

DRUNK, STONED

BRITNEY SPEARS' disastrous performance at the MTV Video Music Awards came after a three-day booze and drug binge – with the troubled singer slugging back shots of vodka before she went on stage!

That's the real story behind Brit's onstage train wreck where she committed career suicide before a national TV audience. She barely lip-synced to her own song as she listlessly danced in an outfit that was far too revealing for her still-in-need-of-diet-and-exercise body.

The ENQUIRER has also learned that Britney, 25, tried to back out of the show at the last minute, popped a Xanax just before she



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STILL MORE PARTYING: Brit with Diddy, Paris Hilton and 50 Cent

went on stage, and sobbed like a baby after her dismal performance.

"Britney was completely numb (onstage) and it showed," a music industry insider told The ENQUIRER.

Before performing "she was backstage slugging down shots of vodka.

She thought it would calm her nerves, but all it did was make her dancing completely uninspired.

"Everyone was focused on her listless movements and praying that she wouldn't topple over!"

The troubled pop princess started sowing the seeds of

her pitiful Sept. 9 performance three days earlier – when she partied at the trendy L.A. club Opera from Thursday night until 2 a.m. on Friday.

On Friday she flew to Las Vegas, where she and her pals partied at the Hard Rock Hotel's nightclub Body English, the Luxor, the club Pure at Caesars Palace and the Mirage hotel's nightclub Jet.

After that, the gang headed back to Britney's hotel suite at the Palms for even more partying.

"Britney was drinking Grey Goose vodka. She was totally bombed," said the insider.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT, Britney partied at Jet, the Tangerine Lounge at Treasure Island and Body English, where she sat in the VIP section with rapper 50 Cent, heiress Paris Hilton

and Diddy and drank champagne.

Party-mad Brit didn't leave Body English until dawn – just 12 hours before her VMA performance!

After missing her first rehearsal on Sunday, Britney "showed up to rehearse several hours later, but she was out of it," a close friend revealed.

"She didn't do the full dance routine. Britney wasn't wearing her costume, and everyone was worried that she wouldn't go through with the performance."

Britney did show up to perform, but she had a meltdown backstage when her ex-husband Kevin Federline called to say their two young sons would be watching the show.

"Britney started yelling at Kevin that she didn't want the boys to watch because she felt her nearly naked body and provocative dance moves would be too much for them to see," said her friend.

"Kevin fired back: 'But you walk around the house naked all the time! What's the difference?'"

While getting last-minute touch-ups to her hair and makeup, Britney dropped a bombshell – telling producers she couldn't perform.

"Britney knew that her rehearsal hadn't gone well. But it was 10 minutes before she was supposed to go on stage – and the MTV bigwigs had a fit!" a source revealed.



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PARTY-GO-ROUND: Brit at Opera (above) in L.A., and the next day at Pure in Vegas



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K-Fed's wild weekend of drugs, booze & sex

BRITNEY SPEARS' ex-husband Kevin Federline snorted cocaine, guzzled vodka and had sex with a flock of hot young women during a wild Labor Day weekend. The ENQUIRER has learned exclusively.

K-Fed parked his two young sons with Britney in Los Angeles, then jetted to a ritzy resort in Arizona, where he and

After he *dumps kids* with Britney

his posse partied for two days, insiders say.

"The party was chock-full of women, alcohol and cocaine," a close source revealed.

"There's a handful of girls that

Kevin trusts and calls when he wants to party. He and his pals arranged for the girls to meet them in Arizona – and everyone partied for more than 48 hours straight."

THE WEEKEND STARTED with Kevin, 29, dropping his boys – Sean Preston and Jayden James – at Britney's house. Then he, his brother Chris and several friends headed for

Arizona, the close source revealed.

After checking into the Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa outside Scottsdale, the group showed up at a local hotspot, the Jackrabbit Supper Club & Lounge, shortly after midnight.

