

## 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