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Seeds of Change

Miss Rumphius had always loved beauty. As a child, she admired the colorful flowers in her grandfather's garden, the endless blue of the ocean, and the bright green grass of the hills. Her grandfather often told her stories about his travels and encouraged her to see the world for herself. But he also gave her an important challenge: she must find a way to make the world more beautiful.

As she grew older, Miss Rumphius traveled to faraway lands, marveling at the wonders of nature. She visited vast deserts, climbed towering mountains, and sailed across sparkling seas. Everywhere she went, she saw the beauty of the world, but she also saw places that had been forgotten—fields that had turned barren, hills that had lost their color, and lands that seemed dull and lifeless.

When she finally settled in her house by the sea, she remembered her grandfather's words. She had traveled and found her home, but how would she fulfill her promise to make the world more beautiful? Then, one spring, she noticed a patch of purple, pink, and blue lupines growing near her home. The flowers swayed gently in the breeze, filling the air with life and color. Inspired by their beauty, she gathered lupine seeds and scattered them everywhere—along roadsides, across fields, and on the hills near her home.

Over time, the lupines spread, filling the land with bursts of color. People in the town were amazed. They admired the flowers and felt joy when they saw the fields covered in bright blooms. When they learned that Miss Rumphius had planted the seeds, they were inspired to find their own ways to bring beauty into the world.

The lupines came to symbolize more than just flowers. They stood for kindness, for making a difference, and for leaving something behind that would continue to grow. Miss Rumphius' simple act of planting seeds became a lesson for others: even the smallest actions can create lasting change. Her story reminds us that beauty is not just something we find—it is something we can create.