

# Grunkle Stan

Stan is a washed up ex-salesman who finally found a town with more suckers per capita than anywhere in America and set up shop. He is the sole proprietor of the Gravity Falls "Mystery Shack," a tourist trap/museum of the odd which sells disappointment for 5 dollars a visit. Using the kids as his own personal employees/slaves for the summer, he insists that the kids call him "Grunkle," believing that "Great Uncle" takes too long to say, and time is money.



Stan is something of a split personality. The public knows him as "Mr. Mystery," an enchantingly weird ringmaster with a flare for showmanship. The kids know him as a lying, lazy, money-obsessed bum who watches daytime TV in his boxers. Both are true. An avowed bachelor, he's never been in charge of kids before, and as a summer caretaker he is disorganized, absent-minded, careless, and unfit to look after a turtle, let alone two twins.

Even though greedy and self-centered, (and occasionally overly-strict) he isn't malicious about it. He sees himself at the top of his game, and is generally good humored, if sarcastic, about life. Somewhere in his dusty old prune of a heart he really does love the kids, and would never sell them to gypsies. Probably. How much are kids going for these days?

## **GRUNKLE STAN SIDES**

### **1. GRUNKLE STAN**

**CONSPIRATORIAL:** I'm gonna let you kids in on a little secret. I'm not really your uncle! I killed him and stuffed him under the floorboards! (Beat) Ha-ha-ha! Aahhh-ha-ha-ha! Naaah, I'm just kidding. I'm...I'm probably your uncle.

### **2. GRUNKLE STAN**

**SALESMAN MODE:** (in a commercial) Hi, I'm Mr. Mystery. Do you like to be Mystified? Befuddled? Bemistaboozled? Then put on your "Wowser Trousers" and come on down to the Gravity Falls Mystery Shack, where as we always say... "No Refunds"

### **3. GRUNKLE STAN**

**ADVICE:** It's all about marketing. With the right words, you can sell anything. What you call "old milk" I call "new yogurt." What you call a "tsunami" I call a "free water park." What you call a "cannibal" I call a "People Person."

### **4. GRUNKLE STAN**

**FATHERLY:** Look, I know I've been a bit of a slave driver lately, and maybe I haven't been the best summer care-taker, but I swear, Dipper, today we're gonna have some real family fun! (UPBEAT MUSICAL BUILD) Now who wants to put on blindfolds and get into my car?

### **5. GRUNKLE STAN**

**FRANTIC:** KIDS! I can't find my pants! I've got a tour in five minutes and I can't find my pants! I can't go out there like this! There's cops out there! I can't go to back to jail! KIDS!!!