YOUR VIEW

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First Place Junior Division Creative Writing Contest

Louisiana Angus member's winning piece from the 2022 National Junior Angus Show.

Hi, I am Scottie, and I was one of the first Angus bulls brought to America by George Grant. It began as a scary adventure, but in the end, it was the start to the most successful breed of cattle in American. Let me tell you my story.

It was a beautiful day in the pastures of Aberdeen, Scotland. The sun was shining, and there was a cool breeze. Then, all of a sudden, we heard the men say, "Let's get 'em loaded. They are going to America."

When we heard this, my three friends and I were confused.

We thought to ourselves, "Where is America?"

The men made us walk a long way, then loaded us on a big ship. It was hot, and there was not much food or water. It felt like we were moving, but we were not moving. We were on the ship for what felt like forever. All four of us were all scared and nervous. We had no idea where this boat was taking us, but as Angus bulls, we were ready for the adventure.

Finally, we landed in America at the port of New Orleans. I thought the boat was hot, but New Orleans was much hotter. I heard trumpets play, and it sounded like a jazz festival. It was much more lively than the bagpipes of Scotland! When my friends and I got off the boat, they moved us into this big and loud thing that they called a train. I think we were on the train for a couple days. Then, at last, we made it to our new home, called Victoria, Kan.

A man named George Grant was waiting for our arrival and said, "Welcome to America, boys!"

We were so confused. We still didn't know what America was or where we were. Once we looked around, we were amazed at the flat land and how much room we had to run and play. The cattle in America didn't have much hair and had very long pointy things sticking out of their heads that they called horns. At first, it took us a while to adjust to this new life in America. However, we quickly realized that we were the best breed of cattle and had a lot to offer this new country. With our help, the cattle grew more hair, black hair; weathered winter better; gained more weight; and stopped growing those silly horns.

We helped the cattle industry in America so much that they soon sent for more of our family in Scotland. Before long, we dominated the country, and still do! George Grant took a risk bringing my friends and I to America, and if you are reading this, I bet you are so glad he did!



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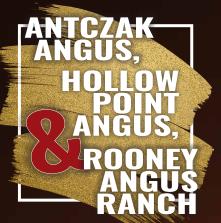
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