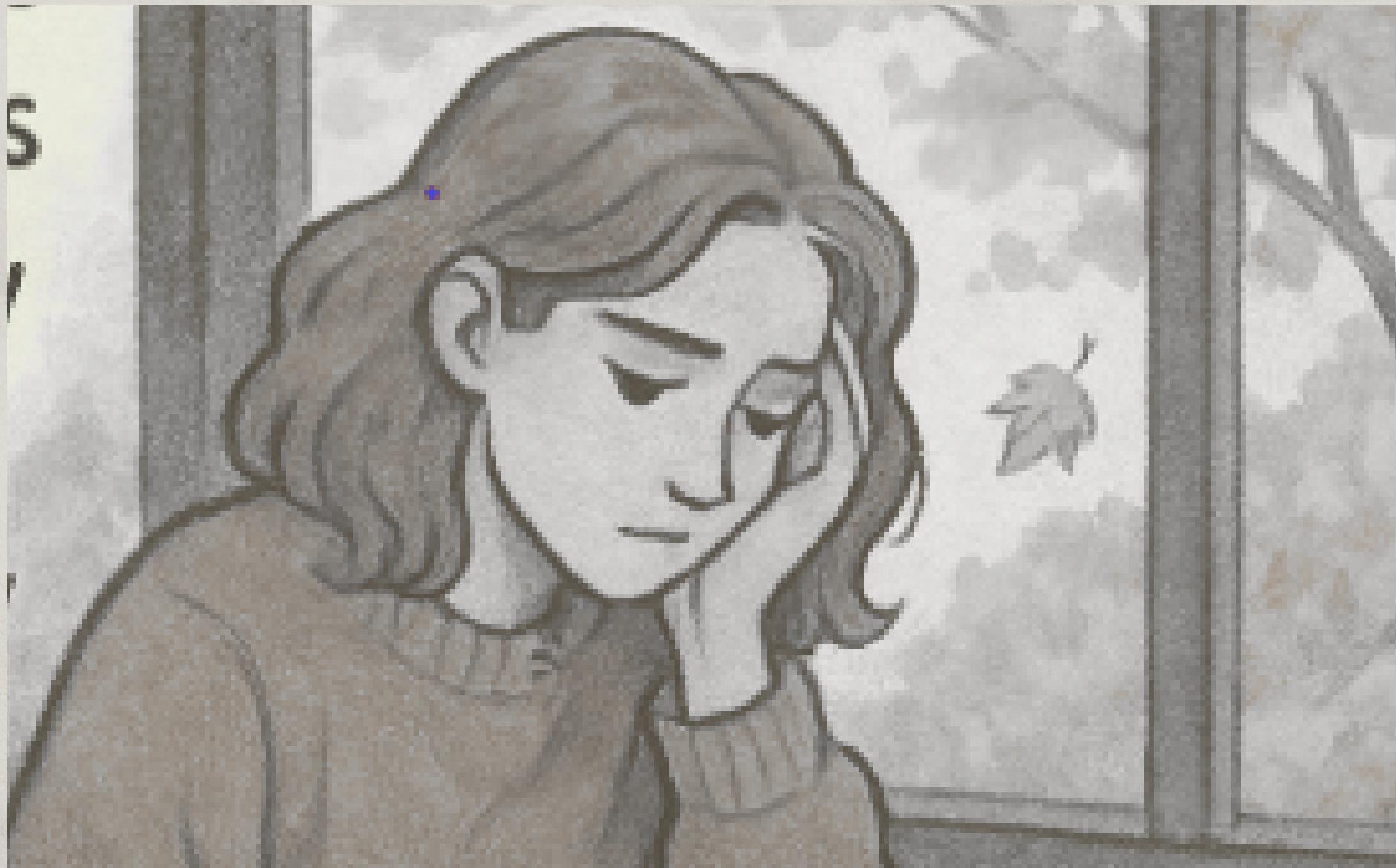


CRISPS OF FALL

Fresh fall,
FEARLESS NEW BEGINNINGS

After four months of summer, I feel like I'm starting over again. It wasn't easy—I doubted myself, listened too much to others' advice, and forgot how energetic and lively I used to be. This year, I tried too hard to "act like an adult," focusing on making new friends, dating, and building a career because everyone said that's what I should do. But instead of finding clarity, I ended up feeling lost.

I've always been excited by my career and curious about new things, but during this time, something didn't feel right. I asked myself, Why am I trying to change? The changes I made only made me miserable. Finally, I made the tough decision to withdraw from my course and look forward to a fresh start. I realized I wasn't happy with what I was doing. I became stressed, my behavior changed, and I hurt people close to me by constantly talking about my problems.

I doubted my writing skills and creativity, yet I never gave up—and I still haven't given up on my dreams.

Now, with summer ending and fall beginning, I couldn't be more excited. I once read, "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." This year, I made mistakes, but I learned a lot. These experiences are shaping me into a stronger, better person.

I'm now in a new course that allows me to be creative and energetic—the real me. I'm writing this not to inspire or demotivate but to remind myself (and anyone reading) to always stay happy and never let anyone distract you from your true focus.

Never listen to people who try to mess with your mind.

And if you've seen the Venom movie, you know what to do with toxic people—just eat their heads.