

Queen's Own

The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club

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Valdemar Crest

By

Larry Dixon

Heyla, Misty fans!

Hope you had a Happy Halloween, Blessed Samhain or whatever Fall festival you celebrate. My Halloween was a bit strange. Not a single trick or treat, but I'm chalking that up to the pandemic. I hope you are all staying safe and well.

Moonstar and I are still doing a massive overhaul of the QO website and the Dragonlords Bookstore, the proceeds from which go toward paying for the expenses of running the club. I'm slowly working my way through Misty's books. She's written over 150 novels, though, so this is going to take a bit!

The Vanyel Fan Club Chapter of Queen's Own has become active again. You can find it on Facebook. It's currently starting a Book Discussion thread, beginning with Magic's Pawn and working through all the books and scenes in which Vanyel appears. They are currently discussing the cover of Magic's Pawn, so it's not too late to jump in!

Back issues of Golden Grove, the zine for what used to be the California Chapter, but which now includes everyone, are slowly going up online. Once I get what we have up, I'd appreciate scanned .pdfs of any back issues we're missing if you have them.

The Valdemar Chapter of Queen's Own has a very active list on Facebook.

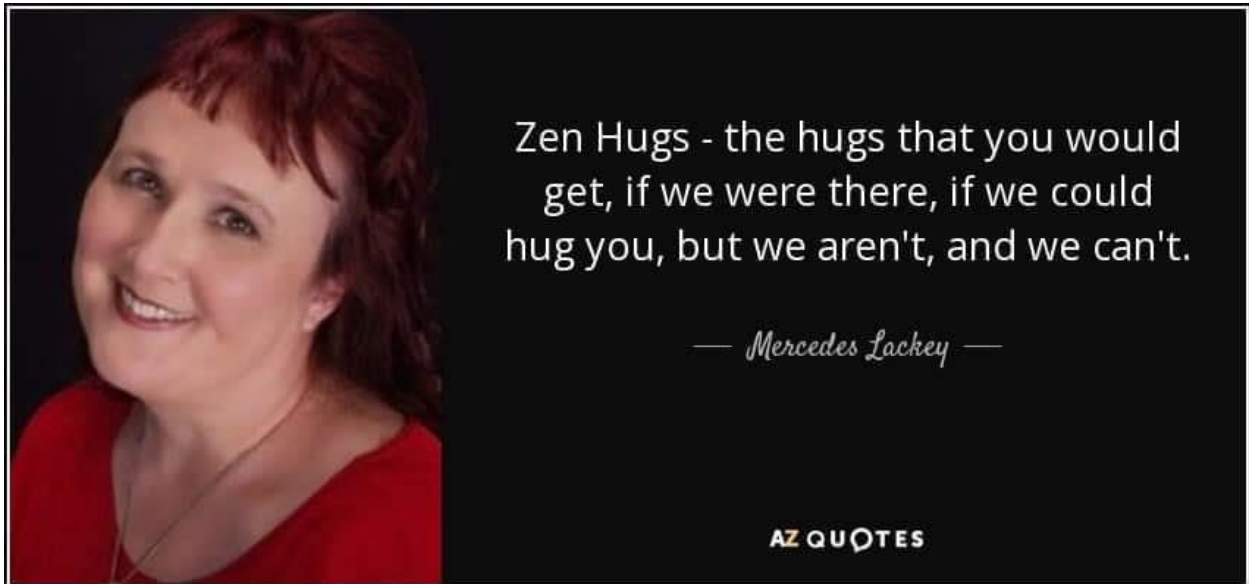
There is also a general Queen's Own Chat list as well as the main Queen's Own page on Facebook. If you like the Queen's Own page, you'll be notified of upcoming Queen's Own Role-Playing sessions where we tell group stories in our Secret Room on Facebook. The more the merrier!

The holiday season promises to be strange this year. We probably won't have another newsletter until the new year—although the pandemic may give us time to get another one out. Go figure.

Stay safe!

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

- Master Scholar Sheine Notch brought to us by Karen Callahan, who shared her persona and as an educator has taught Chemistry and published many scholarly articles.

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 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!

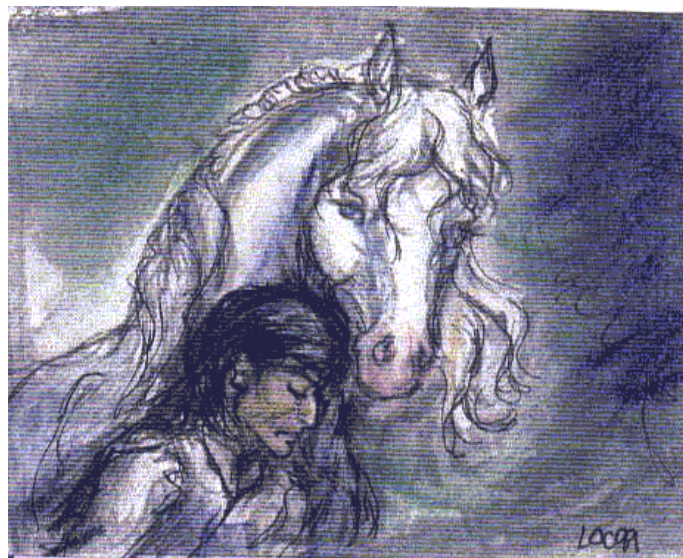


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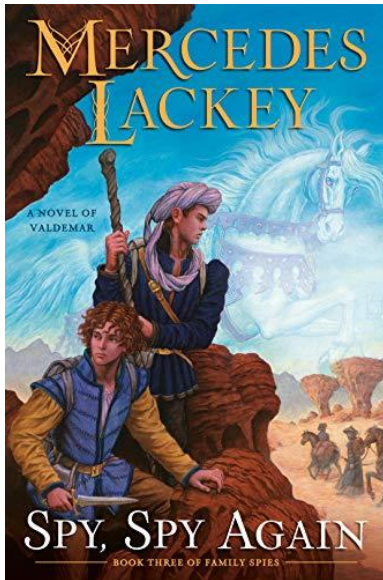
The excitement in the kitchen was infectious, from the head cook to the dishwashers everyone was chattering away, even so early in the morning and with so much still to do before the wedding feast.

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

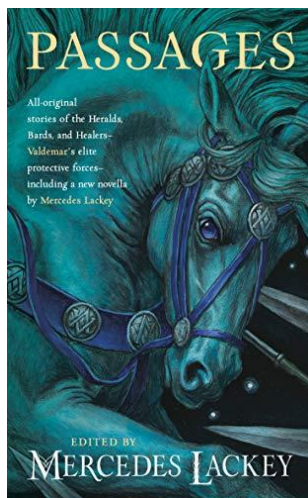
[If any other fanzine editors would like to send us story prompts, we'd be happy to publish them!]



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 in the DECEMBER newsletter, and prize which is a Hard Cover book copy of *Spy, Spy Again* (Family Spies Book 3) will be sent in time to read or share for your winter holidays. Please send in your submissions via email (queensownnewsletter@gmail.com).



Publication News:

Passages (anthology), release date November 24, 2020, and is available for preorder.

Jolene (Elemental Masters Book 15), release date December 1, 2020, and is available for preorder.

Sacred Ground, release date December 1, 2020, and is available for Kindle pre-order. (this is a Kindle release date. I have hopes it will also be re-released in paperback as well.)

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

We have found a link for purchasing Misty's 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, and Rosemary Edghill. 2000. [*Beyond World's End*](#). New York: DAW

Reviewed by Linda A. Malcor

This installment of the *Bedlam* series follows the adventures of Eric Banyon in New York City as he returns to Julliard after spending many years Underhill with Beth and Kory. (Beth and Kory put in a couple of cameo appearances, but that's it.) This time out Eric's foe is a Celtic deity, Annwn (ck spelling), who decides to drop in on Central Park and lead his Wild Hunt throw the city.

On the charming side, Eric's new friend is the gargoyle who usually perches outside his apartment window but who sometimes drops in for a drink or to listen to the Bard's CD collection. On a more perplexing note, Eric lives in an apartment building that houses four(?) Guardians, which doesn't make a whole lot of sense if you've read the Diana Tregarde series and which is very hard to follow at all if you haven't read the Diana Tregarde series. (There's a lot of assumed knowledge that is not conveyed in the current book.) On a technical note, the proofreader seems to have been asleep on this one (Things such as the first letter missing from words and other easy-to-catch typos abound.), but at least the story is well plotted. I can see why the decision was made to tell certain portions of the tale in flashback, but just about the entire first chapter is spent telling the reader information that is necessary to bring him/her up to speed. I can't help but think that there was a better way to tell the story that would not have required such grounding. That style contributed to the unfortunate "feel" of the book, which reads more as if you are reading a treatment for a screenplay rather than a fully developed novel.

There is considerable overlap with Misty's other urban fantasy books, particularly the *Chrome* and Diana Tregarde series. The overlap points are

much more comprehensible if you have read the other novels first. In fact, fans of those other series might enjoy the book more than fans of the *Bedlam* series who are not familiar with the other books.

As a Celtic scholar, I found myself gritting my teeth at a number of points, reminding myself that this is fiction and that the name "Celtic" simply makes for easy window dressing that is familiar to a number of readers. The so-called "Celtic" details have absolutely no bearing on what scholars do or don't know about Celtic mythology.

In spite of the drawbacks, I did find the book readable and easy to pick up again after I put it down. It wasn't exactly a page-turner, but it did keep me coming back for more. I'd call this an average outing as Lackey books go. You might want to wait for the paperback, though, unless you are a serious Lackey fan.



From Herald Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Heyla! Life has become very strange for me. There is huge traffic to my Dragonlords website on Facebook, but sales have been disappointingly slow. I guess I'm not the only one having trouble with money because of the pandemic.

I've signed contracts for representation for two TV series. The first is based on my Dragonlords series (available on Amazon.com: *Dragon Heart*, *Dragon Sun*, *Dragon Voices* and *Dragon Visions*). It will be pitched to Netflix in the near future. The second is based on a nonfiction book I coauthored and that is still out for sale. The title is *The Roman King Arthur*, and I have no idea if the series or the book will sell first. I'm looking for work as an Editor or proofreader, but over 4 million jobs have been lost in my industry, so there's not much work out there.

Trying to get my Halloween decorations down and my Thanksgiving ones up. I absolutely refuse to do Christmas until the day after Thanksgiving. One holiday at a time!

Wishing you all well through the holiday season.

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



By

Laura Cameron



E-Resources:

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

The Queen's Own website is at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/go.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

Barnes and Noble has a page for Misty here:

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. 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 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. 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).

- **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* (6th 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, 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
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.
- **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.



Queen's Own is the official Mercedes Lackey Appreciation Society. Our purpose is to share our enjoyment of Misty's worlds. We are a fan-run not-for-profit organization, not a business. Our address of publication is no longer physical. We are online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/go.htm>. We also have a Facebook page and Group chat list.

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queensownnewsletter@gmail.com.

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<http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm>