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## Chapter 7: Assignment 7

### 1. What is successful about *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*?

*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* is successful because it managed to combine two genres i.e. sci-fi and romantic comedy and significantly increased the drama of the film. This highlights the emotions that we have as humans, the idea that we love and then experience heartbreak, and then adding the sci-fi idea of being able to erase that pain is something that we have all wanted to be able to do elevates this movie emotionally for the audience.

### 2. Name three famous remakes that are not thought of as remakes?

- Scarface
- The Maltese Falcon
- The Departed

### 3. What is the key to good genre mashing?

The key to good genre mashing is to be able to identify the common elements in the story and identify which genres would work well with which elements.

### 4. Come up with your own “genre-mashing” idea and write a one page synopsis for it.

The following genre-mashing idea combines horror and sci-fi all told within a cooking show. The idea would be that this would be shot as an animation such as *Claymation* to lessen the impact of the horror of cooking with humans.

#### **The Animals**

In an alternate universe, animals have proven stronger and have won the battle against humans to rule the world. Humans are a means of sustenance for the animals and roam wild or are farmed to support the overpopulation of the animal kingdom. The victory of the animals against humans is celebrated on Thanksgiving Day and a feast is prepared in honor of this event each year by the animals. Usually, one breed of humans are used, those that roam wild in the mountains of Appalachia to celebrate this day, stuffed and roasted with all the fixings, it is a long held tradition of the animals to prepare them each year. However, a famed celebrity animal chef has decided to make the feast even more memorable by cooking three breeds of humans simultaneously by stuffing each one inside the other for added flavor and taste.

Famed celebrity chef, Turkey, with her friend, acclaimed James Beard award winning chef, Duck aim to show the audience how to prepare the Tri-Human feast. They start with deboning the humans

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and then making the dressings that go in between each layer of the humans before roasting. As they go to their first commercial break, Duck's best friend, Chicken, a vegan and human activist, questions the decadence of the dish and whether humans should be used in this way and plants a seed of doubt in Duck's mind. Duck says that he had not realized that they were going to be doing this recipe, the segment was supposed to be the traditional cooking of the human from the Appalachian Mountains.

After the first commercial break, Turkey and Duck show how to prepare each human before assembling. Lay down the largest human first skin side down, because it is the largest, stuff each cavity with the pre-prepared cornbread dressing using a wooden spoon and refrigerate. Lay down the second largest human skin side down and stuff each cavity with the andouille dressing using a wooden spoon and refrigerate. Finally, laydown the smallest human skin side down, each cavity stuffed with the shrimp dressing using a wooden spoon and refrigerate.

As the dish progresses, Duck is growing more and more visibly agitated at the sight of all this meat that is likely not going to be eaten and will be thrown out into the trash.

To assemble the Tri-Human dish, take all the meat out of the refrigerator and start rolling the smallest layer around the dressing. The second largest layer is rolled around the smaller layer and lastly, the largest layer rolls around the second largest layer. All this is secured with skewers and placed into a large baking pan for roasting and seasoned with salt and pepper. It is then baked for 8 hours at 225 degree Fahrenheit until done.

During the second commercial break, Turkey tells Duck to get his act together because he is ruining the show which is supposed to be happy and about giving thanks. Duck tells Turkey that he feels tricked into doing this recipe and sees it as pointless. He walks out of the television studio with his best friend, Chicken. Turkey takes the Tri-Human dish out of the oven, cuts the meat, sits down with her friends and has a glass of wine, the show must go on.