

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?**

2.2 | **scared of silence**

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