

TITLE – Mously Manor

LOGLINE - Think a cheeky tween Downton Abby... with Mice! (And lots of other animals too.)
It's Downton Abby + Peaky Blinders + An American Tail with a little Rescue Rangers

SUMMARY – Mously Manor follows a plucky dormouse named Baxter whose dream of become a “self-made mouse” is tested when he is unexpectedly tasked with being the chaperone of Lady Lavinia “Vinny” Mously - the wild middle daughter of the distinguished Mously Family.

GENRE - Animated Serialized Half-Hour/Feature

BACKGROUND & SYNOPSIS - Our story begins in the year 1873 in Victorian England. During this time, we see the rise of individualism, the idea of self-made man, and a boom in the hobby of pet keeping!

Our setting is the beautiful Longleat Estate, home to the Marquise of Bath who on his tours around the world has brought back numerous exotic animals to keep as pets. These animals make up the Mously family who preside over the creature world at Longleat called Mously Manor.

The story follows Baxter, a plucky London dormouse that longs for a better life. After being hired by the Mouselys as a footmouse, Baxter is unexpectedly tasked with being the chaperone to wild and rebellious Lady Lavinia Mously which quickly tests his dream of becoming a “self made mouse.” Lady Lavinia, or *Vinny* as she prefers to be called, is all imagination, indignation and spunk, and more than anything wants a life outside her boring manor house and the stipulations of her fairer sex. She has a new ambition for her future every day and drags Baxter along to help her achieve her dreams.

Each episode will follow Baxter and Vinny and their adventures in Victorian England as they parallel the most important historical events of the time, while still following the ongoing plots of Baxter and Vinny’s places in the Manor, the fate/destiny of each child, as well as the mystery of the Great Nut Heist and how they are all involved weather they know it or not.

CHARACTERS

Baxter – The Hero – a dormouse – After being hired by the Mouselys as a footmouse he is then tasked with being the chaperone to wild and rebellious Lady Lavinia Mously which quickly tests his dream of becoming a “self made mouse.”

Lavinia “Vinny” Mously – The Heroine – A fancy mouse. This teen wild-child is all imagination, indignation and spunk, and more than anything and wants a life outside her boring manor house and the stipulations of her sex. She has a new ambition for her future every day and drags Baxter along to help her achieve her dreams. Middle child, doesn’t fit into the mold of a 19th century lady.

Prentice Mously – The Sister – A typical and seemingly perfect in every way Victorian young lady. She’s book worm/rule follower and eldest Mously daughter, hoping to find a suitable suitor. Thinks Vinney is reckless and a menace.

Royce Mously – The Kid – Youngest Mously child – just a boy of seven now but already being groomed to run the family one day.

Lord Charles Mously – The Head of the Mously family – A good man, well mouse, but set in his antiquated ways. At once loving and strict.

Lady Josephine Mously – The Lady of the Mously family – always had a sense that there could be more for her in life, but happy where she ended up.

Auntie Imogine Mously – The Resident know-it-all of the Manor. The oldest mouse you’ve ever seen but sharp as a tack. Think Violet from Downton Abbey.

Ramses – The Unlikely Buddy – Baxter’s Best Friend – An Egyptian Jerboa – An escape artist from upstairs. A fancy pet but much prefers hanging with the downstairs crowd.

Halsey – The BFF – Vinney’s best girlfriend, a white Stoat, loves her life as a young wealthy lady – what could be more fun than fashion, French and... French kissing?

Fane – The Villain – A Fancy Rat with an eye on Vinney and the Mously fortune.

Aldora – The Villainess – Chinchilla - Vinney’s distant cousin who would just love to see the wild child disgrace go down.

Hollis/Mead – The Butler – A beaver – Runs the home. Tries to run a tight ship – the more angry he gets, the more he lisp.

Bunty – The Cook – Low class Guinea Pig with a penchant for cheese.

Briar & Tinbel – The Twins (Maids) – Siamese Mountain Mice

Walby – A Footman – A sweet but not so bright chipmunk who always hoards extra snacks in his cheeks.

Seabert – Resident Old Guy – Long haired angora bunny who can’t see anything, but they keep him on because they feel bad for him and he has been working for the family.

Ludlow Garrick- Leader of the **Squeaky Beavers Gang**

Mum – Head of the **Sneaky Badgers Gang**

Officer Bobbie – investigating the Nut Heist

Auntie Evelyn – Baxter’s Aunt. After his parents were lost in the war, Baxter grew up in her Haberdashery shop selling buttons and ribbons all sorts of things for sewing. She is set in the old ways and can’t fathom why Baxter is so bent on changing his perfectly good life and becoming a self-made mouse.