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Subject: Random Generation

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Sir PhoenixxThe process by which a computers comes up with a random number doesn't matter, it's still generating random numbers.

True random items involve no process. If there is any sort of process involved in the picking of the item or number, then it is not truly random - which is why a computer generates pseudo-random numbers instead of a truly random number.

It would take a sentient A.I. to pick a non-pseudo random number.

Random is defined as having no pattern or purpose, and you can make the pattern the computer uses to find the number more complicated to make the number seem more random, but there is still a process.

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