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Magic is real. Discovered in the 1970s, magic is now a bona fide field of engineering. There's magic in heavy industry and magic in your home. It's what's next after electricity. Student mage Laura Ferno has designs on the future: her mother died trying to reach space using magic, and Laura wants to succeed where she failed. But first, she has to work out what went wrong. And who her mother really was. And whether, indeed, she's dead at all... Available online at: <http://qntm.org/ra>



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Reader's Opinions

There have been many stories which say they are about defining what magic is and giving it strict rules. All these stories have nothing on this one. minor spoilers for chapter 4ish on This is book by a science nerd, for science nerds. It's got heaps and heaps of techno babble, which rather than sounding completely ridiculous (star trek),...

Ra is incredibly clever, has a fantastic plot energy and a genuine sense of mystery. The worldbuilding which powers the mystery is supremely confident, and it's great fun to uncover each new clue. The emphasis on characters, organizations and even magical powers behaving logically is something you don't even notice is missing in most...