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Flowers of Change

Miss Rumphius had always loved nature. As a child, she admired the colors of the flowers in her grandfather's garden, collected seashells by the shore, and watched the golden sunlight dance on the waves. Her grandfather often told her stories of the beautiful places he had visited and encouraged her to travel. But he also gave her one important challenge: she must find a way to make the world more beautiful.

As she grew up, Miss Rumphius followed her dreams. She traveled to faraway lands, marveled at the wonders of the world, and eventually settled in a quiet house by the sea. But one question remained—how would she fulfill her grandfather's request? She thought about what made the world beautiful to her. It wasn't grand buildings or riches; it was the small, simple things—like the flowers that brightened the fields and made her smile.

One spring, she noticed a patch of wild lupines blooming near her home. The bright purple, pink, and blue petals swayed gently in the wind, filling her with joy. Suddenly, she realized that flowers could be her way of making the world more beautiful. She gathered lupine seeds and began scattering them along roads, hillsides, and empty fields. Year after year, the flowers spread, covering the land in waves of color.

Miss Rumphius' flowers were more than just pretty plants. They became a symbol of kindness, growth, and the power of small actions. People who saw the fields of flowers were inspired to care for nature and add beauty to their own surroundings. Some planted trees, others started gardens, and many found their own special ways to make the world better.

By choosing to plant flowers, Miss Rumphius showed that even the simplest acts can have a lasting impact. She did not seek fame or fortune—she simply wanted to bring joy to others. Her story reminds us that making the world more beautiful doesn't have to be complicated. Sometimes, it starts with just a handful of seeds.