

Qaswa wants to be a Zebcam

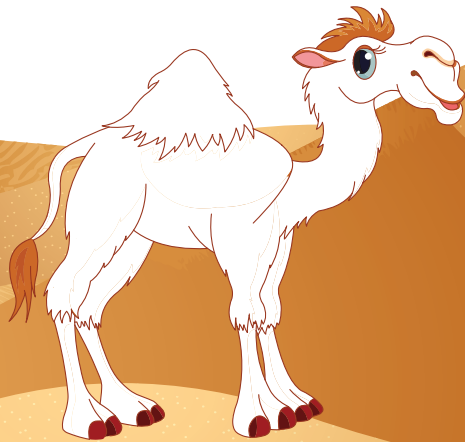


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Qaswa the camel was as white as snow. His parents had called him Qaswa after the Prophet's camel.

Every morning they would look at him proudly and prayed that he would one day carry someone as awesome as the Prophet (pbuh).



Qaswa loved zebras. He loved their stripes and the way they ran and swished their tails.

How he wished he was a zebra.



Every night he would dream of waking up with stripes and a swishy tail and no hump.

He hated his hump, it was so awkward.



One sunny day, there was a lot of excitement in the desert. An artist had come to paint a picture of the camels.

Qaswa tried to hide because he didn't want a painting of him with a hump.



His mum knew that if the artist saw Qaswa, he would want to paint him because he was so awesome.

Sure enough, when the artist saw Qaswa he came towards him and said "I want to paint you."

"Only if you put stripes on me, I've always wanted to be a Zebcam" Qaswa said.

The artist smiled "Of course I will."



Qaswa stood still for hours whilst the artist painted him. As the sun began to set, the artist stood up and said "I've finished."

"Please let me have a look!" Qaswa said
When he looked at the painting, he saw stripes on his snow white legs and on his back. He looked exactly as he had always wanted to be. Even his hump didn't look so awkward any more.



"Will you paint some stripes on me please; just like the painting?" Qaswa asked the artist.

"Have you asked your mum?" the artist asked

"Of course, I have" lied Qaswa

The artist started painting shiny black stripes on Qaswa. When he finished Qaswa looked like a Zebcam.

As he peered down at his reflection in the water, Kiswa realised he looked really silly. He was a camel and he was trying to be a zebra. He wished he could turn the clock back and remove those stripes.



It was as if God had heard. Suddenly there was a downpour in the desert which was very unusual.

The stripes washed off him and Qaswa thanked God for the rain.

He promised himself that he would become the best camel in the land and make his mum and dad proud of him.



