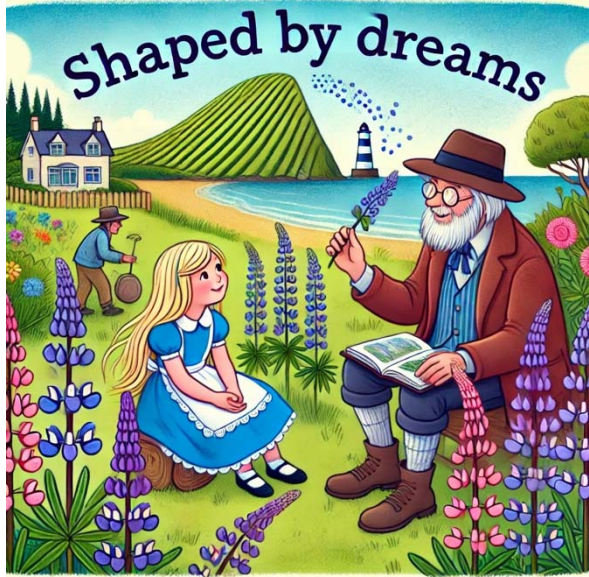


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Shaped by Dreams

As a young girl, Alice Rumphius was full of curiosity and wonder. She loved listening to her grandfather's stories about faraway lands, imagining the bustling cities, towering mountains, and endless oceans he described. Sitting beside him, she dreamed of her own adventures, longing to see the world beyond her small home.

Alice's grandfather encouraged her dreams but gave her an important challenge: "You must also do something to make the world more beautiful." At the time, Alice did not fully understand what he meant, but she carried his words with her as she grew.

As Alice became Miss Rumphius, she set out on the adventures she had always dreamed of. She traveled across deserts, climbed high mountains, and sailed over blue oceans. She met people from different cultures, saw breathtaking landscapes, and marveled at the beauty of nature. Her experiences confirmed what she had felt since childhood—there was so much wonder in the world.

But even after fulfilling her childhood dreams, Miss Rumphius still felt something was missing. She had traveled and settled in a house by the sea, but she had yet to complete her grandfather's challenge. One spring, she noticed a patch of wild lupine flowers blooming near her home. Their colors filled her with joy, and suddenly, she knew what she could do to make the world more beautiful.

She gathered lupine seeds and scattered them along roads, on hills, and in empty fields. Year after year, the flowers spread, painting the landscape with brilliant blues, pinks, and purples. People noticed and were inspired. Some planted flowers of their own, while others found their own ways to make the world better.

Miss Rumphius' childhood dreams shaped the person she became. Her love for adventure pushed her to travel, but her grandfather's words helped her realize that life is not just about seeing beauty—it is about creating it.