

digging out the western wing and placing the grass on the lower part to mimetize all the rocks I dumped there. I worked without t-shirt this time and by the time I walked back in the contrada I was a bit sun burnt. The rest of the afternoon Myrthe and I spent packing the car with all the grocery we bought for the Netherlands and all of Livia's stuff. I also got to chit chat with Matteo and his cousin before eating some fish sticks and cauliflower. We also gave the later to Livia mixing it with some chicken, the first time she ate meat.

Yesterday it was an early departure from the contrada and across the small mountain roads making it to the more beautiful and better kept Trentino. From there I drove to Austria and then let Myrthe drive while I kept with Livia in the back. We stopped a few times and I held Livia in my laps calming her. Played a bit together and then I drove further to Germany where we ate some bresaola and cheese we brought along. Livia was much more cheerful after she managed to drink from the bottle with Myrthe now only giving her the breast in the night. As we found a lot of traffic in Germany we stopped in an uninteresting village and walked around and did some grocery. It was very hot also later in the afternoon and at last we stopped in a fast-food for a disgusting burger before traveling in the night to Culemborg. Holland was so perfect and well kept despite this year drought. Home we put Livia to sleep and downloaded the car.

Yesterday i woke up early with Livia and kept her up giving her some pieces of bread while I ate some milk with cookies. We then went back to bed together and when I woke up I updated my project. As she slept a long time with her mom I also fixed my Website so that it showed the captions below each image. For lunch we ate the leftover pasta and some potatoes I steamed for Livia and in the afternoon we took a walk to check for a new bed as our current bed is all bent. Back home we found streets with trees literally filled with apples and pears and plums for everyone to take. We got home with a few and I spent the rest of the afternoon writing a few short stories about my now past experience in Sweden. In the evening Hanneke came by and I made a risotto with pumpkin. I also fed Livia to get her ready to bed and then Myrthe took over but when she got down again we heard some screams and realized Livia got stuck with her head between the wall and the bed. She got okay right away but it took a long time before she could go back to sleep again. Meantime I did my drawings in my room and then watched some TV.

The other day I updated my project and ate a salad before spending the afternoon with Elli and Arjan who came to visit us. We then walked together to the small dike filled with fruit trees and I climbed up a few to get plums, apples and pears. On the way back we stopped in a cafe and back home I gave Arjan the phone I got from August as a present. In the evening I managed to scan all the drawings I made this summer and watched some TV while eating some lentils.

Yesterday Myrthe went to work and I was with baby Livia all day. In the morning we walked by the river, completely dried up by the drought. We first sat on a little beach and then I put her on the carrier bag and crossed over some dried up lakes and around the edge of a small island. I had to walk for more than an hour very carefully on the granite rocks with Livia sleeping. On the way back I took the asphalt road and back home ate a salad and gave Livia a full bottle which she soon vomited. I then gave her some more and spent quite some time before she fell asleep. At last I was able to quickly update my project and then gave Livia some yogurt. Later we did some grocery and I bought her some fruit. We met Myrthe coming back from home but she got upset about it and I also got upset about all that strictness with kids. Finally we solved the issue and in the evening I made spaghetti alla carbonara. After some drawings I again watched some TV.

Yesterday I updated my project on time to drive with Livia, Myrthe and her colleague Herma to Utrecht where Livia and I took the usual walk through the old railroad to a playground by the river where she ate fruit and then a bottle. Livia was very excited about the kids there and I got to talk to one of the parents, a philosophy teacher. On our way back we stopped in the little zoo in front of the art academy and then drove with Myrthe to Delft where she visited her friend who just got a baby while I took a nice walk through the student and tourists crowd finding quite some trash and filming the canals turned green by the drought. Later we managed to drive back to Culemborg before the rush hour and home we ate the leftover spaghetti and gave Livia pasta for the first time. After drawing I again watched TV missing the active life in the mounts but enjoying some rest.

Yesterday I updated my project thinking I had quite some time but Myrthe needed soon help with Livia and we went out for a walk with her. Back home Myrthe's father came to visit and I prepared some pasta with pesto before and leftover cauliflower before they left. I then was alone with Livia and we took a walk by the river all the way to the fort. She slept a bit and then I let her seat up on the grass in the shadow of the trees by the fort's cafe. On the way back home she lost the pacifier and at home ate a whole bottle. I was a bit tired but she did not want to rest and we went out with the stroller. As we crossed Franco and Leandra she poohed and we got two big packages of diapers and I tried to change her. Back home she was quite tired and I put her to sleep on the carrier bag. I then had some time to seat down with her and finish off the draft for the letter of recommendation for the Lucca PhD. As Myrthe came home I cooked fish sticks and warmed up the tomato soup her father brought to us. I then talked to August on the phone and did my drawings. After watching some TV I again sat down to colour an illustration.

Yesterday I updated my project and then took a walk with Livia on the carrier bag. She slept all the time and I walked upstream and down the old dike stopping later at the butcher to buy some minced meat. Back home I gave Livia a bottle and ate some pasta before falling asleep with her in bed. She kept sleeping for some time and I was able to finish a painting. As she woke up again she was not so happy so after a bottle we went out again for a walk. I bought some spinach and detergent and back home she finally slept again. As Myrthe came home from work I did my drawings and prepared a new illustration. After she got Livia to sleep she cooked some meat balls with spinach and I coloured the illustration watching a silly movie by a Swedish film maker.

Yesterday I updated my project and then packed the car to drive with Myrthe and Livia to a small town in Belgium where to see a new iron sculpture resembling a small church. Both the girls slept on the way and we finally reached the town to take a bit of a walk and stop in an expensive cafe to feed Livia. We got some nice sandwiches from a small grocery and then walk through the hilly landscape eating blackberries and finally reaching the sculpture. It was quite inspiring in the landscape also to see how many visitors it attracted and the sturdy construction of thick iron plates. After seating on the grass to play with Livia we walked back to the village and then drove to Hasselt. The way there was a bit of an architectural mass like in Italy with all these new villas that had nothing to do with one another and the natural surrounding. Hasselt was also modern but particularly a show off of vanity and luxury in stark contrast with the decaying suburbs. Anyway we took a pleasant walk through the very expensive shops and eventually drove to Maastricht where we ate sushi at home at Ivo and Karen.

Yesterday we woke up in Ivo's villa that it was could and gray out. I updated my project before drinking tea with the family and going with Myrthe and Livia to Maastricht by train. We managed to reach a cafe by the Maas river before the rain started and then walked a bit through the city stopping in another cafe to feed Livia and later eating some badly cooked fish at market stand. Finally as there was not much to do we decided to walk all the way back to Ivo and Karen but the road was not the nicest. We anyway enjoyed ourselves and took shelter in a fisherman shop as they rain came back. Finally we walked this time with Livia for the first time on wrapped on my back. As we reached Meersen she was asleep but soon woke up hearing all the kids at Ivo and Karen. In the afternoon we celebrated Biek's birthday and ate cakes. I got to talk to Karen's uncle from Australia about my work and life and politics. Later I helped Myrthe with little Livia and we sat out in the cold sun before giving her bottle and putting her to sleep. I actually wanted to go but Myrthe insisted on staying and I made a few drawings and ate some Asian soup cooked by Ivo before we finally had to go as we were the only one left. The driving home with the Saturday night traffic was not the best but managed on time to put Livia back to sleep almost risking a fine with the car standing outside.

Yesterday I updated my project and did some tai-chi. I then went to the supermarket with Myrthe and Livia and later drove to my workshop where I cut all the metal pieces I had and put them in the car together with all my machinery. I basically decided to keep the entire physical realization of my project in Italy and have a normal life in Holland taking care of Livia and the virtual side of my project. With this in mind I drove in the back of the garden and packed everything in the chicken house on hold until I will travel to Italy again. Cas and Petra were visiting with the kids so I showered and reached them in a cafe and then together we went to a playground where I played a bit with Pepijn. Back home they left and I cleaned a bit the house and folded the laundry before drawing. In the evening Myrthe prepared a Dutch salad and I watched some TV preparing a new illustration.

Yesterday I updated my project and walked with Myrthe and Livia to the pediatric clinic. As we took a longer walk we arrived a bit late. The nurse was a bit upset but then checked Livia and everything was fine. Back home we ate some bread with avocados and in the afternoon I painted. Later we walked to a field to pick more plums and I climbed a tree to get a bag full. As Myrthe went with Livia for a coffee with Clara and her kid I went home and scanned trash. In the evening I drew and cooked spaghetti with gorgonzola eating them with Myrthe in front of the TV.

Yesterday I updated my project and then went for a walk with Livia downstream. As we reached the river she fell asleep and I could record my thoughts and walk to the harbour and then through the market downtown. After briefly go back home I went out again with little Livia and talked on the phone to the company who is renovating my bathroom in Venice. Beside the bathroom now they will also have to change the heating system and finally all the outdated electric cables. I also informed on the big amount of money I am spending for the apartment and then went home to get Myrthe also out for a walk in the market where we bought some old cheese. Back home we ate the leftover spaghetti and I could spend part of the afternoon updating my Website. Later we took a walk in the modern center of town and bought some bread before stopping by Franco and Susanna. We wanted to just greet them shortly but we stayed a little too long and Livia was very tired on the way back. As we got home she right away went to bed and I managed to start cloning an hard drive with all sort of music and movies from Franco onto our home cloud server. After eating some lentil soup I watched the news and then went to draw in my study.

Yesterday I updated my project and then took Myrthe to the station. From there Livia and I kept walking but she could not fell asleep so I gave her a bottle of powder milk seating in front of a cow field. I then put her in the carrier bag and she finally slept. Back home I ate the leftover lentil soup and gave Livia bread and more powder milk. I then managed after quite some crying to get her to sleep in her own bed and I was able to prepare a painting. As she woke up I gave her powder milk and yogurt. By the time we went out Myrthe reached us and we did grocery so that I could prepare the Polish cabbage and sausage dish with rice. As it was cooking I draw and later also coloured an illustration while watching TV.

Yesterday I woke up very early and updated my project before driving with Myrthe and Livia to Utrecht. There Livia and I were left alone and she fell asleep in the carrier bag although something was a bit wrong and she cried this time. Also when it was time to eat the bottle we were in the back of the university library and she did not want to drink. I then got her bread and some moussed fruit at the supermarket and we sat in the small square where Myrthe used to live. She vomited the bread and I put her back to sleep in the carrier. Utrecht was quite messy with a lot of renovation work on buildings that are perfectly new. I escaped that chaos and walked with Livia by the river where I gave her more food. We finally reached the small zoo in front of the art academy but she still did not eat from the bottle. I ate an ice-cream and then Myrthe was done with her meetings and we drove home where I slept a bit before painting and writing. In the evening we just ate the leftover Polish dish and watched TV.

Yesterday I could work in the morning as Livia kept with Myrthe. I then updated my project and wrote the preface of my book Swedish tales. At lunch I ate some pasta and salad and then in the afternoon I kept Livia. We threw the cardboard and the glass together and bought a small cake for Franco and Susanna who came to visit. Later I made Livia asleep walking a bit in the city and back home I gave her some cooked carrots and potatoes. I managed to put her to bed after she cried quite a bit and later ate the leftover Polish dish. In the evening Myrthe was away and I drew and watched TV.

Yesterday I updated my project and quite early sat off with Myrthe and Livia to the beautiful Waal river where we took a walk on the northern dike enjoying the sun. After seating in a cafe we drove back home and I worked in my study while Myrthe and Livia took a nap. Later we walked out and bought a new stove and did grocery for pancakes Myrthe cooked after putting Livia to sleep. I helped with bathing her and then kept in my study to write and draw. In the evening we ate the pancakes and watched some TV relaxing on the sofa.

Yesterday I updated my project and then walked out with Myrthe and Livia to get some grocery for a picnic. Livia and I then walked to the fort but faced a lot of traffic on the dike with all these groups of Dutch folk either going by bike, or by motorcycle or with particular kind of cars. It was a rather awful experience and I had to go with the stroller on the river side to let Livia to sleep before finding a peaceful place under a walnut tree where we had the picnic with Franco, Susanna and Leandra. We talked a bit about everything and lastly reached the main side of the fort where there was a small festival. Livia had to sleep so we went off on the busy dike and soon turned on the path by the river. Back home Myrthe and Livia went for a nap and I cooked zucchini, tomato and egg for the latter while for us I made some rice with zucchini. In the evening I was able to fully concentrate on my work, writing a story and drawing while also reading some nice stories by Romano Bilenchi.

The other day I could update my project before Myrthe went off to work. In the morning Livia and I took a walk by the river but she could not sleep and I went back home to feed her. I then managed to get her to sleep on our bed and could make a few phone calls to arrange the arrival of my tenants in Venice in a temporary apartment waiting for the new one to be renovated. As Livia walk up we kept in the house and then went out to meet her mom coming back from the station. I then got to talk to August on the phone and wrote and drew before eating some potatoes with fish and watch some TV.

Yesterday I woke up and managed a small update of my project before setting off with Livia for a walk to the small zoo. I did not have the carrier bag with me this time and she had to sleep in the stroller but it went fine and we reached the end of the old dike and then got back through the Tuesday market. Livia kept sleeping and I was able to prepare for me salad. Meantime I got to know neither me nor Myrthe got accepted to the research position in Tuscany and thus in the afternoon I went with Livia to the city hall to register as living in the Netherlands. Myrthe also came from work to give her permission and later we went home were I prepared the necessary papers to officially move out of Sweden. Coincidentally the Italian authorities wrote me to tell me that they have finally approved my plan for the cathedral. I then bought the airplane tickets to both go to Italy and then later to visit August in Sweden despite the little time available with Livia to be taken care of. In the evening I cooked some broccoli with chicken and couscous and then made my drawings before watching a Bollywood series.

Yesterday I was quite tired when I got up with Livia walking up several times in the night. I managed to update my project and then ate a salad with a boiled egg before playing with Livia on the floor. We later took a walk to the library to print and fill a declaration that I am leaving Sweden for good. We then went to the supermarket to send it and later walked to the fruit garden to picked some plums but they were already eaten by the wasps and Livia fell asleep. This time she slept a long time on the carrier bag and I was able to walk home and seat on the chair with her to write another Swedish story. Later in the afternoon I gave her yogurt and went outside in the playground to then get back in and give her some chicken with broccoli. She did not eat much at all and Myrthe came home to put her to sleep while I kept in my study to draw and later cooked a soup with the remaining broccoli.

Yesterday I woke up way too early with Livia crying and then updated my project before taking care of her. Despite the wind we walked to the zoo and back through the house streets to avoid the wind. We met Susanna and later the Albanian pianist Meersa in town and then walked home where I ate the leftover spaghetti and Livia a bottle. In the afternoon we reached Myrthe at the station and tried out another gym for me. It was too crowded of immigrants with quite an attitude so I soon left. Home I took care of the garden and did my drawings before eating some bean soup with Myrthe and then trying out our new oven making piadinas. In the evening I watched a good movie about Palestinian terrorists in the 1970s.

Yesterday I updated my project, played with Livia and then biked all the way to Cas' cabin. I was quite fast through the nice Dutch landscape and reached their forest village at the same time of Myrthe and Livia who came by car. We then walked to Cas' cabin there and ate some of his birthday cake. Later his friends also arrived but I took a walk out in the small desert to get Livia asleep. Back in the cabin I ate two hamburgers and we soon left to go back home with my bike in the car. At home I took a long nap and then did my drawings while Myrthe baked a cake with spinach and salmon.

Yesterday I woke up and updated my project. For lunch I ate a salad and then walked around Culemborg with Livia. There was a small festival of piano players but we anyway walked out to the zoo to give the ducks some old bread. Back home we ate the leftover bean soup and I probably ate some rotten grapes from the garden because in the I felt much nausea and vomited.

Yesterday morning I was very weak after all the vomiting but had to take care of Livia. We took it very slowly and played in bed before taking a walk to the chicken zoo. She then slept in the carrier bag and back home I fed her yogurt while I ate a few spoons of white rice. In the afternoon we took a long nap and then I gave Livia a bottle of powder milk just as her mom arrived. I then got to update my project and cook a chicken soup. I also baked sweet potatoes and apples in the oven. After drawing we ate and I watched TV.

Yesterday Myrthe was gone all day and I took Livia for a walk. In town we picked the fork and knife present for Francesco's boy who is soon going to get baptized and the we walk to the birds zoo. Livia slept only very little and with her in the carrier bag and dragging the stroller we crossed the green fields despite the wind. Back on the asphalt road Livia started getting hungry and I walked home where I fed her yogurt. I did not yet feel like eating and only drank up the leftover chicken soup. In the afternoon I managed to get Livia asleep on the bed but she soon woke up again crying. I then gave her a bottle and later went out again to send the package to Francesco and buy more powder milk. Livia slept some more and back home I gave her rice with chicken before bathing her and putting her to sleep. She cried a bit but in the end she slept and I could write a bit in my Swedish tales book after eating a pasta with pesto. Myrthe came home late and I