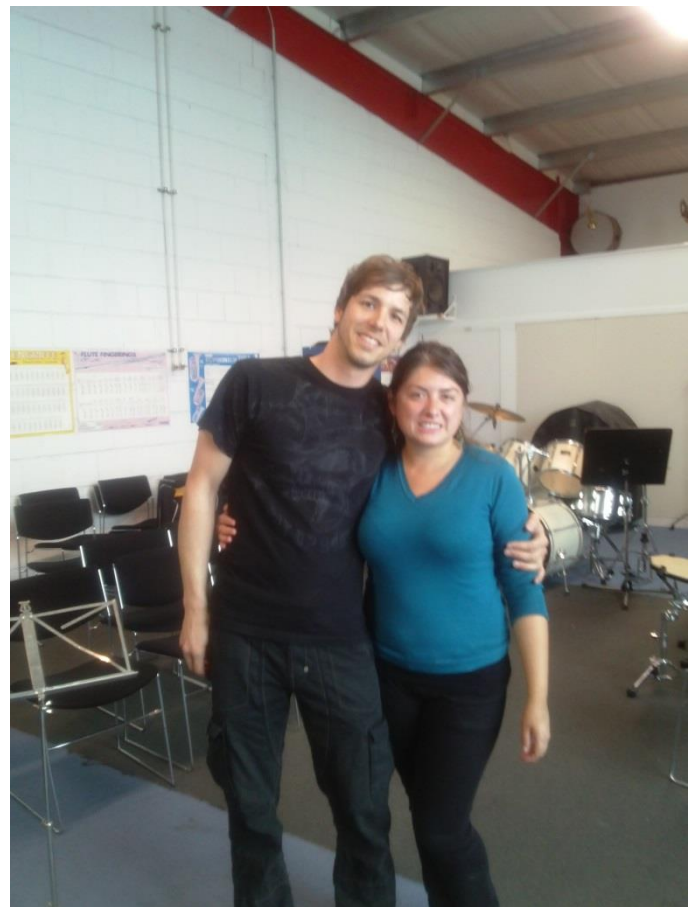




That afternoon I went to Yara's drum class, with Ina and Carsten. Amazing!  
We recorded some funny videos of Yara playing so good, and I failing so bad :D

And I took this photo with the GREAT TEACHER!  
DENNIS OTTO! OMG!!!!  
I was already a fan. Now i'm crazy haha

Later, we ate icecream, of this amazing italian man.  
Had great time eating with Ina, Carsten and the girls, playing with no shoes, eating plants with Yara.  
Yeah. A great day





APRIL 8, 2014.

And last day, after beautiful and unforgettable days. I woke up feeling horrible. Stupid cold. Ina had a cold too, and we both sat and drank tea. Then, I got ready to leave this amazing place and spend the day with Sly.

Saying goodbye to Ina was a really emotional moment. I wanted to cry so much, but I kept my tears for the plane haha. Anyway, I have plans to return there in some years

So... Day with Sly! Driving fast, listening amazing songs of this Steel Breaker – Lionheart :D

YEAH PEOPLE. DAY WITH SLY PHILLIP DENNIS SCHUNKE!



Ñami! Tasty breakfast-lunch. We ate a lot haha!



We bought many things, presents for my family. We tried to find a puzzle with the image of Frankfurt; couldn't find it, but we bought amazing gifts :D! Everyone here loved them.

After that, we only walked and talked and laughed. Yeah, a great time





GREAT PHOTO.  
It shows all the happiness of all these great days.  
What else could I say?

ÑAM ÑAM!



We had a great afternoon ☺  
No never forget



And this is the last one  
We were already at the airport, and I as about to go to my  
plane.  
We bought medicins –i was literally dying- and talk a lot.

COCA COLA!

## TIME TO GO HOME

You know, when I think about all of this again, it's really hard to believe that it actually happened. But it did. It happened. I don't know why it happened to me, but whatever is the reason, I just can say that I could have never asked for anything more. Everyone I met those days changed my life forever, and because of that, I'm a happier, a better person.

This is what is beautiful of being a Van Cantian

**You, guys, are my Family. From now to Eternity.**

*There's still place for more stories.*

*Let us write some more, another time, shall we?*

