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Issues Paper Part I

In one of the episodes of the popular television series, *Game of Thrones*, it is visible how the ambition of one person can cause extreme unhappiness on their only family member. Nothing will stand on his way to win back his family's throne.

The episode begins to tell the story of the violent struggles several noble families go through to gain the Iron Throne, while other families fight for their independence from it. The siblings Viserys and Daenerys Targaryen are the only survivors of House Targaryen after it was invaded and overthrown by King Robert Baratheon. Their father King Aerys II Targaryen and eldest brother Rhaegar Targaryen were killed during Robert's rebellion, Daenerys was born in the middle of a great storm, which is how she gain her nickname "Stormborn". Daenerys and Viserys were taken away from Westeros by the Master of Arms of the Red Keep, Ser Willem Darry and then they were smuggled to Essos. Unfortunately, Darry died when Daenerys was five, she and Viserys spent the following years wandering the Free Cities. Now that they are adults, they, especially Viserys, are searching for ways to return home and place House Targaryen back on the throne of the Seven Kingdoms.

The majority part of this episode, shows the desire of Viserys Targaryen to win back their father's throne through the arrange marriage of Daenerys with Khal Drogo, the leader of the nomadic Dothraki. He plots a plan to win back their throne with Illyrio Mopatis, a wealthy and powerful Magister in Pentos, who welcomed the exiled Viserys Targaryen and his sister Daenerys into his home as guests. Illyrio arranges a marriage between Daenerys and Khal Drogo in exchange for his army to finally invade Westeros. After the wedding she officially becomes a Khaleesi, a queen of the Dothraki, and is given three dragon eggs by Illyrio Mopatis.

In addition, the main issue of the episode is that Daenerys is being forced to continue to follow her brother's orders and she has to deal with his ambition to regain his throne causing her to feel extremely unhappy and weak. She also wants to go home, but does not think that her arranged marriage is necessary to gain back their throne. Throughout her life, she has been under the care of Viserys, whom she fears, since he is very abusive to her whenever she doesn't follow his orders. She wishes there was another way to return home and finally win back their throne although she doesn't remember much of it since she was only a child when they were exiled.

Furthermore, before Daenerys meets Drogo for the first time, he tells her to act more like the beautiful woman that she has become and to be perfect for the encounter, when she doesn't respond he simply says "You don't want to wake the dragon do you?". The 'dragon' represents his inner demon and after so many years, she is use to the threats of her controlling brother. After the encounter, Viserys and Illyrio are having a conversation in which he says "I give him a queen and he gives me an army", to which Daenerys responds saying "I don't want to be his queen". Viserys is determined to regain his throne no matter what he or in this case, Daenerys must do. Daenerys becomes terrified when her brother tells her "I would let his whole tribe f*** you, all

40,000 men and their horses too if that's what it took." She realizes that there is no way out of the marriage and her brother's evil plans. A couple days later, she married Drogo and is shocked to see the bloody rituals his tribe perform during the wedding, before she leaves with Drogo to 'celebrate' their marriage, her brother tells Daenerys "Make him happy". In which he indicates that she must do anything he asks her to do to continue with their agreement.

In conclusion, in this episode you can see that ambition can harm many people around including family members. Some people don't have limits and will do anything to achieve their goal, nothing will stop them.