
Charlotte's a girl with nicknames. She may not love being called Charles or Chuck, but the hardest nickname to take is the one she was given in college, the one that's followed her now for too many years. They call her "the husband maker" and sadly, it fits. Every guy she's dated since high school has gone on to marry the next girl they date. Not two or three girls down The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) the road. The very next one.

Is she doing something wrong or is she just cursed?

When Kyle Aldsworth enters the picture and sweeps her off her feet, Charlotte begins to hope that maybe she's not destined to be single forever. A senator's son with political aspirations of his own, Kyle's wealthy, handsome, and in need of a wife. Will Charlotte be disappointed yet again, or will she finally be able to make The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) a husband for herself?

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*For that girl I knew in college,
the one who was a husband maker
(you know who you are)*

I'm glad you never gave up.

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I'd always heard the view from Top of the Mark was exceptional. When San Francisco Life listed the top ten places to view the skyline at night, Top of the Mark was ranked number three, so when the invitation to Harrison's wedding arrived, I finally had an excuse to take in the view for myself.

Stupid, stupid me. I should have taken a cab up the steep hills to 999 California Street, hopped on the elevator to the nineteenth floor, and looked out the windows. I could have come with or without makeup, and I could have worn jeans and a t-shirt. If I'd brought Mia or Aleena with me, we could have had a nice dinner or dessert. If I'd brought Angus, we could have had both. Since Top of the Mark was built at the crest of Nob Hill, I could have snapped a jaw-dropping photo or two The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) with my iPhone and made the sparkling skyline my screen saver.

But no. I had to come see it on the night my old boyfriend was marrying The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) a 49ers cheerleader named Nicki, who'd had more remodeling than an episode of *Property Brothers*. She looked like a Who's Who of Hollywood parts—Scarlett's nose, Angelina's lips, and Kim's cheekbones. Her bias-cut dress clung to her other (ahem) purchased body parts and made me feel very un-girly in comparison.

"Nicki, this is Charlotte." Harrison looked me level in the eye, and for the first time all evening, I felt an inch of relief that things hadn't worked out between us. Five-eleven is pretty average for a guy, and Harrison towered over Nicki, even The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) in her stilettos. But the only way he'd ever have been able to look down at me the way he'd looked down at Nicki when they'd exchanged their vows was if he'd stood on a stool. I know it's not important, and it makes me sound completely shallow, but I read a romance once where the leading man "gazed down at his true love with tender eyes."

Someday, I'd like a guy to gaze down at me with tender eyes. And I'd rather not have to be standing in a hole for that to happen.

"It's fabulous to finally meet you." Nicki's voice was chirpy, and her lips didn't move quite right. "I want to The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) thank you for breaking his heart"—she puckered up and baby-talked—"so I could put it back together." She pulled him down by his tuxedo lapel to kiss his cheek, then wiped the red smear away with her acrylic-nailed thumb.

Well, this was awkward. And I wasn't the only one feeling it. Harrison's eyes begged me not to set the record straight.

You see, Harrison had broken up with me. "I'm not ready for the whole settling down with one woman thing," he'd said four short months ago. "You're ready to get married, and I won't be ready for that scene for years."

Maybe he'd meant dog years.

"Congratulations, you two. You make a much better couple than we ever did," I said, although it stung to admit it.

"Did Will come? I saw Angus a little while ago," Harrison said. Will is my twin brother. No, his name is not Wilbur, although we've been asked if our parents had a thing for *Charlotte's Web* more times than I can count. His name is William, and he's the reason I ended up The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) dating Harrison in the first place.

Our families lived on the same street in Fairfield, but I barely remembered Harrison, who was two years older than us. Nearly a year ago, Will and Harrison had been The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) at the same concert, and Harrison had asked Will if his little sister was still available. Will wasn't sure if he meant me or McKayla, but since McKayla was already married, he gave Harrison my number. On our first date, Harrison admitted he The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) hadn't been asking about me, but he was decent enough to say he was glad for the mix-up. And The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) the rest is history.

A short and tragic history, but history nonetheless.

"Will and his wife are in D.C. right now interviewing." I stepped The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) on my tiptoes and scanned the The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) room over the groom's The Husband Maker (The Husband Maker, Book 1) head. "I didn't know Angus was here."

"I talked to him earlier, but he might have left already," Harrison said.

"Aaahhh!"

I nearly knocked over a waiter as I jumped away from Nicki's scream. "Look, Kitten. It's Baxter Kensington. I didn't think he'd actually come."

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