

In this excerpt from The Conch Bearer, a novel by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, a boy named Anand and his sister Meera live in India, where Anand encounters a stranger. Read the excerpt and answer the questions that follow.

A Strange Old Man

from *The Conch Bearer* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Students read a selection titled “A Strange Old Man” from *The Conch Bearer* and then answered questions 1 through 11 that followed.

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