

1 | **brainstorm**

1.1 | **cupboards**

1.1.1 | **cupboards to lock as a symbol of wealth**

1. baby kochamma

(a) "Foreign returnees ... with keys to count, and cupboards to lock" (67)

1.1.2 | **things inside cupboards**

1. rat making trips to cupboard at doctors office (63)

2. 'he was never sure which cupboard he might have to open ... counting his keys' train crossing man (31)

3. baby kochamma's ooty cupboards, thermos flask in cupboard

4. Wisdom exercise notebooks book cupboard (74)

5. pappachi's got mamachi's shears from her sewing cupboard to shred ammu's boots (86)

6. label cupboard full of labels (92), it was red apparently

7. velutha has no keys to count or cupboards to lock (99)

8. swollen cupboards creaked - dampness

(a) waking ammu from her velutha dream using a creaky cupboard door (104)

9. chacko's cupboard of damaged balsa airplanes (113)

(a) "Pickle Baron-dreams and the People's War joined the racks of broken balsa planes" in Chacko's cupboard (132)

10. cupboards were dangerous to open because clothes and books and shoes would cascade down (chackos cupboards) (116)

1.1.3 | **secrets inside cupboards**

1. 'his mind was full of cupboards, cluttered with secret pleasures' (30)

2. 'shut it when you've finished it, baby kochamma said, and closed her face like a cupboard' (15)

3. 'room kept its secrets ... cupboards closed' (43)

4. glass-paned cupboard in comrade pallai's house with curtains to hide the contents (126)

(a) whatever comrade pallai stored in his curtained cupboard, it wasn't broken balsa airplanes

1.1.4 | **getting lost in cupboards**

1. cupboards with built-in bedrooms (metaphor for punishment, 55)

(a) 'the twins only asked for punishments that fit their crimes. Not ones that came like cupboards with built-in bedrooms. Not the ones you spent your whole life in, wandering through it's maze of shelves'

1.2 | **reversed containment**

1.2.1 | **river in the boat**

1.2.2 | **cupboards with built-in bedrooms**