

the pine forest venturing in a small path filled with spider nets. We ended up on a beach with several improvised sheds made of the timber and branches washed up on the shore. I then improved one for the family but Livia got a small cut under her feet while swimming with her mother and I had to carry her back to the campsite. As she felt better we got back to the beach and swam some more before eating some sandwiches I also bought at the supermarket. Later I got the children started with a hole in the sand and I spent some time writing while also recharging my laptop in an outlet I found outside the restaurant. In the afternoon the kids tried out all the water games and the swimming pool of the camping with Silvester being very courageous and almost able to swim by himself. In the evening we walked all the way to the city center and after a nice piadina we let the children go on a few rides and then took a little train back to the camping.

Yesterday I updated my project still sitting outside the camping restaurant and even had time to write and do tai-chi while the sun took also its time to rise from the sea. As the children also woke up we went for a last swim and then drove to a local farmer to get some fruit and veggies and then back to Schio where we did grocery and ate a slice of pizza. Back in the contrada I planned to go working on the ark but there were thunderstorms in all directions. I then played football with Silvester while chatting with old Andrea who made it to the contrada after a surgery. For dinner we ate some pasta with the fresh tomatoes we bought and later did some drawings before going all to bed.

Yesterday I updated my project and drove up to the ark to keep on installing the structure of the time-capsule within. I felt a little demoralized but either way worked hard and made it home to eat some leftover pasta and prepare some chicken schnitzels for Myrthe and Livia and corn with tuna and tomatoes for Silvester. Later they played nicely together so I drove the tractor back up to the ark and welded some more of the time-capsule. Back home I showered and then we walked down by the church where Nero was there to see an old restaurant for sale. It was really creepy inside particularly knowing that it was where a man committed suicide but we had fun and even got to collect some of the many items left there. Later we walked back up to our contrada and I cooked spaghetti for the family while I ate veggies with tofu. Later we played a table game and then I got the children to sleep.

Yesterday I updated my project and also wrote and did tai-chi before driving with Myrthe and the children down to Valli where we walked up the river and took a bath in the very cold water. Later we ate some leftover pasta and veggies before walking back down and spending more time in the river picking stones with Livia and improvising a fish cane with Silvester. Later we drove to a second hand store in Schio but was way too expensive and after some grocery we stopped at my native highland friends to get some wooden wedges and chat with them. Back up I cooked sausages with polenta and ate with the nice fresh tomatoes we got at the sea side. Later I read a goodnight story for the children and also went to bed.

Yesterday I updated my project and then went for walk with the family across the valley just east of our contrada. We wanted to get on the road going down to Contrada Reghelini where a new Dutch Italian couple has moved but at one point the road was collapsed by a landslide and we had to climb back up to Contrada Rossi. Myrthe and Livia then got the car and Silvester and I proceeded walking the path down to Reghelini where we pretty much arrived at the same time. It was nice to meet there the new couple and see how courageous they were in attempting to start a life there in an old house. We also ate some watermelon with the parents of Claire, the Dutch girl and then drove back to our contrada. The afternoon was very hot and I drove up to the ark to finish off the handrails on the top floor and enforce the staircase with a back profile. In the evening we ate tortellini and zucchini and then I cleaned the kitchen while Myrthe and the kids nicely played outside.

Yesterday I updated my project and then walked with Myrthe and the children to the ark. There also came Vito and altogether we brought all the steal I still have to weld on the higher floors. Two friends of Gianfranca also came by for a visit and after explaining the project to them we walked to Chris and Alessia for a refreshing drink. Back home we were all quite exhausted by the sun and ate some tomatoes with beans. Later we took a nap and then I drove the tractor up to the ark and worked hard to remove all the nets in the middle floor and continue welding the physical archive. At home I ate some rice and veggies and then showered and went to bed to read Marshall's account on the Bushmen leadership based on poverty and sacrifice.

Yesterday I updated my project and wrote and then helped Myrthe getting the children ready to go to the swimming pool. As they left I chatted a bit with Matteo and then drove the tractor up to the ark to continue building the inner structure. I only stopped to eat some leftover rice and then continued until I reached the top floor. There I began to remove the protection nets just next to some wasp hives that did not bother me. After loading the tractor I drove back and cooked for myself some strozzapreti gnocchi. The kids had fun at the swimming pool but Silvester was extremely tired and I tried to relax with him watching some of the Olympics but still he made a mess and I just brought him to bed. Later I talked to Matteo and also went to bed.

Yesterday I updated my project and wrote and rearranged in the garage all the metal nets I brought down from the ark. Later I walked with Myrthe and the children through some nice contradas all the way down to the Orco valley. It was nice to be by the river there and then go back again through some more modernized contradas and reach Zuffonati where Gianfranco offered us some sopressa we ate with the bread I baked. In the afternoon I made it up to the ark and started welding the last bit of the inner structure. A young couple came also to visit and was quite fascinated about the work. Later also the evil hunter arrived and I tried to keep an eye on him but was in the end too tired to weld and made it home again. For dinner I ate fresh tomatoes and then some spaghetti. After the children went to bed I also went to bed to read more of the bushmen.

Yesterday I updated my project and then walked with the family through the valley up the Guizza mountain and then down again to our Argentinian friends in Contrada Quartiero. It was nice to be in their vegetable garden eating fresh fucus and then some couscous with fresh veggies. Also Livia and Silvester played nicely with their youngest daughter until it was time to climb back up this time taking a road that was sweet at the beginning but then became a full climb. The children were both impressive and made it all the way up to Chris and Alessia and then down again to the contrada where we chilled. Later I offered Mara our trailer to empty out the house of dead Rino and I drove up to the ark to show it to Nero who came to eat some fresh tomatoes and a pasta at our place very much trying to spot a place where to buy there as well. After chatting with Mara and then Dino we all went to bed.

The other day I woke up very early, updated my project and drove the tractor up to the ark. I then finished welding the top part and then dismantled all the setup and drove it home. After a shower I had to drive all the way to Milan to pick August from the airport. I only stopped in Verona to do grocery and as the sunset I finally picked my boy up. On our way back to the mountains we stopped for a pizza and I really had to force my eyes open to finally reach our destination.

Yesterday I woke up with the children and helped Rino's nephews to open his safe. I go to spend all morning cutting through the thick doors and found inside some cash. Later we pushed the trailer filled with his clothes and books up and then ate some pasta and some sausages and drove down to the dump to throw most of it away. Later we parked at the station and took a walk in Schio before doing some grocery and getting myself new shoes as birthday present. Back in the contrada we tidied up the barn to host Florian and his daughters. For dinner I cooked some veggies with potatoes and we ate before they arrived so as to make them some space. As they finally did arrive we fed them and chatted a bit under the stars.

Yesterday I updated my project and baked two loaves of bread we ate outside with Florian and his daughters. Later we drove up the mount and made the usual round with Silvester and August leading the way. It was rather cloudy but on the opposite side of the ridge there were less clouds and sat and let the children play together. It was really nice to see them running down the green grass to Fernanda where we got polenta and cheese and her cake specialty. Just before it began to storm we reached our cars and made it back to the contrada where we rested before driving up to the ark. Florian was really impressed with it and August tested a way to let people interact with it. Also at dinner we had some fun letting the children run around and eating pasta and then big watermelon with the setting sun.

Yesterday I updated my project and then arranged a big breakfast for Florian's family and mine. We ate the bread I baked and a fruit salad before driving to the Fugazze pass. There we parked and hiked the road to the Tibetan bridge and then turned around the Baffelan mountain and let the children climb the big rocks there. For lunch we ate gnocchi and polenta at the Bovental malga with the children going wild on the grass playing with each other. In the last stretch we ate wild raspberries and sour leaves and then Florian and I continued alone to the cars and picked our families up at a bar playing old disco music. On the way back home we drove the small road up the Xomo pass and then at home I improvised some melon, salad and eggs. The children kept playing non-stop and August hooked up with Helena and they kept up talking and having fun while Myrthe and I tried to get our super children to bed after the long walk and all the jumping and climbing.

Yesterday I updated my project then prepared breakfast for Florian and his daughters before they left. Later I just cut some grass by our bar and then got Dino Dino to teach me how to use the mower. For lunch I cooked some tortellini and then drove the tractor up with the Dino's mower and cut all the grass around the ark. After receiving one visitor also Myrthe arrived with our new friends from Reghelini. We then showed them the ark and made it back to our contrada where I roasted potatoes and chicken. It was pleasant talking to them but the children were also quite tired and we soon had to bring them to bed.

Yesterday I updated my project and then drove with the family down the mountains and up the Astico river where we swam in the icy cold water. For lunch we ate some rice I prepared and then we did grocery and drove up again. After having to settle little Silvester who got in a fight with Livia for a little toy I cooked some veggies with couscous and tofu and we ate together with Nero who came once again to see whether old Gianna could sell him one of her many houses in the contrada. After chatting with him we all went to bed rather exhausted.

Yesterday I updated my project and drove with Myrthe, Livia, Silvester and August up to my native highland. There we met my mother and sisters with their respective kids but in no time there was already some tension with us playing ball and eventually hitting the nose of one. After the escalation we took a small walk and then ate some pasta. Later it was stormy and the kids went to the movies and I visited my uncle and my cousins with all their many new children. After picking up my children from the movies we kept some more with one of my cousins and then made it to Francesco where we found a much more relaxing environment. There we ate risotto and fresh tomatoes and then danced and finally drove back home.

Yesterday I updated my project and then walked up to the ark to begin oiling the floors. It took me a long time with the brush standing below them and only managed half of the first floor at lunch when I walked down to eat a salad and some wursts with the family. Later I made it back up and also met the architect who was very happy about the progress. After finishing the entire floor I walked back down and cooked spaghetti for everyone. After eating I tested the software August has built to decode the matrices inside the ark and then took the children to sleep.

Yesterday I updated my project and then drove with Myrthe, August and the children to Mount Pasubio. There we began our hike altogether with August leading the way and soon leaving us behind and little Silvester being possibly the youngest climber making it all the way through the whole fifty-two galleries reaching above the clouds with some majestic views always clung to my hand like little strong Livia always clung to that of her mother. August also showed a lot of strength reaching the top at a record time with no light to guide him through the dark tunnels. After eating some bean soup and polenta with melted cheese and mushrooms we started our descend and it was really a joy to see big August with little Silvester taking all the shortcuts of the otherwise boring military road. Later I drove down to Schio with August and the children sleeping and we met their grandfather with an interesting Austrian psychologist he got to know on a dating site. We then went for a pizza together in a nice restaurant on the hills and after a discussion on how psychotic the new generation has turned we drove back to our place in the mounts.

Yesterday I updated my project and cleaned up our tiny apartment before walking up to the ark and experimenting with spraying diluted linseed oil. It worked very well and it was much faster than applying it with the brush but I only had to watch out for the wasps on the top floor. Later I raked under the sun all the grass I had previously cut and then Myrthe came with the kids and her father and his Austrian friend to whom I explained the functioning of the ark. After more raking I walked home and worked with August on the nice software he built to decode the tags in the ark. For dinner we ate some potatoes and a salad and then I cooked some pasta with tuna for the kids. The evening was nice and filled with stars and I chatted with Myrthe's father before going to bed.

Yesterday I updated my project and then got the breakfast ready also for Florian and his girls who stopped here on the way back from Elba. Later we went for a walk also with Myrthe's father and his friend down the Orco valley where Florian and I bathed in the icy cold water. Back home we ate some pasta and it was said to see him leaving especially with the girls who got so closed to my kids especially August with Helena. After cleaning up and preparing a soup with stemed veggies and beans I drove to Valli to pick up Francesco, a journalist based in Rome who has been writing a bit about the ark. I then took him to see it and he spent quite some time exploring the content with the tablet August had programmed. Also an old poet and an artist came to see it with their partners and we had a long conversation. In the end we made it to the contrada and ate the soup I cooked. After chatting with Francesco we went to bed trying to calm the kids down after a day of intense playing.

Yesterday I updated my project and then ate some bread I baked with Francesco before driving with him though the valley to Rovereto and then up to Molveno. On the way he told me of his many genius projects and all his very creative teaching and then off we went hiking up to the Rigugio la Montanara where my countryman Martalar built a giant bear with pine roots. He invited us to eat with him and the journalists that were there for his project and after also chatting with them and telling many stories they left and I got to show Marco the functioning of the ark with the program August has built. Later I drove Francesco to Rovereto and then made it on time back to the contrada to get all the food Myrthe had prepared to have picnic by the ark with other friends. It was nice to have Chris and Denise with her family but also Morgan and his girlfriend over. After some couscous they got to test August's software and then my big boy got to play with my little ones making them spin in the air amusing all of us. As it got dark we were all quite tired and made it home.

Yesterday I updated my project and the drove with the family up to my highland and then higher again in the wild plateaus. There we met Francesco and his family and after driving through some rough dirt roads we reached the path to the Castelloni, the natural labyrinth we reached climbing up through a pine forest completely devastated by a bacteria. After eating some couscous we brought along we ventured inside the labyrinth, making it through all the canyons and difficult passages with Livia, Giulio and Silvester running ahead. Lastly we made it back down with August waiting for us after he did the same walk in half of the time. Later we drove back through the highway completely congested by traffic. It was sad to see how dreadful it all became for the sake of tourism. After stopping at Francesco August and I did some grocery and then we got some pizzas at an old friend of my father. After eating we drove back down and only got an ice-cram before driving back up to our much nicer little corner in the mounts.

Yesterday I updated my project and then just played with the children while Myrthe worked for a few hours. We also got to clean up the swimming pool prior putting it away and then I cooked some pasta and fed all the crew. After a nap I wrote and then kept a bit with August trying to finish off the program to interact with the ark. In the evening a big storm came forward and we took shelter inside our tiny apartment to eat a ratatouille Myrthe's father cooked for us.

Yesterday I updated my project then go ready to keep on plastering our barn. August came also to help mixing the lime bags for me while I finished plastering the lower part of the side wall. After eating the leftover rice I plastered the back wall and then spent the rest of the afternoon cleaning up all the tools. For dinner we ate chicken and then I got the children to bed also feeling exhausted.

Yesterday I updated my project and then took a walk with August down to the the village and then around the Enna mount. It was a nice walk until we reached the southern side and there was a bit of a precipice and then we took the wrong road and ended up further down. The hard part was to make it back up with the strong sun. Eventually we made it and ate a salad before August kept on programming a software to view the ark from the outside and I also prepared some data for him so as to arrange all the tags in the correct order. Later we walked up to Chris and Alessia and had drinks with Claire and Marvin who seemed very courageous in renovating their house and coming to live here. In the evening we kept at the restaurateur and had a quite plain vegetarian dinner with just some chickpeas and rice. Later we walked home with an almost full moon and the wilderness breathing all around us.

Yesterday I updated my project and then cooked some pancakes for the kids after their mother left with her father to drive back to Holland. As August also woke up we took a walk on around the hill west of our contrada and then ate some strozzapreti. Later I took a nap and then edited my books so as to fit the new interface August has built. In the afternoon I cleaned up and also removed the trampoline outside while Manu played with the children In the evening we drove all down for some grocery and then ate a pizza before driving back up again and eat some watermelon.

Yesterday I updated my project and as the children also woke up a storm suddenly flew on our little village. We then kept inside and I edited more of my project files to fit the software August built to interact with the ark. At noon it was sunny and after eating some tortellini I played some frisbee with the children and then went for a little walk with also August and Livia and Silvester venturing with their scooter downhill. For dinner I cooked potatoes and hot-dogs and then let Livia and Silvester play nicely outside while I kept on editing.