

## How to Make Things Appear

On a calm street of empty market stalls, there was a charity shop with thousands of rooms. Sunlight bolted through the wide open windows filling the room with a flashing glow. Historic books shouted their names while standing frozen like sharp icicles on the shelves as old fashioned toys slowly disintegrate. On the shelves are copies of every book that has ever been written. But one book is missing. One hundred years ago, someone hid its cover under the bottom of a shelf and the book quietly vanished. The book is called 'How to make things appear.'

At night, when the cashier falls asleep in his comfy arm chair, the books come to life. The gentle glow of a bedside lamp fills the room; the quiet hum of a heater can be heard from the kitchen; the smell of breakfast drifts upstairs. On a shelf of atlases, in a book called "Maps of the World," a boy called Tony lived. Tony was the only person who knew about the book. One night, when he was chasing after his dog Ash, he knocked over a box of toys and found the missing cover. Tony decided that there and then that no matter what he would find the book. "If I can find this book," he said to Ash "I can be the most famous person in the whole wide world."

Every night for three years, Tony and Ash searched for the book. Tony searched the damp, empty counter carefully stepping over broken toys while upturning objects; the store room which was as empty as a newly made cupboard; finally he looked in the old, damaged attic. Then, one evening, they came across four tall, old, grey, wrinkly men. Surely they didn't know about the book? "You have come for this haven't you?" said the first man. He held out a large, colourful book with the words 'How to Make Things Appear' on the side. "But..." began Tony. "How are we so old?" said the old tall, old, grey, wrinkly man. So he persuaded Tony and Ash to follow him.

The old man led Tony and Ash through an archway and into a beautiful forest full of buzzing bees, colourful flowers and swaying trees. The man strode on with Tony tagging on behind. "Where are we going?" asked Tony "To see the Object Man," replied the man. Finally, they came to an open space. There on a large chair, sat the Object Man. Tony asked him about the book. "You mustn't read it," said the Object Man. "I am the only person who has read it and not lost their mind. I thought I could have fun being able to make things. I thought I could always be able to help people; I could be famous; I could play tricks on people. But all that happened was I got very unhappy. I lost all my friends through teasing. It is not that great as I thought it would be."

"I won't read the book then because I don't want to end up losing all my friends"

"You are smarter than I was so let me take you back to your rightful place."