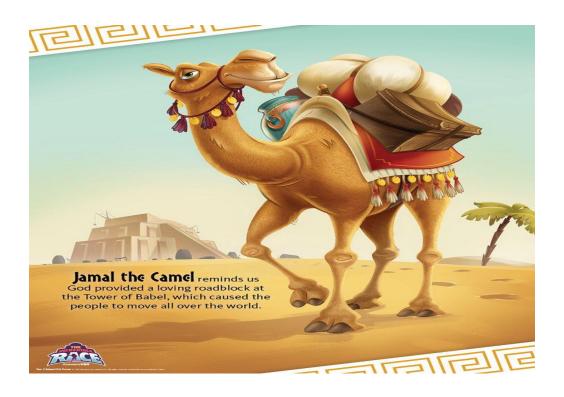
## Bringing(جَمَل) Jamal; The Canadian Camel Home. Written by: Arif Gilany



"I want to tell you a story that has a beginning and a middle; I want to see if you can figure the end.

Jamal was a curious little camel. He looked like a lamb on tall legs but over time he started to grow two little humps on his back. Just like he was going through adulthood with children.

His favorite hobby was his mother's bedtime stories. He would usually be alone with his mother in the desert oasis.

Jamal spent a lot of time with his mother, they were the best of friends. They talked about everything and anything.

One day the little camel asked his mother "When is Dad coming back, I miss my dad?"

"He has gone across the desert; he should be home before new year's eve I hope son." His mother answered.

As they waited another long hot desert for the father camel to come home from his long trip, Jamal started again, "Mom, I feel the humps growing on my back, I had no humps before, what's happening to me? What is the hump growing on my back?"

Mother camel explained "The hump is like our backpack. It is full of fuel fat layers for long journey across the desert like the one father is on."

When he has no food to eat, his body uses the fat as fuel.

"So, Can I ask you another question mom?" Persisted, Jamal, the baby camel.

Mother Camel said, "Jamal, your father is coming home tomorrow, you can ask him all the questions, okay son. He will have better answers and great stories to tell you. I am tired, let's get to bed down."

The baby camel missed his father, he had been gone for many weeks now.

Jamal often wished he was travelling with his father so he could see all the beautiful places in the world.

Jamal was only a youngster and needed to learn everything about the desert dangers before stepping into the world with the Camel Care Caravan.

"We have a busy day tomorrow; you need all the rest and be full of energy." She explained.

A quiet night fell on the desert and Jamal fell into a deep sleep, as he curled up to his mother under thousands of shining stars.

He dreamt of a long desert trip with his father across the desert, over the mountains and around the seven seas.

Next morning Jamal woke up and hand some fresh milk and was charged with positive energy for the day ahead.

"The humans love to drink our milk because it's just like a human mother's milk. It is full of nutrients, vitamins and minerals that everyone needs to grow strong and healthy. Had your milk now your father will come home soon." Explained Mother Camel.

Later in the morning, The Camel Care Caravan arrived at the desert oases.

The merchants unloaded all their Camel Care Brands on their back and brough them back to the market for . It was a family business.

Finally, father kneeled down for some chow down and some rest. That day Father Camel looked exhausted but was happy to finally be with his family.

It was a beautiful day and the sun was scattered on the desert, heating up the desert sands.

Father camel had been carrying the biggest loads of Camel Care merchandise across the desert and through the snow.

He had been working hard, taking loads of Camel Care merchandise from one city to another. He was happy and respected his hard work throughout the world.

Father Camel later told Jamai that he had even been to the land of Aladdin and followed the Silk Road from the East.

Jamal asked, "Father, on your journey, what is most important, the destination or the adventure of the journey?"

He said, "Son, it's neither the destination nor the journey, but the company that you keep along the journey is the most important. We work as a team, a band of brothers. Nothing can stop it."

"We all have extra eyelids for the desert storms, we have protective warm fur for the cold mountains and we have big round feet to walk on ice and snow without falling down. We never top until we reach our destination. We are one unit." Father Camel Explained.

The Father Camel told his family that on this particular trip he had travelled all the way to the Gobi Desert to fetch some Camel Care Merchandise from their cousin the Bactrian for merchants in Europe. Like Marco polo did a thousand years ago.

He explained, "We Dromedary don't have much fur but our cousin grows 3 to 5 kilos of warm fur each year that protects it from the cold desert weather and it just fell off their humps each spring.

The humans call us camels the wisest of all animal kingdom and most beneficial to mankind. "We have decided to turn our Camel Care business into a global brand, because we are humans' 3,000-year-old friends and we want to help them stay healthy and profit from the trade of our brand." He concluded.

He said "A man named Marco Polo had travelled to Gobi over a thousand years ago and had brought back Camel Care Merchandise to the market in Vince, Italy. He had mapped out a road called the 'Silk Road' which connected Europe to Central Asia.

That night father camel told him about their family tree and how over 5 thousand years ago the ancestors of the Camellias had lived Father explained that a long time ago, before the ice age. The camellias family lived in the Arctic closer to the North Pole in the land now called Canada.

They had also talked about their distant cousin the Llama and the Alpaca Family which they had not seen since the ice ages.

After the ice age things were changing in the cold desert, so a branch of the prehistoric camel family went down to South America and became the Llamas and alpaca cousins.

The other two families, The Dromedary and Bactrians went west to cross the Ice Ocean and made their way to the continent of Asia.

Father Camel explained that "Our family had moved down to the desert in the Middle East and from there some family members spread all over the mid-East and Africa."

But the Bactrian cousins stayed East in the Gobi Desert and made their home in a place much similar to the cold desert of the arctic in Canada.

He explained that their Bactrian cousin's hair was hollow and curly so humans made it into clothing because it brought them warmth, healing and comfort.

He said, "There were plans for a family reunion in Niagara Falls Canada where the whole family, The Bactrian, The Dromedary, The Lama, and the Alpaca would all meet and live in one theme park for the first time in history.

They had a rich history and heritage. He had a lot of questions on his mind, Jamal was a very curious little camel he wanted to learn everything about his ancestry.

He was super excited to talk more to his father about his recent journey and their family roots.

Later on, the next afternoon under a bushy date tree while father camel rested with Jamal. They talked about their family history for a long time. Jamal fell asleep dreaming about Camel Care Farms theme park in Niagara Falls where he could finally meet all his cousins in one place and live happily ever after...