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Inspirational Quote

“Try not to become a man of success,
but a man of value”.

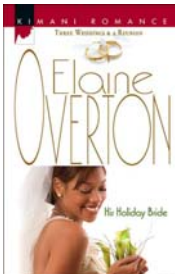
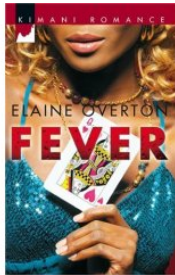
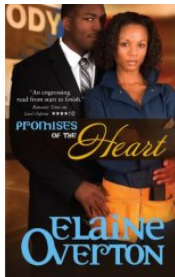
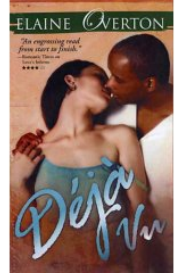
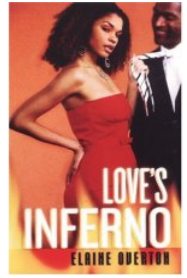
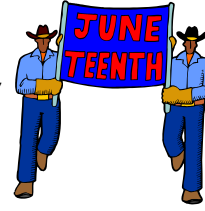
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Dear Readers,



First, to all our men, be they husband, father, son, or friend, **Happy Father's Day!** Also, this month, let's not forget to honor the ancestors with the celebration of **Juneteenth**. Did someone say, BBQ?! ☺



I'm well into my 8th book, been working on it since March, and the story is moving along quite nicely. But, I'm at that point in the story development, where I feel like I'm fighting with my characters.

You see, loonngg before I ever sit down to type a single word, I create an outline, a VERY detailed outline of exactly who's-who, and what's-what. I do all the necessary research, so when I do start typing out the story I have a clear vision in my mind.

But, as soon as I start breathing life into these folks, they start getting all uppity and trying to tell me what to do! For instance, I have this villain who according to the outline is one mean S.O.B. But, he is showing distressing signs of vulnerability and I find myself wanting to tell his side of the story. *But he can't be sensitive - he's the villain!!*

Then, there is this secondary character who keeps trying to steal the show. *Hey, little-miss-secondary, back off - this is NOT your story!!*



Not to mention, the characters insistence in going places I have not researched, and doing things I have not planned for them to do. And the dialogue - I've completely lost control of what comes out of their mouths. Uuurrngggghhh!!!!

In truth, the final book rarely ever looks anything like the outline I start with.

You'd think by now, I would be use to the characters re-writing themselves. To top it off, deadlines are creeping up on me, and I'm trying to juggle three projects at once. YIKES!!!

Sorry, just felt like venting - but thanks for listening. ☺

A reminder, *Seducing the Matchmaker*, is now available for pre-order on www.amazon.com. I will have an excerpt, cover and book trailer posted on my site in the next couple of months.



What a race this has been! And for those of us who have the double whammy working for us (black & woman), the democratic race was a “no lose” proposition. But, still I am so very proud of the dignity with which he's held his head through it all. Well done, Barack, well done!!

Outside the writing thing, not much to report. I hope you are enjoying the summer sun. To my fellow parents, good luck surviving summer break!

History in the making



Take care,
Elaine