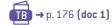


Paths to freedom





DIFFÉRENCIATION



The birth of two nations

The narrator is a young girl who lives in Lahore (now Pakistan).

There is much disturbing talk. India is going to be broken. Can one break a country? And what happens if they break it where our house is? Or crack it further up on Warris Road? How will I ever get to Godmother's then?

I ask Cousin.

"Rubbish¹," he says, "no one's going to break India. It's not made of glass!"

I ask Ayah.

"They'll dig² a canal...," she ventures. "This side for Hindustan and this side for Pakistan. If they want two countries, that's what they'll have to do—crack India with a long, long canal."

Gandhi, Jinnah, Nehru, Iqbal, Tara Singh, Mountbatten are names I hear.

And I become aware of religious differences.

It is sudden. One day everybody is themselves—and the next day they are Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian. People shrink³, dwindling into symbols.

Bapsi SIDHWA, Cracking India, 1988

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