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Prompt: A three-figure group stands in a line. The back figure's head is 2 units tall, the mid figure's head is 2.5 units, and the front figure's head is 3 units. The front figure reaches forward with one arm. Describe the overlap order, placement, and foreshortening convention for a clear depth read.

Answer: Draw the back figure first with feet highest on the page, then the mid figure with feet lower, then the front figure with feet lowest. Overlap order: front covers mid, mid covers back. Foreshorten the front figure's forward arm by shortening its length along the pointing direction and enlarging the hand slightly. Use thicker outlines on the front figure and thinner outlines on the back figure. Check that head heights increase from back to front and that no back figure's lowest point is below a front figure's lowest point.