

Cultural Post #2- "Best toys in Pakistan"

Once in awhile while one is traveling in foreign places one is lucky enough to find a priceless cultural artifact of intrinsic and inestimable value, a treasure that must be bought no matter the cost. Thankfully, in this case it only set me back 200 rupees (3 bucks). I don't want to give it all away, but today's priceless artifact is a toy involving a mechanical animal and a Pashtun (one of Pakistan's main ethnic groups) playing guitar. There's video!

The best way to experience this hilarious cultural-artifact toy is by watching the video I made (lights! action! music!). You can see it on YouTube.

[Click here](#)

or go to this link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4iEIO-p7h4>

(the first part has no sound)

If you can't or don't want to see the movie, you can take in the pictures below.

Basically, it's a camel ridden by a Pashtun (you can tell by the hat) playing a guitar, and it walks. When you turn it on the tail swings, the head nods up and down, the eyes flash with red lights, the guy's arm goes up and down as if he were

really playing the guitar, and some excellent kitschy plastic-toy-music plays. That camel really goes!

Friends Darren and Heather, who were here in Quetta before us, showed us this lovely little model. I was hoping they'd leave theirs for us, but they loved it so much they took it with them to Nigeria. So the other day I went out to the market and tracked one down for me very own. I might even find a way to take it with me when I leave, too.

