

## Character Lines: “The Wild Hunt”

### The Soldier

*(angry, quick, ready to face battle)* There is no time for you to leave now. Do you understand? You are prey. Wherever you go, the Hunt follows YOU. Whatever happens, do not leave my side. Understand? *(turns to face the Huntsman)* By the declaration of the Holy Roman Emperor, these lands – their woods, their game and their people – are under the sovereign protection of the Duchy of Prussia. As such, by decree of the Duke, I demand you cease your activities and vacate these lands. Immediately.

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### Katrin

*(cautious)* We're here. This is where the upper wood hunting trail meets the lower wood path. When...when my father did not come home, this whole area was covered in tracks. There were wolf prints as big as a bear's. And more horses than I've ever seen. I...I'd like to stay. To help you fight the hunt. Are you really a soldier?

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### Muller

I'm afraid you've come too late, friend. Oskar...did not return from the woods last week. Why do you ask after him, Herr...? Unless you come to suggest you can defeat the Wild Hunt? You, a beardless youth? You cannot be serious.

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### Huntsman

*(laughs, amused at The Soldier's impudence)* I have hunted here since before Rome's children strayed beyond their mountains. Before the God Son's cult left the East. I know the name of every tree, the secret of every stone. When the wind speaks, it does so with my voice. These lands know but one master. I invite you, strong one, join our hunt.