

## Re: Me and David C. Ullrich

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Elmo wrote:

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> [...]  
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> 8.I say that "given at least one" is the special case whereas, "at  
> least one is a head" is stated with extreme prejudice toward heads, or,  
> "at least one is a tail" is stated with extreme prejudice toward tails.  
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> 9.State "at least one is a head" with extreme prejudice toward tails,  
> and the probability for two heads would be one.

What the heck are you on about with all this "extreme prejudice"  
stuff?! Sounds like you've seen too many Gene Hackman thrillers.

Maybe you have a shadowy subconscious association of the word "given"  
with something benevolent like a "gift", which by contrast makes the  
direct phrase "at least one is a head" sound blunt and final, like  
some assassin calmly plugging their victim with "at least one head"  
shot! Crazy I know, but if you ask me so is this entire discussion.

Mind you, that's about the fourth theory I've put forward – You  
demolish them, one after the other, with each reply! I feel like  
that 19th C British PM Sir William Gladstone, about whom someone  
said "Each time he thinks he's answered the Irish Question, the  
Irish change the question!"

Cheers

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