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Blooming Purpose

Miss Rumphius had always wanted to travel the world and live by the sea. As a little girl, her grandfather encouraged her dreams but added a challenge: she must also do something to make the world more beautiful. At the time, young Alice Rumphius wasn't sure how she would accomplish such a task, but she carried his words in her heart.

As she grew older, Alice, now Miss Rumphius, fulfilled her first two wishes. She ventured to far-off lands, meeting people from different cultures, exploring deserts, climbing mountains, and sailing across blue oceans. Each adventure filled her with joy and wonder. Eventually, she found a quiet home by the sea, just as she had dreamed.

But one question remained—how could she make the world more beautiful? One spring, she noticed how a patch of lupine flowers had spread across her garden, painting the hillside in shades of purple, blue, and pink. Inspired by their beauty, she gathered seeds and scattered them along the roadsides, in empty fields, and near schools. Year after year, her flowers multiplied, turning dull spaces into seas of color.

As time passed, people noticed the fields of lupines and asked about them. Miss Rumphius shared her story and the wisdom her grandfather had given her. Many listened and decided to find their own ways to make the world more beautiful. Some planted trees, others painted murals, and some helped in their communities.

Miss Rumphius grew older and could no longer travel far, but she knew she had left something lasting behind. Her journey had not only taken her to exciting places but also helped her discover her true purpose—spreading beauty and kindness in the world.