

## CHAPTER III

### FINDING AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 Finding and Discussion

*Avatar korra book one* is a sequel movie from the previous movie which is *The legend of Aang*. The story is about 70 years after Avatar Aang died and the new Avatar is born, Avatar Korra. Located in Republic City, a city that built by Avatar Aang is built for all citizens to live together without distinction of race.

*Avatar Korra Book one* told about an antagonist named Amon. In this movie Amon became a character who fought against the Avatar Korra. In some processes of Amon's life there are several things that can be analyzed using existentialism concept.

##### 3.1.1 Amon's essence of life

In this movie Amon is a leader of Equalist, an organization which opposes the presence of the benders, but behind that Amon is also a water bender. Amon is a son from Yakone, one of the criminals in Republic City who can blood bend.

After Yakone escapes from Republic City, Yakone starts a new life and has two children. One of them is Amon or the real name is Noatak. Actually Amon has a harmonious family who love him so much, but it all changes when his father knows that Amon and his brother can perform water bending. Yakone finally forces his children to learn blood bending and forces them to continue his goal. The Yakone's goal is to conquer Republic City. In his attempts, he uses and uses

his children as a tool to take Republic City. Day by day Amon and his little brother force to practice how to use blood bending, until one day when his little brother give up to learn blood bending, knowing this situation make his father angry, but Amon try to protect his brother from his father. In this case Amon have several changes personality from tool of his father become an ambitious.

After Amon fight againsts his father, he ask his brother to come with him, but his brother refuse to come, and Amon run away from the village.

The writer analyze the story of Amon using existentialism. In the concept of Existentialism it is believed that human being born free. According to Spade (1995, p81)

In "Existentialism Is A Humanism," Sartre argued that for humanbeings — that is, for the for-itself — "existence precedes essence." That is, consciousness has no definition or "essence" given to it in advance. On the contrary, "Man makes himself" — he defines himself only in the process of living. Consciousness is free, not confined to the limits of a definition or nature.

Quotation above means that the existence of a human being is born first and then just started looking for the essence of their life, because in the process of the human life can form a personality or character mindset, and humans established themselves in the process of their life to find the essence of their lives. From story above we know that young Amon have a harmony family, he born like the other kids who have beautiful life. until Yakone know about Amon and his brother power, then make these two kids become a tools for revenge.



**Figure 3.1 Picture of Yakone tell the Truth to his Children**  
**Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 11-12 – 16:43/46:20**

In figure 3.1 when Yakone say that they have to revenge for Republic city. This turning point make a contradiction with “human being born free”, because amon still do not know what is their purpose of their life, because they still kids, but yakone force them to practice. In this way Yakone used them as a tool, this also one of the concept of existentialism ‘being for other’. Yakone make them powerfull and give them explanation about why they have to revenge. So Amon and his brother become ‘being for other’ for this case is Amon and his brother become being for his father.



**Figure 3.2 Amon and His Brother listening about their Destiny from their Father**

**Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 11-12 – 16:36/46:20**

In figure 3.2 is when Amon tells the truth about his identity, and tell to Amon and his brother that they have to continue their father's destiny to conquer the Republic City and become the most powerful bender and beat every benders in Republic City. Thus after Amon and his brother know the truth they still continue the practice from his father, until they have to blood bending each other.

However, Amon's brother refuse to do it and make his father angry. After that

Amon become sick of his father and Amon refuse to become his father's tools and againts his father, then leave his father and his brother and run away.



**Figure 3.3 Amon who Deny his father's order**

**Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 11-12 – 20:29/46:20**

In figure 3.3 when Amon refuse to become a tools of revenge for his father. Amon prefer to choose his own path and not to follow his father's order, and it make Amon has a responsibility for all risk for his own choice. It is in accordance to the concept fo existentialism which is Sartre as cited in E. Jayne

Forish's essay entitled *Existence Precedes Essence: Jean Paul Sartre's Existentialism and Humanism*, says that:

a person is born a blank slate like humanity has no universal, predetermined principles or ethics common to all mankind. Since no preformed essence or definition exists of what is means to "be human," a person must form his own conception of existence by asserting control of and responsibility for his action and choices" (Forish, 2007, par.1).

From the explanation above, it can be said that people have a responsibility for their action and choices, and they take all the consequences and risk from the action and choices that they take before.

Then after a few year, Amon showed up in front of public in Republic City as a leader of Equalist, the organization anti benders. In this case Amon use a cover as the non benders who have been torture by the benders. This is prove that Amon do not want to become a tool of his father, but Amon used his father revenge as his purpose to conquer the Republic city.



**Figure 3.4 Amon speaking in front of non benders**  
**Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 3 – 16:36/25:14**

In figure 3.4 is the first time Amon showed up in front of non benders, using a mask to cover his face, so people do not know that he is Amon who can bend water. The purpose why Amon to do this is because he want to conquer the Republic city, he use his father purpose to become his purpose, refuse to become being for others but he doing this for himself.

**3.1.2 Amon as a equalist**

In the movie Amon showed up as a leador of equalist, the organization of non benders againts benders. Amon used this cover to manipulate the non benders

to fight against the benders and also to help the new purpose of Amon, which is to conquer the Republic City.

Amon's plan is to make the non benders believe in Amon, and Amon used a speech to convince the non benders that Amon have a same condition like the non benders who have been torture by the benders. The writer used the concept of "being for others" to analyze some speech that Amon used to convince the non benders in Republic city, this is the first speech that Amon used to convince the non benders.

#### Speech 1

**Amon** : My quest for equality began many years ago. When I was a boy, my family and I lived on a small farm. We weren't rich, and none of us were benders. This made us very easy targets for the firebender who extorted my father. One day, my father confronted this man, but when he did, that firebender took my family from me. Then, he took my face. I've been forced to hide behind a mask ever since. As you know, the Avatar has recently arrived in Republic City. And if she were here, she would tell you that bending brings balance to the world. But, she is wrong. The only thing bending has brought to the world, is suffering. It has been the cause of every war in every era. But that is about to change. I know you have been wondering, "What is the Revelation?" You are about to get your answer. Since the beginning of time, the spirits have acted as guardians of our world, and they have spoken to me. They say the Avatar has failed humanity. That is why the spirits have chosen me to usher in a new era of balance. They have granted me a power that will make Equality a reality. The power to take a person's bending away. Permanently.

This speech is when presented Amon showed himself in public at the first time, and thus it is the first time the non benders citizen of Republic City see him.

Amons try to explain to non benders what his purpose is. He tries to convince the non benders by telling his background that he is from poor family and he is not a benders, when the fire bender came to his home, his family confronted the fire bender. His family died and his face is broke because of fire bender



**Figure 3.5 Amon telling about his Background of life**  
Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 3 – 16:51/25:14

In figure 3.5 is when Amon tell his background of life who have been confronted by the benders. Amon says that he is not a benders, this is one of the way that Amon used to convince the non benders that he is also same like the others. Using a mask to cover some burn mark from the fire benders which is one of the cover from his identity. The purpose Amon used this cover is to make the non benders being for Amon, which is Amon used the non benders as a tool to fight againts the benders so Amon can conquer the Republic City.



The reason why Amon tell his story is because he want to convince the non benders that Amon has the same condition with the non benders. Amon want to make the non benders believe that Amon also has being torture by the benders, with the non benders feel that he has the same condition like the non benders.

Amon mention that “They have granted me a power that will make Equality a reality. The power to take a person's bending away” Amon convince that he has a power to make bending from the benders away, so the benders will be like the non benders. From these speech Amon is introducing his purpose and the way how he will achieve his goal and one of the reason why the benders believe that Amon will be represent the on benders is because the non benders become the victim's of the benders and the reason why most of the non benders citizen of Republic City cannot do anything besides follow the orders from the benders that has an authority is because most of them are non benders, which is every day they got violence and robbery in street from the bad guy that can perform bending, so the non benders is the victim of the benders.

The next speech contain little conversation between Amon with one of the characters in the movie Avatar Korra

Speech 2

**Amon** : Now, for a demonstration. Please welcome, Lightning Bolt Zolt. Leader of the Triple Threat Triad, and one of the most notorious criminals in Republic City.

**Lightning Bolt Zolt** : Ah, boo yourself!

**Korra** : There's Bolin.

**Mako** : Wait, we can't fight them all. We need to be smart about this.

**Korra** : Then come up with a game plan, "Team Captain".

**Amon** : Zolt has amassed a fortune by extorting and abusing nonbenders. But his reign of terror is about to come to an end. Now, in the interest of fairness, I will give Zolt the chance to fight to keep his bending.

**Lightning Bolt Zolt** : You're gonna regret doing that, pal.

**Lightning Bolt Zolt** : Wha ... What did you do to me?

**Amon** : Your firebending is gone. ForeverThe era of fire is over. A new era of Equality has begun!



Figure 3.6 Amon fight againts Lightning Bolt Zolt  
Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 3 – 19:48/25:14

In figure 3.6 Amon try to convince the citizen of Republic City by using one of the most criminal in Republic City. Lightning Bolt Zolt is the leader of the

Triple Threat Triad and one of the criminal that Republic City looking for, but he always gone and the non bender are scared with Lightning Bolt Zolt, because he always threaten the non benders that they will kill them. Amon convince the citizen of Republic City who non benders that they do not have to be scared. They will be free from extorting from Lightning Bolt Zolt. Amon emphasize that Lightning Bolt Zolt's crimes like extorting and abusing non benders will be vanish soon. Amon used the power of blood bending to make the benders cannot bend again, but to cover it from the non benders Amon say that he has a power to make bending vanish. This is one of the Amon's trick to make the non benders become a tools for Amon to conquer the Republic City.

The next speech contains about Amon who presented a speech through radio and announced that he has been oppose by Republic City council

### Speech 3

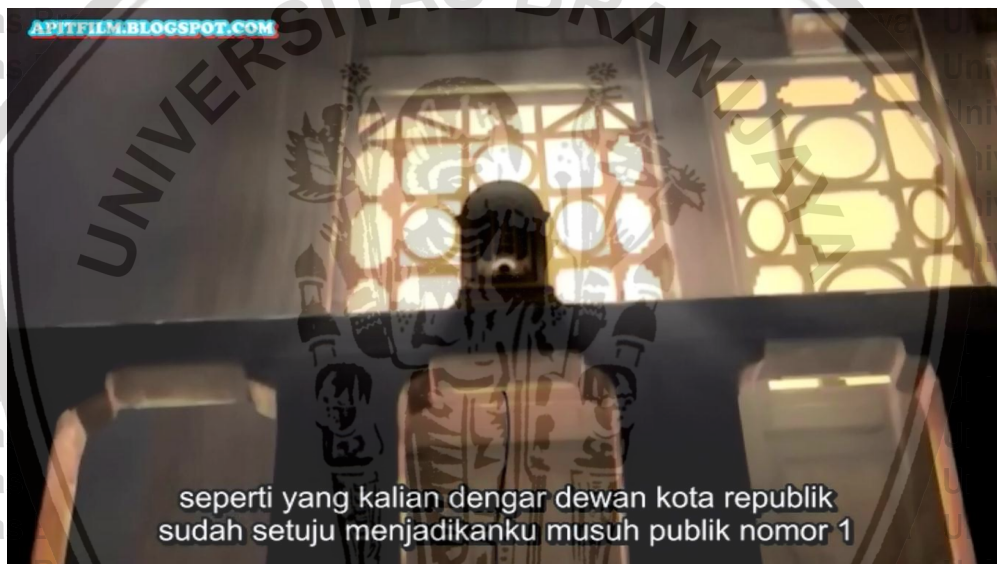
**Amon :** Good evening, my fellow Equalists. This is your leader, Amon. As you have heard, the Republic Council has voted to make me public enemy number one, proving once again that the bending oppressors of this city will stop at nothing to quash our revolution. But we cannot be stopped. Our numbers grow stronger by the day. You no longer have to live in fear. The time has come for benders to experience fear.

The previous speech is presented in front of the citizen of Republic City and is broadcasted through radio. The purpose for using a radio to broadcast is to make all citizen of Republic City including the benders know Amon's purpose and also tells that the number of non benders who believe in Amon become larger.

This makes the number of the non benders who become a tool for Amon increased

and make Amon easier to manipulate the non benders. In his speech Amon explain that he has already become the number one public enemy of Republic City. By number one public enemy he means that Amon is a threat for benders.

Amon also used the bender to make his purposed succed, because to tell that the benders make him become the one public enemy make non benders believe that Amon is the perfect choice to become a leader, and also Amon purposed become easier because he has the non benders as a tool to make his purposed success.



**Figure 3.7 Amon who broadcasted using a radio**

**Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 4 – 03:15/23:16**

The same with the previous speech 3, in figure 3.7 Amon used the same way by using a radio to broadcast his speech in public. In his speech this time Amon describes Pro-bending game is regarded as one of the tools to make repression against non-benders.

#### Speech 4

**Amon :** Good morning, citizens of Republic City. This is Amon. I hope you all enjoyed last night's pro-bending match, because it will be the last. It's time for this city to stop worshipping bending athletes as if they were heroes. I am calling on the council to shut down the bending arena and cancel the finals, or else there will be severe consequences.

This speech is about when Amon's again using radio to broadcast his speech to inform all citizen of Republic City. Amon start with reminded that Amon's action before in pro-bending match that amon's vanish the bending of the athlete, which is make the citizen of Republic City who are non benders that the Amon's step is going to be success. Amon assert that one of the example of worship or humiliate the non benders is the pro-bending match.



*ini adalah saatnya bagi kota ini untuk berhenti menganggap kalau pengendali elemen adalah pahlawan*

**Figure 3.8** The Avatar and her Friend listening to Amon's speech in Radio

**Source :** Avatar Korra Book one – episode 6 – 01:36/23:18

Figure 3.8 portrays Amon threaten the Republic City council to shut down the pro-bending match, because Amon wants all non benders in Republic City

support Amon as a leader, beside that Amon want to make his followers become larger so it make Amon become easier to achieve his goal.

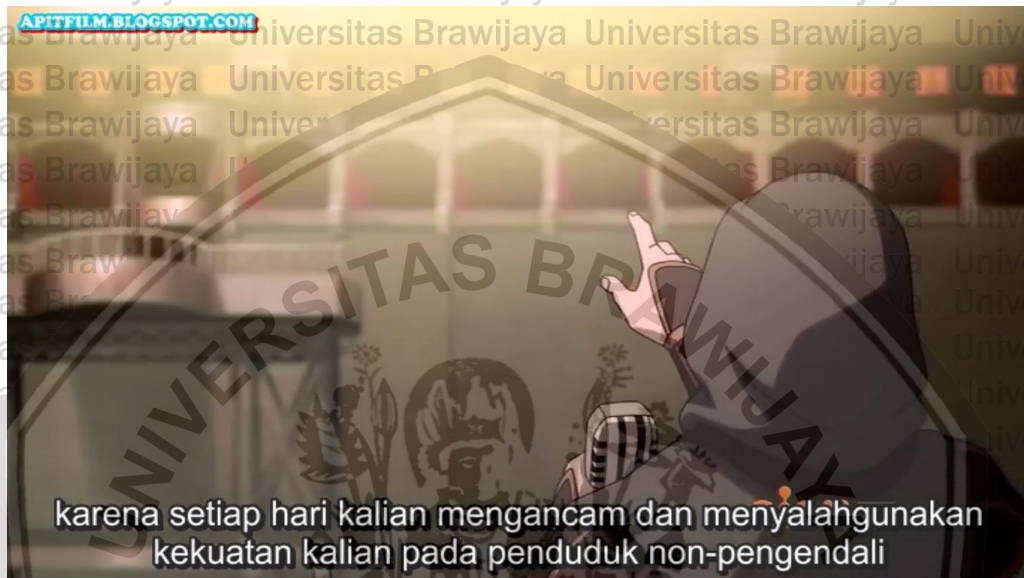
For the next speech, Amon directly appear in the Pro-bending game and explain about how bad this game where there is no justice. Amon also explain in his speech about Equalist against benders that fight for the rights of the non-benders.

#### Speech 5

**Amon :**

I believe I have your attention, benders of Republic City. So once again, the Wolfbats are your pro-bending champions. It seems fitting that you celebrate three bullies who cheated their way to victory because every day, you threaten and abuse your fellow nonbending citizens just like the Wolfbats did to their opponents tonight. Those men were supposedly the best in the bending world and yet it only took a few moments for me to cleanse them of their impurity. Let this be a warning to all of you benders out there: if any of you stand in my way, you will meet the same fate. Now, to my followers: for years the Equalists have been forced to hide in the shadows, but now we have the numbers and the strength to create a new Republic City. I'm happy to tell you that the time for change has finally come. Very soon, the current tyrannical bending regime will be replaced by a fair-minded Equalist government. You and your children will no longer have to walk the streets afraid! It's time to take back our city.

In speech 5 is delivered when the pro-bending match over. Amon slowly comes out, with all attention of citizen of Republic City that become a hostage by Amon in the pro-bending arena.



karena setiap hari kalian mengancam dan menyalahgunakan kekuatan kalian pada penduduk non-pengendali

**Figure 3.9 Picture of Amon who Showed up in Pro Bending Match**

**Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 6 – 17:41/23:18**

Amon explains that this match is a dirty match, which the winner of this match has do everything they can to win the match. Also explain that most of the audience are really happy with the dirty match just like benders bullying non benders. Amon thinks that all of it are wrong and it need to be cleaned by vanish their power of bending. Using this way is the best way to give a lesson to benders to not bullying the non benders and set them free, also Amon give a warned to benders who try to deter the non benders goals to achieved freedom, they will get a consequences. In here Amon tells that benders abuse their power to non benders, this make the non benders become a victims. This is what Amon want, to make the non benders on his side and also help him fight against the benders.

Next in the same place in the pro-bending match, Amon continue on his speech against benders. In his speech also Amon explained about the power that can be used by non-benders to fight benders. Amon also insists on the goal of getting equality for non-benders.

**Speech 6**

**Amon :**

For centuries, benders have possessed an unnatural advantage over ordinary people. But thankfully, modern technology has provided us with a way to even out the playing field. Now anyone can hold the power of a chi blocker in their hand. My followers and I will not rest until the entire city achieves equality, and once that goal is achieved, we will equalize the rest of the world. The revolution has begun!



sekarang siapapun bisa menaruh kekuatan chi-blocker di tangan mereka

**Figure 3.10** Picture of technology that non Benders use to fight againts the benders

Source : Avatar Korra Book 1 – episode 6 – 19:03/23:18



In figure 3.10 Amon gives a technological devices to non benders to give non benders a power to fights againts the benders. This is Amon's plan to make the benders afraid of Amon. It is also done to make Amon achive his goal to rule the Republic City without benders, and he make the non benders become what Amon's want, become a tool to conquer the Republic City.

From the previous sub-chapter the writer find that Amon refuse to follow his father's order to revenge the Republic city, because Amon do not want to become a tool for revenge. But the writer also find in this sub chapter that Amon used his power to make conquer the Republic City with using a cover that tell every non benders that Amon is a non benders just like them. Also Amon using speech to convince the non benders that they have to fight againts the benders, this statement have opposite condition when Amon refuse to become a tool for his father, but now Amon used the non benders as a tool to make him achive his goal, which is conquer Republic City and become the strongest benders. In here the non benders become being for others, which is being for Amon, Amon makes the non benders believe that they have a power to fight the benders.

### 3.1.3 Amon's bad faith

in the end of the story, Amon fights against the avatar and then loses by the avatar. Accidentally the avatar throws Amon to the lake and makes the scar away from Amon's face, then Amon bends a water which makes the citizens around the lake know that Amon is a bender. After that Amon runs away from the Republic City and goes back to his brother.



Figure 3.11 Amon who talking with his Brother

Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 11-12 – 38:47/46:20

In figure 3.11 portrays the conversation between Amon and his brother. Amon comes back to his brother and tells that it is all over and he has already lost from the Avatar. Yet Amon has a plan to make a second change with his brother in the future. From this scene the writer finds that this is one of the bad faiths that Amon has, because he has already lost from the avatar, but lies to himself that he can do that again with his brother together and take a second change later.

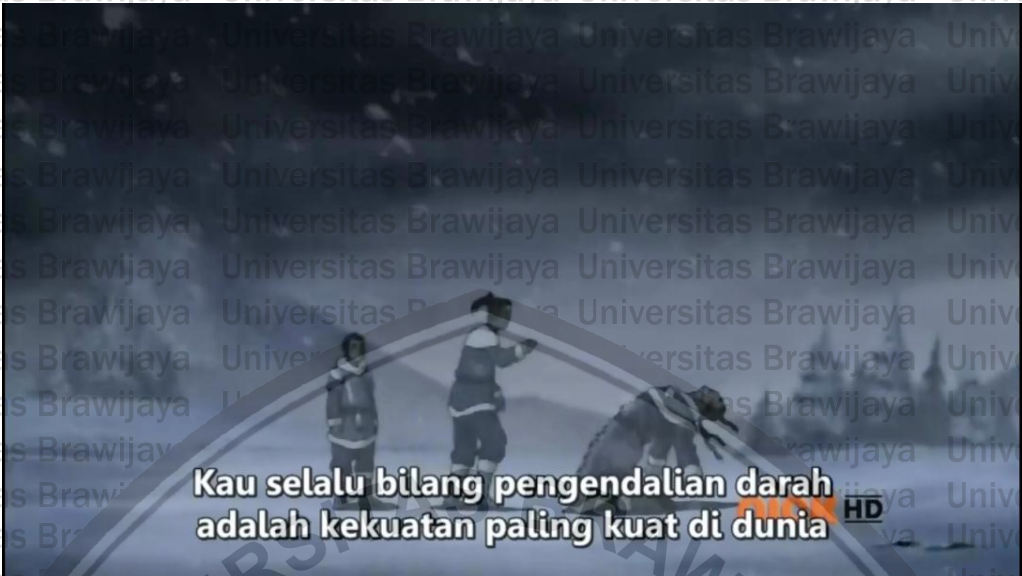
The writer also find a bad faith from Amon from his past, when Amon refuse to become a tools for his father.



**Figure 3.12 Amon and his brother who cannot do anything beside accept what their father's want**

**Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 11-12 – 16:49/46:20**

In figure 3.12 Amon and his brother accept their destiny. They accept their father destiny and practice blood bend. However when they realize that they are not comfortable with their choice, they choose to deny their father's order.



**Kau selalu bilang pengendalian darah adalah kekuatan paling kuat di dunia**

**Figure 3.13 Amon Refuse to be used as a tool for his Father taking revenge**  
 Source : Avatar Korra Book one – episode 11-12 – 20:09/46:20

From the first Amon and his brother accept to learn blood bend but when they know that this is different from what they think Amon blame his father. In figure 3.13 Amon blame his father because what happen to Amon and his brother who have to be practice forcely by his father because their father is weak, and make them as impingement fro their father's weakness.