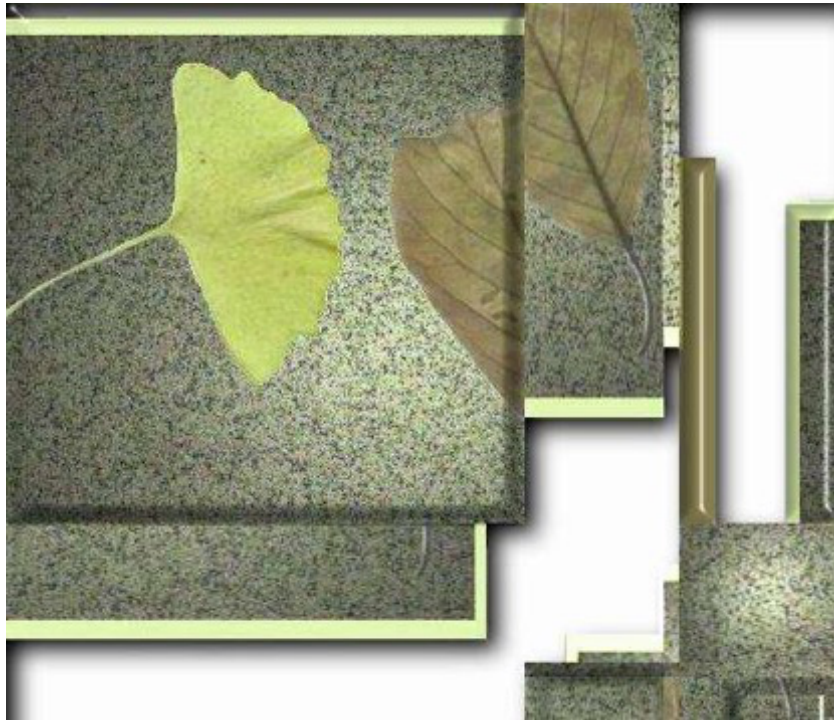


AUTUMN SHADES:

AN EXPLORATION OF BEAUTY



Linda : Each season has its own beauty. Many appreciate spring, but fewer recognize autumn's charm.

Ron : Don't most of us have a far too one-sided view of beauty? There's beauty even in death and decay.

Lis : (nodding) That's hardly surprising since beauty itself is often marketed as a commercial commodity. Advertisers try to tell you exactly beauty means, insinuating anything different is not beautiful.

Lex : (pausing) I think there's a mathematics to beauty. Whenever symmetry and order combine with complexity, beauty is a natural consequence.

Lis : (cynically) Ironically, any obsession with beauty is sort of ugly. Those who overly worry about outward beauty are like cadavers. Too much self-consciousness is never beautiful: real beauty has an innocence that can't be faked.

Ron : (chuckling) Hmm. I question whether anything on this planet can be called 'innocent'.

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