

The First of the Month Is Rough

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Thought I knew what I was going to be doing today – and then I actually LOOKED at the website, and remembered that today is June 1st, and it was time to post chapters. And then there's the contest:

Remember – today you have a few more hours to post your contest entry to win the TALYN ARC, the contest closes at midnight tonight, CDT, and any entry with a date later than June 1 will be disqualified. I won't be listing any more first-round finalists until tomorrow, when the contest is closed; however, there is at least one new entry in there that made the cut.

Following the final listing of first-round finalists, I'm going to give myself a couple of days to print the entries out and go over them. There have been so many truly wonderful ones that I'm probably going to end up creating some sort of point system. I'll e-mail the winners privately on Saturday. If you have an entry in the contest, now is the time to make sure that the e-mail address in your profile will actually get your e-mail to you on a weekend. After I've heard back from the two winners, I'll post the winning entries on Wednesday, and do my best to get prizes out the same day.

If an email I send bounces, or I don't hear from my first choices by noon Sunday, I'll select the next highest entry or entries, and notify those writers. They'll have until Monday to get back to me. And so on – until I have two winners who are reachable by e-mail and for whom I have mailing addresses. I expect I'll have them earlier, and will post winners

promptly if I hear back promptly from both.

(If you expect to be unreachable over the weekend, please post below. If yours is one of the winning entries, I'll work with you.)

And now I'm going to get to work on the background for the Order, for HAWKSPAR.

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