The Prophets Three

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EXT. PEARLY GATES - DAY

A large pearl white fence spans across a cloud like landing.

In the middle of these gates are two large gates of the same colour.
A man, THE GATEKEEPER, stands behind a pedestal. He has a cheerful smile as he closes up an extremely large book.

GATE KEEPER
It's so nice of you three to do this.

JESUS, MUHAMMAD, and MOSES are standing close by the pedestal.

GATE KEEPER
You are sure the father approves?

JESUS
Yeah, he's fine with it.

MUHAMMAD
Who better to welcome people into paradise?

The Gate Keeper takes a stern look at Muhammad

GATE KEEPER
You do realize what's going on down on earth right? The Middle East? I mean it's...

Muhammad starts escorting the Gate Keeper through the gates.

MUHAMMAD
Enjoy your time off my friend.

Muhammad returns to the group and they give each other subtle high-fives.
MOSES
Right, Jesus you get the chairs,
I'll get the scoreboard... and Muhammad
you get the drinks.

MUHAMMAD
... but I don't drink!

Moses and Jesus laugh, Moses gives Muhammad a playful shove.

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The three prophets are seated in lawn chairs facing the opening
of a tunnel. Behind them is a scoreboard propped up high on a
tripod.

On the scoreboard are the three prophets names, along with a
fourth SATAN. Under each name is a series of check marks.

MOSES
Shall we go over the scores?

Jesus and Muhammad grumble and wave Moses's suggestion off.

MOSES
Doing it anyway, Satan is
winning...

JESUS
Why do we even have him in this?

Moses ignores the interruption.

MOSES
I am in second place with twenty-five,
Jesus has fourteen, and you Muhammad
have twelve.
MUHAMMAD
(QUIETLY TO JESUS)
We'll see the scores after this week.

Jesus and Muhammad fist bump and chuckle.

MOSES
Best of luck to you guys and...

A faint echoing sound coming from the tunnel cuts Moses off.

All eyes move to the top of the tunnel where four light bulbs are places. Each has a sign above MUSLIM, CATHOLIC, JEW, and ATHEIST.

The Muslim light pops on, Jesus nudges Muhammad excitedly.

JESUS
First one today, wonder what he'll be like?

MOSES
I bet it's a suicide bomber

MUHAMMAD
Shut up.

Another burst of sound comes through, this time it's clear.
ALLAHU AKBAR

Then SUICIDE BOMBER walks out of the tunnel, his clothing scorched and torn, but his body unhurt.

MUHAMMAD
(PUTTING HEAD IN HANDS)
Oh, for fuck sakes!

JESUS
You called it! Nicely done Moses.
MOSES
Thank you.

MUHAMMAD
Alright... I'll deal with this.

He looks at his surroundings then to the three prophets, he raises a fist in celebration.

SUICIDE BOMBER
Allahu Akbar!

MUHAMMAD
Yeah, yeah...

He wraps an arm around the suicide bomber and guides him over to a second tunnel all the while talking with a soothing tone.

MUHAMMAD
You know when I said Islam to be a religion of peace...that's what I meant.

SUICIDE BOMBER
I have done good, I have killed infidels.

MUHAMMAD
No...no you didn't

SUICIDE BOMBER
I go to paradise now?

MUHAMMAD
Through here
Muhammad lightly pushes the suicide bomber into the tunnel then quickly pulls a lever. A rush of air enters the tunnel and sends the suicide bomber swirling further into the tunnel.

JESUS
I'm so glad they took that sign down, I was tired of hearing people cry and beg not to be sent to hell.

MOSES
...and the flushing idea from the humans is a nice touch too.

Muhammad walks disappointingly back to his chair.

JESUS
Cheer up bud, there's always next time

Jesus tries to hide his laughter but fails.

Suddenly the Catholic light pops on.

MUHAMMAD
Let's see what you get.

JESUS
A good soul

Jesus rises from his chair and moves to the opening of the tunnel with a welcoming smile.

A PRIEST stumbles out of the tunnel in amazement. He sees Jesus and immediately his the ground in a bow.
PRIEST
It's an honor Jesus.

JESUS
(SARCASTIC)
Oh, no need for this get up
my friend.

Jesus turns and gives Muhammad and Moses a cheeky smile.

The Priest rises.

PRIEST
All my life I have dreamed of
this mo...

The Priest loses focus as a BOY runs between him and Jesus, his
eyes follow the boy who is running to the second tunnel.

JESUS
What? What are you looking at?
(REALIZES WHAT'S HAPPENING)
Oh, no!

MUHAMMAD
Uh oh! Looks like someone has a
little problem.

JESUS
Leave the boy alone...

Ignoring Jesus the Priest begins to follow the boy.

JESUS
Stop!...the...the power of...me...
commands you to stop following that boy!
The boy and the Priest disappear into the depths of the tunnel.

Jesus has his hands on his hips half in frustration and half in disbelief.

JESUS
Son of a bitch!

MUHAMMAD
I'd just like to point out that you didn't need to pull the lever...just saying.

JESUS
You know what Muhammad, you can...

MOSES
Guys!

Moses points towards the first tunnel where the Atheist light shines brightly.

JESUS
I'll save my anger for this jackass.

MUHAMMAD
That makes two of us brother.

all three prophets walk towards the tunnel opening with arms crossed.

A MAN walks out in utter bewilderment.
MAN
Am I in Heaven?

MUHAMMAD
No dumb ass you at the gates.

MAN
Oh my God...

MOSES
SHUT UP! You can't say the father name! you have no right!

MUHAMMAD
(WHISPERING TO MOSES)
Tone it down a bit man.

Moses stammers off.

MAN
I didn't think you guys were real!

MUHAMMAD
Oh yeah? Does this feel real?

Muhammad slaps the man in the face. The man eyes go wide and his mouth form a smile with joy.

MAN
Yes!

JESUS
...and this?
Jesus slaps the man with one hand then follows it with a slap from his other.

MAN
Yes!

MOSES
What about this!

Moses rushes back with a chair raised above his head and pure hatred in his face.

Muhammad and Jesus both jump in front of Moses, holding his arms still.

MUHAMMED
Moses, no!

JESUS
Calm down!

They push Moses away who begins to get choked up.

MOSES
I never believed in you anyways!

JESUS
Take it easy buddy.

MOSES
Oh and guess what? You father in Heaven and he's ashamed of you!

(FORCED LAUGHTER)
HA! HA! HA! I was joking....he's not in Heaven!
JESUS
You see that tunnel there?

The man looks to where Jesus is pointing.

MAN
Yes?

JESUS
Go through that tunnel

MAN
...but what...

JESUS
Just go!

MOSES
...and hit that lever too!

The man exits through the tunnel, Moses relaxes but is still distraught.

Jesus looks at him in disbelief

JESUS
What was that Moses? Jesus Christ!

EXT. PEARLY GATES - MUCH LATER

The three prophets are sitting in their chairs still watching the tunnel.
The clearing of a throat makes them all turn around. The Gate Keeper is back, large book held by his side.

GATE KEEPER
Thank you so much for the time off you three, it was well needed.

MOSES
What? already?

GATE KEEPER
Yes, I am well rested and ready to get back to my duty.

Moses looks back to the tunnel

MOSES
Why has none of my followers arrived?

EXT. UNKNOWN – DAY

A large crowd of people stand at the opening of a tunnel, all talk heatedly amongst themselves.

Above them, pinned to a small wooden booth is a sign that reads FIVE DOLLARS FOR TUNNEL ENTRY.

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The three prophets enter through the gates. Jesus and Muhammad give a fist bump behind Moses's back.