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'Cain' of Ebonyi stabs brother to death

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lifty-year-old Boniface Nwambe, a native of Ikpata Novo Abakaliki, Ebonyi State has re-enacted the biblical story of Cain and Abel by stabbing his elder brother, Vincent Nwambe, 57, to death, accusing him of frustrating his success in business.

Boniface chose the option_ of stabbing Vincent to death after he failed to kill him with a charm prepared by a herbalist he consulted.

Ebonyi State Commissioner of Police, Mr Maigari Dikko told Sunday Sun that prior to the attack, the sibling bond that held the two brothers together broke when Boniface severally

accused the late Vincent of using witchcraft to frustrate his business.

Dikko stated that Vincent was sitting in front of his house at Ikpata Noyo when Boniface attacked him with an offensive weapon and inflicted a long, deep cut on his head and right rib. The victim bled profusely and later died.

Dikko said that it was the sharp scream of the deceased which attracted his son, Uchenna Nwambe, who rushed out from the house and saw his father in a pool of his blood.

Recounting the genesis of his disaffection with the brother, Boniface told Sunday Sun: "I noticed that some of my businesses suddenly failed. I



found out that my brother was responsible for it. I challenged him about it and threatened him to tell me the truth. Several times I confronted him but he



•The deceased

didn't change. So I killed him in his house and ran away."

Also speaking, a member of the family said that they were shocked to hear about the incident. He said: "The suspect, Boniface, had been threatening our late elder brother, Vincent. He accused him of frustrating the success of his business.

We invited Boniface to prove his allegations against Vincent to the family, but he refused to heed our call. Killing our brother, is that the answer to the problem?"

The suspect is now in custody and would be charged to court once the police conclude their investigations.