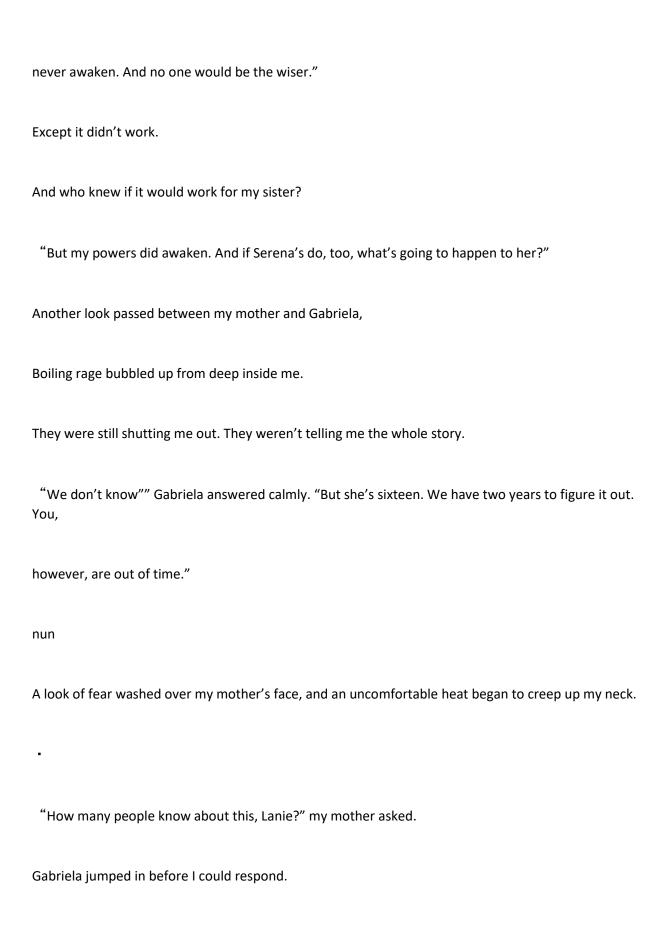


"Yes, I know."
An uneasiness passed over me. Gabriela was our Luna, of course my mother would know who she
was,
but there seemed to be more than polite recognition exchanged between them.
Gabriela gave a little bow. "Nice to see you again, Julia. Please join us in the sitting room.
As soon as we sat, my mother turned back to me, her brow furrowed with concern.
"What is it, my darling?"
I took a deep breath and told her the truth. "I was worried if I couldn't look you in the eye, that you might
lie to me."
me."
She glanced from Gabriela back to me.
"Am I really part vampire?" The words tumbled out.
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My mother sighed, her hands knitting together in her lap.







Thadn't realized that this wasn't the norm, that there was a world in which another set of mates might
harm me for revealing my true self
"You can't stay like this, Lanie," Gabriela said solemnly. "Not when more and more people are finding
out
about you. It's too risky"
"What's the alternative? Can I really just make the vampire side of me go away?"
My mother stared off into space for a moment.
"There is one way we could cast the same spell on you that was cast on me, but"
She trailed off.
"But what?" I asked, my voice barely a whisper
The tension in the room grew thick, and my palms started to sweat.
"But if you do the spell, you'll give up all your memories."

Or at least it didn't appear to