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The Myth of the Sole Inventor, 110 Mich. L. Rev. 709, 712 & n.4 (2012)

⁴ Because how ironic would it be if one and only one academic had come up with the idea that ideas are rarely developed by one and only one person?

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