

Hunter's P.O.V.

I used Emma's name on purpose at Uncle Drake's Pack, she looks like Mom and now I can use that to my advantage. Mom giggles at Emma's excitement and I see Dad shaking his head. Pops and Papa seems to have fun with my idea as they are laughing and talking softly.

Emma and Ella did some digging for me and I now know without a doubt why the Elder asked for a reprint on this particular book. I just hope that he didn't try to hide any other Laws that could benefit Lycans and Werewolves in certain situations.

Ella puts the file in her bag and I ask her if she has everything with her I asked for, "Yes, Hunter. I brought everything you asked for, it's all in here." She says as she pats the bag. I explain that I will enter the Throne room with Ella and I ask everyone else to take their seat as usual.

"Emma, I want you to stay with my Mom and sit in my seat. Elder Marcus informed the other Elders I used an alias on my first visit and that someone else will be sitting next to Mom. So that part is also taken care of." I say before I send them all out of the living-room.

All the Elders are sitting in their seats and on the opposite side is Uncle Drake with his whole family, Patrick and Debra. Mom and Dad are in their seats and Emma sits next to her, while my Mates sit next to Dad. I see Debra staring at Emma and she actually smiles at Emma, but Emma gives her attitude like I would have done.

*"She knows you. Of course she would react like you, after all she has to play you."* Justice says and we both giggle. Through the mind-link I tell my security team to spread out and who they have to keep an eye on. Victor and Matt have put a table and four chairs in the middle of the room, just as I had requested.

"Thank you all for coming, even though I know that some of you were ordered to be here. I just started my Law studies and I have some things I have questions about, in order to solve them I need your help.

Elder Edward, would you please take a seat at the table?" I ask and after that I look around the room, not that I need to think about who I want at that table. I see that Elder Edward is sitting in the chair I hoped he would pick and I turn to Mom.

"Your Majesty, could you please take the seat next to Elder Edward?" I ask and Mom nods her head as she gets up. "Prince Justin, could you please take the seat opposite our Queen?" I ask and he reacts the same as Mom. I turn my attention to Uncle Drake and the rest of my family, looking from one to the other.

I look at Papa as I say, "Sir, would you be so kind to take the last seat?" Papa gets up and sits down in the seat next to Justin, I walk over to Ella in the meantime. She hands me the papers and pens as I hold out my hand.

I put two papers and a pen in front of everyone and I walk around the table to make sure I am facing Dad and my Mates. "I have two questions I want to ask, I want you to write down the answer and after you fold the paper I

want you to hand it to Elder Marcus."

Elder Marcus gets up, but stays next to the seating area for the Elders. "First Question, what are the responses to a rejection?" I ask and I watch as each of them writes down their answers. Mom is the first one to hand her paper to Elder Marcus.

As soon as he has all four papers I turn my attention back to the four people at the table, while Ella has been keeping her eyes on Elder Cedrick. So far, he doesn't look worried but that will change the moment I ask my next question.

"Second question, is there something you can do after marking and mating to break a bond?" Everyone is staring at me, except for the four people at the table. They are busy writing down their answer and this time Elder Edward is the first one to hand his paper to Elder Marcus.

*"Elder Cedrick is looking very uncomfortable right now. His eyes are shifting between you and the door."* Ella informs me and I ask Victor to place himself in front of the door, which he does quickly.

"Elder Marcus, could you please tell us what the answers are to my first question?" He opens the papers and all of them wrote down acceptance or rejection. Ella gives Dad the book from our Royal Library and I ask him to tell me what the correct answer is.

"In this book it states the same thing as was answered by the four people at the table." He says after he has look

through the page. "Just a minute, there is a mention here of a trial-period." He says before I have a chance to respond.

"Thank you, Your Majesty. That is correct, but in the book you're holding there is no mention of what this trial-period is or what the rules and conditions are. The book I am holding was printed over seventy years ago and this one has an entire chapter on the trial-period.

When I tried to look it up in the digital library I had a lot of trouble finding it, it was almost as if someone did everything they could to hide it." I hold out the book to Elder Marcus and he affirms that the chapter is there.

"Elder Marcus, how many Elders have been with the Council more than seventy years?" I ask and he answers "Elder Cedrick and Elder Tamra." I walk back to my position on the other side of the table, before I ask him to give us the answer to the second question.

"All of them have the same answer, nothing can be done after marking and mating." He says and Dad flips through the book he is holding and affirms that there is nothing in there on that subject. I thank everyone and ask them to return to their seats.

"After marking and mating there is the possibility to reject your Mate, but if not accepted no one usually looks further. I will use a hypothetical situation to explain this, a male rejects his Mate and she doesn't accept it.

The male has a choice, he resigns to the fact that he is stuck with his Mate or he can wait five years and ask

again. If the female still doesn't accept the rejection the male can ask the help of an Elder or a Royal to order the female to accept it.

This can only be done if there is sufficient ground for the rejection, for example cheating on your Mate or walking out on your Mate. If this is proven to the Elder or Royal, they can order the female to accept the rejection."

I have handed my book to Elder Marcus as I started talking and he has shown it to Dad and Elder Edward as well. "You are correct in everything you have said, but why was it taken out?" Elder Edward asks.

"I will get to that in a moment, I still have a few more things to say. So if a female refuses to accept the Mate-bond after mating and marking, even if it was done by using the mark, there is a ground for the rejection.

What if that female goes as far as walking out of the relationship and taking their Pup with her, telling that Pup that her Father is dead. What if that female has a Pup with another male? What if the female returns after years and refuses to tell her Mate where their Pup is?

I believe that that is more than enough ground for an Elder or a Royal to order the female to accept the rejection. Wouldn't you agree, Debra?" I look her dead in the eye and I can see a smirk on Uncle Drake's face.

"I, Princess Hunter, order you to accept your Mate's rejection." Papa doesn't waste time as he rejects her immediately and she has no other choice, she accepts his rejection. She cries out in pain as Papa clutches his



stomach and Mom rushes over to him.

"Dad, sit down. Just breath slowly, just breath. You will be fine." Mom holds on to him and Pops is standing behind him with his hand on his shoulder. Shouting from the other side of the room pulls my attention away from Papa, I turn to see Elder Cedrick struggling to get out of the hold Victor has on him.

"Elder Edward, I think it is time to answer your question from earlier. However I want to have Debra and Papa brought to the infirmary first." At that moment another door opens and four Warriors walk in with our Doctor.

"Doc, help Papa in any way you can. As for Debra, just make sure she doesn't hurt herself, other than that you leave her alone." Debra stares at me and tells me I can't do that to her.

"Yes, I can. You hurt Papa when you took his Pup away from him, you hurt him when you refused to tell him where his Pup was and you hurt him every time you were with that poor excuse of an Alpha.

You hurt my Mother when you told her that her Father was dead, you hurt her when you banned her from your life after her baby Brother was born and you hurt her when you sent her away alone and pregnant.

So, yes. I can do that to you. Take her out of my sight." I say before I turn my back on her.

