



“Until I fall off the throne.”

An overwhelming 98% of the Danish people would vote for Margrethe II to be their queen, if she wasn't already. The very popular monarch who paints and smokes is the most intelligent royal in Europe.

As you read this article, a very happy Greek man is probably sitting in his office, feeling content thanks to a queen. One can easily imagine this: Mr. Karelias, full of satisfaction, gazing at her photograph hanging most probably somewhere in his office. The photograph of Margrethe II, the Queen of Denmark.

And who can blame him, since this 67-year-old woman who smokes like a steamboat, solely prefers his brand of cigarettes named KARELIA, made by the tobacco company bearing his name? During the period when Greece, due to a special EU derogation, had slightly higher permitted limits compared to the rest of the EU, the import of tobacco to Denmark was temporarily not feasible. However, in order for her to maintain a supply of her favorite non-filtered cigarettes, a new import treaty was established satisfying both Customs and her Majesty, the Queen, says a Royal Court supplier.

Her Majesty, which has been dedicated to her throne for the last 35 years, remains dearly loved by her subjects, like no other monarch in Europe. According to a poll, if Margrethe had to be elected by the people of Denmark, she would receive 98% of the popular vote. Politicians could only imagine such sweeping popularity. She is not at all a snob. She is inclined towards the arts; she constructs sets and props; she illustrated the Danish edition of the “Lord of the Rings,” and also designed the vestment garb for the bishops of Denmark. If you feel the urge to congratulate her for all the above, you cannot do it on a Thursday afternoon. That is when she goes to her studio to draw landscapes, illustrations, and whatever else her brush dictates.

And she is actually so good, that even if she was not a queen, she ought to have been crowned one. Her studies include the Sorbonne in Paris, and then Arhus followed by Copenhagen, Cambridge, and London.

Law, history, economics, archaeology. She is the best-educated ruler in Europe. She also says things like: “I’m working until I fall off the throne,” and, “There is no other country in the whole world which is quite so Danish as Denmark.”

This is the way we should love, including Henning Larsen, the architect who built the new Royal Opera. Smoking is strictly prohibited. Only Margrethe is allowed a cigarette at the end of a long day. And if this was known to a Greek named George Karelias, nothing could hide the smile on his face.