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Late one evening, Hermione found herself travelling down an unfamiliar corridor in the dank dungeons of Hogwarts. Although it was dark, there was an eerie light that drew her attention. She couldn't explain it, but she was attracted to that room. She had to find out what was in it.

As she moved closer to the heavy oak door, her fingers ached to touch the planes of it—to feel its texture. She flexed her fingers and ran them down the surprisingly smooth surface. With one final stroke, she was inside the empty but brightly lit room. The only thing that decorated its walls was a screen that had begun to show her as a small child.

Hermione did not want to see what was playing on the screen; it was all of her worst memories come to life. Hurrying to the door, she fervently tried to open it, but it remained locked. Feeling defeated, she sunk to the floor and began to cry.

As she sat on the freezing stones, she now knew why she was attracted to this room: it was the Forbidden Room. She had heard the students and staff speak of its legend and how if one came across it, one would be trapped there to relive one's worst memories for twenty-four hours.

A/N: Here is the original prompt for this drabble: There's a room in Hogwarts that no student or staff will enter. Why and who gets trapped there one day?