

Double murder over inheritance



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Vanity upon vanity, all is vanity! So said the Holy books. That might be the case of the Nwanis. The man who worked for the fortune, Mr. Nwani, has since died, buried and resting in his grave. But his children, who did not work for it, are at 'war' over the inheritance. The eldest son has allegedly killed his two younger brothers with machete.

The three sons blatantly refused to give peace a chance over who controls the wealth of their late father. They warred themselves until they sent themselves to early graves. Can the dead control inheritance again? No, it is finished! The 'war' assumed a dangerous dimension on Monday, August 20, around 12 noon, at their father's house behind the Mobil Petrol Station, off the popular Ekumeku Junction, which was nicknamed, Inter- Bau Roundabout, in Asaba, the Delta State capital.

The eldest son, Nnam, was miffed over the struggle for the control of the wealth. He used a broad, sharp and

heavy knife on the throats of his two younger brothers, Kingsley and Nwaoyo, and killed them. If their mother had known, she would not have summoned a family meeting to reconcile their differences, which had made the eldest son an arch-enemy of the two younger brothers, because she got what she did not bargain for.

A meeting that was designed to make them sign a peace-accord, dovetailed into a bloody clash and within a twinkle of an eye, two lifeless bodies were on the floor. She could not cry out blood from her eyes, neither could she kill herself nor the assailant son. South South Focus could not ascertain whether the eldest brother, who had nursed animosity for years against his younger brothers, had prepared the machete ahead of the meeting or it was triggered by heated arguments. It is still obscure to determine how it all happened. Those who cared to listen to the tragedy are still wondering what kept the third son waiting and not run for his dear life after the first son applied the machete on the second son.

Why the first son did not attack their mother, who convened the meeting and was part of the gathering is still a subject of controversy within the public domain. As tragic as story of the twin murder goes, the first victim of the machete cut, Kingsley, who happened to be the second son, got three machete cuts before the suspect, Nnam, pounced on the second victim, Nwaoyo, who was the last son, and also applied it on him three times. Pundits have continued wonder if they were held by an unknown influence that they could not flee the scene. The impact of the machete cuts were said to be much, such that the first victim died on the spot, and the second victim could not make at the

Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Asaba, where he was rushed to for revival.

Their bodies have since been deposited at the hospital morgue. South South Focus gathered also that the victims died because they received the machete attack at a close range and across the sensitive parts of their bodies, including the lower part of their necks and cross sections of their abdominal cord. An intimate friend of their father, who resides in Okpanam axis of the state but does not want her names in the print, said: "Since their father died, the three brothers have been fighting over his properties, especially the filling station along Summit Road, which Kingsley, the second son, has been the one in-charge. Their mother loves the two younger brothers and favours them more than the eldest one.

"So, when their eldest brother noticed that he was losing out, and an opportunity came for him to strike, he decided to kill his two brothers to settle himself. He used machete to cut their neck and Kingsley died immediately while the other brother was rushed to the hospital but also died." Their late father's associate, who also pleaded anonymity and condemned the action of the assailant, however wondered why the two dead brothers maltreated their eldest brother by treating him as an outcast. "This their eldest brother was the person that stood by their father, who died as a Lecturer at the Delta State University (DELSU), Amwai campus.

Their mother, who retired as a Permanent Secretary (PS) did nothing to help the situation. They sidelined the eldest son for an undisclosed reason. "Yes, their father left houses, a petrol station and other things for them. She should have handled the inheritance properly for them and not allow them to nurture disunity

for years. Now, who is the loser, the older victim has wife and children, the wife of the younger victim was newly married and pregnant.” The source lamented.

The source wondered why the family failed to pay attention to the forces behind Nnam’s provocative tendencies, since when he set fire on their father’s petrol station, along the popular Summit Road in Asaba, and attempted to raze other properties some years ago. “We know the truth of the matter. He was not the biological son of Nwani. He was adopted. That was the bone of contention. So, each time he was sidelined by his brothers (the victims), it was like reminding him of his background or calling him a bastard that was picked up from the gutter. That made him to boycott his father’s burial.

He may be suffering from such psychological trauma.” He lamented that Nwaoyo was sent to his early grave without achieving much in life, as according to him, his wife is presently pregnant and staying with his mother in his father’s house. But trust suspects after a crime has been committed? Their eyes will open, they would take to their heels. Nnam quickly realized what he had done and saw the need to escape.

He actually disappeared into thin air but men of the Delta State Police Command smoked him out of his hideouts. Although, the State Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Andrew Aniamaka, refused to speak as the telephone rang unanswered, it was however confirmed that the Nnam was arrested and was swiftly subjected to an intensive medical examination, and the result showed that he was suffering from mental disorder. The rest is history.