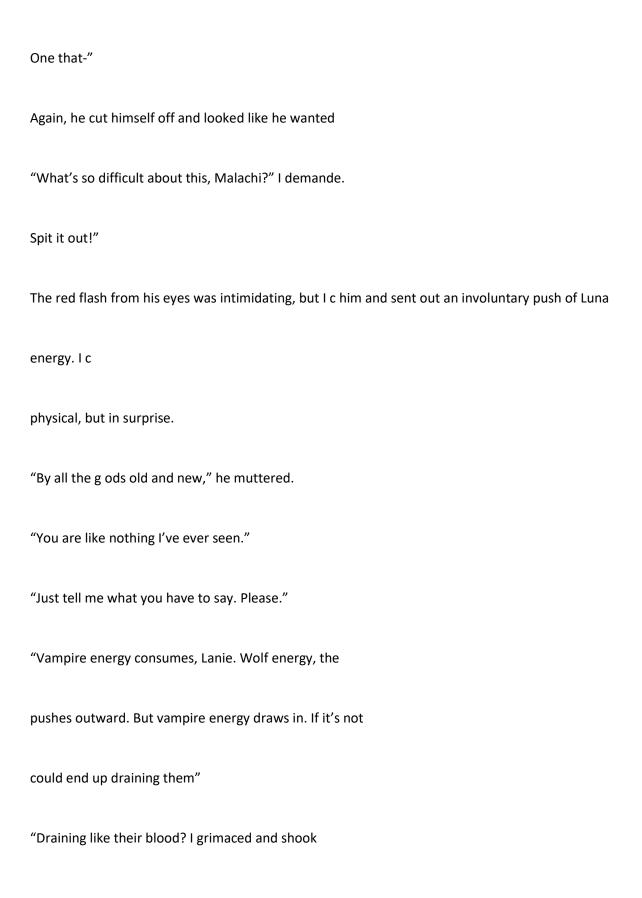


mates at the same time is a genuinely rare instance for wolves. Even for us! And vampire-kind is
notoriously, shall we say"
He paused as though trying to think of the right words. Malachi's expression brightened, and he
snapped his fingers. "Generous with our favors."
I had to giggle at that.
"Uh huh. Generous is one way of putting it. You mean you sleep around with a lot of people." I thought
back to what Braden had told me what felt like a million years ago.
"But rarely more than one at a time," Malachi protested, sounding actually affronted. "Yes, I had my wild
times, but I myself practice serial monogamy and have done for well, literally decades"
"You have a rotation," I said
"That's one way to put it" My grandfather leaned back in his seat to study me. It was clear he was trying
10 get at something, but what?
"It's something you might need to think about La
I could feel my untire expression twist into disdain shook my head. "Not even a consideration Wolves

ampires dont. I love my mates The Moon Goddess gave us the gift of each other. I'm not
mate for life, even
just being greedy
frin not talking about greed, but rather, nu
My jaw dropped, and I could feel myself trying to sp is a fire. I squirmed around in my seat.
"I think three mates is plenty." I thought about what ind another bolt of heat flooded me. I was sure
Malach
sound like I'm some kind ofI don't even know
Sexual glutton!"
"Three might sate you for now, but might not alway to his mouth to nibble on a knuckle.
It seemed out of character for my grandfather to be want to press him about it. I felt like maybe I didn't
reall
Finally, though, I couldn't hold back from asking. "W
"Your energy comes from within, and it is fed by the conjunction and harmony, each of you providing
what th Moon Goddess. And, the additional dual nature you've g own gifts. A different sort of energy.



"Not their blood. Their very essence. All that makes you. If you're not careful, you could consume it all
and le