

## CHAPTER 1

### Introduction

#### 1.1 Background of the Study

Being the husband of a Queen presents challenges for Prince Philip, the husband of Elizabeth II. The challenges are shown in *The Crown* TV Series Season I which consists of ten episodes (Morgan, *The Crown* Eps. 3, 2016). In the TV series Philip's life is affected by Queen Elizabeth II whose responsibility is torn between her country and her family; a responsibility which is difficult to solely handle by one person. As a leader, in this case a queen, Elizabeth II must put people as her main focus because the people are her children (Browning, 1954, p. 64). Consequently, her husband, Philip, and their three (biological) children become less prioritized. In addition, the pressure from the people to play a role as the queen's husband makes him struggle (Morgan, *The Crown*, 2016). In short, in one hand, Philip is the head of the family who has a desire to lead the family to his accord, on the other hand, he submits to the power of his wife who is the queen of England.

For the purpose of his study, the writer chooses a TV Series, *The Crown*. The TV Series is a biographical British TV Series produced by Left Bank Pictures and released in 2016 (Morgan, 2016). The script was written by Peter Morgan (Morgan, 2016). This TV Series mainly presents Elizabeth II who becomes a Queen after King George, her father, passes away. She is still young when she takes over the reign of the monarch. Since then, Elizabeth II must obey the monarchical rules which control herself and her family, including Philip. The monarchical rules which give extensive power to Elizabeth II constrain Philip's control over in his own family.

One example of the queen's extensive power that makes Philip resist to it is that she is able to overrule Philip's power. Philip's role as the head of the family seems to be taken over by the queen. It starts when she was anointed as Queen by priests in Westminster Abbey. At that time, as the Queen's husband, Philip must kneel before the queen and promise to serve her as she is a queen and ruler of all. As a queen's husband, Prince Philip is prohibited to work. He must take care of the children, which traditionally is considered as a wife's duty. The queen's power and responsibility over many matters make Philip struggle to accept his role as the queen's husband.

This TV Series it is interesting to analyze because the TV Series Philip at the beginning did not prepare himself to be a queen husband. Just like Elizabeth II who is not prepared to be a queen. Elizabeth II, at the beginning, was only a member of the Royal family. She became a crowned princess after her father, George VI, took over the kingdom from King Edward VIII. The previous King left the crown after he married a widow, Wallis Warfield Simpson. According to the kingdom's rule, the members of a royal family, especially the crown prince or crown princess, are prohibited to marry widows or widowers. Because of that rule, King Edward VIII abandoned the throne, and gave it to George VI, Elizabeth II's father. The change in the crown successors put Elizabeth next in line to be a queen.

The writer is interested in Philip's roles as the queen's husband who has to fight his role in the family and in the country. Philip struggles to be acknowledged by his own family not as a queen husband but as a mere husband. Elizabeth's power as a queen is sometimes too much to cope as shown in the scenes where the family name of their children, Mountbatten was changed into Windsor, following Elizabeth's family name. The family name is important for men as a

symbol of pride and dignity. In many nations, men are the head of the family and his children must bore the family name of the father/men. The case of Philip is unique because he must follow the queen's family name due to the Kingdom's rule. The uniqueness of Philip's situation draws the writer's attention to write and analyze *Crown* TV Series in a thesis entitled "The Resistance Of Philip As The Husband Of Queen Elizabeth Ii In *The Crown* Tv Series" The writer focuses on Philip's resistance to Elizabeth, the queen, his wife, and the mother of this children.

## **1.2 FIELD OF THE STUDY**

The field of the study is literature, especially on gender studies.

## **1.3 SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

This study will focus on Philip's resistance to Elizabeth the Queen as represented in *The Crown* TV Series Season I.

## **1.4 PROBLEM FORMULATION**

This study aims to answer the following question: what are to the resistance of Philip to Elizabeth II, the queen?

## **1.5 OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

The objective of this study is to describe the resistance of Philip to Queen Elizabeth II.

## **1.6 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY**

Through this study, the writer expects to show the resistance that have to be experienced by a queen's husband. The writer also wants to show to the readers, that to some degree, stereotypes based on gender happen in the modern era.

## **1.7 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **1.7.1 Resistance:**

the relation between two propositions having the same subject and predicate but differing in quantity or quality or both. (Merriam-Webster Dictionary, 2020)

### **1.7.2 Balance:**

Balance has many definitions, one of the correct definitions in the Elizabeth's II case is "A situation in which different elements are equal or in the correct proportions" (Oxford Dictionaries, 2018).

