## **CONCEPT: PROTECTING ALCOHOLS FROM ORGANOMETALLICS**

□ Organometallics are *powerful* bases. They will react with any acidic protons available, ruining the reagent.

$$Br$$
 $Br$ 
 $Br$ 

We can use tert-butyl or silyl ethers to protect alcohols from deprotonation by organometallic reagents

• p-Toluenesulfonic acid is an acid commonly used for this step (abbrev. TsOH or pTSA)

**EXAMPLE:** Provide the mechanism and final product for the following transformation