

Lesson 9

READ THIS STORY #1, Advanced

Camel Caravans

Pictures of camel caravans crossing the vast Sahara desert evoke a sense of adventure in most armchair travelers. We're always amazed that Arab traders can find their way across such a vast arid wasteland.

Often, we long to journey to that part of the world to taste that strange way of life. We've seen films of nomadic tribes at their campsites. The men seem to be worry free and never appear to be in a hurry. They're handsome and wear clean robes. They sit in a circle on Turkish rugs while meat roasts over the open fire. Their wives serve the men, then they put on harem pants and dance.

It would be interesting to converse with an Arab nomad. He would probably describe his life differently. He'd tell us of the perils of sand storms and of being robbed by bandits.

He might envy our way of life.