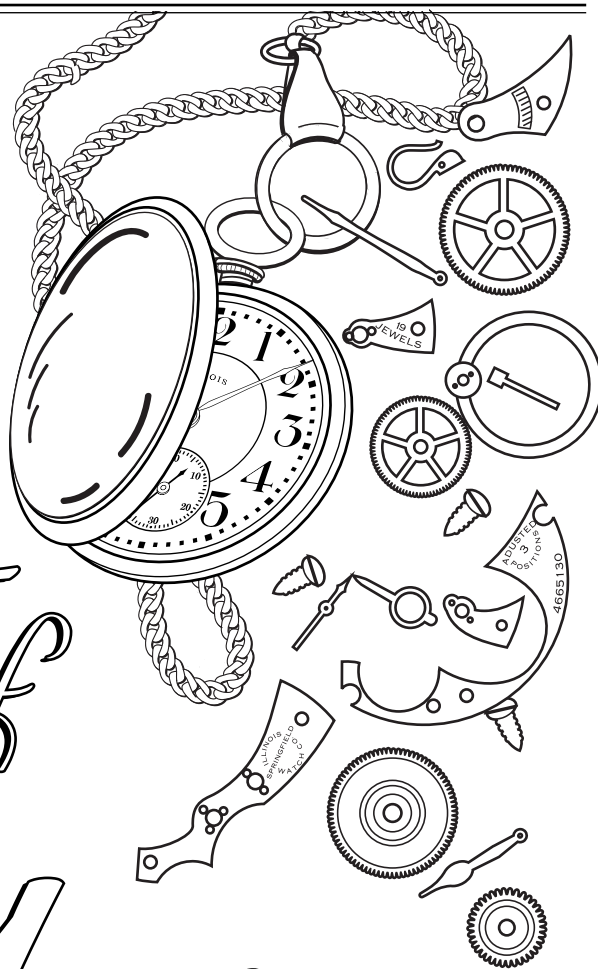

When we see a magic show, we all want
to know how the magic is done.
But do we really?

Some think that magic is like a pocket watch.
They think that it's something mechanical:
something you can take apart gear by gear and
cog by cog, examining all the pieces to see
how each one works.
Then you'd put them all back together again
to have a perfectly ticking, working watch.



The Secret of Magic



But magic isn't like that.

Magic is like a flower.
Magic is organic: you can pull it apart petal by petal,
leaves from stem, tearing it into tiny pieces.
But you can never put those pieces back together
and have a perfect, living flower again.

However, if you learn to take the seeds
from that torn flower, plant them gently,
and cultivate them meticulously,
you can use the secrets you've discovered
to create a garden filled with magic
for others to enjoy.

- Paul Draper