

# ***Queen's Own***

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

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Valdemar Crest

By

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Heyla, Misty fans!

January was a wild ride! Sorry we didn't get the newsletter out sooner, but at least it's on time for February!

I'm truly enjoying the Book Discussion of *Magic's Pawn* over in the Vanyel Fan Club on Facebook. It's fun to go through it slowly and see what other people think about each scene. Robyn Jordan is doing a fantastic job of running the discussion.

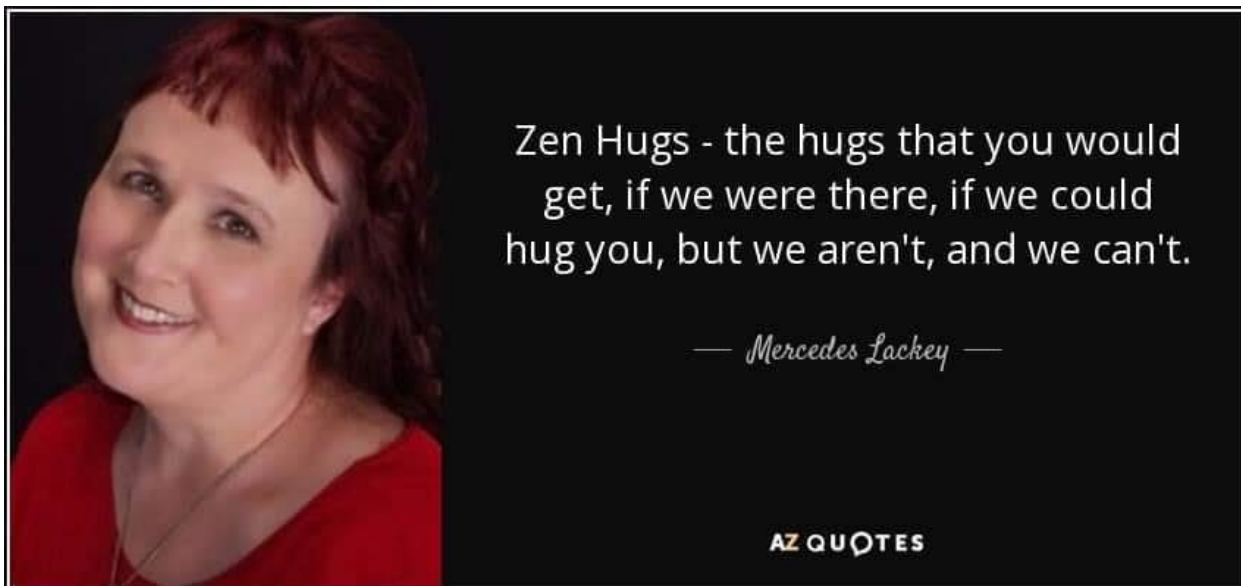
Looking forward to finally getting that book, nay, book SERIES, about Baron Valdemar that we've been begging for practically since Queen's Own was founded! Glad Misty decided to go beyond the novella she wrote in one of the anthologies. (I really do need to look that one up someday.)

Have a Happy New Year!

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)

- We do not have any persona to announce this month however we know of several personas in process.

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!



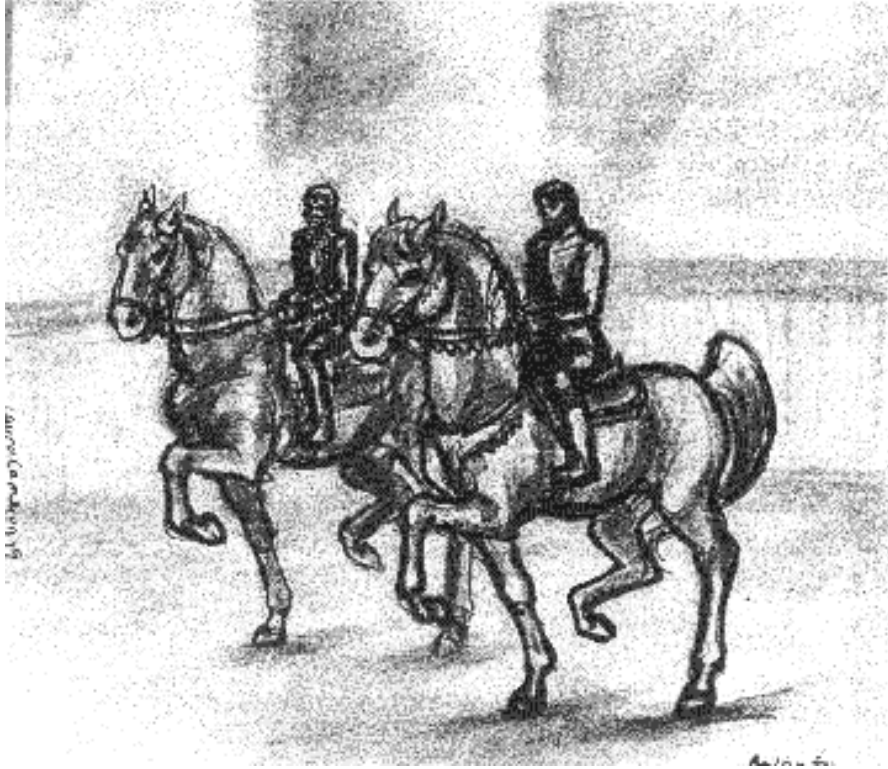
### **Story Prompt:**

He'd been up since very early that morning gathering the ashes from the fire pit to start making the lye. Now he waited for all the fat collected for the last month to melt in the big pot. Once that was done he could start the hours long process of mixing the melted fat and lye together into the beginnings of soap for the clan's use.

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!]

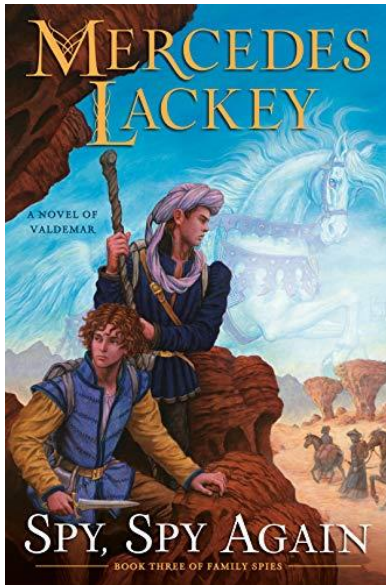




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Laura Cameron



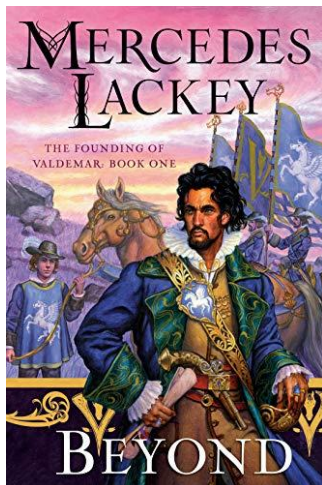
## Contest Announcements



**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!

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**

Lackey, Mercedes. 1989. *Magic's Pawn*. New York, NY: Daw Books, Inc.

Reviewed by Lind A. Malcor

This is one of my favorite books by Mercedes Lackey. It contains Vanyel Ashkevron, the first gay character I ever encountered in Fantasy fiction. It's a real tear-jerker, so have a box of Kleenex handy when you read it.

The story follows Vanyel from the time he is sixteen, through his first love, and onto his being Chosen by the Companion Yfandes who helps him get his special powers under control until he can be trained by the Hawkbrothers, the Tayledras. Vanyel's tortuous relationship with his father, Within, recalls the fight many of my gay friends have experienced in real life. The prejudice he has to deal with among his fellow nobles and Heralds at court also has a familiar ring to it.

Other gay characters include Starwind and Moonstar k'Treva who teach Vanyel how to use his Mage Gift, something that was far too strong for Vanyel's aunt, Herald Mage Savil, to help him control.

If you're interested, the Vanyel Fan Club on Facebook is currently working it's way through the text. We're about halfway into the book, so there's still time to catch up. All the rest is spoilers, so if you haven't read it, enjoy! If you have, enjoy it again. It's well worth the read.



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

Well, 2020 was quite the year, wasn't it. I've been in lockdown since February and am going a bit stir crazy. I hope you are all doing well and that 2021 will be kinder to us.

I'm on Goodreads and would love it if you would join me over there. I'm running a giveaway of my second novel, *Dragon Sun*, a fantasy story about how Dragonrider Shashtah is trained with his Dragon Tphah and his adventures in trying to save his world from the Dark One. With luck, my Dragonlords series will be picked up by Netflix. The first book is *Dragon Heart*, and the third and fourth are *Dragon Voices* and *Dragon Visions*. I hope to run giveaways for the last two books as well.

How do you like the border Moonstar has designed for our newsletter? Are you artistically inclined? We'd be happy to run your effort. Every contribution gets you an entry into our contest where we have prizes like a hard copy of *Spy, Spy*



*Again* and bookplates signed by Misty and Larry. I think we also still have a map of Valdemar. The latter is really hard to come by so try your hand at some art or writing. We're looking for stories, book reviews, poems and all sorts of things. (See the details above.)

I hope you are all having a good New Year!

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 couple 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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