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To all mothers everywhere in the world who are struggling daily to take care of their household despite fierce battles from the destroyer of happiness. And to their firstborn sons and daughters who go through pains and sufferings as a result of the unending battles from the destroyers of destinies. May God Almighty continue to support and protect all of them always.

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# Preface

I seldom tell my story because it is a very sad one and on rare occasions when I do I mentally edit most of the ugly parts out of it. It is not that I want to deliberately hide some of the things. The reason is because I do not want to evoke the sympathy and pity of other people.

But, don't get me wrong. I have a lot to be grateful for. In the first place, my parents did not run from pillar to post before they had me as their firstborn child. Then when I came along, I was born without any deformity whatsoever and my Intelligent Quotient (IQ) is better than average. And even though I practically have no one in my life, God Almighty has been by my side like a mighty terrible force.

However, I need to narrate this story in all its gory details without taking out any important part for 3 simple reasons. The reasons are as follows:

1. The first reason is to put the whole affair in perspective and understand everything as it happened and also learn in the process.
2. Secondly, by having a complete understanding of my past, I am able to create a fail-proof proactive and workable plan for the future.
3. The third reason is to help other firstborn sons like me come to terms with their own battles. Without a doubt, there are millions of firstborn everywhere, especially in Nigeria, who are also passing through the challenges that I have undergone and looking for a way out. By writing about my story as a male firstborn and how I overcame them, they are able to learn from my own personal experiences.

I have been meaning to write a book of this magnitude for many years now. Back in 2010, I actually began writing a book which I titled “Breaking the Evil Cycle of Failure” but I never got to finish that book. I may go back to it in the future. I don't know yet. That notwithstanding, I have written different books

in e-book format for my various online ventures. However, I have never written any book for publication in paperback or hard cover format.

However, the inspiration to write this book came in February 2022 when a student of mine in the ecommerce business came to my office to see me. He needed my help in creating a new website and launching it on the internet. First I helped him generate some top level premium domain names which he could use for the website for him to choose from. He eventually picked one of the domain names I suggested. Then I told him what it would cost him to get it registered and hosted on the internet. He made the transfer to my bank account and I wasted no time in getting the domain name registered and launched on the internet within 2 hours of making payment.

As I was on the domain registration and hosting job, the student also told me he had written a book which he planned to publish on Amazon. He also said he had contracted someone to handle the publication for him. I requested to see the book. He went to his car and brought the book. I looked at the title and it was not something that resonated with me. It did not instantly grab my attention. So, I told him straight away that he needed to use an attention-grabbing title in order to create desire in people to want to read the book. I went on to look at the inside of the book. It was a mere assemblage of various portions of the Bible without any explanation whatsoever. I was not impressed. Then I told him of my unfinished work “Breaking the Evil Cycle of Failure”. And that was it. He never came back.

Anyway, after seeing this student’s work which he was planning to publish right away, I was inspired to write a book and publish it as quickly as possible - as a matter of fact, on or before my 54<sup>th</sup> birthday which comes up on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2022. That was how the idea to write the book “OMEOVOUSU: Battles Of A Mother And Her Firstborn” was birthed. And it was written within ten weeks without using the services of a ghostwriter.

Believe me, this book, “OMEOVOUSU: Battles Of A Mother And Her Firstborn”, will make you laugh. It will also make you

cry, as well as feel every other thing in between. Better still, if you are a firstborn like me, you will gain complete clarity regarding why things have not been going well in your life. But, if you are not a firstborn, you will have complete understanding of why your elder brother has not been making any appreciable progress all through his life. And if you are in a country where things of this nature are not common, this book will make you wonder how anyone can survive for so long with such fierce torment in his life.

However, one thing I do not want this book to do for you is to evoke pity for me the writer as a firstborn or for any other firstborn out there in the whole wide world.

So, let's dive in without further ado.

**Motunrayo Omonoteje (Snr)**



# Introduction

This book - OMEOVOUSU: Battles of a Mother and Her Firstborn - is the real life story of the author, Mr. Motunrayo Omonoteje (formerly known as Mr. Kovwo Oteje). Take note, however, that many of the names in the story has been changed for privacy reasons and to avoid ill-feelings. That notwithstanding, this is a true account of the personal experiences of the author and some of his family members over the course of 54 years of his existence on God's green earth.

"OMEOVOUSU: Battles of a Mother and Her Firstborn" is made up of 7 sections and 26 chapters. The first section consists of chapter 1 to chapter 3. Chapter 1 is a narration of how Mr. Smart Oteje found the young beautiful daughter of Mr. James Ughedegba by name Dawn and expressed his interest to have her as his wife. But, Mr. Ughedegba was hostile toward Smart and chased him away repeatedly with a cutlass. However, Mr. Smart Oteje was relentless in the pursuit of his dream. Find out how it all turned out in chapter one: "A Baby Boy is Born".

Thereafter, chapter 2 reveals how young Kovwo, the firstborn son of Mr. and Mrs. Smart Oteje, grew up and performed in school. With his primary and secondary education over, chapter 3 narrates how Kovwo left home at the young age of 16 and went in search of greener pastures in Lagos. Find out how he fared and whether he was able to achieve his purpose for going there. Additionally, you will also discover the kind of reception he got from the entire family when he became fed up with his travel "abroad" and decided to return home.

Section 2 of this book is made up of chapter 4 to chapter 6. In chapter 4, you will discover the 7 wonderful qualities of Mrs. Dawn Oteje which endeared her to everyone - husband, children, neighbors and even her fellow market women in her trade. Find out why these same qualities became the basis of unending battles in her life and the people who were responsible for perpetrating them. Similarly, in chapter 5 and 6, you will also discover what the siblings of Mr. Smart Oteje

did to him and how his wife was able to rescue him out of it at great cost to herself.

If you are not yet married, pray never to come across a cantankerous, quarrelsome and contentious woman. Believe me, it is not a pleasant experience at all. The Bible describe her as a leaking roof that chases a man away on a rainy day. Even worse, the Bible also says it is better to stay on the corner of a roof than to live in the same house with a contentious woman. But, if you are already married, learn the 7 distinguishing features of a cantankerous, quarrelsome and contentious woman and how to handle them in chapter 7 of section 3.

Additionally, in chapter 8 and 9 of section 3, you will also find out one particular woman who perfectly fit the description of a cantankerous, quarrelsome and contentious wife like a hand fits into a glove. As a matter of fact, you will discover the 3 major ways through which she made life miserable and terrible for Kovwo all through their marriage as husband and wife. Much worse, you will also discover how the torturous behavior continued even beyond the “grave”.

Moving into section 4, chapter 10 to chapter 13 of this book, you will unearth the first part of the battles of Mr. Kovwo Oteje, firstborn of Mr. and Mrs. Smart Oteje. First in chapter 10 with the title "Handsome but Deformed", you will learn the 3-dimensional ways Kovwo Oteje was deformed and a cripple even though he was a very handsome and intelligent man without any deformities whatsoever. This chapter is a must-read for all firstborn sons in Africa, especially in Nigeria.

Starting with his ignorant junior brother, in chapter 11 to chapter 13, you will also learn how the family of his father and even his own siblings exhibited a lack of love for one of their own. The narration also reveal a man known as "uncle who does not give or collect bribe" and the shocking words he said about Kovwo, his elder brother's firstborn son.

The unending 3-dimensional battles of Kovwo continued in chapter 14 and 15. You will discover two of the 3-dimensional battles in chapter 14 with the title "No One Is Coming", while

chapter 15 reveals the third of the 3-dimensional battles with the title "What Are You Carrying?" Best of all, you will discover 6 powerful lessons that you can apply in your business, finance and family life.

Going further to section 5 of this book, you will get an insight into office politics and why it is crucially important to stay clear of them if you wish to mind your own business. You will learn 3 powerful lessons from chapter 16 which has been carefully titled: "Emergence of Super Secretary".

It is a common saying that a problem identified is a problem half solved. So, it was that Kovwo sat down just before his 50th birthday and decided to find a solution to his unending problems. This is what section 6 is all about. It begins with cause, effect and motive in chapter 17. Thereafter, you will discover 5 abnormal things which happened to Kovwo after visiting a prophet's church for deliverance in chapter 18. You will also learn why you need to be careful where you go to for the solutions to your problems as well as 9 powerful lessons you can apply in your daily life from chapter 18 to chapter 20.

Section 7 begins with the move by Kovwo from his Home Station to a strange man's land, which was located 40km east of his Home Station. You will discover what happened to Kovwo on Sunday night just before he relocated to the strange man's land as well as a series of other events which happened to him several years before then. You will also want to know how Kovwo fared in the strange man's land after his relocation there. Check all these out in chapter 21 of this book.

The battles of the firstborn son took another dimension in the strange man's land causing Kovwo to ask the question: "What really is going on?" Chapter 22 further reveals some shocking events which occurred in the place within a space of just one year. Though these events happened to other people, Kovwo was not exempted because he was living directly in the midst of them. These were colleagues with whom he spent at least a third of his hours from Monday to Friday every single day.

Completely fed up with all the negative events which were happening one after the other in his life, Kovwo decides to adopt a personally branded radical custom-made homegrown solution to his problems. Find out what this solution was in chapter 23 and 24 of section seven.

The book concludes on a positive note with chapter 25 and 26. Find out 6 powerful lessons you can apply in your health and finances in these two chapters.

As you can see from the foregoing, this book is packed full with 78 powerful lessons that you can apply in your personal life, business and relationship. But, I need to reiterate that the author is not in the business of giving legal, accounting, or any other type of professional advice. You will need to engage the services of a competent professional should you need advice on any of those areas.

The stories you will read in this book were obtained from sources which the author believes to be reliable and from his own personal experience, but he neither implies nor intends any guarantee of accuracy. Though the advice presented here by the author is believed to be sound, but readers cannot hold him responsible for either the actions they take or the result of those actions. Therefore, you must carefully investigate all aspects of any decision before taking them.

With that said, flip over to chapter one and start reading without delay. Believe me, you are in for a groovy time!





## **SECTION ONE: FROM CRADLE TO ADULTHOOD**



## Chapter 1

# A Baby Boy Is Born

It all started on a Sunday, 21st April, 1968.

A young man in his 30s was anxiously waiting outside the door of the small room which the community midwife used as her "labor ward".

He had brought his wife, Dawn, to the place the previous evening as she was in severe labor pains and, from all indication, she was due for delivery. Due to the haste with which they had left the house, he had not eaten any real meal or had a proper bath since he brought his wife there.

Though he had returned home in the night and came back first thing that morning, he didn't think of getting anything to eat. The one thought at the back of his mind was to get his wife and the baby home in one piece as quickly as possible.

After having waited for hours again that Sunday morning with seemingly no end in sight, now he was "fit to walk up a wall" in the words of the thriller maestro, James Hadley Chase. But just when he was beginning to wonder how long more he would have to wait and how it all would end, the midwife came out and announced:

"It's a boy!"

The young man jumped up and danced about with pure, undisguised joy while the midwife looked on with amusement on her face. But he couldn't be bothered. She would not understand. At last he had become a father to a bouncing baby boy. Suddenly, tears of joy welled up his eyes as he reminisced the events of the previous two years before this day.

He had come across his wife, Dawn, at a religious meeting and was instantly attracted to her. Dawn was a teenage young girl of about 16 years of age, fair in complexion, with average height and an attractive well-proportioned body. Mr. Smart

Oteje, on the other hand, had always been a slim black man of about 6ft in height. At the sight of Dawn, he had falling "head over heels" in love with her.

However, there was a problem. The father of the girl, Mr. James Ughedegba, would not hear of it because he had lofty plans for his daughter. As the only girl in between seven boys, he felt a special kind of love for her. And he wanted to sponsor her education to any level possible. So, when Mr. Smart Oteje began frequenting his house in search of his daughter, Dawn, he was mad with intense rage. And he would literally carry a machete to chase the young man out of his house, screaming after him:

"If I see you step your feet in my house again, I will design your body with tribal marks that you will keep remembering the day you chased a girl all throughout your life."

But, fortunately for Smart, he had an ally in the mother of the girl, Mrs. Gloria Ughedegba. Unknown to him, she was glad that a young man was asking after her daughter and already basking in the euphoria of giving her daughter out in marriage and becoming a mother-in-law. So, she would call the young man aside when she was sure her husband wasn't looking and encourage him not to give up in his quest.

And do you know one thing about women? They always get what they want. Some would nag and become quarrelsome. Some may even go to the extent of depriving their men of sex and refuse to cook meals in the house. While others would resort to subtler means. But, whichever method or tactics they use, women always get what they want 99% of the time. I may be right or wrong, but I think I am close enough.

So, Dawn's mother was able to somehow maneuver events and persuade her husband to let the young man marry their daughter. Eventually, the father's dream of sponsoring her daughter through higher education was jettisoned and Mr. Oteje succeeded in marrying the woman of his dreams.

The warmth of the midwife's touch on his cold hand brought him back from his brief sojourn into the past. "Come and see your little boy", she urged. Thereafter, he followed the midwife

into the room. As he entered the small room, his eyes scanned the room quickly until they came to rest on his wife sitting upright on the only bed holding the bundle of joy in her arms and supported by a pillow that had seen better days.

The following day, they were back home. And a week later, Mr. Smart Oteje held a small party to celebrate the arrival of his baby boy into the family. The parents of his wife, the Ughedegbas, were among those who attended the small ceremony.

Giving a short speech, Mr. James Ughedegba, his father-in-law, officially welcomed Mr. Smart Oteje to his family.

"You are now a member of my family." He said. "As a matter of fact, you have become the eldest among all my children. Please forgive me for anything I have done to wrong you in the past and let's bury the hatchet."

Mr. Smart Oteje got up and embraced his father-in-law. Thereafter, they sat down like long lost but newly found friends to drink and make merry. After all, Mr. Smart Oteje had given him something no other person had given to him all his life - his very first grandson. Mr. Smart Oteje, on his part, had also gotten his first male child - an heir that would hopefully pilot his family long after he was gone.

Both men congratulated themselves on their good fortune as they drank and made merry to their heart's content.

So many names were given to baby Oteje. Divine. Precious. Blessing. Gift. And so many others. However, one name which would follow the boy all through his life is the one from his grandmother, Gloria.

Ekpanatakovwoovworejerenhen.

The literal meaning of that name is: "as somebody is told, he does not become like that". Or, put differently, the name simply means: "nobody becomes exactly as he is called".

Other children were to follow in quick succession later on, another boy and 4 girls - making a total of 6 children in the family.

However, tragedy struck a few years later with the passing away of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Gloria Ughedegba at the young age of 38 years. It was as if she had a premonition of her death and wanted to see some of her grandchildren before passing on. It was only young Ekpanatakovwoovworejerenhen and his few months old brother that their grandmother saw before she died.

That, in a nutshell, is the story of my birth.

### **Lessons from this chapter:**

- 1) Go after your goals with passion unapologetically.
- 2) Be unrelenting and do not yield to discouragements in the pursuit of your goals.
- 3) Look for worthy allies who can help you achieve your goals faster.

Is there any other lessons which you have learned from this chapter? If so, send them to us at the dedicated email address: [battles@solutionsquarters.com](mailto:battles@solutionsquarters.com).

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## Chapter 2

# Early Days of Growing Up

I was a very brilliant child while growing up. Blessed with a very high Intelligent Quotient (IQ), I was already communicating very well in English and Yoruba languages at the young age of 4.

As Christians, it was a mandatory part of my parents' faith to go on regular evangelism every week. So, I would accompany them and also participate actively in preaching to people. Everyone I preached to, many of whom were old enough to be my father or mother, were beyond themselves with marvel at the way I preached to them at such a young age. As we left them, I would overhear them calling out their children of about the same age as I was and telling them:

"Come and see your age mate preaching the bible. All you know is to play up and down all day!"

And when I began my secular education, I was so brilliant that I would come out first or second in my class and never beyond third. This continued on into my secondary school days and higher education.

I must have taken after my mother because she was very intelligent during her childhood and even as an adult. She completed her secondary education up to modern 3 with good grade back then. However, she could not continue with her studies because she had no one to facilitate her admission into Teachers Training College. One of my paternal uncles who could have helped her at that time said it was against his religion to give or collect bribe.

He also said the same thing when I had the opportunity of attending the secondary school at my paternal hometown. The school was my preferred choice and I passed the common entrance. But after attending the interview, the result came out and I was failed. And my uncle who could have helped said he



neither gave nor collected a bribe. So, I lost the opportunity to attend that school.

I learned later in life that NO ONE OWES YOU ANYTHING. If they chose to help, fine. But, if they chose not to help, great. And if they chose neither to help nor even direct you to someone who can help, excellent. But that will not prevent you from reaching where God has designed for you. And, as you will find out in this book, we definitely got to where God designed for us!

Despite not being able to attend the Teachers Training College, the fact that my mother was very intelligent was not in doubt at all. To buttress just how intelligent she truly was, she later ventured into business and excelled beyond measure. And she always did all her calculations with her brain without using a calculator in her business.

But that is not to say that my father was not intelligent. He had his primary school education. However, he could not continue with his education because of financial constraints. However, they were able to see me through my primary school education. And I also got admitted into another secondary school in the old Bendel State, Nigeria.

But, my father and I gradually drifted apart as the years went by, though I cannot say for sure why or how things fell apart. Looking back now, I believe the disaffection must have begun when he started travelling from one place to another trying to earn an income to provide for his young family. Since he was not always home during the formative years, I became more attached to my mom than to him.

It was at this period when both my parents were not around and I had to stay with a neighbor for a night or two that I was sexually abused by the man. That was just before we left Ondo State for Benin City. I did not tell anyone about that incident till this day. And that perhaps accounted for why I began experimenting with sex at a very early age of 11.

As we drifted apart, I could no longer communicate with my father face-to-face. I remember on one occasion during my secondary education when I needed something for my school.

I could not meet and tell him my needs. Unbelievable, right? But, that's the truth! Yet, I had to tell him somehow. I could have told my mom so that she could be my mouthpiece. But I did not. So, what did I do? The only thought which entered my mind was to write him a letter! So, I sat down and I wrote on a piece of paper:

"We were asked to bring so and so (can't remember exactly what it was) in school."

Then I placed the paper on top of the table where I knew he would see it. Just imagine that. Writing a letter to my own father while living with him in the same house! However, he did nothing to correct this anomaly. He merely mocked me that I was an English prof writing him a letter while living with him in the same house!

Some fathers would have sat the child down and had a heart-to-heart talk with him to redress this problem. But not my father. He simply allowed the silent rift to escalate unhindered.

It became so bad that my father even accused me of falsifying my school results in a vain attempt to deceive him that I did well in the exams. But he could have verified the result if he had wanted to. All he needed to have done was visit the school to find out if the result I presented to him was fake or not. But he did not.

Just imagine that! A father thinking his son could be so mischievous to the point of falsifying his school result at the young age of 13 or 14! But that was what he chose to believe. Though painful as it was, I did not exchange a word with him to counter the accusation. But, despite the rift which was gradually escalating, my father always paid my school fees and provided for my welfare.

I freely admit that I was not a saint and was stubborn as a child. I remember an incident when an accomplice friend and I almost devoured in half the bush meat that my mother bought for her restaurant business back in 1977/78. My father was not around. But my mother, an action woman back then, was so furious that she got a new razor blade and designed two sharp marks each on my two hands.

But is there any child, especially a male, on this planet who was not stubborn and mischievous while growing up? I assure you that such children are not up to 1% of their entire population!

Eventually, I finished secondary school at the age of 16, while my junior brother was just entering class two and three of my other siblings were in different classes in primary school.

**Lessons from this chapter:**

- 1) Do not rely on humans for help. They will always fail you when you least expect it. And, by the way, always remember that no one owes you anything.
- 2) It is important to be a part of your child's life at the formative years of their growing up so that strangers and neighbors would not take advantage of them.
- 3) Be firm and discipline a child when necessary but do not overdo it to the point of alienating the child from you.

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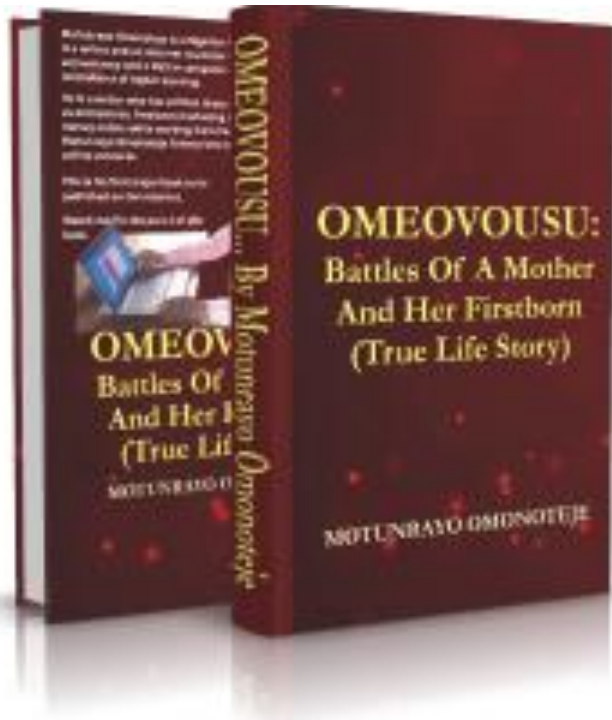
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