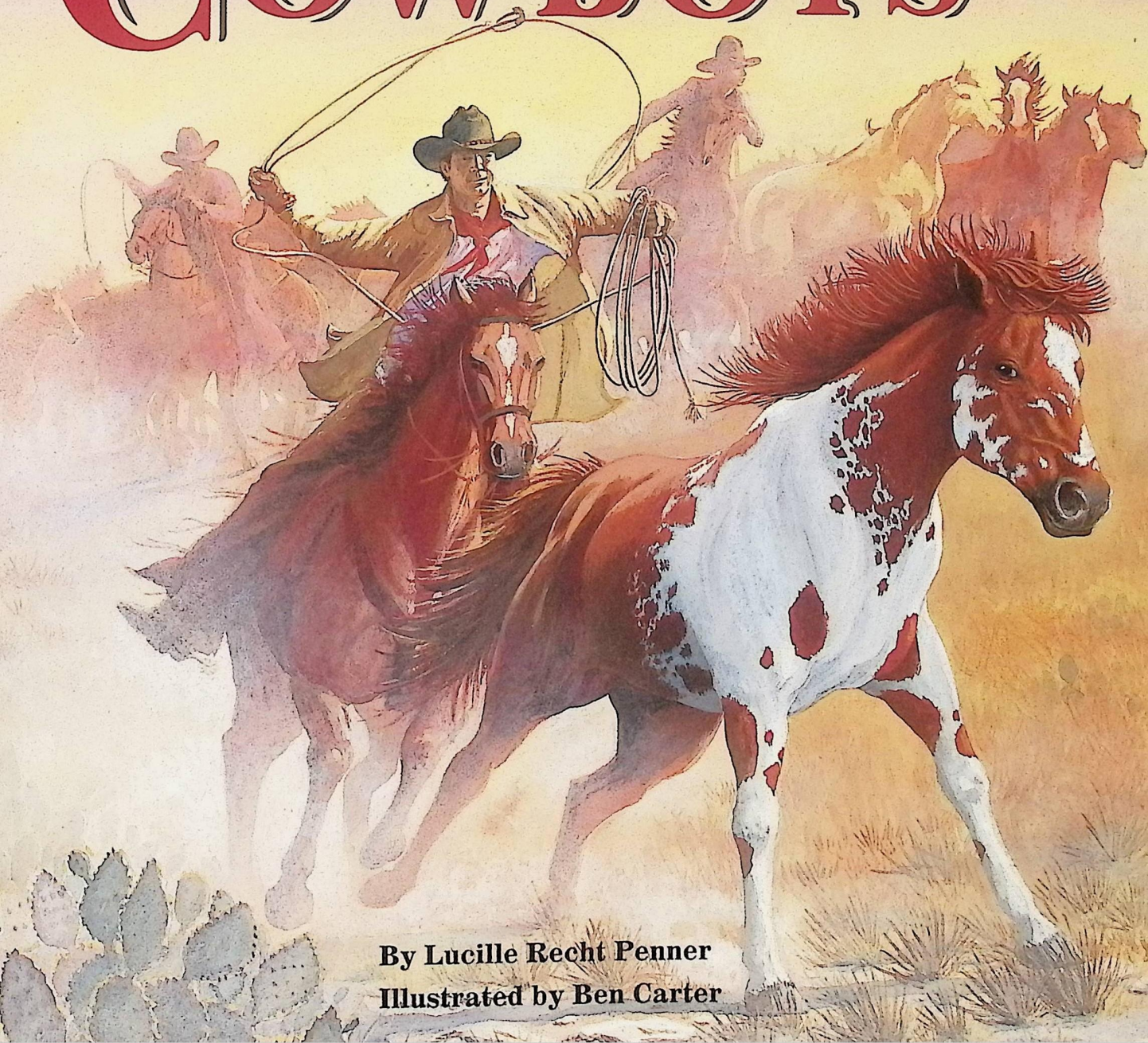


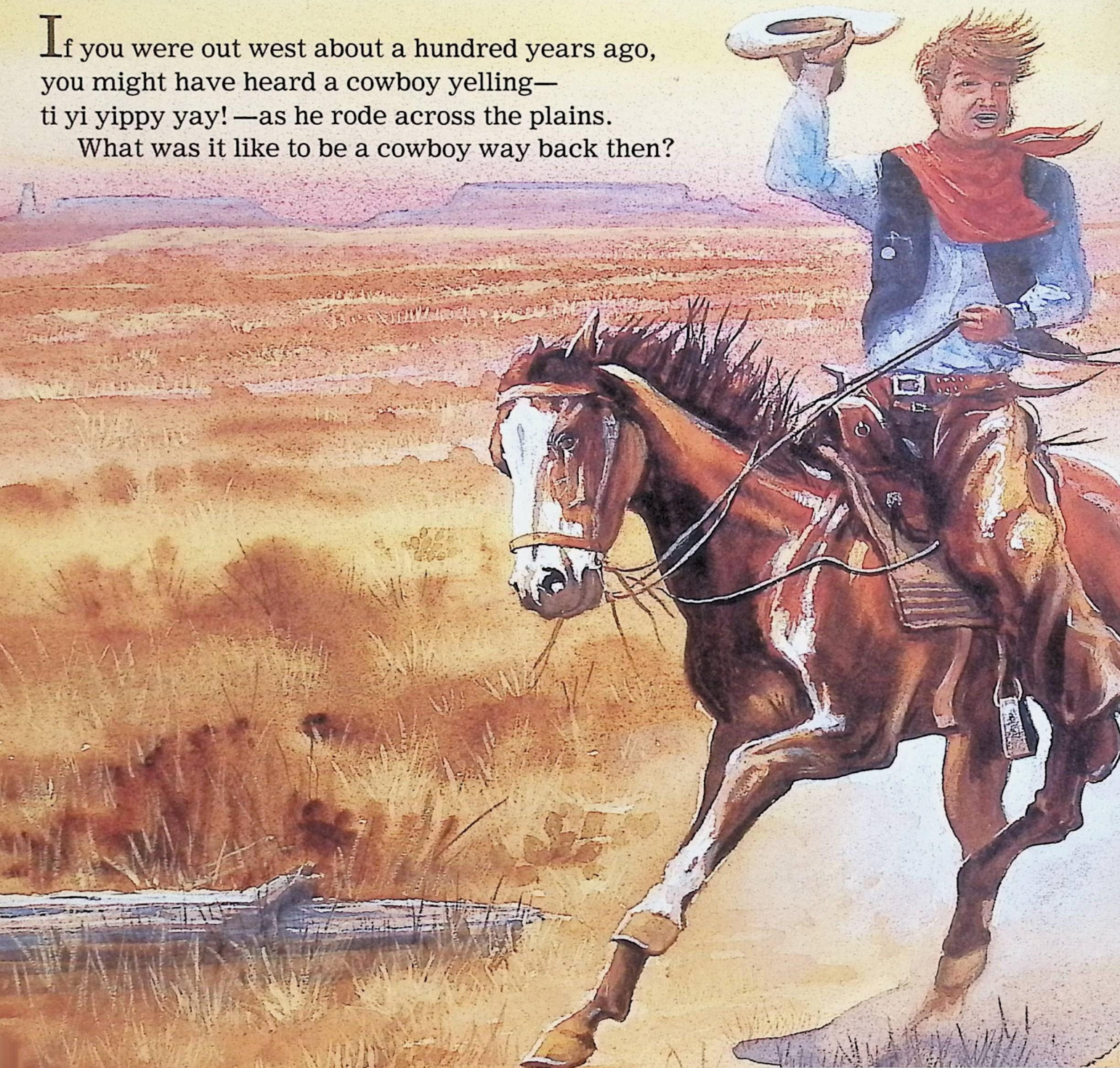
COWBOYS



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If you were out west about a hundred years ago, you might have heard a cowboy yelling—
ti yi yippy yay! —as he rode across the plains.

What was it like to be a cowboy way back then?





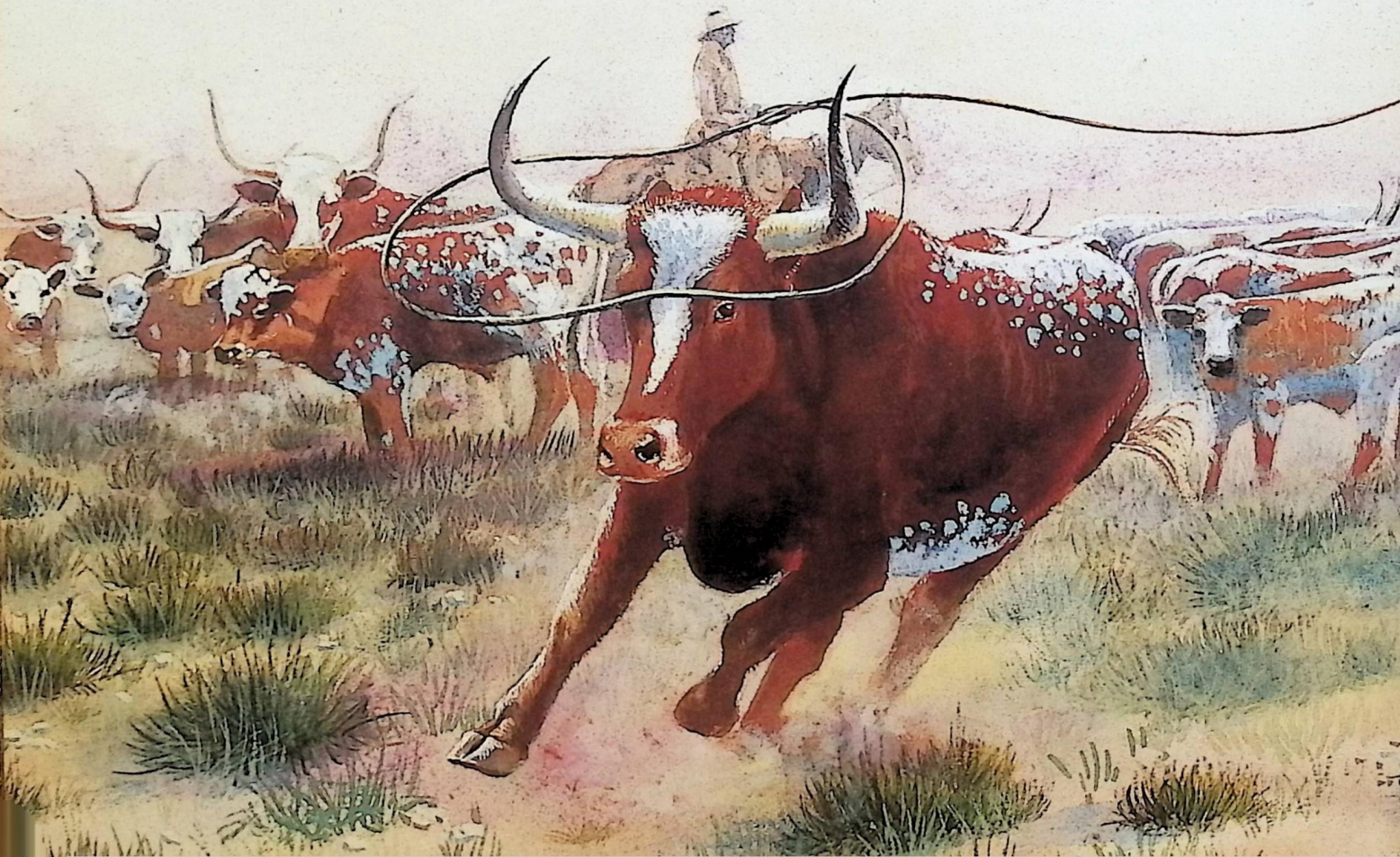
Cowboys lived on cattle ranches. A ranch had a house for the rancher and his family, barns for animals, and a bunkhouse where the cowboys slept. The rancher owned thousands of cattle. They wandered for miles looking for grass and water.



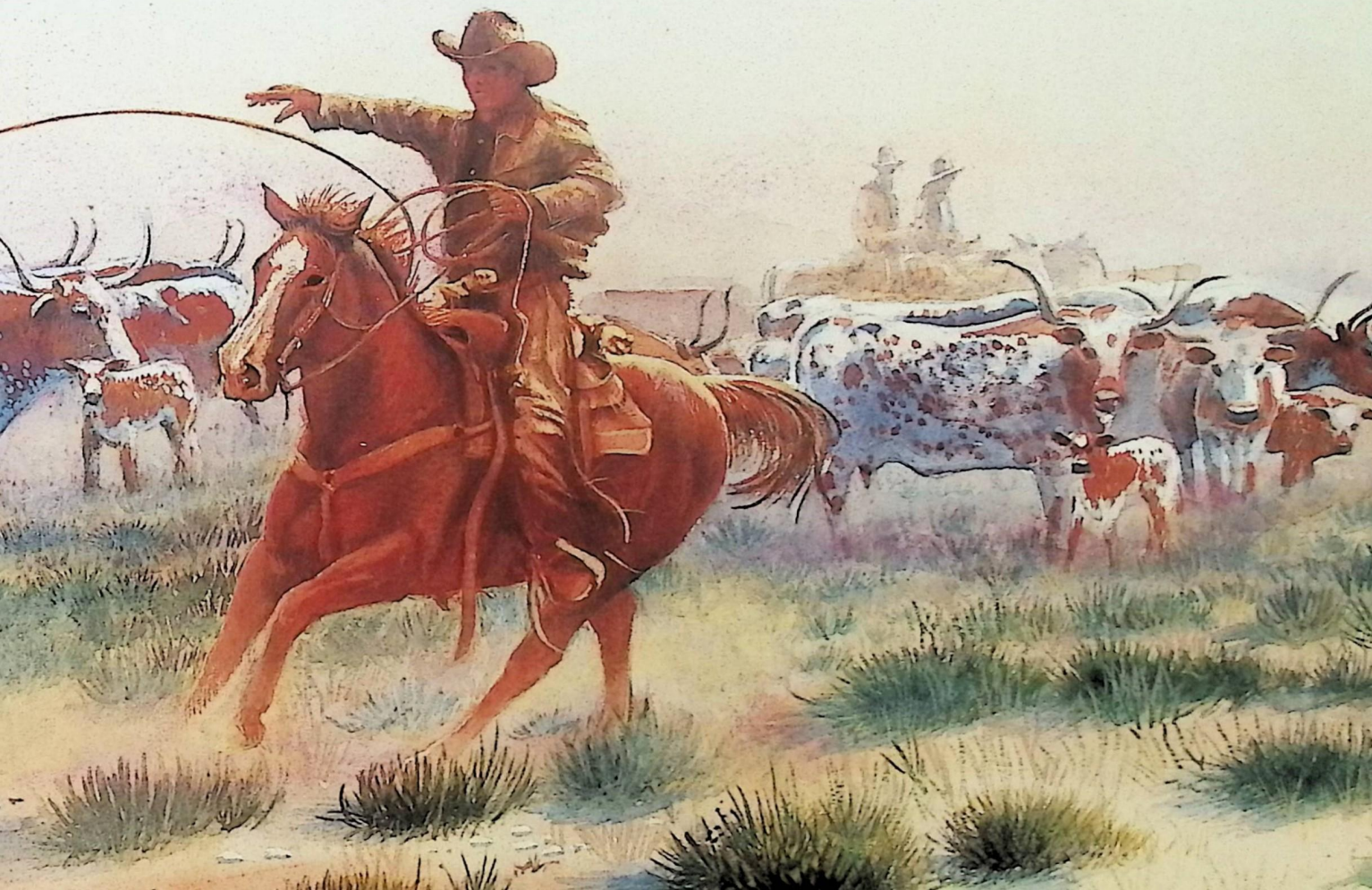
Twice a year, the cowboys drove all the cattle together. This was called a roundup. The cowboys counted the baby calves that had been born since the last roundup. The biggest cattle were chosen to sell at market.



A roundup was hard work. The cattle were wild and fast. They had long, sharp, dangerous horns. Cowboys called them Longhorns. If you made a Longhorn mad, it would charge at you. A cowboy didn't want to get close to an angry Longhorn.



So he made a loop in the end of his rope. Then he twirled it over his head and let it fly. When he caught the Longhorn, he could tell that it belonged to his ranch.



What was it like to be a cowboy—to ride thousands of miles across the prairie . . . to sleep under the stars at night . . . to face storms and cattle rustlers and stampedes? Come take a ride with some cowboys and learn all about their exciting lives in the Old West!



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