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## The Mysterious Disappearing Act

Once upon a time, in a small town called Brightville, there was a boy named Tim who loved to discover hidden secrets. One day, he found an old, dusty book in his attic. The title of the book was "The Mysterious Disappearing Act." Tim was curious and decided to read it.

The book told a story about a magician named Mr. Disappear who could make anything vanish with a flick of his wand. People were amazed by his tricks, but Tim was determined to figure out how Mr. Disappear did it. He didn't want to be disappointed, so he started to investigate.

Tim discovered that Mr. Disappear had a secret word: "disassemble." Whenever he said this word, things would come apart and disappear. Tim was fascinated and wanted to learn more. He tried saying "disassemble" to see if it worked, but nothing happened. Tim realized he was missing something important.

Tim decided to follow Mr. Disappear to his next show. He disguised himself as a stagehand to get closer. As the show started, Mr. Disappear performed his amazing tricks. Tim noticed that whenever Mr. Disappear said "disguise," he would change into different costumes, and the audience couldn't recognize him.

During the grand finale, Mr. Disappear planned to make a huge statue disappear. Tim watched closely as Mr. Disappear whispered "disable" and waved his wand. The statue vanished into thin air! Tim finally understood the trick. Mr. Disappear was using special words with the "dis-" prefix to perform his magic.

After the show, Tim approached Mr. Disappear and asked if he could learn the tricks. Mr. Disappear smiled and said, "The real magic is not in the words but in believing in the impossible." Tim never forgot those words and continued his journey of discovery, always looking for the next big mystery to solve.

