

= Ben Linus =

Benjamin " Ben " Linus is a fictional character portrayed by Michael Emerson on the ABC television series *Lost* . Ben was the leader of a group of island natives called the Others and was initially known as Henry Gale to the survivors of Oceanic Flight 815 . He began as the main antagonist during the second and third seasons , but in subsequent seasons , becomes a morally ambiguous ally to the main characters . Other characters frequently describe him as loyal only to himself , though it is also often hinted that he may be driven by some higher purpose .

As with most characters on *Lost* , Ben 's history is revealed through flashbacks and episodes set in other time periods which are revealed slowly as the series progresses . Sterling Beaumon first portrayed a young Ben late in season three , in the character 's first centric episode , " The Man Behind the Curtain " . Ben 's childhood is further explored in the fifth season of the series , partially set in 1977 . Fifth season episode " Dead Is Dead " explores Ben 's fragile state following the events of the fourth season , in which his loyalty to the island led to the death of his adoptive daughter Alex Rousseau (Tania Raymonde) , and flashbacks show the audience Ben 's original acquisition of Alex and his rise to leadership of the Others , after exiling his rival Charles Widmore (Alan Dale) . Originally cast for three guest appearances in the second season , Emerson 's role was expanded . As leader of the Others , Ben became a regular cast member from the third season onward . Reviews of the show would often focus on Ben 's mysterious motives . Emerson 's portrayal garnered many positive reviews , resulting in nominations for the Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actor year @-@ on @-@ year from 2007 to 2010 , winning in 2009 .

In 2010 , Ben Linus was ranked # 24 on the TV Guide Network special 25 Greatest TV Characters of All Time . In 2016 , Rolling Stone ranked him # 1 of their " 40 Greatest TV Villains of All Time " .

= = Arc = =

= = = Prior to the crash = = =

Flashbacks during " The Man Behind the Curtain " show Benjamin Linus being born in the woods outside of Portland , Oregon , to Roger (Jon Gries) and Emily Linus (Carrie Preston) . Emily dies after giving birth to Ben . When Ben is young , he and his father move to the Island , after his dad is offered a job working for the Dharma Initiative . On the Island , Ben begins to see visions of his mother , while Roger starts drinking heavily and verbally abusing him . Ben develops a hatred for the Dharma Initiative and one day runs away from the Barracks . He comes across Richard Alpert (Nestor Carbonell) , one of the Island natives known to the Initiative as the " Hostiles " , in the jungle , who grants Ben 's request to join his group but tells him he needs to be very patient .

Season five 's " Namaste " shows a young Ben coming into contact with a captured Sayid Jarrah (Naveen Andrews) , who along with several other Oceanic Flight 815 survivors has been brought back in time from 2007 . In the following episode , " He 's Our You " , he helps free Sayid under the impression Sayid was sent by the Others to bring him to Richard . Sayid instead shoots Ben and leaves him for dead . Fellow crash survivor Jack Shephard (Matthew Fox) refuses to help the boy , so Kate Austen (Evangeline Lilly) and James " Sawyer " Ford (Josh Holloway) take Ben to Richard , who informs them Ben will henceforth lose his innocence and always be one of the Others . In 1988 , Charles Widmore , leader of the Others , sends Ben to kill French scientist Danielle Rousseau (Melissa Farman) , who was marooned on the island . However , when Ben learns Rousseau has a child , he kidnaps the baby Alex Rousseau , warning Rousseau to never come looking for the baby if she wants either of them to live . Four years after this , it is revealed in flashbacks Ben kills his father with poison gas , then discovers every Dharma Initiative member dead , also from poison gas . He banishes Charles Widmore from the island and assumes his leadership role , as he is the only one who can allegedly interact with their real leader , Jacob , and communicate his will to the group .

Two days before the crash of Oceanic Flight 815 , Ben discovers he has a spinal tumor . After

witnessing the crash , he sends Ethan Rom (William Mapother) and Goodwin Stanhope (Brett Cullen) to investigate . He chooses Goodwin in order to remove Ben 's competition for the affections of Juliet Burke (Elizabeth Mitchell) , a woman recruited to the island three years previously in order to help the Others with their fertility problems .

= = = After the crash = = =

= = = Seasons two to four = = =

In the season 3 episode " Exposé " , Ben and Juliet enter a Dharma station , the Pearl , and watch Jack on a monitor . Ben tells Juliet he will convince Jack to perform surgery on him . After Goodwin dies , Ben shows Juliet the corpse , so she knows she is Ben 's and will be on the Island forever . Ben makes his first appearance in the season two episode " One of Them " , where he is caught in a trap set by Danielle Rousseau (Mira Furlan) . He pretends to be Henry Gale , a man from Minnesota who crashed on the island while traveling via hot air balloon . Rousseau turns him over to Sayid , who takes him to the Swan Station , where he is held captive and interrogated . Ben is exposed as a fraud when the body of the real Henry Gale is found , but he is set free by Michael Dawson (Harold Perrineau) , a crash survivor whose son has been kidnapped by the Others . When Michael successfully brings Jack , Kate , and Sawyer to the pier , Ben gives him a boat so he can leave the Island with his son . Ben then takes Jack , Kate , and Sawyer to a smaller island nearby .

In the beginning of season three , Ben gives Juliet the task of interrogating Jack , while Kate and Sawyer are kept in cages . He admits to Jack about having a tumor on his spine , and asks him to remove it in order for him to leave the Island . During the surgery he wakes up , where Jack refuses to finish until Kate and Sawyer are safely away from the Others . After they escape , Ben 's operation is finished . He returns to the Barracks with the rest of the Others , and Jack in tow . When John Locke (Terry O 'Quinn) comes to rescue Jack , he and Ben have a confrontation . Ben tells Locke of a " magic box " which can produce whatever someone wishes for and shows him his father , Anthony Cooper (Kevin Tighe) , who they are holding captive and was brought to the Island because of the box . Ben offers Locke the opportunity to join the Others , but only if he kills Cooper ; Ben knows he won 't kill in cold blood , and so makes the offer as a way to humiliate Locke . Locke returns a few days later with Cooper 's corpse , having used Sawyer to do the deed for him , so Ben takes him to meet Jacob . When Ben discovers Locke can hear Jacob , he shoots Locke and leaves him for dead . He returns to the Others ' camp , and tells Richard , now his second @-@ in @-@ command , to lead the remaining Others to the Temple . Ben takes Alex with him as he attempts to prevent Jack from sending a radio message to a nearby freighter . He reunites Alex with her mother , and claims if Jack contacts the freighter , every single person on the Island will die . Ben is beaten and taken hostage , and forced to watch as the freighter is contacted .

In the first episode of season four , " The Beginning of the End " , the survivors divide into two groups . Those who believe the people from the freighter to be dangerous , Ben among them , join Locke and head to the Barracks . After Ben confesses the freighter crew has come to capture him , Miles Straume (Ken Leung) , a medium from the freighter , makes a deal with Ben , asking for \$ 3 @. @ 2 million in exchange for reporting Ben as dead to Charles Widmore (Alan Dale) , the man who sent the freighter . Ben agrees after Miles rebuffs his claims such a small fortune is beyond him . Ben eventually gets his freedom when he tells Locke who sent the freighter . Once free , Ben urges Alex , and her boyfriend and mother , to travel to the Temple , for protection from the people on the freighter . However , they are ambushed en route by mercenaries from the freighter and all but Alex are killed . Alex is taken hostage after revealing herself to be Ben 's daughter . In " The Shape of Things to Come " , Martin Keamy (Kevin Durand) , the leader of the mercenaries , threatens to shoot Alex if Ben does not come forward ; Ben staunchly denies any attachment to her , which results in her execution . Ben claims Widmore has " changed the rules " , then summons the smoke monster to attack the mercenaries . He then leaves with Locke and Hugo " Hurley " Reyes (Jorge

Garcia) to communicate with Jacob . Locke enters Jacob 's cabin alone , and returns stating they need to move the Island . They go to the Orchid , a Dharma station which allows them to do this . Ben sends Locke to become the new leader of the Others , then enters a secret level of the Orchid . He turns a large frozen wheel in the wall , which teleports the Island to a new location . Ben himself is transported to the Sahara Desert , specifically , Tunisia , which was formerly the ancient country of Carthage .

The flashforwards in " The Shape of Things to Come " show Ben arrives in the Sahara Desert ten months ahead of when he left the Island . Ben finds Sayid at the funeral of his wife Nadia (Andrea Gabriel) , and recruits Sayid as his personal assassin , telling him Widmore ordered the assassination of his wife . Ben provides Sayid with a list of targets , all of which he successfully kills over the next three years . At one point , Ben infiltrates Widmore 's penthouse apartment in London to inform him of his intention to kill his daughter , Penelope (Sonya Walger) , as retribution for the death of Alex .

= = = Seasons five and six = = =

When Locke leaves the island to bring the survivors back to the island , Ben tracks him down . He gets Locke to reveal what he knows about returning to the island , then kills him and stages it as a suicide . Ben visits Jack in the funeral home housing Locke 's body , telling Jack he will help him return to the island , but the only way to get back is to bring everyone who had left it , including Locke 's corpse . Ben boards Ajira Airways Flight 316 with the rest of survivors , which then crashes on the island . Jack , Kate , Hurley , and Sayid are transported to 1977 , while Sun and Ben remain in the 2007 with a resurrected Locke . The plane crash lands on the Hydra Island , so Ben attempts to take a boat to the main island . Sun strikes him in the back of the head and takes the boat with Frank , so Ben is left in the care of the other survivors , including Locke . After Ben regains consciousness and finds Locke to be alive , he convinces Locke he knew bringing him to the island would resurrect him , and he stopped Locke 's suicide attempt merely to gain information . Locke travels with Ben , who is to be judged by the Monster . After they fail to find the Monster at the Barracks , they head to the Temple . As Ben and Locke travel through a series of tunnels beneath the Temple , Ben falls through the floor , so Locke leaves to get something that he can pull him up with . The Monster flows out of a grate below and surrounds Ben , showing flashes of decisions he made in his life involving Alex . The Monster takes the form of Alex and pushes Ben against a wall . She says she knows Ben is planning to kill Locke again , and if he does she will hunt him down and destroy him . She orders him to follow Locke and do whatever he asks , then disappears . They return to the Others ' camp , where Locke gathers the group together and announces he is taking them to see Jacob . As they are walking , Ben relates his experience with the Monster and his promise to do whatever Locke asks , so Locke convinces Ben to kill Jacob . Richard leads them to the base of the statue , where Jacob lives . Within , they are met by Jacob (Mark Pellegrino) . Jacob greets Locke and observes Locke has found a loophole . It is revealed that Locke was not resurrected , and is instead the Monster taking the form of Locke . Ben confronts Jacob about why he never revealed himself at any time during Ben 's tenure as leader , but when Jacob is dismissive towards him , he stabs Jacob twice , killing him - and in doing so , binds his destiny to the island , sealing his own fate .

After Jacob 's death , the Monster tells Ben to fetch Richard , as he wants to speak to him . However , when Ben exits the statue , Richard throws him down beside the corpse of the real John Locke , which has been brought to the statue by survivors of the Ajira flight , led by Ilana Verdansky (Zuleikha Robinson) . Ben is forced by Ilana 's group to bring them to the imposter Locke . They start shooting at the Monster , but he disappears , then returns in its black smoke form , killing Ilana 's group . The Monster returns to Locke 's form and mockingly informs Ben of the real Locke 's last thoughts , while being strangled by Ben . Afterwards , Ben comforts Ilana when he finds her crying in Jacob 's chamber and sets off with her , Sun , and Frank Lapidus (Jeff Fahey) to bury Locke before going to the Temple , where they believe they will be safe from the Monster . At Locke 's funeral , Ben provides the eulogy , and expresses his sincere apologies for killing Locke . When they

arrive at the Temple , the Monster is destroying the place . They return to the beach as a temporary shelter , and Ben attempts to make amends with everyone for killing Jacob . Ilana then forces him to dig a grave and explains she will kill Ben for murdering her father figure . Later , the Monster visits Ben , telling him to join him and then magically frees Ben . After Ben escapes , Ilana chases after him , and the two come face @-@ to @-@ face at the jungle when Ben points a rifle at her . Ben explains to her why he really killed Jacob , particularly grieving his daughter . Ilana understands and allows him to rejoin their group , which he does . Hurley , Jack , and Richard show up and join their group , then have a meeting , deciding what to do next . Richard suggests they should stop the Monster escaping by blowing up the Ajira plane . After Hurley destroys the available dynamite from the shipwrecked Black Rock , Richard insists he will find other explosives . Ben and Miles join Richard , while the rest decide to go talk to the Monster . When Ben , Richard and Miles arrive at the Barracks , Widmore is there , and is soon joined by the Monster . Ben murders Widmore before he is able to make a deal with the Monster to spare his daughter . The Monster and Ben find Desmond and the Monster forces him to go destroy the Island . They run into Jack 's group and they both go to the heart of the Island , where Desmond removes the cork of the Island , causing the Island to begin collapsing . After Jack kills the Monster , Ben and Hurley volunteer to stay behind on the Island with Jack to assist him relighting the Island . Jack tells them he will die doing this and Jack gives Hurley the new position of being protector of the Island . Ben advises him to approach his Island duties with his kindness and helpful attitude . Hurley asks Ben to become his advisor , to which he is honored . After an undisclosed period of time , Ben , on orders from Hurley , arrives at the Dharma Logistics Warehouse in Guam . He speaks to the two workers there and instructs them that the facility is being shut down . Afterward , Ben arrives at the Santa Rosa Mental Hospital and visits Walt . Ben tells him that he is still special and that he can help his father , Michael , even though he is dead , and offers Walt a job to return to the island .

The afterlife experienced by the survivors is shown during season six . In " The Substitute " , Ben Linus is shown as a teacher of European History . In " Dr. Linus " , Ben laments his life in general , particularly because his principal , Reynolds , does not care for the school . He is living with his father , Roger (Jon Gries) , who is on life support . At school , he is shown to have a close relationship with his star pupil , Alex , and befriends a substitute teacher , John Locke . While studying together , Alex tells Ben that Principal Reynolds is having a sexual affair with one of the school nurses on campus . Ben attempts to blackmail Reynolds , threatening to reveal his affair and citing his position as principal as the demand . However , Reynolds swiftly retaliates by saying if he makes good on his threats , Alex 's chances of going to Yale University will decrease substantially , as he is requested to write her a recommendation letter . Wanting to save Alex 's educational future , Ben backs down . Days later , Ben notices Desmond Hume waiting outside the school in his car for an extended amount of time . Desmond runs over Locke , and swiftly drives off . As soon as the ambulance arrives , Ben gets in and sits next to the critically injured Locke , assuring him everything will be all right . When Locke returns to the school , Desmond does as well , and Ben catches him . Desmond beats Ben severely saying he was only trying to help Locke let go . Ben has a vision from his previous life during Desmond 's beating . Ben believes him and relays Locke this information . When Alex sees how badly Ben was beaten , she invites him to her house where her mother , Danielle , fixes him supper . Danielle tells Ben that Alex views him as a father , and Ben begins to cry . Ben waits outside the chapel where the Oceanic survivors plan to move on together , and he sees Locke for the last time . Ben sincerely apologizes to Locke for killing him , and Locke forgives him . Hurley later comes out of the chapel and invites Ben in , but Ben politely declines saying he is not ready to move on , saying he " has a few things to work out " . Hurley accepts this , and tells Ben that he was a " real good number two " , thanking him for his help in protecting the island . Ben , touched by this , responds " And you were a great number one , Hugo . "

= = Personality = =

Ben , although extremely well @-@ mannered , has an impeccable ability to lie and manipulate the people around him , even when he is at a physical disadvantage . He often speaks in a low ,

emotionless monotone when at his most unreadable , frequently sprinkling his speech with sarcasm or dry , humorless jokes . He can also be petty and vindictive , even to the point of murder , when he does not get what he wants . He claims to have been born on the Island , leading to him being thought of as a miracle by the Others , as pregnant women die on the island ; but later confesses to Locke that he was lying . He unsuccessfully tries to convince the survivors he is Henry Gale , although succeeds in manipulating Locke to turn against Jack while held prisoner under this guise . While he claims he will not sacrifice innocent lives in order to accomplish his goals , he has been shown to do quite the opposite . In the third season finale , Ben is informed by Tom Friendly (M. C. Gainey) , an Other , that they have captured three of the crash survivors : Sayid Jarrah , Bernard Nadler (Sam Anderson) , and Jin @-@ Soo Kwon (Daniel Dae Kim) . When Tom tells Ben they are unwilling to reveal any information about the rest of the survivors , Ben quickly replies " Shoot Kwon ... You want them to answer questions , kill Kwon - do it now " . Conversely , Ben refuses to allow his spy on the freighter to destroy it long before it reaches the Island , as he would not kill anyone who " did not deserve to die " . Furthermore , when Locke confronts Ben about causing the freighter to explode , Ben coldly replies , " So ? "

Ben 's unclear motives have led to speculation about his possible status as a villain . Ben Rawson @-@ Jones from Digital Spy describes Ben as a " supposed villain " , pondering " Could he really have been the good guy all along " following the fourth season episode " The Shape of Things to Come " . Actor Michael Emerson suspects where Ben 's loyalties lie will always be ambiguous , making this a " wonderful role " . He is rarely shown losing control of his emotions , but when he does , it is done in a big and childish way . Emerson explains " He 's cold because any trace of warmth makes him vulnerable to his enemies " . Ben is also known for his commitment to the island and doing whatever is necessary to protect it . He has no qualms with Locke attempting to kill Naomi (Marsha Thomason) and even Jack after the survivors begin to call the freighter . He undertakes the risky and unpredictable step of moving the Island to prevent the freighter crew , and thus Charles Widmore , from finding it . He always has a plan and is described by Kevin Thompson from The Palm Beach Post as a " know @-@ it @-@ all " , which another reviewer thinks is because " [Ben] talks quietly , in a menacingly measured drawl ... with lots of pauses and emphases " .

Ben also appears to know Turkish , as he asks the bedouins on horseback " Türkçe biliyor musunuz ? " late in season 4 .

= = Development = =

In 2001 , Michael Emerson won a Primetime Emmy Award for his guest appearance as serial killer William Hinks on The Practice . The Lost producers liked his work on The Practice , so they were keen to cast Emerson in the role of Ben , then known as " Henry Gale " , as they thought he would fit the character well . He was originally contracted to appear in just three episodes of Lost , making his first appearance midway through the second season , in episode " One of Them " . The producers were so impressed by him that they contracted him for a further five episodes , citing the scene at the end of " The Whole Truth " where Ben asks for milk as the moment they knew he was a " keeper " . He was then made a part of the regular cast from the third season . Had Emerson not worked out during his initial appearances a different actor would have been cast for the leader of the Others , but it was always intended the survivors would have the leader right under their noses and not realize it . During one episode of the Official Lost Podcast , the producers state they always knew Ben would be the " Big Bad " . Emerson had no idea of his character 's importance during his second season recurring role . He was told nothing about Ben 's backstory and would only receive scripts at the last minute . He enjoyed how the ambiguity of Ben 's motives allowed him to " paint it the way [he] please [s] " . Sterling Beaumon was cast to play Ben in the flashbacks of episode " The Man Behind the Curtain " . Emerson 's wife Carrie Preston was cast as Ben 's mother following Emerson telling people at parties she was desperate for a part on the show .

Referring to the scene in the third season where Ben seemingly fits Sawyer with a lethal pacemaker , Emerson comments " Sadistic may be the word , but he doesn 't seem to take much relish in it . He 's just sort of detached , he looks at it coldly . I sometimes feel like everything to him is a sort of

scientific experiment and he is interested in a dispassionate way in how the experiment runs its course . I think some day if we ever find out what his parentage is , that his parents were people of science " . Elizabeth Mitchell , who plays Juliet , did not think it was a " huge surprise for Juliet that Ben had feelings for [Juliet] , but I still think it was ... it was horrifying under the circumstances " . She also thought " [Juliet has] this kind of wonderful mind , and I think that Ben probably has a tremendous respect for that . It 's not because Juliet is so enticing , it 's just the fact that she 's got this amazing mind , she has this amazing , you know , intelligence , and I think that 's what intrigues him , that 's what draws him into her " . During season four the producers deliberately left it ambiguous as to whether Ben was a part of the Oceanic 6 (six survivors of the plane crash that make it off the Island) after he appeared in one of Sayid 's flashforwards .

= = Reception = =

= = Critical reception = =

During the beginning of season three , Chris Carabott from IGN described Ben as " one of the best ' villains on television ' , due to his ' eerie manner ' and ' methodical delivery ' " . Later in the season Carabott had a problem with Ben being so deceptive , as " anything he imparts must be taken with a grain of salt " . Jeff Jensen of Entertainment Weekly also noted this , saying " I don 't trust Ben . I have no idea when he 's lying and when he 's telling the truth . The only thing I 'm reasonably sure of is that everything he says is for the purpose of impacting a character ? and the audience " . Ben 's father issues revealed towards the end of season three are described as " not the most original Lost character trait by any means but it is the thrust behind Ben 's development into the genocidal maniac he eventually becomes " . Following the penultimate episode of the season , Carabott stated " Even with his limited screen time , Michael Emerson 's performance shines through and we hope that he survives the events of the finale because we love seeing his character every week . " Erin Martell from TV Squad picked the Others as one of her season three highlights , partly due to the development of Ben , adding " I cannot even picture the final three seasons without Ben " . Martell also gave six reasons to look forward to season four , one of which was Ben Linus .

Aubry D 'Arminio of Entertainment Weekly describes " savvy Ben " as a " captivating minor character " . Jeff Jensen of Entertainment Weekly praised Emerson 's acting in the beginning of season four , calling him " a genius in [the] role " . Alan Sepinwall from The Star @-@ Ledger worried " the actor is so good and the character so popular that he 's kept alive even though it makes all the heroes look like idiots " . Following " Confirmed Dead " , Entertainment Weekly 's Jeff Jensen felt " Isn 't the whole business of Ben manipulating Locke with the promise of Island secrets getting just a little bit old ? " SyFy Portal 's Dan Compora said that " The more I hate Ben , the more I realize that Michael Emerson is just a very fine actor doing his job " . Don Williams of BuddyTV said " consider my mind blown again " , referring to the flashforward in " The Economist " where it is revealed that Sayid is working for Ben . Oscar Dahl of BuddyTV called Emerson an acting " god " . Chris Carabott from IGN found one of the best moments of " Eggtown " , was the power struggle between Locke and Ben , because " Their scenes together are amongst the best in the series and the one that opens " Eggtown " is a perfect display of how well Michael Emerson and Terry O 'Quinn work together . O 'Quinn captures Locke 's uncertainty perfectly in the opening scene and it 's always fun to watch Ben prey on any weakness of character . " Kevin Thompson of The Palm Beach Post wrote " with those big ol ' eyes of his , [Emerson] could always say more with a lengthy stare than he could with twenty pages of dialogue [He has] , once again , proved why he has become Lost 's star as well as its heart and soul an Emmy should belong to [him] . " Jennifer Godwin of E ! wrote that " no one has ever done better work humanizing a supervillain . " Matt Roush of TV Guide puts Ben in " The Shape of Things to Come " in the top 20 moments of the week , stating " Michael Emerson on Lost . It doesn 't get better than that " . Ben Rawson @-@ Jones of Digital Spy describes Emerson 's performance as " fantastic " , with " many layers of intrigue and humanity " . John Kubicek of BuddyTV also found his performance " fantastic " , adding " he nailed it " . Critic

Kelly Woo , from TV Squad , placed him on second on her list of " Seven new characters that worked " , ranking just below Desmond Hume , also from Lost .

= = = Awards = = =

In 2006 , Michael Emerson was nominated for the Satellite Award for Best Supporting Actor ? Series , Miniseries , or Television Film , but lost out to Tony Plana from Ugly Betty .

In 2007 , following the third season , Emerson was nominated for the Saturn Award for Best Supporting Actor on Television , losing to Masi Oka from Heroes . Later in the year , Emerson was nominated for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series at the 59th Primetime Emmy Awards , but lost to fellow Lost cast member Terry O 'Quinn . Emerson was nominated again for the Satellite Award for Best Supporting Actor - Series , Miniseries , or Television Film , this time losing to David Zayas from Dexter , but eventually won the Saturn Award for Best Supporting Actor on Television , beating out fellow Lost actors Terry O 'Quinn and Josh Holloway . Emerson was also nominated for the Teen Choice Award for Best Villain .

In 2008 , Emerson was nominated again for the Primetime Emmy Award at the 60th Primetime Emmy Awards , but lost to ?eljko Ivanek from Damages .

On September 20 , 2009 , Emerson finally won the Primetime Emmy Award for his portrayal of Ben Linus at the 61st Primetime Emmy Awards .

In 2010 , Emerson was nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor ? Series , Miniseries , or Television Film , but lost to John Lithgow from Dexter . For his final nomination for his portrayal of Ben Linus , Emerson was nominated again for the Primetime Emmy Award at the 62nd Primetime Emmy Awards , this time losing to Aaron Paul from Breaking Bad .