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*Day 5*

The next day, the wind brought with it a pair of footsteps from far away.

She had come to see the lighthouse. The waves. The beautiful scenery. She had come to stand to see the place where the world feels both close and far.

A wide-eyed, wandering, and bundled tourist stopped at the tree.

She stopped. She stared. She wondered.

The tourist found a bright red ribbon in her pocket, a reminder of home.

She tied the ribbon to one of the tree's branch after seeing it standing hopeful in the cold.

It fluttered in the wind like a heartbeat.

“For the warmth you gave me,” the tourist said softly, leaving the tree a little brighter, a little braver.

