




The Baù's Village

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We trace the history of Stoccareddo, a small village of 402 inhabitants on the Asiago plateau in the province of Vicenza, isolated in a valley between Monte Pasubio and Monte Grappa, heroic places of the Great War. Up to 380 residents of Stoccareddo share the surname Baù, and legend has it that they all descend from a single Viking who arrived from Denmark in the 12th century. They have a more intact DNA, due to the high rate of endogamy, and have developed a protective gene now being studied for potential application in an immunological drug. The Baùs, with their "good" blood, have lived isolated from the world, but over the past century, many of them have emigrated to the USA, South America, Australia, Belgium, and France. They occasionally gather in their hometown to talk about ancestors, family, and work, especially during the so-called "Festa del villeggiante," held approximately every five years, always at the beginning of August. Guiding us through the discovery of this unexpected community are Amerigo Baù, the local historian, Anthony Baù born in Belgium but returned to his roots by starting a lumberjack business, Chiara Baù, a young soul of the village's "pro loco," and the local glory Eder Baù, a professional footballer who made his debut in Milan alongside Shevchenko and Bierhoff before playing for major clubs in the Triveneto region.

