

= Greg Pikitis =

" Greg Pikitis " is the seventh episode of the second season of Parks and Recreation , and the thirteenth overall episode of the series . It originally aired on NBC in the United States on October 29 , 2009 . In the episode , Leslie attempts to catch a suspected teenage vandal in the act of defacing a public statue . Meanwhile , Ann throws a Halloween party , which turns out to be very boring until Tom livens it up .

The episode was written by series co @-@ founder Michael Schur and directed by Dean Holland , an editor on the series . " Greg Pikitis " featured a guest performance by stand @-@ up comedian Louis C.K. as Dave Sanderson , Leslie 's police officer boyfriend . It also featured Cody Klop as Greg Pikitis , a teenager whom Leslie considers her nemesis .

According to Nielsen Media Research , " Greg Pikitis " was seen by 4 @.@ 96 million household viewers , only a slight drop from the previous week despite direct competition from the 2009 World Series . The episode received generally positive reviews .

= = Plot = =

Leslie ( Amy Poehler ) visits the Pawnee high school to confront Greg Pikitis ( Cody Klop ) , a teenager who she describes as her " arch @-@ nemesis " . Leslie warns Greg she knows he vandalizes the town 's statue of Mayor Percy every Halloween , but that she will be watching him closely and will catch him this year . Greg casually denies having any such plans . At the Pawnee town hall , Ann ( Rashida Jones ) talks excitedly about her upcoming Halloween party . She asks the others not to mention it to Tom ( Aziz Ansari ) , but she is disappointed to learn Jerry ( Jim O 'Heir ) has already told him . That night , Leslie watches Greg with the help of her boyfriend , Pawnee police officer Dave Sanderson ( Louis C.K. ) , while Andy ( Chris Pratt ) , who now has a part @-@ time job with the parks department , guards the statue .

Ann 's party is off to a boring start and she soon begins to fear it will be a failure altogether . When Tom and his wife Wendy ( Jama Williamson ) arrive , however , Tom spices up the party by turning the living room into a dance floor . The party is soon a big hit , and Ann thanks Tom profusely . Wendy tells Ron ( Nick Offerman ) she knows Ron learned her marriage to Tom was a " green card marriage " to keep her from being deported to Canada , and thanks him for his discretion . She tells him they will soon be able to divorce without raising any suspicions , unaware that Tom is visibly upset about it .

After watching Greg for hours , Leslie and Dave decide to go to Ann 's party . They stop at the parks department to get Leslie 's costume , only to find the office has been toilet papered and vandalized . Leslie immediately suspects Greg , even though they had been watching him all night . Dave reluctantly agrees to bring Greg in for questioning , but Greg insists he is innocent . Andy comes in and questions Greg , pretending to be an FBI agent named Burt Macklin , but Greg is so mean to him Andy soon starts crying . Greg 's mother eventually arrives and takes him away after threatening to report the trio for holding her son without proof of his guilt .

Later , Andy helps Leslie clean the parks office and , after a few beers , they decide to toilet paper Greg 's house . Dave arrives in his police car and tells them he had been called to stop them . When an unfamiliar woman comes out of the house , Leslie thinks she has toilet papered the wrong house . However , the woman reveals she is Greg 's actual mother , and that Greg hired a " fake mother " off of Craigslist to get him out of trouble . When she realizes Greg is not home , Leslie believes he is vandalizing the mayor statue . They go to the statue and catch Greg in the process ; although Leslie wishes to have him " locked up , " Dave points out he is still a minor and will likely only receive probation . Later , Leslie wonders how Greg managed to trash the parks department . The episode ends with a flashback showing Greg sneaking into the department disguised as a janitor , hiding in a dumpster until everybody leaves , then vandalizing the office .

= = Production = =

" Greg Pikitis " was written by series co @-@ founder Michael Schur and directed by Dean Holland , an editor on the series . Both Schur and Holland previously worked on the NBC series , The Office . The episode featured a guest performance by stand @-@ up comedian Louis C.K. , who reprises his recurring role as Dave Sanderson , Leslie 's police officer boyfriend . It also featured Cody Klop as Greg Pikitis himself .

Within a week of the episode 's original broadcast , two deleted scenes from " Greg Pikitis " were made available on the official Parks and Recreation website . In the first minute @-@ long clip , Leslie broadcasts an impression of a police officer on Dave 's police radio , which gets him into trouble . She also discusses the frequent use of torture by Jack Bauer , the protagonist of the Fox series 24 , while she contemplates torturing Greg Pikitis . In the second 75 @-@ second clip , Jerry nearly passes out from dehydration in his oversized Halloween dragon costume , and Leslie arrives late to the party dressed as a nurse .

= = Cultural references = =

For her Halloween party , Ann dressed like Raggedy Ann , the rag doll protagonist of a series of children 's books written by Johnny Gruelle . Tom comes to the party dressed as T @-@ Pain . Ann has a large amount of Almond Joy chocolate bars at her party . The 1962 song " Monster Mash " by Bobby Pickett is played in the background of the party . Pikitis hires an actress to play his fake mother using Craigslist . April says that during a previous gay Halloween party , she saw three Jonas Brothers making out with three Robert Pattinsons . Leslie refers to Greg as " an invisible , adolescent , James Bond super @-@ villain criminal mastermind " .

= = Reception = =

In its original American broadcast on October 29 , 2009 , " Greg Pikitis " was seen by 4 @.@ 96 million household viewers , according to Nielsen Media Research . It was only a slight drop from the previous week , despite direct competition from game two of the 2009 World Series on Fox . " Greg Pikitis " drew a 2 @.@ 1 rating / 5 share among viewers aged between 18 and 49 . The episode received generally positive reviews . Many commentators said the awkward exchanges between Ron and Wendy at the Halloween party seemed to be hinting at a possible romance between the two in future episodes . Matt Fowler of IGN said " Greg Pikitis " was " probably the best conceived and most hilarious episode " of Parks and Recreation so far . Fowler said he liked the Leslie and Andy pairing , and he was relieved the show found something " meaty and meaningful " to do with the character . Fowler said Ann 's party was less funny , but advanced many of the supporting characters .

Alan Sepinwall of The Star @-@ Ledger declared " Greg Pikitis " one of the episodes he would suggest to newcomers seeking to become familiar with Parks and Recreation , calling it " the version of Parks and Recreation that I most enjoy : silly , but also intentionally small in scale " . He particularly praised Louis CK and some of the smaller jokes in the episode , like the fact that a gay character 's " straight guy " Halloween costume is identical to Mark 's regular wardrobe . Steve Heisler of The A.V. Club said the episode " demonstrated how an episode of P & R can work wonders ? dial up the conditions that might drive a character insane , as they did to Leslie , and watch them squirm " . He also said the episode featured every supporting character well , but that Ann was less funny without a " wacky person to play off of " . Time magazine critic James Poniewozik said it was a " strong episode that hit office and personal sides of the characters equally well " . Poniewozik praised Pratt and Louis C.K. in particular , but also said Leslie was pushed " a little too far into the crazy @-@ obsessive end of the spectrum " . Not all reviews were positive . Linda Stasi of New York Post said the episode was " a big yawn " , although she praised the performance of Cody Klop as Greg Pikitis .

During a brainstorming session among the Parks and Recreation writers prior to season four , screenwriter Chelsea Peretti proposed bringing the Greg Pikitis character back for a future episode . This finally happened in episode 18 of season six ( " Prom " ) .

= = DVD release = =

" Greg Pikitis " , along with the other 23 second season episodes of Parks and Recreation , was released on a four @-@ disc DVD set in the United States on November 30 , 2010 . The DVD included deleted scenes for each episode .