

The Battle of *Sauerkraut13*

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I. BACKGROUND

On March 10th, 1979, Daniel "Danny" Pudi was born in Chicago, Illinois. He later became part of the hit NBC sitcom named "Community", where he played the lovable, pop culture geek, Abed Nadir. The show garnered a dedicated fanbase and, 5 years after it ended, was picked up by Netflix. Its fan base had a resurgence and with it, fans of the actor himself, who named themselves "Danny Pudi Nation."

II. THE HIGH SCHOOL PICTURES

On July 17th, 2020, twitter user @LIQUIDNITROGEN tweeted: "what did danny look like in hs i probably could've bullied him"

This prompted one of his mutuals, em (also known as @anniecult), to post pictures of Danny's high school photos found on Google Images. It was revealed that many fans of the actor were unaware of his true name, "Daniel."

III. THE DEATH OF SAUERKRAUT13

On July 22nd, 2020, actor Danny Pudi was discovered to have changed his Instagram username, from *@sauerkraut13* to *@danielpudi*.

Fans criticized this change to be "unnecessary" and "ugly".

Pudi himself did not respond to these criticisms.

IV. THE TWO WEEKS TENSION

After learning the sudden change, multiple Pudi Nation citizens, such as [@enbyabed](#) and [@thsocialntwork](#), tried to get the username. This was later immortalized in an edit by user [@trobedcore](#), compiling the different soon-to-be soldiers to the "Mockingjay Whistle" tune from the *Hunger Games* franchise. This was later realized to be the start of a long battle.

It wasn't soon enough that people realized that Instagram holds previous usernames for 14 days. Multiple users tweet of putting reminders on their phones for the future war. August 4, 2020 will be one of the bloodiest days Pudi Nation have seen so far.

After a few days, the future battle was placed on the back burner as other events occurred, such as the Danny Pudi Stan Awards (DPSA), the Arash-Brad Nation War, and the Babysplitters Q&A.

However, at the dawn of August 3, 2020, twitter user [@wlwbritta](#) posted:

"24 hours until s****k****13 btw"

The high rising tensions building up throughout the two weeks are almost at its limit.

V. THE FALSE DEADLINE

A. THE WAIT

In the hours leading up to the supposed end of the 14 days lock, multiple twitter users show eagerness and dread to the upcoming battle.

Countdowns to 12 AM, PST, appear on people's timelines.

To help Pudi Nation wait, 5 hours before the battle, user @CRITICALFLM, member of the cawcrew group chat, issues a nationwide *Hunger Games Simulator*. This lasts for 2 hours, with @semiabed, who won the DPSA for *Most Likely to Get Sauerkraut13*, wins against @misfitsbucky, who was voted second to the award.

When the countdown slowly reaches to its inevitable end, the nation holds its breath.

@semiabed quote-tweets @trobedcore's *Hunger Games* Edit: IT LEGIT FEELS LIJE THIS RN 5 MINUTES

Many new Danny Pudi stans express their confusion, while many Non-DP users express their encouragement.

@anniecult tweets a minute before 12 AM: PUDI NATION GLUCK

B. AUGUST 04, 2020. 12:00 AM, PDT

Once the clock struck its deadline, the soldiers of the Pudi Nation marched into battle. Manning their stations (the Instagram app), many try to claim the user @sauerkraut13.

But alas, to no avail.

User [@anniedisonswife](#), who created DPSA, tweets: That was anticlimactic.

[@semiabed](#) follows not long after, tweeting something similar: well that was anticlimactic .

The timeline floods with complaints, doubts, and concerns. Some users accuse *Instagram* of being deceitful of the 14-day lock. Others doubt their own time, thinking that they are a day early.

Users [@dejectedjokes](#) and [@trobedcore](#) message *Instagram* their concerns.

VI. THE DANNY PUDI PANTY RAID

Due to the inability to secure the username, [@CRITICALFLM](#) sends a photo of the actor's house in Pasadena to the cawcrew group chat. Following the photo is the message "guess where i am".

[@semiabed](#) replies: danny's house

[@anniedisonswife](#) makes a tweet featuring the house, with Danny Pudi looking out to one of the windows. This starts a chain of tweets detailing the interaction between [@anniedisonswife](#) and the actor, ending with Danny Pudi squished to the ground after being punched and [@anniedisonswife](#) residing in Joel McHale's ridiculously large mansion.

VII. THE REBIRTH OF SAUERKRAUT¹³