

# ***Queen's Own***

***The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club***

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Valdemar Crest

By

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Hope you all are having a happy spring season and are staying safe and well.

Sorry, this is coming out so late. The two vaccine shots flattened me, and Moonstar is in the middle of moving!

Take note! The QORP for this month has been moved up a day to Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The State of the Union Speech is on Wednesday, and I want to watch it. (For those of you who didn't know, I'm a complete political junky. I do wish we had real Companions to keep our government in check the way Valdemar's is!) A little birdie told my friend Moonstar that this month's event is going to involve some herbology.

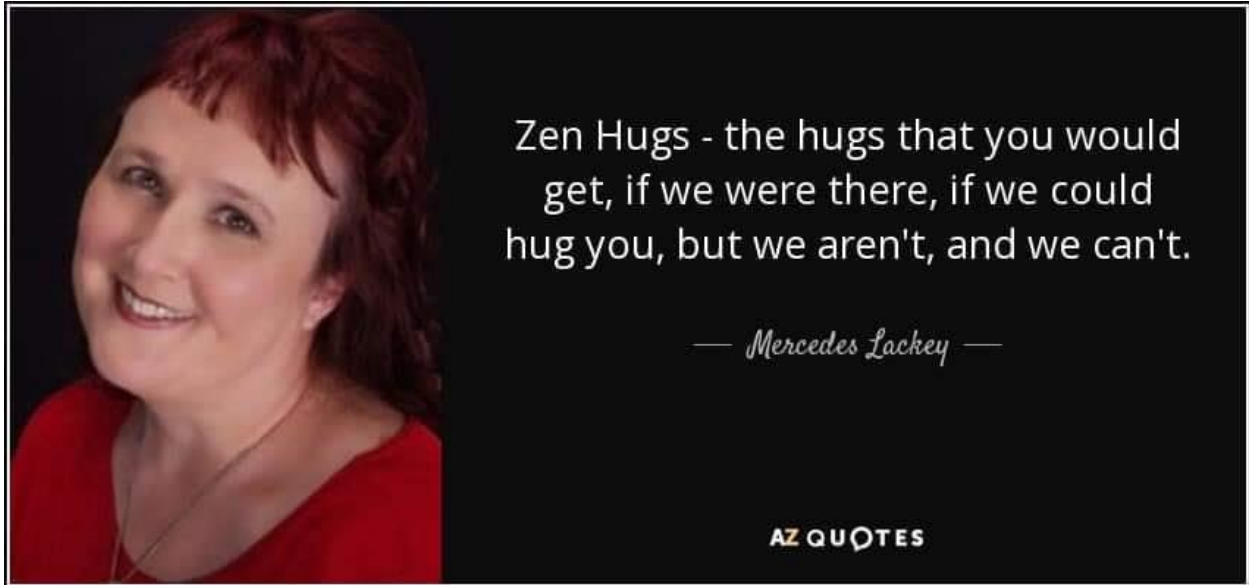
Please send us your art, doodles, thoughts, reviews, whatever. Especially any Misty or Larry news! With all the cons and such shut down this last year we haven't had any fresh information coming through. If you spot either of them on a chat list, let us know!

There is a new anthology coming out in December! *Boundaries* is available for preorder on Amazon. Happy reading!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn





## Collegium News:

We have individual handouts for aspiring Herald, Healers, Bards, Blues, Mercenaries, Tayledras, Shin'a'in, and White Winds Sorcerers/Sorceresses and instructions on how to work for Herald-Mage status if you are already a Herald or for a Kal'enedral if you are already a Shin'a'in. You can find these handouts online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qohandouts.htm>.

All personae materials should be submitted by e-mail to [queensownnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:queensownnewsletter@gmail.com)

- Welcome back, **Herald Shayla** Chosen by **Cyrra** and Gifted with *Mindspeech* and *Fetching*. Sharon Emich was Accepted in the Nov/Dec 1995 Newsletter.

We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours one of them? Let us know!

If you are a returning member who has recently activated your membership in Queen's Own and we have forgotten to list your welcome message, contact Danya at [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com) and she'll make sure you are greeted in the next newsletter.

**Special Perk!** If you have a Facebook account, you can join the Secret Room to RP with your persona and to attend the QO RP events. The next QO RP is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM PST. (Please note we do NOT meet in November or December due to the holidays). You are cordially invited! **[SPECIAL NOTE! THIS MONTH'S RP IS ON TUESDAY INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY!]**



### **Story Prompt:**

Just because a wizard's familiar was cat shaped didn't mean they should play games like cats. But then again, where would the fun be in that?

As always, if you would like any story published you can submit it to Herald Nalei Rayskeline for Golden Grove: [sn.keeper@yahoo.com](mailto:sn.keeper@yahoo.com) with Golden Grove in the subject line.

[If any other fanzine editors would like to send us story prompts, we'd be happy to publish them!]





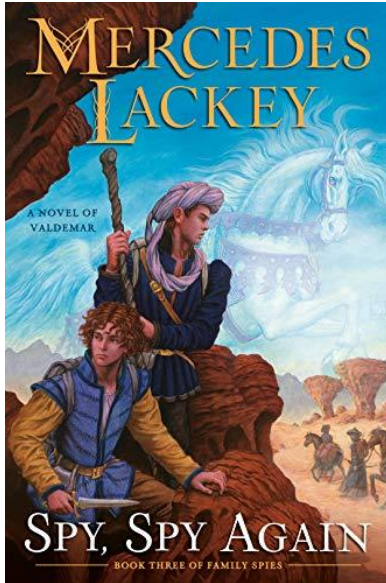
Grandfather

By

Laura Cameron



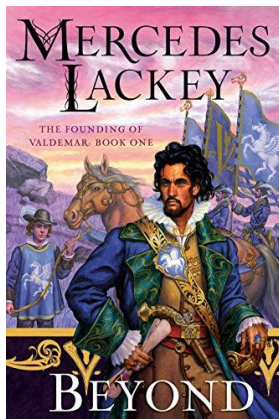
## Contest Announcements



**Book Review Contest:** Please send along book reviews for any of the Valdemar books, old or new. Please keep the reviews spoiler free. All entrants will be featured within our new book review section of the newsletter, unless requested otherwise. The winner will be announced once we have received at least 3 entries and prize which is a Hard Cover book copy of *Spy, Spy Again* (Family Spies Book 3). This contest has been extended because we have not had any submissions. Please send in your submissions via email ([queensownnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:queensownnewsletter@gmail.com)).



## Publication News:



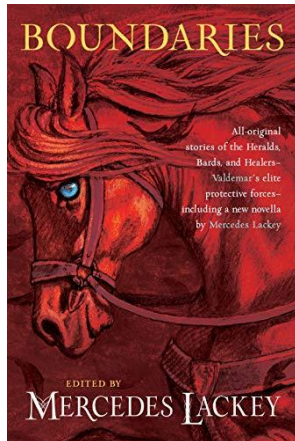
*Beyond* (*The Founding of Valdemar, Book 1*), is available for pre-release orders at the link below, the hardcover and Kindle versions will be available on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.amazon.com/Beyond-Founding-Valdemar-Book-1>

Note from Amazon: This series from a *New York Times* bestselling author explores the long-awaited tale of an

era crucial to Valdemar's history--the original founding of the nation itself by the legendary Baron Valdemar.

Note from Moonstar: Am I the only one that is thinking FINALLY we get to see how it all started? I have already pre-ordered my copy. I am hoping that we get to see some reviews from y'all with your thoughts and opinions!



*Boundaries*, is available for pre-release orders at this link <https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B091KF866S>

The paperback and Kindle versions will be available on December 7<sup>th</sup> .

Note from Amazon: **This fifteenth anthology of short stories set in the beloved Valdemar universe features tales by debut and established authors and a brand-new story from Lackey herself.**

Please send us reviews of any of Misty's works, old or new. We love to hear from you!

We have found a link to buy used copies of Misty's books for reasonable costs:

<https://www.thriftbooks.com/>

We have found a link for purchasing Misty's books:

[https://www.bookbub.com/authors/mercedes-lackey?list=author\\_books](https://www.bookbub.com/authors/mercedes-lackey?list=author_books)

This link can buy all Misty's books in any format you would like. When I selected one of her books, I was given the link to several online shops: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Google, Apple and Kobo. I like that I have the option regardless of my personal preference of tablet, paperback, hardback, new, used, audiobook. Check it out and let us know what you get, we are always looking for more reviews!



## Book Review

Would someone like to send us a review of *Jolene*? I haven't had a chance to read it yet.

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



### **From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:**

I may finally have found a publisher for the book I co-authored on King Arthur! At least the press is sending questions about illustrations, and they don't usually get into that sort of nitty-gritty stuff unless they're serious. Wish me luck!

The four giveaways for the four novels in my Dragonlords of Dumnonia series have now finished on Goodreads. With luck, I'll get some reviews out of that. Which reminds me: If you've read my novels, I'd sure appreciate it if you'd drop by Amazon and leave me a review. I'm thinking about what I'm doing for the fifth book, and I'd like to get a sense of what fans do and do not like before I dive in.

Hoping life will settle down a bit so I can get back to work on *The Sword in the Stone*. I'm going to forget what I was writing about at this rate! Goodreads ways I'm eight books behind on my reading goal. The stack of things I must read for this book alone should take care of that! Happy reading!

Zhai'helleva,



Danya



## **E-Resources:**

Misty's official page: <http://www.mercedeslackey.com/>

The Queen's Own website is at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qo.htm> (I do need to update it, but a lot of good information is available there and some is actually current!)

The Queen's Own Facebook page is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

The Queen's Own Facebook group is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1607409292715707/>

Misty's Facebook page is here: <https://www.facebook.com/MercedesLackey/>

The Mercedes Lackey Fanclub group on Facebook is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2205058863/>

The Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club) Facebook group is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

Mercedes Lackey Discord Server (over 5k followers)  
<https://discord.gg/bookclub>

Amazon has a Mercedes Lackey page: [http://www.amazon.com/Mercedes-Lackey/e/B000APZNR0/ref=sr\\_tc\\_2\\_0?qid=1459664793&sr=8-2-ent](http://www.amazon.com/Mercedes-Lackey/e/B000APZNR0/ref=sr_tc_2_0?qid=1459664793&sr=8-2-ent)

Barnes and Noble has a page for Misty here:  
[https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/contributor/mercedes-lackey/\\_/N-2khg](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/contributor/mercedes-lackey/_/N-2khg)

If you know of any other e-resources, please let us know!



## Chapters & Zines:

Fanfiction can now be published long as you designate that you are doing so under a Creative Commons license. You may not make any money off your fiction and you may NOT write a Valdemar novel.

- **Children of Velgarth:** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar; E-mail: [Queensownnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Queensownnewsletter@gmail.com). I publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so. Zines will be available online only, and completely free. The zines will be in PDF format, which use adobe reader available for free from the Adobe website. We have the first 6 vols. available!
- **Golden Grove** is now being published on a quarterly basis. For new subscriptions and to submit stories, poetry, personae requirements or other works-based Misty's stories please e-mail them to [sn.keeper@yahoo.com](mailto:sn.keeper@yahoo.com) with Golden Grove in the subject line. I am more than happy to help with any editing or beta reading. If anyone has old issues of Golden Grove and can get them to me, you can contact me at the email above. If you can scan them and get me digital copies that would be great, if not and you are willing to part with your copies, I'm willing to pay postage.
- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/> (This is one of our more active chapters at the moment. Let us know if you see any posts from Misty. "Like" Misty's Facebook page while you're at it!)

- **The Vanyel Fan Club:** Contact: Herald Bastian. Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. E-mail: [Herald\\_Bastian@hotmail.com](mailto:Herald_Bastian@hotmail.com). The *Vanyel Fan Club* is a chapter of QO that started out as an independent fan organization. The chapter is devoted to fans of Herald-Mage Vanyel Ashkevron from *The Last Herald-Mage Trilogy* by Mercedes Lackey.



## Personals:

- **Cookbook Project!** Danya is helping to organize a cookbook project, first portion of this project is to sign up with Danya to which books you would like to look through, since this will help minimize duplication of effort. The information requested after you have signed up for a book is (book name, page #, name of food and description of scene). This project is open to all whom would like to join in, and we are hoping to add more details for this project in our next newsletter. Please send inquiries to Herald Mage Danya ([shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:shashtah@gmail.com)).
- **Waystation Network announcement!** Traveling abroad and looking for a bunk to sleep on without having to fumigate your waystation first...? I have a fold-out couch on offer as well as floor space with extra (air) mattresses, available for wandering bards, heralds on circuit or hawkbrothers in search of an *ekele* (6<sup>th</sup> floor apartment 😊). So, if you're in the neighborhood (Leeuwarden area, The Netherlands, ± 2 hours north of Amsterdam by train – less by car) just contact me. Hanna B. Email: [hannab@online.nl](mailto:hannab@online.nl), Phone: +31(0)58 2665915 / +31 (0)6 25422809. And wouldn't it be nice to have a whole network of Waystations? If more of you are willing to offer spare beds and couches, I'm willing to set up a list to be available through QO.
- **Ellen Million Graphics** is releasing a new collection of fantasy coloring books for (so-called) grown-ups: Mermaids, dragons, angels, and fantasy horses, oh my! Find these and more at <http://www.ellenmilliongraphics.com/coloringbooks.php>

- **Northwest Visions Studio**--Art by Laura Cameron. Mixed Media Paintings & Drawings, Fine Art Prints, Commissions, Illustration. Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>
- **Dragon Visions** by Linda A. Malcor is out in paperback and eBook! Art by Laura Cameron. You can find it on Amazon and Barnes and Noble as well as at other online outlets. Get updates on the series at <https://www.facebook.com/malcor.dragonlords/>
- **From Angela K. Scott**/ Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox-as formatted on Facebook): I continue to sell off everything I own & make, many misc. items (including Misty related) on eBay, as I am in crisis & this is my only source of any inadequate income & truly in desperate need!  
[http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?\\_trksid=p2047675.12559](http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559)  
Things under my business name "AKS Creations" -card packs, stationery, bookmarks, art prints, jewelry & etc.! Also, I'm still available for commission work. You can contact me at [UnicornAlora@gmail.com](mailto:UnicornAlora@gmail.com).
- **From Marianne D-B**: My sister, who died a few years ago, was a huge Mercedes Lackey fan. I used to read the books with her, and we loved discussing them. She has a number of prints of Larry Dixon's that I imagine some fan would like to have. I'm happy to sell them reasonably. They are all framed prints, each about 9 1/4" x 12" (framed size). Here's what I have:
  - Darkwind & Vree, 1991
  - Firesong, 1991
  - Darkwind & Elspeth, 1991
  - Starblade & Hyllar, 1991
  - Tre'valen & Dawnfire, 1991
  - Silverfox & The Returned Tribe, 1991
  - Elspeth & Gwena, 1991
  - Iceshadow, 1991

You can contact me at [duddyburkem@aol.com](mailto:duddyburkem@aol.com).



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The featured artists for the online version of the newsletter is Larry Dixon, Kendra Hosseini & Laura Cameron without their permission. If you would like your art to be featured in the online version of the QO newsletter, send .jpgs to [queensownnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:queensownnewsletter@gmail.com).

The newsletter will be available online after approximately one week at:  
<http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm>