## Curiosity's Curse

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## 500 word story competition

Once upon a time, there was a group of friends named Karla, Lyra, Liam and Miles. They were always **curious** about the abandoned house on the outskirts of their town. The house had been empty for years, and no one knew why. The kids had heard rumours that the house was haunted, but they didn't believe it. They were determined to find out what was inside.

One day, they decided to explore the house. They waited until it was dark outside and then snuck into the house through a broken window. As they entered the house, they felt a chill run down their spines. The air was thick with an eerie silence, and the only sound they could hear was the creaking of the floorboards beneath their feet.

As they walked down the hallway, they noticed that the walls were covered in peeling wallpaper, and the doors were all rusted shut. Suddenly, they heard a faint whisper coming from one of the rooms. They couldn't make out what it was saying, but it sounded like a woman's voice. They tried to ignore it and continued walking down the hallway.

As they turned the corner, they saw a figure standing at the end of the hallway. It was a woman dressed in a white gown, and her hair was long and black. She was staring at them with a blank expression on her face. They tried to run, but their legs felt like they were made of lead. They couldn't move.

The woman started walking towards them, and they could hear her footsteps echoing through the hallway. They tried to scream, but no sound came out. The woman was getting closer and closer, and they could see that her eyes were completely black. They were filled with a sense of dread and terror.

Suddenly, the woman disappeared, and they were left standing in the hallway alone. They looked at each other, and they could see the fear in each other's eyes. They knew that they had to get out of the house as soon as possible.

As they turned around to leave, they saw that the door they had entered through was gone. They were trapped. They tried to find another way out, but every door they opened led to another hallway. They were lost in the house, and they knew that they were not alone.

They could hear footsteps behind them, and they knew that the woman was still there. They could feel her presence, and it was suffocating. They tried to run, but they couldn't escape.

The house was cursed, and they were doomed to spend eternity wandering its halls. They were never seen again, and their fate remains a mystery to this day.

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