

## THE VISITATION

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*This sketch is based on Malachi 2:17 – 3:5. The scene features a headmaster and his two deputies meeting up at the start of a school day.*

### CAST

<i>Headmaster</i>	<i>Mr Priest</i>
<i>Deputy 1</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Deputy 2</i>	<i>Jacob</i>

*Headmaster is seated at his desk. Other two enter.*

Levi            Morning headmaster.

Head            Morning Levi, morning Jacob.

Jacob           You look rather pale, headmaster. Are you all right?

Head            I've just opened this letter.

Jacob           What does it say?

Head            *(Handing letter to Jacob)* Read it for yourself.

Levi            Who is it from?

Head            GOD.

Levi            You don't mean...?

Head            Yes, the Government Overhaul Department.

Levi            I didn't know that organisation still existed. What does it say Jacob?

Jacob           *(Reading)* "Dear Mr Priest. Since Jerusalem Temple Academy has been designated a failing school.

Head            Failing school! What a nerve! I have devoted my life to this school.

Jacob           *(Still reading)* "Since Jerusalem Temple Academy has been designated a failing school, you should expect a visitation.

- Levi            Visitation! Oh, no! You know what that means?
- Jacob          Lesson plans! We'll have to start preparing lessons with a starter and plenary, and with ideas for differentiation.
- Levi            Marking! We'll have to take in their books and give them feedback with 'two stars and a wish'.
- Jacob          We'll have to work out a seating plan based on their individual needs.
- Levi            We'll be expected to know their names!
- Jacob          What a nightmare!
- Head          We'll have to carry out DBS checks on all the staff.
- Levi            That could be tricky in some cases.
- Head          And then there's all the policies we will have to write.
- Jacob          Anti-bullying.
- Head          Anti-bullying! This school runs on bullying. We rely on the older ones to keep the others in check.
- Levi            How long have we got to sort all this out.
- Head          It doesn't say.
- Jacob          *(Reading)* "You should expect the visitation in the future."
- Levi            "In the future". That could be ages.
- Head          True. I can't remember when we last had a visitation.
- Jacob          Certainly before my time.
- Levi            I expect this letter is just a frightener that they sent to all schools. It doesn't mean anything. GOD is not really going to visit us.
- Head          You are right, Levi. I expect it is just computer generated. I am with you. I don't believe GOD really exists anymore.

Jacob It does go on to say (*Reading*) "To help prepare you for GOD's visitation we will be sending an advisor. You should expect him very soon."

Levi Well there you are; this visitation is ages away. We don't have to do anything until this advisor turns up. If he ever turns up. Which we very much doubt.  
In the meantime we can carry on just as normal.

Jacob Yes, we can continue with our regime which is firm but fair.

Head (*Rising and grabbing cane*) Well firm at least. Levi, grab the bell. Let's show those little perishers who's boss. (*Exits followed by the other two. Levi rings bell as he exits*)

*THE END*