Sets as superduperplurals

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Abstract: Is a set a single object, which has some things as its members? That's the standard view. But here's a heterodox alternative: a "set" (scare-quotes needed) is many things, spoken of as if they "formed" one thing. I'm going to run you through the heterodox view. It's both philosophically and mathematically fun; analogous to doing arithmetic whilst refusing to accept the existence of the number 13, but with a philosophical punchline.

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