

***Queen's Own***  
***The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club***  
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Valdemar Crest

By

Larry Dixon

**SPECIAL NOTE:** QO has permanently closed its PO Box and is now an exclusively online fan club!

Heyla, Misty fans!

Hope you are all had a blessed Samhain and are enjoying the fall!

Interesting trivia tidbit: Over 70% of Americans would like to cease and desist with the back and forth with the clocks. It doesn't change how much daylight we have, and it seriously mucks with our animals' body clocks (not to mention our own). The hawks and horsies (as Misty calls Companions) are still going to get up at the same time! Almost 50% want to keep it on Standard Time (which would make the rest of the world happy), and about 30% want to make Daylight Savings Time permanent. Roughly 20% want to keep switching time zones erratically. So, if anyone would like their Representative or Senator in Congress to introduce a bill . . . (hint, hint).

Anyone else in a high-horse population area who've had their supermarkets start carrying crates of apples and enormous bags of carrots? The sudden shift in my local store raised lots of eyebrows in the produce section until we realized the intended consumers were not human.

Fall has also brought firestorms to California. Think of hurricanes only with fire instead of water. Moonstar and I are in safe areas, and we've been keeping an eye out for fellow Californians to mark themselves safe. One of my friends who raises wolf dogs actually trained as a volunteer firefighter so she could help out. Other volunteer opportunities abound. Remember to keep an eye out for chances to volunteer in your local area. Misty has included something to that effect on almost all of our Helpful Handouts, and it's something she wants us all to aspire to. Who among us hasn't needed a helping hand at one time or another?

Midwinter is fast approaching, and our RPs are on hiatus until after the new year because of all the holidays. If you want to RP, though, and you have an approved persona, you may do so in the Secret Room. If you want someone to RP with, give me a shout. I'm usually available to take an RP break!

Take care as the days grow colder in the northern hemisphere and warmer for our friends in Australia and other points south!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn





Medieval Steed

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## Story Prompts:

November Story Prompt:

The snake lay coiled on the bed waiting patiently for its prey.

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

--Herald Nalei Rayskeline

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

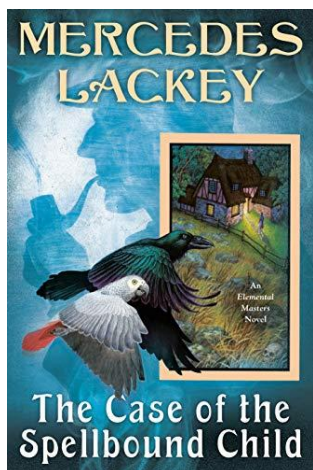


## Contest Announcement –

**Reminder:** We are now accepting submissions for the ongoing Queen's Own Contests. We will do a drawing in the January Newsletter, the winner of the contest will receive one of the randomly selected items below. Each submission must be Valdemar related. Submission includes, Personas, Artwork, Stories, Poetry, Articles, Book Reviews, Monthly RPs and Cosplays. If it is Valdemar related it will count for a submission. All submissions will be shared in future newsletters, in the case of stories they will be sent on to the zines which are needing submissions. Winner to be determined by the roll of a 10-sided die, which will cause the winner to be determined randomly as we do not want to be in the business of trying to determine better between apples and oranges. The Prize of the drawing will also be determined randomly by die roll. Please send in your submissions via email to me ([healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com)) or Danya ([shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:shashtah@gmail.com)). Good Luck my friends!



## Publication News:



*Seasons: All-new Tales of Valdemar.* Release is November 26, 2019 and is available for preorder.

*The Case of the Spellbound Child (Elemental Masters),* has an updated release date Dec. 3, 2019, and is available for preorder.

*Spy, Spy Again (Valdemar: Family Spies),* release date June 9, 2020, and is available for preorder.

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





Celestial Cat

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## **E-Resources:**

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)

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/>

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



## **Ren. Faires:**

<http://piratefestivals.com/>

<http://www.renfaire.com/Sites/>

<http://www.renaissancemagazine.com/fairelist.html>

<http://www.therenlist.com/fairs>

[http://www.renaissancefairefestival.com/renaissance\\_faire\\_festival\\_information\\_list.htm](http://www.renaissancefairefestival.com/renaissance_faire_festival_information_list.htm)

<http://www.festivaltrek.com/festivals-category/renaissance-heritage/>

<http://www.festivals-and-shows.com/renaissance-festivals.html>

If you can attend any of these (or others we don't know about), please let us know about all the fun you had!



## Conventions:

<http://fancons.com/events/>

<http://www.upcomingcons.com/comic-conventions>

<http://www.popculthq.com>



## Misty Appearances:

We do not have an updated list for her 2020 calendar.



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## Member News:

Editors and Chapter Presidents, please send us updated information if you have it.

## Local chapters:

The Canada Chapter is starting back up! I hope to have their updated information in the next newsletter. Who else is still active and who is not?

- ❑ **Arrows OnLine:** Contact: Adept Grayfeather k'Varis (Kristi Reed). E-mail: DragonMamaK@aol.com. Arrows OnLine is the AOL chapter of QO. Chats will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 8-10 PM ET. Topics will be posted prior to chat, hopefully as soon as a month in advance for book discussions. Although we have the scheduled chat, the Companion's Grove is open 24/7, and anyone can come in for informal chat. As far as instructions on how to get there . . . there are lots of hoops to jump through now. Go to the books community, find the message board link, then find the "Author AZ" message board, and find your way to the Mercedes Lackey boards from there. She's no longer a keyword, but hopefully with more traffic in the future that will change. If you don't want to jump through hoops, you can e-mail me directly, and I'll give you the links. The links to the chatroom will be on my "signature" on the boards.
- ❑ **Friends of the Pelagirs:** Contact: Morghan Savistr'i. Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm>. E-mail: [elfchilde@gmail.com](mailto:elfchilde@gmail.com). Under new care! Friends of the Pelagirs, the Mid Atlantic Chapter of Queens Own, is looking for new members, co-moderators for Lists and Subgroups, as well as those who would like to attend Writers groups in their area! Please e-mail Morghan Savistr'i at [elfchilde@gmail.com](mailto:elfchilde@gmail.com) or visit our new site <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm> for more information! We look forward to growing with you!



- ❑ **Heartland Arrows:** Contact: Earthshower k'Valdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: [thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com](mailto:thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com).

CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS!

Heartland Arrows IS BACK!!!! If you live in or around Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, or Illinois and want to be an art of this great chapter of Queen's Own, please contact Earthshower kValdemar at [thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com](mailto:thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com).

- **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!)
- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). We accept members from all over the United States, but we technically cover the Great Lakes region, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. Heyla there, everyone! Sapphire and White is looking for people who are interested in Mercedes Lackey and her works such as the Valdemar series and the many other books that she has written. We accept both members and non-members of QO. You can contact me for more info at [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). I hope to have a chat list and maybe a fanzine going soon, but I am looking for submissions for that when it gets up and running.
- **Valdemar Estate Waystation:** Contact: Herald Lily. Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. E-mail: [kalendral\\_tarma@hotmail.com](mailto:kalendral_tarma@hotmail.com). Valdemar Estate Waystation has expanded. Due to low numbers of anything in Perth, it is also now the largest cosplay club in Perth. We have cosdays every month and Ramen Nite is the first Thursday of the month. We now cover 3 sections. Valdemar, Horses, Costuming/anime. Online forum is open to all! (come on, we even have a member from Golden Grove...:hugs to you:) Find us at <http://vewaystation.proboards100.com/index.cgi>. There are recent pics of Misty and Larry and some dodgy fun so don't be shy . . . your mothers weren't and pay us a visit!
- **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.



## **Zines and Newsletters:**

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.

Here are the QO fanzines and newsletters that we know about. Is anyone else still publishing?

- ***Children of Velgarth:*** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar; E-mail: [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@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 by e-mail 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** Volume 3, Issue 4 is now available! Golden Grove is a digital publication and is sent out via e-mail. Contact me if you'd like a copy. For new submissions and subscriptions to Golden Grove please e-mail [sn.keeper@yahoo.com](mailto:sn.keeper@yahoo.com). To submit stories, you have written from the story prompt given above, send them to Golden Grove [sn.keeper@yahoo.com](mailto:sn.keeper@yahoo.com) with Golden Grove in the subject line.

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.

- ***Herald's Companion:*** Editor: Karen Bertke, 5694 Scarborough Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238. If anyone has friends stationed overseas for the war, let us know and we'll send them a feezil mascot (to make anything feezilable). E-mail: submission instructions:
  - 1) Subject line must read "For Karen." (Anything else will be erased as a potential virus hazard.)
  - 2) Do not use strange fonts, which my computer will not recognize.

- 3) E-mail: it to [gbertke@fuse.net](mailto:gbertke@fuse.net). (This is my father's e-mail address. Use it for submissions for Herald's Companion only.)
- **Sapphire and White:** Editor: Ronald Glaser, 1202 S. 2nd St., Aberdeen, SD, 57401. E-mail: [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). Sapphire and White's fanzine is accepting submissions at [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). All forms of material can be submitted; format-wise if you use Word Perfect please use Notepad. Fan fiction, book reviews and movie reviews are greatly appreciated.



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## Other Fandoms:

Please let me know if this information needs to be updated:

- Lois Bujold: Lois Bujold can be reached at [lois@dendarii.com](mailto:lois@dendarii.com). "The Bujold Nexus" is at <http://www.dendarii.com>. You can receive information about their newsletter, the *Dendarii Dispatch* by contacting Lyn Belzer, Editor, 25-16 18th St., #2 Long Island City, NY 11102.
- Tanya Huff: **Nine Above!** is a list for fans of author Tanya Huff. This list provides announcements about Tanya's latest work, publication dates, and personal appearances. NA! also provides a forum for Tanya's fans to communicate with each other, and will have discussion as well as announcements. Lurking is fine, but participation is encouraged. When you join, we'd love for you to send a "hello" to the group at large, telling us who you are! To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send e-mail to [nineabove@egroups.com](mailto:nineabove@egroups.com).
- Linda A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com). Book 3, *Dragon Voices*, has joined *Dragon Heart* and *Dragon Sun!* You can purchase them through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble's website, and other online merchants. Both Kindle and paperback formats are available. Illustrations by our very own Laura Cameron! Check out the Dragonlords Facebook page for sneak peaks of some of Laura's new illustrations!
- "No one has ever escaped Hell, or so Lucifer thought. Now he's getting phone calls with tormenting music and finding people he knows murdered. Messages written in an ancient language bring him once more the doorstep of an old friend and lover. Can she help him figure out who is behind this before the killer turns his attention to Chloe?" Book 3 in the Lilith series  
<https://archiveofourown.org/works/13940829/chapters/32092425>  
<https://www.fanfiction.net/s/12860316/1/Triple-Dipped-in-Psycho>
- Adrian Paul of Highlander: <http://www.adrianpaul.net>.
- Michael Praed: *Michael Praed Network Newsletter*, <http://fanfare.michael-praed.com>.

- Melanie Rawn: **Pandemonium** - The official Melanie Rawn club invites you to join their ranks. SASE for more information: Irena Pereira, P.O. Box 18A146 , Los Angeles, CA 90018.
- **N3F** is one of the oldest general interest SF/F clubs, started in 1941. Members meet by snail mail and E-mail: to discuss SF, Fantasy, and Horror genres. (Some gather at cons, too.) We have plenty to offer the hungry SF/F/H fan! Members receive *Tightbeam*, the club's quarterly zine, and *The National Fantasy Fan*, our bi-monthly zine. For inquiries, please snail mail me at N3F Secretary, Dennis Davis, 25549 Byron Street, San Bernadino, CA, 92404-6403. Check out our website at <http://www.simegen.com/fandom/n3f>.
- Doctor Who and other Media: **The Prydonians of Prynceton**, P.O. Box 3194, Princeton, NJ 08543-3194.



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## 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 [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com) and [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@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 Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30 PM PST. You are cordially invited! Participation will also get you an entry into our contest!



## Lost . . .

One of the challenges running an online club is that people don't always leave a forwarding address when they move <g>. If you are activated on the Persona List and still listed as "missing" below, let me know. I just forgot to delete the "missing" reference in the newsletter. We are missing current e-mail addresses for just about everyone at this point. If you need your email address updated somewhere on the QO site or for the mailing list, let me know. ([Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com) still works, but I am switching to [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com).)

(We will start generating this list again as I see e-mails start bouncing.)

[Geminifatcat@yahoo.com](mailto:Geminifatcat@yahoo.com)  
[Maria916@nissensonline.com](mailto:Maria916@nissensonline.com)  
[tamyris@earthlink.net](mailto:tamyris@earthlink.net)  
[el1de@bellsouth.net](mailto:el1de@bellsouth.net)  
[tiboribi@yahoo.com](mailto:tiboribi@yahoo.com)  
[jancivan@aol.com](mailto:jancivan@aol.com)  
[kddavis@pacifier.com](mailto:kddavis@pacifier.com)  
[nia\\_mac@niaskywalk.com](mailto:nia_mac@niaskywalk.com)



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

Well, that was an adventure!

I went to Croatia for six days. (Impress me. Tell me you can find Croatia on a map! Need to keep up with those Geography Courses at the Collegium.)

I attended an International Conference on my work on the Lucius Artorius Castus inscription in Podstrana (south of Split). What a joy it was to see old friends and make some new ones. Languages! Croatian, Russian, Italian, English . . . I walked up to one group to find them speaking Latin! (It was the only language they had in common.)

There was a lot of crawling around archaeological digs, including a chance to watch a dig that was actively underway. We focused on material from the second century A.D., but we also saw some early Christian and medieval sites.

I STILL wasn't able to get into the Archaeological Museum to see the smaller inscription about Castus, which also interests me, but I was able to visit the site where the inscription about his daughter and grandson were found.

The Russians want me to visit the Caucasus Mountains for a couple of weeks; possibly in 2021. The Croats want me to live there six months out of every year, and the Italians simply want me to move to Italy! It's nice to be popular and greeted like a Herald riding into towns large and small in what is turning out to be something like an actual lecture circuit. (The Greeks want in on the action, as do the Hungarians and Romanians. France is already helping with the translation of my work.) Havens! I'm going to have to start keeping a schedule like Misty does!

I have a book out on the market, co-authored with John Matthews, called *The Roman King Arthur* that tells about Castus's life and examines the evidence



that he is the first of all the historical Arthurs who contributed to the legend. Here's hoping it sells soon!

No, I don't know where the snag is in the process of getting *Dragon Dreams* out. But I'll keep asking until someone at the press responds.

I'm also translating a novel called *Riothamus* from Italian into English. After that I'll return to my work on *The Sword in the Stone*, another nonfiction book with John Matthews.

Cheers to all of you as we enter this season of Harvest and Thanksgiving!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



## Personals:

- **We are looking for additional artwork for the Newsletter** as I am scraping the bottom of our artwork folder! If you would like to be featured as the artist for a newsletter please send us your work preferably in .jpg, or .gif formats. Preference for Velgarth flavored artwork (Companions, Heralds, Castles, Bards, Healers, Bondbirds, Tayledras, and so on). Please send all submissions to Healer Adept Moonstar ([healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com)) and Herald Mage Danya ([shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:shashtah@gmail.com)). Additional bonus your work will be entered in our January Prize drawing!
- **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)).
- 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 Voices* 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. (Some Barnes and Noble brick-and-mortar stores are also carrying it.) 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).



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/qo.htm>. We also have a Facebook page and Group chat list.

This newsletter is published solely to inform and entertain the club's membership; no infringement of anyone's copyrights is intended.

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Co-President: Healer Adept Moonstar k'Vala k'Sheyna, (Kendra Hosseini, [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com))

The featured artists for the online version of the newsletter is Gryphon Lord Larry Dixon & Angela K Scott. All images are copyrighted by them. Please do not reuse them without their permission. If you would like your art to be featured in the online version of the QO newsletter, send .jpgs to [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com) and [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com).

The online version of this newsletter will be available with artwork at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm> within a few days.

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Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn  
&  
Healer Adept Moonstar k'Vala k'Sheyna