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It's just another quiet morning on Lazy Day Ranch when Cowboy Jack and Cowboy Dan decide to make a big buttermilk-biscuit breakfast. For fun, Cowboy Jack gives the biscuit butter-pat eyes and a strawberry jam mouth before setting the skillet on the fire to cook. Before either of the hungry cowpokes can taste even a morsel of the mouthwatering biscuit, it sprouts arms and legs and runs away! Cowboy Jack and Cowboy Dan aren't about to give up their breakfast so easily—they chase the buttermilk biscuit boy past hungry pigs, cows, and horses, who all shout "Stop you little varmint! We're hungry and we want to eat you!" as they join in the chase. The pursued pastry runs until he reaches a wide canal with a cunning coyote lurking at its edge. It'll take all of the buttermilk biscuit boy's luck to keep him safe until he reaches the other side, where even more dangers await.

Author Amanda S. Nelson gives this playful adaptation of the classic folktale a country twist. Illustrator Laurie Klein hilariously depicts the hapless cowboys and hungry livestock chasing their breakfast across the prairie. Readers will enjoy the smug antics of the buttermilk biscuit boy as he runs and calls "Yeehaw, yippee-ki-yay! Y'all can't snag me, I'm gonna go play!"

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*To Danny—thank you for always believing in my crazy dreams. To my sweet Duncan—without you this book may have never been written. Your little paw prints will forever be on our hearts. And to every child I have ever been honored to teach—you are my truest form of inspiration. –ASN*

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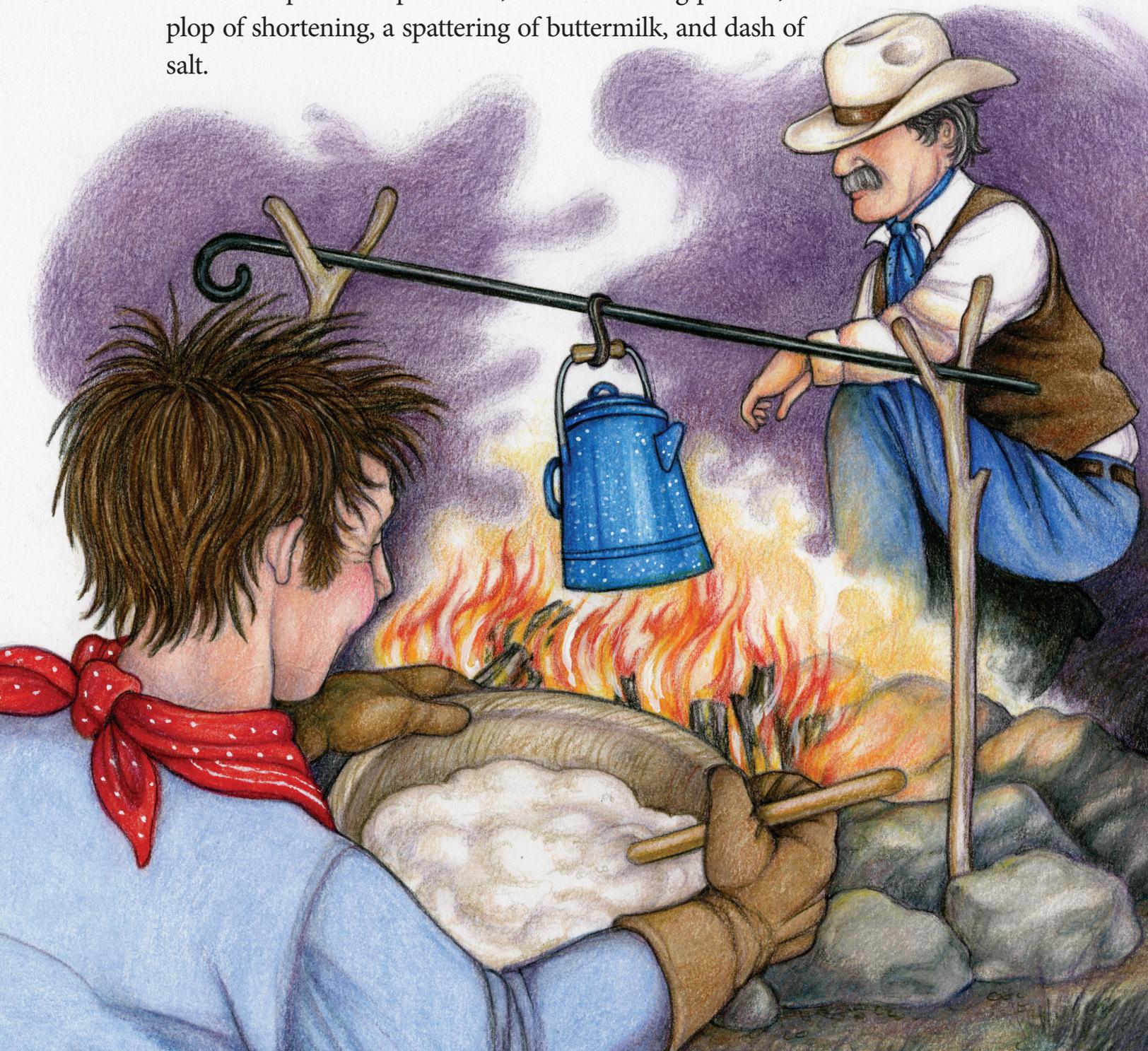


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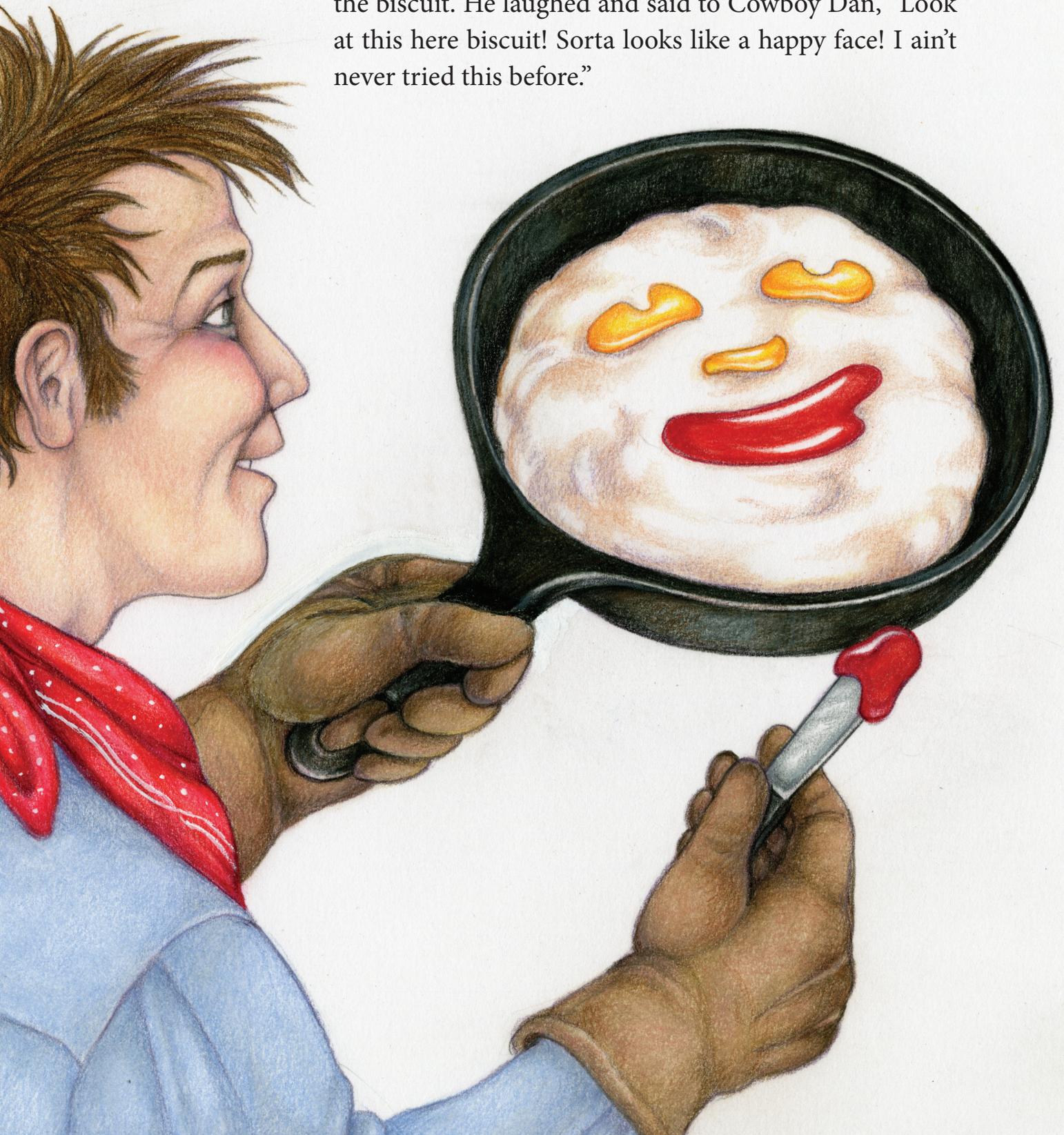


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On a cool, May morning in the green pastures of Lazy Day Ranch, a couple of cowboys sat around their campfire. Cowboy Jack and Cowboy Dan knew that they would be busier than a one-armed paperhanger once the sun rose. They were hungry, so they decided to bake a fresh, hot biscuit for breakfast before they left the camp. Cowboy Jack mixed together his Grandpappy's secret cowboy buttermilk biscuit recipe: a scoop of flour, a dab of baking powder, a plop of shortening, a spattering of buttermilk, and dash of salt.



With the soft dough kneaded together, Cowboy Jack formed a large, round biscuit and placed it in the bottom of his cast-iron skillet. There would be plenty for them to share. Just for fun, he placed three pats of butter and a smear of homemade strawberry jam in the center of the biscuit. He laughed and said to Cowboy Dan, “Look at this here biscuit! Sorta looks like a happy face! I ain’t never tried this before.”





Both cowboys chuckled at the sight of the smiling biscuit. Cowboy Dan was famished and urged Cowboy Jack to get the lid on the skillet and get their breakfast cooking. The two cowboys sat around the fire, wet their whistles with hot coffee, and waited to chow down on the piping-hot, golden-brown buttermilk biscuit.