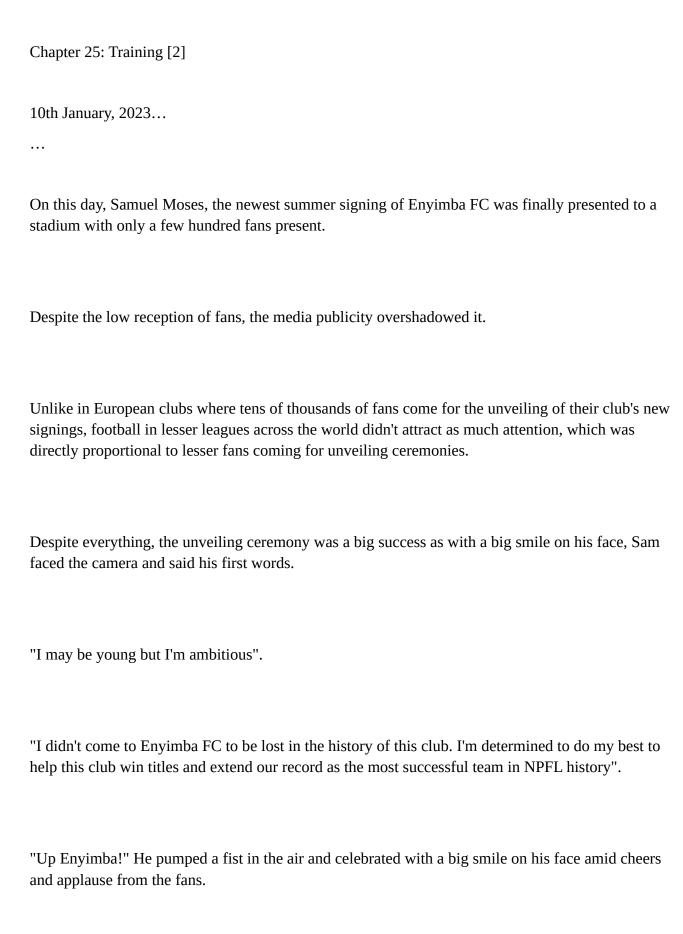
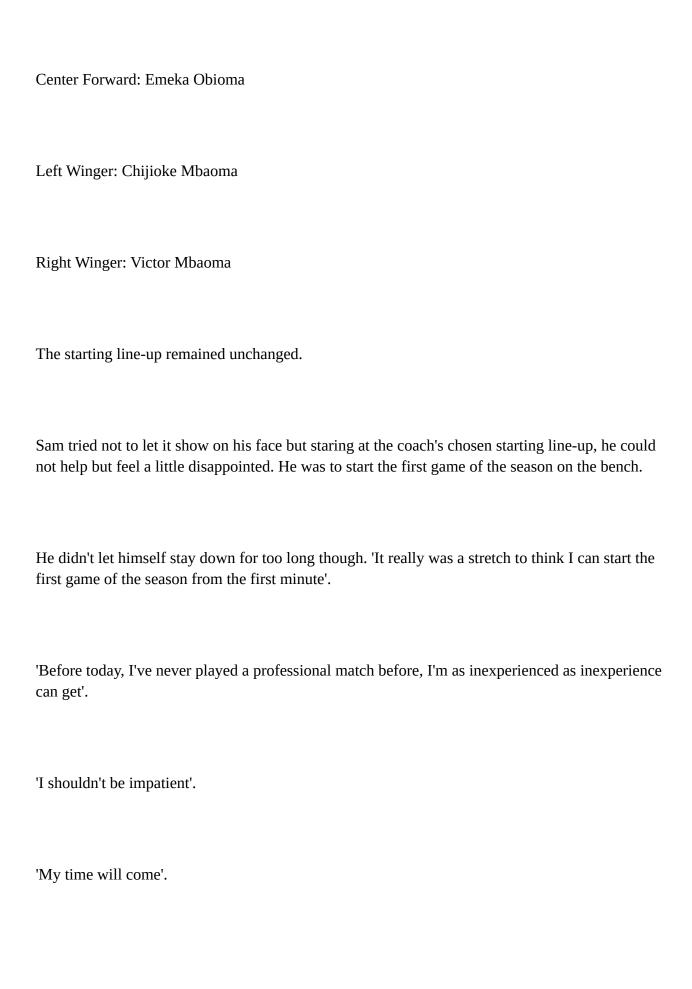
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Of course, his dad organized that speech for him.
And with that, the unveiling ceremony came to an end.
It was not the end of the day for Sam though. Despite the fact that he really wanted to celebrate this moment, he put pleasure aside for now as he quickly entered the pitch to join the other players for training.
Today, the fans would watch him train for the first time.
All the players were hard at work, giving their best to return to tip-top condition in preparation for the new upcoming season.
Their first game of the season would commence in just 4 days.
While Sam trained with his teammates even as his best friend and dad toured the city of Aba, unknowing to him, his unveiling already caused a slight storm in the Nigerian football circle as pundits speculated where Coach Yemi Daniel unveiled the youngster from.
The NTA News Channel covered it.
"Samuel Moses, have you ever heard of the boy?" The host of the show asked.

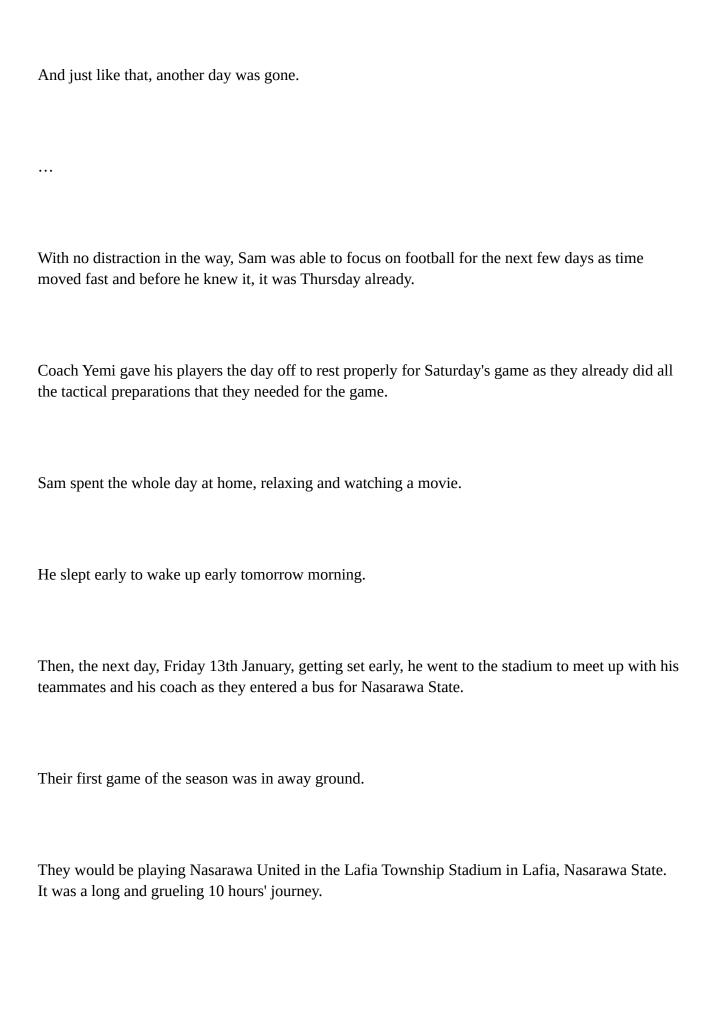
"Nah," the pundit shook his head. "Personally, I think it's just a show of muscle from Enyimba FC to reassert themselves in the Nigerian football stratosphere since they were not so dominant last season".
"Last season, Rivers United created history as they won their first-ever NPFL championship title after an impressive campaign".
"To me, it's just Coach Yemi Daniel trying to show that his team is making waves but to me, it's just foolish bravado".
"If we ride on what we saw last season, Rivers United is currently scary and Enyimba should be thinking of signing a veteran to increase their chances of competing, not an unproven youngster who popped out of nowhere".
The host looked at the pundit. "Emma, do you think Enyimba has what it takes to take the NPFL title back?"
"If Enyimba has what it takes?" This pundit shook his head. "Nah, no. With the way their recruitment is going, I don't see them winning the league title this season unless something radical changes".
"Well, sports fans, that's it for today. Now, we'll be moving over to the top news of the top 5 European football leagues".
"Emma, what do you"

By the end of training today, Coach Yemi Daniel finally dropped his preferred starting line-up that was to start the first game of the season in 4 days, including the players that would start on the bench.
With much hope and expectations, Sam looked through the list.
Goalkeeper: Olorunleke Ojo
Center Back: Timothy Danladi
Center Back: Adekunle Adeleke
Right Back: Sadiq Abubakar
Left Back: Ezekiel Bassey
Central Midfielder: Austin Oladapo
Attacking Midfielder: Cyril Olisema
Defensive Midfielder: Farouk Mohammed









The players arrived totally exhausted. This was another problem that professional football players in Nigeria faced, bad roads.
And of course, clubs in Nigeria didn't have the money to book flights for their players every away game.
The players had no choice but to deal with it. Checking into their hotel rooms, they gathered and after one last brief coaching session, Coach Yemi sent his players to their room to go sleep and rest for tomorrow's game.
While sleeping, Sam had a dream. He dreamt that Coach Yemi Daniel changed his mind at the last minute, changing the lineup to include him in the starting 11 and he scored a hat trick on his professional debut game.
He woke up with a big smile on his face. 'I feel good,' he thought.
And then, getting set, he left his room.
It was the D-day, Saturday, 14th January.
Today, it was Enyimba FC vs the Solid Miners of Nasarawa.