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Ben 10: Hero Generation
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PREMISE/MOG: When a DNAlien accidentally breaks its Highbreed control, Ben must seize the opportunity to save the human inside and learn the true nature of what's going on in El Soledad.

TEASER

1. DESERT HIGHWAY - NIGHT - TYLER (he doesn't know that's his name) a strange, malevolent twentysomething man with cold, puppet-like movements, is driving a semi through Bellwood toward El Soledad. He swerves to avoid a deer crossing the road, and jackknifes into a CRASH.

2. HIGHBREED NEST - TYLER POV - Disjointed, nightmare memories the Highbreed nest, and of the HIGHBREEDS and DNALIENS. Highbreeds discussing an invasion, one poking at a Xenocite in a tank. "What of those who break control?"

3. BACK - Tyler wakes screaming in the burning wreckage, now with the full range of human emotions. He runs out and grabs his head. He's been abducted by aliens!

ACT ONE

1. RESUME - Tyler's head is far from clear. He doesn't recognize his reflection in a puddle, and can't say why he was driving a truck. He discovers his cargo has rolled into a ditch. The tarp has come off, which reveals the cargo to be an immense block of high-tech equipment. He looks over his cargo. It's FLASHING and HUMMING like a bad fluorescent bulb. He FLASHES BACK to:

2. HIGHBREED NEST - TYLER POV - The cargo device FLASHES and HUMS as it charges on the semi trailer. A HIGHBREED is giving the camera instructions. The cargo must be protected at all costs.

3. BACK - He pulls the tarp back over the device and staggers down the highway, trying to wave cars down from the side of the road, shouting "Aliens took me! Help!"

4. EXT/INT HIGHWAY PATROL STATION - Tyler staggers in,

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and tells the unmoved SERGEANT that there are aliens after him. Another OFFICER offers to take his statement. Tyler can't remember his name, or who he was... He played bass in a band! And the big device is six miles down the road, covered by a tarp. The officer hustles him into a cell. We see the officer pull out a secret alien transmitter and say "I have him. And I have the location of the non-dimensional oscillator."

5. IN HIS CELL, Tyler paces trying to remember details about who he was, but keeps slipping into uneasy FLASHBACK--during which Highbreeds are complaining that Ben 10 has thwarted them again w/Ben on monitor, transforming. He's not crazy! The Highbreeds are real! He realizes he's remembered the name. But the officer is coming back for him, his nightstick tapping against the cell. The officer menacingly says he's going to give Tyler a ride home. Tyler protests that he doesn't remember where he lives. He struggles, and the officer's ID mask comes off, revealing a Xenocite! "You're one of them!"

6. OUTSIDE - But before the alien can get him into a patrol car, BEN GWEN and KEVIN screech into the lot! Ben transforms into Swampfire and in a quick skirmish the DNAlien cop is taken out. They lead Tyler toward Kevin's car. Tyler's suspicious. How did they know he was there? Kevin's radio scans for certain alien tech keywords. He's pretty sure Tyler's running a scam, but if there's a non-dimensional oscillator in it, he's gonna be rich. "Just keep your hands where I can see them." Ben's more willing to trust Tyler. This close to El Soledad, Ben adds, it has to be part of whatever the Highbreed are up to there. Assured that they believe him and are on his side, Tyler confirms that El Soledad is where he was headed. But they're surrounded by cops, who all pull off ID masks to reveal they're all DNAliens!

ACT TWO

1. Big fight. DNAliens use their natural gobbing ability and tear-gas canisters to fight our guys. Ben transforms into Swampfire. Tyler's appalled by the DNAlien slimegobs, but they trigger a FLASHBACK.

2. DARK CLUB - Tyler's POV - he's surrounded by bandmates, playing. We get a glimpse of the drum kit,

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with EL SOLEDAD SIX lettered on the bass drum. The lights FLASH and HUM. Tyler VO: This is me! A WAITRESS says they sound real tight and calls him by name. Just then, a high-tech SPHERE CRASHES down through the ceiling, and Xenocites scuttle out. Tyler's POV as they leap onto fleeing patrons, the waitress, his bandmates... they all become DNaliens, and spit sticky gobs right at him/the camera!

3. HIGHBREED NEST - the cargo FLICKERS AND HUMS. Tyler witnesses two Highbreeds planning the invasion, one poking at a Xenocite in a tank. "What of those who break control?" "They never survive."

4. BACK - Big Chill shatters the sticky globs holding Gwen and Steel Kevin. The three teens duke it out till the DNaliens are stuck in their own goo. Kevin absorbs motor oil so he's frictionless enough to gather the DNaliens together into a giant popcorn ball. They question Tyler. Kevin's suspicious Ben sticks up for him. He was taking the cargo to El Soledad when he got in a wreck. Gwen says that El Soledad's where the Highbreed are up to something big. Kevin says a non-dimensional oscillator's about as big as it gets. It taps into the energy of the Big Bang to generate more power than a star. If they get to where Tyler wrecked the truck in time, they'll stop something truly huge.

5. HIGHWAY - SOON - They race back to the wrecked truck and the hidden cargo, but too late: The DNaliens are all over, attaching cables to the cargo. It's FLICKERING and HUMMING. Tyler sees this and says he just remembered: El Soledad's where he's from. He realizes that his name is Tyler, it's slowly coming back! They have to stop the Highbreed from using the oscillator to complete a dimensional gateway or else a Highbreed invasion force will be coming through El Soledad! They plan to turn every human into a DNalien to serve them! REVEAL DNaliens getting the jump on them. As they move to cover, a DNalien throws some of the truck wreckage at them. Tyler takes a hit that shows he's stronger than a human. Ben takes Tyler's ID mask off... Tyler's a DNalien!

ACT THREE

1. Under fire, an unusually hostile Gwen tells Tyler to explain this, but Tyler can't believe it himself. Ben intercedes and notes that some of the Xenocite's

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tentacles are hanging loose... It must have been damaged in the crash. Tyler jumps in front of an alien taser to save Gwen and is temporarily taken out. Big fight w/ heavily armed, spitting DNaliens! Ben transforms into GOOP, using his maneuverability to dodge the DNalien loogie-blasts and his corrosive power to free rock Kevin when he's attacked from all directions and becomes buried in gluey gobs. Goop oozes himself into a thin film over the huge non-dimensional oscillator and prepares to corrode the ultra-powerful machine into alien junk. As Kevin and Gwen keep the DNaliens at bay, Gwen notes that Kevin isn't even complaining about the money he could have made selling the oscillator on the black market. "Don't remind me." It looks like they're going to win.

2. But a big SPACESHIP appears in the sky, and TRACTOR BEAMS the huge oscillator into the sky, along with the DNaliens... including a struggling Tyler! Ben has to choose between saving Tyler or the device. He chooses Tyler. They lose the device!

3. Alone in the wreckage of the fight, the three kids and Tyler turdge back to Kevin's car. Kevin's pissed: We've lost! But Ben doesn't accept it. There's always hope. He uses the Omnitrix to remove Tyler's Xenocite. The REAL TYLER, who looks nothing like his disguise, looks in the mirror. Yes, that's what he looked like. He can get his life back now.... The Xenocite at his feet squeals. Tyler stomps on it. ...now that his head is clear. Ben: Mine too. Armed with Tyler's inside knowledge, they're going to take the fight to the Hybrids, and stop the invasion.

THE END