

Obsessive Pie Disorder (OPD)

Allen (surname unknown, but probably something crusty, like "Baker" or "Quiche") is a man whose life is defined by one single, all-consuming passion: **Pies**. His friends and family (those who are still speaking to him) have affectionately (and occasionally, wearily) dubbed his condition **Obsessive Pie Disorder**, or **OPD**.

What is Obsessive Pie Disorder (OPD)?

OPD is not to be confused with a simple fondness for dessert. For a person with OPD, a pie is not just food; it is a philosophy, a religion, and sometimes, a medium for political commentary. Symptoms are varied and alarming. An OPD sufferer may experience:

- **Pietosis:** A profound, unshakeable belief that any problem can be solved with a pie. World peace? Needs a giant peace pie. Existential dread? That's a chicken pot pie.
- **The Crust Paradox:** An intense and often contradictory fixation on the ideal crust, resulting in heated debates over butter vs. shortening that can last for weeks. (We're still not allowed to ask about the great lard incident of 2021.)
- **Pie-eroglyphics:** The tendency to see pie charts in mundane objects. A clock isn't telling time; it's showing the optimal cherry-to-apple ratio. A stop sign is a warning about a poorly-crimped edges.
- **"Pie-curian" Taste:** The development of an incredibly refined (or incredibly strange) palate for pie. Allen is currently the only known person on Earth to possess a strong opinion on the texture of a *kumquat-rhubarb-squid* galette.

Allen's Journey into the Crust

Allen's OPD didn't happen overnight. It was a slow, delicious descent. It all started with a innocent enough blueberry pie. Since then, he has dedicated his life to the pursuit of the "Perfect Pie." This noble quest has, unfortunately, led to several noteworthy, and deeply strange, events.

The Pies of Power: A Gallery of Obsession

The accompanying portrait captures Allen in his natural habitat: the Pie Dimension. He is a man who doesn't just eat pies; he *experiences* them. Notice how his gaze, simultaneously focused and slightly glazed (pun intended), is fixed on a flaky horizon known only to himself.

His collection of pies is a testament to the sheer, terrifying scope of his OPD.

1. **The "Lattice Work of Lies" Apple Pie:** This pie is a masterpiece of precision. Allen spent six hours weaving the lattice top, convincing himself that its symmetrical pattern held the code to the universe. We can neither confirm nor deny this claim.
2. **The "Existential Lemon Merengue":** He maintains that this pie "speaks" to him on a fundamental level. To Allen, the tart lemon curd represents the harsh realities of life, while the sweet, airy merengue symbolizes the fleeting, beautiful lies we tell ourselves. The pie was eaten, and its philosophy remained a mystery.
3. **The "Pot Pie for the People":** This represents Allen's foray into social activism. He believed that if he could create a pot pie so rich and creamy, it would unify the fractured local community. This ended when his neighbors started fighting over the best piece of crust.
4. **The "Cosmic Berry Tart" (Unpictured, but mentioned with fear):** His boldest creation yet. This tart was an experiment in quantum baking. Allen believed that if he baked a pie that was simultaneously a pie and *not* a pie, he could unlock a new dimension. All we know is that the kitchen smelled faintly of huckleberries and interdimensional travel for a week.

The Great Pie Incident of '23 (and its aftermath)

This was the infamous day that OPD became a matter of public record. Allen, in a state of advanced pie-eroglyphics, attempted to cross a major highway, convinced that the traffic lines formed a diagram for the perfect, six-slice, peach and pecan pie. The ensuing multi-car pileup (unrelated to pies, thankfully) only strengthened his resolve, proving, in his mind, the dangerous consequences of poorly-constructed crust.

Currently, Allen is living in a fortified bakery of his own creation. His mission is clearer than ever: to create a pie so perfect that the world *has* to stop and eat. In the meantime, he continues to educate anyone (and everyone) who will listen on the five essential components of a "True Pie," and we all continue to look at a clock and wonder if it's a cherry-to-apple pie chart or not.

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