

It so happened – lesson – 1 – How the Camel got this hump

Summary:

_____ The world has just begun. The animals had started working for humans, the Horse, the Dog and the Ox pulled loads and served man. But there was only one animal, the Camel who refused to work. It lived in the desert and ate thorny plants.

When anybody spoke to him, he said “humph”

One Monday morning the Horse came to the Camel. He told the desert animal to work like them. Show did the Dog and the Ox. But they had no success. Then the three complained the man against the Camel. But the man asked them to work double to compensate Camel’s work. So, the animals were not happy. They held a panchayat. The Camel laughed at them and went away.

Soon the Djinn or the king in charge of deserts came there. He listened to their complaint and agreed with them. He decided to punish such an idle animal. He found the Camel looking at his own reflection in the pool of water. He made the three other animals do extra work since Monday morning. When the Djinn asked him to clarify, the Camel only said “humph”. He showed no willingness to work.

The Djinn casted a curse on the Camel. Soon the Camel’s back puffed up into a big hump. It was Thursday. The Camel was told to work for three days without eating anything, because his food was stored in his hump. But the hump on his back made it difficult for him to carry the load. The Djinn said that it would disappear when the Camel would learn to behave properly.

The Camel went away to join the three. From that day he has been wearing a hump, but there was no escape from work. He has, however still not learned to behave.

I answer the following

1. Do you think reward and punishment works incentive in general for the Camel in particular?

Ans: the Camel did not want to work at all until he was punished for reluctance. Djinn wanted him to do the assigned work but seeing irresponsible behaviour, he had to punish him by puffing up a hump on his back. Yet he helped him in a better way. Because of the hump, the Camel can survive for three days in desert without eating anything. Thus be it, award or punishment, they do will in general.

2. he has never yet learned to behave – In light of this, what is the writer’s opinion about the Camel?

Ans: According to the writer, the Camel is still a very large animal. That is unwilling to work. After he got the hump, the Djinn asked to go out of the desert to help the other three animals. It seems that the Camel still did not behave himself and worked lazy in the desert itself. It is for this reason, that he was still unable to complete the pending work of those three missed days, and he continued carrying hump and living in desert.