

Moots and Inheritance

A moot is a legal entity within yinrih society. Imagine all the non-romantic functions of a spouse--sharing finances, providing emotional support, care when sick, etc. Legally, childermoots are a special kind of moot, and the vast majority of moots are simply childermoots whose pups have grown and whose members have chosen to stay together as empty nesters. Moots can persist across generations, with younger members joining to fill the ranks left by those who have died or left.

The key legal requirement of a moot is that one may not be a member of more than one at a time. Joining a moot involves a contract between the new member and the moot in which the member promises to contribute to the mutual wellbeing of the other moot members. In the case of a childermoot, the contact is implied when the members' eggs are gathered together into a nest, hence the phrase "You put your egg in this nest" meaning to make a long term commitment.

Moots are the chief mechanism of inheritance in yinrih society, and there are moot-run farms, moot-owned companies, moots involved in organized crime, dynastic moots within politics, etc.

The length of a member's commitment to the moot varies, but 36 Yih years is the minimum across most yinrih cultures, being the length of time to raise a litter.

Individual moots never get so large that any given two members don't know one another personally, but many lesser moots may be affiliated indirectly with a more powerful one in what is sometimes called a "metamoot". Social climbing involves joining one of these lesser moots in hopes of one day gaining entry into the more powerful moot.

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