

## The A-6



The first A-6 automaton – the version that truly resembled a modern human being – was modeled after University of Hummock-on-Smythe Professor Warbler Blackmoor, right down to his gimpy left leg and penchant for flatulence. Researchers fine-tuned its circuitry for a year before proclaiming it ready for the final, real-world test: clandestinely replacing Blackmoor with the A-6 for two weeks. They carefully tracked its every move but otherwise allowed the unit's sophisticated search and mathematical optimization algorithm to guide its normal actions as well as any responses to external stimuli. Afterwards, Blackmoor's wife Blanche admitted that the A-6 was so lifelike that she never suspected a thing, though she did notice his rapport with his wooden puppet had intensified.