

## 1 | text

She didn't even trust the twins. She deemed them Capable of Anything. Anything at all. *They might even steal their present back* she thought, and realized with a pang how quickly she had reverted to thinking of them as though they were a single unit once again. After all those years. Determined not to let the past creep up on her, she altered her thought at once. *She. She might steal her present back.*

## 2 | brainstorm

### 2.1 | the past lingers, yet baby kochamma is running from the past

2.1.1 | **redundant "reverted...once again"** stresses the past, as if she is trying to keep it in the past

2.1.2 | **"how quickly"** it's much easier to go back

2.1.3 | **"after all those years"** as opposed to **"these"** years. disassociating the years where they were away from self. also guilty.. why?

2.1.4 | **"not to let the past creep up on her"** the way rahel/estha do. rahel/estha represent the past

2.1.5 | **pang = guilty?**

2.1.6 | **no hesitation in correction, has been doing this for a while.**

2.1.7 | **lack of "even"** in corrected thought?

2.2 | **scared of silence**