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Cumbercookies Unite!

Dear, Cumberbitches, Cumberbabes, Cumbercollective and all other Cumberbatch fans,

First of all what is with the segregation in fandom names? We all admire and adore the same man why can't we agree on a single name. I know some of you will argue that we do have a name that we came up with and we're so proud of it. I thought it was hilarious the first time I heard that the fans came up with Cumberbitches, however I would like to push for a name change.

Anyone who is a die hard Benedict Cumberbatch fan has seen all of his interviews with Graham Norton, Jimmy Fallon, or Ellen DeGeneres; and Mr. Cumberbatch has said many times that he doesn't like the fandom name we gave ourselves. He feels like we have insulted ourselves and feminism. The way I feel he sees it is that women have fought for years to be on equal grounds with men and which brought about feminism. But now we have called ourselves Benedict's bitches by calling ourselves Cumberbitches, we have taken away what women have fought so hard to gain and what Mr. Cumberbatch represents as being a feminist himself. He has voiced his dislike over the name multiple times, and as loyal fans we should adhere to his plea.

Those that count themselves as a Cumbercollective member might argue that they have taken on a name he chose for us. But that wasn't the most creative name, when Rachel McAdams asked him [Benedict] how he felt about the Cumberbatch name he said that he would rather us call ourselves something more respectable he then proposed we call ourselves Cumberhumans and Cumberpeople (Bahuo). This shows that where Benedict is great and all he could do better at thinking of a name. I propose we take on the name Cumbercookies, that way together we make a Cumberbatch. This is not my own original thought and I don't know who first came up with the name, but I think this is a more appropriate name.

Now like it or not Benedict got married and like it or not he has two sons. Why not give the man a name he can wear proudly on his chest with no shame, a name that might make him smile his adorable smile when he thinks of his fans. Not a name that makes him squirm in his seat whenever he is asked about his fans. He is a dapper man and should be treated as such, in an interview with Ellen DeGeneres he said, "Empower yourselves if you're going to get silly about a guy with maybe a little bit more of a sort of, you know, a high-regard, self-regarding name" (Nianias). We are a scary fan base as is, if we take on the name Cumbercookie it helps us get a friendly edge.

Sincerely,
A concerned Cumbercookie

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