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Passing Wisdom

Miss Rumphius had spent her life traveling, exploring, and making the world more beautiful by planting lupine flowers. As she grew older, she could no longer wander as she once had. She spent most of her time in her house by the sea, watching the flowers bloom across the hills and fields. She was happy knowing that the seeds she had planted had spread far and wide, filling the land with beauty.

But Miss Rumphius knew that her journey was not just about what she had done—it was also about what she could pass on to others. She had once been a young girl, listening to her grandfather's stories, and his words had stayed with her all her life. Now, it was her turn to share her story.

One day, a young girl came to visit Miss Rumphius. She was curious about the stories of faraway lands, the places Miss Rumphius had been, and the things she had seen. She loved hearing about mountains, deserts, and oceans that stretched forever. But most of all, she admired the lupines that covered the hills.

Miss Rumphius looked at the young girl and smiled. She told her that while adventures and dreams were important, there was one thing more to remember: "You must do something to make the world more beautiful." Just as her grandfather's words had inspired her, she hoped her own words would inspire this young girl.

The young girl listened carefully. She did not yet know what she would do to make the world more beautiful, but she carried Miss Rumphius' words in her heart. Just as flowers take time to bloom, ideas take time to grow.

By sharing her story, Miss Rumphius was passing on more than just memories—she was passing on a purpose. Her story teaches us that we are all connected, and that kindness, beauty, and wisdom can spread from one person to another, just like the lupine seeds she had planted long ago.