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Nature's Beauty

From the time she was a little girl, Miss Rumphius loved the outdoors. She spent her days exploring the fields, collecting seashells along the shore, and admiring the bright colors of flowers that bloomed in spring. She listened to the stories her grandfather told her about the world's natural wonders—tall mountains, rolling green hills, and oceans that stretched farther than the eye could see. She dreamed of seeing these places for herself.

As she grew older, Miss Rumphius made her dreams come true. She traveled to faraway lands, climbed rocky cliffs, and walked through lush forests. She sailed on sparkling blue seas and watched the sun rise over golden deserts. Everywhere she went, she marveled at the beauty of nature. But she also saw places where the land had been damaged—rivers polluted, forests cut down, and fields left barren. She remembered her grandfather's advice: she must find a way to make the world more beautiful.

When she finally settled in a small house by the sea, she still longed to do something meaningful. One day, she noticed a patch of wild lupines growing near her home. The flowers, swaying gently in the wind, filled her with joy. She realized that she could bring more beauty to the world by planting flowers.

Miss Rumphius began scattering lupine seeds wherever she went—on hillsides, along roads, and in empty fields. As the years passed, the flowers multiplied, covering the land in brilliant shades of blue, pink, and purple. People in the town noticed and were inspired. They, too, began planting flowers, caring for the earth, and finding ways to protect nature.

Through her actions, Miss Rumphius encouraged others to appreciate and care for the natural world. Her story teaches us that nature is a gift, and even small acts—like planting flowers or cleaning up a park—can help protect and celebrate its beauty.