

Stanley's Cup

One Man. One Cup. Crimefighting Duo.

Comedy Series Mini-Bible

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Series Summary

STANLEY'S CUP follows the adventures of an unlikely crime fighting duo: **STANLEY ST. CLAIR**, the straight-laced Keeper of hockey's One True Cup and the mouthy spirit who haunts it, the irrepressible **LORD BEAVERTON**, whose power of deduction is only equal to his love of the ladies in general and one lady named Candy in particular.

Together the pair fight crime, solve mysteries and keep the powerful Cup out of the wrong hands using secret superpowers funneled by the Cup from ordinary people whose pure-hearted talents prove unexpectedly useful in dangerous situations. Dancers, construction workers, bartenders... you never know whose talent(s) will help Stanley save the day when their skills are concentrated and reflected to Stanley by the One True Cup with the help of Lord Beaverton.

But as Stanley and Lord Beaverton find and face criminals big and small, organized and otherwise on their journeys with the Cup, can Stanley keep the Cup's super secrets? It's an ever-present challenge, made even more difficult when the Cup is under constant scrutiny by fans, players and the League of Keepers alike. Plus Lord Beaverton himself would like nothing better than to cash in on his fame and all that the modern corporeal world has to offer. (Good thing it's generally just Stanley and the audience who can see him!) Sometimes -- nay, more often than not -- Lord Beaverton regrets choosing the humble Stanley as his Keeper. But what's a ghost trapped in a sacred artifact to do except hope for his eventual release and/or that the next generation will bring a funner Keeper than *Stanley Stick-In-The-Bum*?

Stanley's journey to fulfill his competing pledges to the Corporate League of Keepers under the eagle eye of Head Keeper **LEIGH DURANT** and to the Incorporeal Order of the Cup leads him into a world of adventure and mayhem, the likes of which he never could have imagined as a minor leaguer known chiefly for his reluctance to *get in there and dig!* If only they could see him in action now...

Can't risk that. As the fourth son in a traditional hockey family that includes an Olympic hockey star sister, three hockey-mad brothers and a Cup-obsessed Dad, Stanley wonders if he can trust any of them within ten feet of the coveted hockey trophy. Were it not for his grandma **MARGARET**, whose own love of shiny silver things once guided his hand and career choices and his current, friend-zoned love interest **MARIA**, Stanley would truly be a loner.

Each half-hour episode of **STANLEY'S CUP** is full of action, adventure and fun, full of mystery, villains, strippers, and a man with a very famous trophy.

Characters

STANLEY ST. CLAIR: Fourth son in a hockey family of five, Stanley has always felt like a disappointment. Even his little sister is a bigger, tougher, faster hockey player. Which wouldn't be so bad if his dad SAM ST. CLAIR didn't offer favorite kid status to the first one who could win the Cup for him before he dies of cancer. *He doesn't even have cancer...* Nevertheless Stanley's dad's challenge has succeeded in fomenting the kind of sibling rivalry that creates champions... and villains. When Stanley isn't looking over his shoulder for no-good-doers of every stripe he's looking over it for members of his own family!

LORD BEAVERTON: Cursed to inhabit the Cup over 100 years ago now, Lord Beaverton, or *Beaves* as he lately prefers, has seen a lot of road with the Cup and even remembers some of it. The best parts, at least in his opinion, although the League of Keepers may not agree given its current state of political correctness... *Yech! Can't an incorporeal entity even have a little fun between realms?* Beaverton longs for the good old days and those parties with the Oil Kings and Marc Messier.... The current climate of control is almost enough to make a ghost like him want to resolve the curse and move on to whatever comes next. Almost but not quite yet... *there's still the matter of Candy.*

The One True Cup: The origins of the Cup remain shrouded in mystery, wrapped in enigma covered in secret sauce. Some say it is the holy grail itself. Others, that it was Lord Stanley's inspiration for the historic Cup he commanded in 1893. Was there really more than one Cup minted that historic day? Could it be the mysterious Cup marked 1893 discovered in the Rideau Hall kitchen? Today we know there are many Cups but there remains only One True Cup, under the protection of the Incorporeal Order of the Cup (I.O.O.C.) for its ability to tap into unseen realms. That Cup is Stanley's Cup.

Stanley's Boss: LEIGH DURANT: Stanley's hard-nosed boss Leigh Durant is a corporate crony with smooth hair and deadbolt abs over an MBA heart. It's not that Leigh *hates* Stanley personally, but it's her job to police the profile of the Cup in a saturated media environment and why is it that Stanley is the one always screwing things up?

Stanley's Grandma: MARGARET ST. CLAIR: Stanley's colorful tech enthusiast grandma is a (self-described) English-Ukrainian-Metis-Greek American-Jewish lady who loves and supports Stanley unconditionally, even when she's yelling at him to *get into those corners!* She's his moral compass and inspiration, who taught him everything he needed to know to be a good Keeper. How to get fingerprints off silver without wearing it out, and how to hold a newborn baby as you place him in the Cup. Grandma Mags is always on the hunt for a photo of Stanley, even if it's normally just his arm or leg or even his reflection. *Why do they always frame you out of the shot?* Margaret FaceTimes Stanley every time she finds one of these photos just to chat.

Stanley's Love Interest: MARIA LATUQUE-- A self-confessed recovering *puck bunny*, Maria's job at the Great Hockey Hall is maybe not the smartest choice to avoid dating players but she does know literally everything about the sport, so where else can you employ her skills? Still Maria has a strict code - *no more hockey players - jamais plus!* Yes, Stanley has tried to convince Maria many times that he is NOT a player. The fact she may be the first person to not believe Stanley only makes him crush harder.

Lord Beaverton's love interest: "CANDY"-- is a stripper, a waitress, and fourth year law student. Of all the strippers, burlesque dancers, and ankle showing aristocratic ladies; Candy could be the woman Lord Beaverton has fallen for.

First season nemesis- TARO TSUJIMOTO-- In "real" life this imaginary player for the Tokyo Katanas was a joke played by Punch Imlach on the hockey league during the 1974 draft. But in *STANLEY'S CUP*, Taro not only exists but so do the Tokyo Katanas and they are hell-bent on revenge for being made the butt end of what became one of hockey's biggest jokes. Taro is a hockey ninja who fights with a katana-like hockey stick.

First season nemesis: MYSTERY MAN-- He knows more about the One True Cup than any human alive. He's in the shadows and uses manipulation to get a chance of taking the Cup and ruling the world.

Episode Summaries

Each 22 minute episodes showcases Stanley and the Cup wrapping up one adventure already in progress using a new superpower just in time for their next big official assignment - an assignment that always leads to a new crime to be thwarted or mystery solved, hopefully without screwing up his day job. A short wrap-up allows for fun moments of characterization.

Episode 1: PILOT

Stanley and the Cup save Candy the exotic dancer from a deranged stalker by using superpowered crossword solving, flair bartending, and pole dancing to disarm the bad guy and bring him to justice. They then travel to City Hall. There they find someone has stolen a table full of crack and the signs point to the mayor. Stanley and the Cup solve the mystery and bring down the criminal bent on framing a mostly innocent mayor.

Episode 2: "Lord of the Rings"

When a deliberate act of sabotage leaves them stranded on an island during the course of a fishing expedition, Stanley saves the day by powering the boat back to mainland in time to keep his next gig. But who is the mysterious ninja in the strange hockey jersey strange jersey with a katana logo and the name: **TSUJIMOTO**? Stanley will have to find out later, because his next assignment awaits -- a visit to the jeweler who mints the championship rings. Upon arrival Lord Beaverton discovers the latest batch has been replaced with counterfeits. Can Stanley find the real counterfeiter?

Episode 3 "When you wish upon a reality star"

Stanley and the Cup fresh from a defusing a bomb and saving an orphanage in the teaser, are sent to be a special guest on a reality show called House Wars. It's a show about being the last, young beautiful person in a house. Lord Beaverton and Stanley find the allure of fame tempting, and Lord Beaverton finds the young women intoxicating, but they soon find there's a someone trying to murder their way to the finals.

Episode 4: “The Sweater the Better”

After foiling a gopher-rights terrorist plot at a high-profile golf tournament, Stanley returns just in time to get his latest assignment from Durant -- accompany the Cup to a fashion week benefit where models will be showing a number of hockey inspired outfits and draping themselves on both the Cup and the player who won it. Lord Beaverton is in heaven but when the show director discovers the theft of a very famous sweater, can Stanley suss out the thief in time?

Episode 5: “Belieber”

Lord Beaverton and Stanley go undercover, and bust a gang of corrupt cops in the teaser. After a successful mission they are rewarded with a backstage visit to a spoiled pop singer. Lord Beaverton and Stanley find out the kid is being blackmailed! Only Stanley and the Cup can find the blackmailer and save the concert! Lord Beaverton gets the brat’s song stuck in his head.

Episode 6: “Real Cards”

When the hockey ninja shows up with backup during a hockey card auction Stanley saves the precious card in question but his efforts to capture the criminals is foiled by the clock. Onto his next assignment: a women’s hockey banquet. Lord Beaverton has been complaining bitterly about this gig, *why don’t they play in gowns anymore?* so when his Cup goes unexpectedly silent, Stanley knows something is wrong. Who has stolen the One True Cup and replaced it with a dumb counterfeit? Was it a particularly disgruntled Olympian? Or the mystery man? Or Tsujimoto and the Tokyo Katanas?

Style Guide

A single camera show, each half-hour episode of **STANLEY’S CUP** is full of action, adventure and fun playing in the realms of superhero and crime-fighting genres applied to the world of hockey and sports fandom as well as popular culture by way of the lives of ordinary people. Our colors are of course the colours of Canada and the colours of hockey: red, white and blue.

Our casting dream would be to have a real current or former sports star(s) play in every episode, offered up with our twist that validates the skills and talents of the fans who power the Cup and Stanley.

We would also love to run a national contest for fans to submit their picture and their superpower for a chance to win a spot in an episode as a featured extra who gets their power transferred to Stanley by the Cup. This could serve as a great marketing tie-in and could potentially include other prizes like a set visit, dinner with the creators and cast, passes to the Hockey Hall of Fame, a CBC Comedy Coup Stanley’s Cup hockey sweater and other similar prizes.

Alternative Directions

Alternate Direction #1 - Animated Version

Would enable a comic-book style version with bigger action and a built-in second sales window.

Alternate Direction #2 - Increased Superpowers

A live action comic-book inspired version of the show, rife with a pantheon of supervillains and bigger with more epic action.

Alternate Direction #3 - Web Series

The concept behind **STANLEY'S CUP** lends itself very naturally to a web series format with much cross-platform entertainment and promotional potential either as a supplement to the TV series or on its own. As 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the NHL's adoption of the Cup, it would be an ideal time to launch such a venture. The creators have extensive experience in short form web series production and have won many international awards for their work in this medium.

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