

**Gopher's Mistake**  
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One early morning Grandpa Gopher called out to his three grandchildren Zeke, Pepper, and Gracie. "It's time for our morning walk," he said. Don't forget to abide these rules: Number one- stay anigh me. Number two- warn me if you see a predator such as a hawk, eagle, owl, or snake. Number three- stay in tall grass and avoid holes.

At first Gracie was discreet and stayed by grandpa and her brothers. After awhile she

noticed the most gorgeous flower on top of a knoll.

Gracie was distracted by the deep lavender color.

It was sitting alone on the South Dakota Prairie.

When she approached it, she noticed that it was a

purple Pasque. While she was admiring it a hawk

flew over head. It was convulsing at her. Gracie

screached "help, help." The hawk swooped down

and picked Gracie up by its talons. Gracie started

to wrench and the hawk dropped her into the

lengthy prairie grass into grandpa's arm. Grandpa

said "what did you experience?" Gracie answered

in a quiet squeaky voice "I saw a beautiful flower

but I should have taken a quick glimpse and moved

on with you and my brothers. Grandpa said "I'm  
glad you're back!"

*Lesson: Pay attention to your surroundings.*