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Northern Lights Companion

By

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Sorry for the long break! Moonstar had several surgeries, and I had a bunch of stuff (including the proofs for my next novel, *Dragon Voices*) land on my desk.

Hope you are all having a delightful spring! I promised myself I would partake in the ritual of “Spring Cleaning” this year, but I have yet to make good on that. I’m thinking about starting with my Misty bookcase—which will require me to read every book as I dust it ☺.

If you know of any online or offline Misty groups that we don’t cover, please let us know. We’re trying to update our records and don’t want to miss anyone!

Zhai’helleva,

Danya



The young child lay on the floor, under the sideboard, back pressed against the wall, and watched people’s feet as they moved past.

As always, if you would like any story published you can submit it to Golden Grove 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 every time we have 10 submissions, the winner of the contest will receive one of the randomly

selected items below. You can only submit one submission per contest. Each submission must be Valdemar related. Submission includes, Artwork, Stories, Poetry, Articles, Book Reviews, 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. Once we have 10 submissions, there will be a drawing, this will be determined randomly for a winner as we do not want to be in the business of trying to determine better between apples and oranges. Please send in your submissions to our PO Box, or preferably via email to myself (healermoon@gmail.com) and Danya (shashtah@gmail.com). Good Luck my friends!



Publication News:

The Hills have Spies (Valdemar: Family Spies) will be released June 5, 2018. You can preorder it now.

Book 5 of The Secret World Chronicles, *Avalanche*, which Misty co-authored with Cody Martin and Dennis Lee, is out in hardcover on August 7, 2018.

For all of you Tarma and Kethry fans, *Vows and Honor* is being reissued as a paperback on August 21, 2018.

Blade of Empire, Book Two of the Dragon Prophecy series which Misty pens with James Mallory, will be out in mass market paperback August 28, 2018.

You can also get your order in for *Apex*, Book Three of the Hunter series. Delivery is expected September 4, 2018.

The next installation in the Elemental Masters series, *A Scandal at Battersea*, is out October 2, 2018. (Misty tries her hand at Sherlock Holmes this time. I can't wait!) *The Battered Brides*, is scheduled for sale starting October 16, 2018.

The Valdemar anthology *Choices* (paperback) has a release date of December 4, 2018 and is available for preorder.

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

Book Review – Green Rider by Kristen Britain

Recently, on the advice of a friend, I picked up the first book in the Green Riders series. I wasn't sure what to expect going into the book. The library synopsis wasn't helpful, and my friend had only said she thought I would like the series.

The novel starts with Karigan G'ladheon on her way home from school, where she has been indefinitely suspended for fighting and things pick up from there. The action revolves around Karigan's adventures as she tries to deliver a message that she received from a dying messenger to the king.

The pacing of the book feels more even than some of Misty's works with highs and lows throughout and a more gradual build to the climax at the end.

The world in this book reminds me more of the Obsidian and Enduring Flame trilogies than of Valdemar. I think that is due in part to the descriptions of the Grey One in the first chapter and also the forests

Karigan rides through. There is also something in Karigan's running from school, her temperament that reminds me of Kellen.

I would defiantly recommend this book to anyone who likes fantasy, adventure or books Betsy Wollheim has edited.



E-Resources:

Amazon has a Mercedes Lackey page at 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

Misty's official page is at <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!)

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 Facebook page is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

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.festivaltrek.com/festivals-category/renaissance-heritage/>

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

If you are able to 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/2016/11/09/the-2017-list-of-cosplay-conventions-is-here/>

Did anyone go to DragonCon? Did you have a chance to meet Misty? If so, please write and tell us about it!

Please let us know if you find out about any other appearances Misty will be making this year.





Cat 'n Dragon

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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 Pelagirls:** Contact: Morghan Savistr'i. Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm>. E-mail: elfchilde@gmail.com. Under new care! Friends of the Pelagirls, 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 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.

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 a part
 of this great chapter of Queen's Own, please contact Earthshower
 k'Valdemar at 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 your at it!)

- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: 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. 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. 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 picts of Misty and Larry and some dodgey 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. 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:

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. Yes, this zine still exists. Yes, several volumes are finished. Yes, more will be coming out. 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 2 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. To submit stories, you have written from the story prompt given above, send them to Golden Grove 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. (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. Sapphire and White's fanzine is accepting submissions at 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. "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.
- Linda A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, Shashtah@gmail.com. Book 3, *Dragon Voices*, will soon join *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!
- 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 sent to the QO address or submitted by e-mail to Shashtah@gmail.com and healermoon@gmail.com.

Fanfiction can now be published as 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. We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours is 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.



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 still works, but I am switching to Shashtah@gmail.com.)

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



From Healer Adept Moonstar k'Vala k'Sheyna:

Hello my friends!

As Danya mentioned, I have had a few big surgeries this year. In January I had a hysterectomy, which was a much bigger procedure than I expected it to be. I didn't expect to be a couch potato afterwards. I was admonished a couple times by the doctor to rest more because I was doing too much.

In February I had double carpal tunnel release. I had been putting it off for a good while, and had shooting pains in my hands, in addition to numbness/tingling, all of which I woke me up at night. The nurses were surprised I was doing both of my hands at the same time, but it would be a month out if I did one or both hands. And as I was having issues with both my wrists and was already out of work to rest from my last surgery I got both surgeries at once. The first few days were rough to recover, as there are lots of things you use your hands for, such as personal needs, dressing, putting on shoes...all of which were impossible. After the first few days and the big bandages came off I was able to start using my hands again, but they were very weak. As a result, I went to occupational

therapy for six weeks to build up strength and flexibility in my hands, and I have only recently been released from this.

In March I went to Wonder*Con here in Orange County, and I was able to go to many panels, and this year's author was Patrick Rothfuss. I hadn't read anything he wrote yet so picked up his first book "The Name of the Wind" (https://www.amazon.com/Name-Wind-Kingkiller-Chronicle-Book-ebook/dp/B0010SKUYM/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1524546408&sr=8-1&keywords=the+name+of+the+wind) Let me just say after reading the first few pages of this book, I went back to the book store and bought book 2 as well as copies of both books for my son. All of which I brought with me WonderCon and had him sign for me. He was nice though a little standoffish. Once I actually finish the book I will share a review, I am about a third of the way through and all I can say is that I recommend it! Other highlights of WonderCon this year is that I was able to sit in the front row for the Talks Machina panel, my favorite panel at the con, and it was exciting. Going by myself was not nearly as fun as going with my kiddo and I look forward to him finishing school so we can go together again.

I also started back to work in March and was happy to get back to puzzling out MS Dynamics for the Mortgage company where I work. I was also happy to be around people again all day. I was getting stir crazy just being home with Netflix. Though my pups were happy for the extra attention, and I wished I was better enough to take them for all the extra walks. You would think I would have cleared my Netflix list but really in the sea of streaming that will never be the case.

I hope to hear about what all of you are reading. Have you read Patrick Rothfuss? What did you think? Do you have a review? We were so happy to see the review from Kristen Britain, would love to see more!

Hugs,
Moonstar



Personals:

- 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 Sun* 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 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.



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

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn