Text analysis: “How the Camel Got his Hump”

1. Discuss the characters in the story. Provide relevant quotations.

2. Explain the camel’s punishment.

3. What characteristics of the camel does the tale explain?

4. Answer the following questions on the final poem (which includes the moral of the story). Provide relevant quotations:
   a) Explain the moral in the poem.
   b) What lines are repeated in the poem?
   c) Is the poem as fantastic as the tale, or is it more realistic? Explain.

5. Compare the illustrations in the edition of the tale that you have read with Kipling’s original illustrations (see ‘Links’ Campus Virtual to access Kipling’s original version of the tale). Think if they represent the same characters and objects, if they both have an oriental style, if they emphasize different ideas, etc.

6. Do you know any origin story in your own language?

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