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Seeping in under the door, light beams splinter in, pushing and filling the room

up to the ceiling: weighing down on everything—the sofa cushions give, flattening slightly; their sponge-like seats absorb the light as water, filling up until they sag with wish of squeezing it out.

It swallows me
 engulfs me
 drowns me.

Eyelids tightly taut shut: rods of light—like bird beaks,
 fidgety-finger pokes
 —peck and prod hoping to pry, hoping,
 a new source to pour into...