Spotlight 9	Reading Task 9704

Read the text and mark the statements

True (1) False (2) Not Stated (3).

THE PHANTOM OF THE BUILDING

George used to work for a big company located in a very old building downtown. He usually finished work at 5:00 p.m. as almost all the employees, except the security guards, but that day he had to stay working late on the 13th floor. It was around 9:00 p.m. and everybody in the company had already gone home; everybody but him. However, he hadn't noticed it until unexpectedly he felt a strange silence. He couldn't hear anything else than his breathing and the sound of his typing on the computer. He felt exhausted and sleepy so he decided to go to the kitchen for a cup of coffee. He was getting the coffee-pot ready when he saw a woman coming towards him.

"Good evening, Mr. Welsh. Let me help you," the woman offered him help to make the coffee and he was very thankful. "I'm not alone at all," he thought and went back to his office. Five minutes later the woman brought what seemed to be steaming and tasty coffee, put it on George's desk and left the office. He stood up in order to drink his coffee but as soon as he swallowed the first sip he spat it on the floor as it was disgusting and as cold as ice. Immediately he felt a strange and frightening cold around him and the image of that woman came to his brain as a horrifying memory.

At that very moment he recognized the woman. He couldn't believe his eyes. She had been murdered two years ago in one of the toilets of the company. Terrified, he left the office running. He could feel the woman's footsteps behind him. He was about to faint when he met one of the watchmen of the building coming towards him with a lantern because he had heard some strange noise. George could hear no one following him anymore and, in the end, he realized he was safe.

True (1) False (2) Not Stated (3).

1. The number 13 has a magical power.
2. A strange thing happened to George one day late in the evening.
3. George wasn't alone to stay late to finish the project.
4. The secretary helped him with coffee so that he could finish his work.
5. The coffee was hot and good and completely woke him up.
6. The woman that served George came to him in a dream.
7. The feeling of fear made George forget about his work and rush home.
8. Suddenly he realized that it was not a ghost but a watchman who was following him.

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