

# The Zero-Sum School of Magery

The secret of magery is that every mage has her own sleazy rationalization as to how magic works. When a bunch of mages more or less use the same sleazy rationalization, it's called a 'school;' and six or so schools that can stand the sight of each other become a 'system.'

So, how well do mages play with each other? Badly, of course. We all know that magical theory is a zero-sum game. **Somebody's** got to be right.

Somebody like me. *My* sleazy rationalization? Oh, magic works by ripping out other people's power, then feeding on it.

Sorry about that.

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