

He went through something no one else has experienced, well, not in the same way. He was close to death several times, but he never succumbed. No one will ever be able to experience what he went through, or to understand it without having been through it.

He saw things things no one would want to see, they no one else could believe it. But Sam Braun can believe it because he saw it. He was able to hang on where others failed. He kept a small flame he called 'hope' in his heart ... even in the worst possible circumstances. And with his courage and his humanity, he can now talk about these horrors. He can tell his story even if it brings back such painful memories for him.

You have understood so much. This man has seen it all, he endured and he won, in that station where the arrivals are departures. He had a ticket to hell. A free ticket, but a ticket of no return.

And day after day, month after month, and year after year, he maintained his mental and physical strength ... so in the end he got his return ticket, so he is here among us, to tell us about it ... He came to talk to us, to tell us his story and what he saw. He did this to try to make us understand, not what he went through, because nobody could understand that, but to make us realise how lucky we are to have not endured what he did. That is the best proof of his humanity.

... Thank you for having told us your story in your uncomplicated and natural way. Thank you for your kindness. Just thank you.

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