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The real story behind BRITNEY'S VMA DISASTER

OUT OF IT: Britney during her VMA performance



"They told Britney that if she didn't go on, they'd sue her. So she agreed to go ahead."

Still nervous, Brit popped a Xanax before going on stage, said the source.

DRUNK, STONED AND WASTED, she shocked the VMA audience into silence with her train-wreck performance.

"When Britney came backstage afterward, no one said a word – no congratulations or anything. Everyone was totally stunned at how bad her performance was," said the insider.

"Britney knew it too. She started crying like a baby, sobbing loudly about how bad she'd been and wailing that she wanted to talk to her babies.

"But when she called Kevin's house, no one answered – and she cried even more."

Incredibly, Britney then just shrugged off her dreadful performance – and hit the Strip for more partying with her brother Bryan.

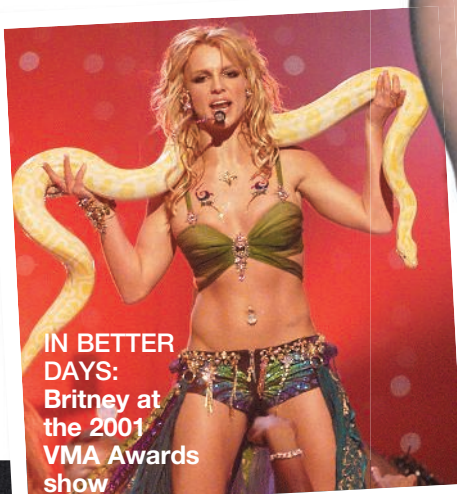
Meanwhile, insiders fear Britney has ruined her chance to rebuild her career.

"Britney obviously has a problem controlling her partying, and it showed when

she was onstage. She was sluggish, couldn't remember the words to her own song while lip-syncing and was completely out of step with her dancers," said a close friend.

"Britney needs to take this disastrous performance as a serious wake-up call that she needs help. It's crucial, not just for her career, but for her health and well-being that she stop partying."

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IN BETTER DAYS: Britney at the 2001 VMA Awards show



K-Fed gave Britney a run for her money over Labor Day weekend

"Kevin and his party asked to be seated in a part of the VIP section that was close to all the action. They ordered several bottles of Ketel One vodka at \$350 apiece," said a source at the club.

"They didn't come in with any girls, but within minutes ladies were clinging to Kevin. They all left right before the club closed at 2 a.m."

The gang settled into Kevin's hotel suite, where the party really cranked up, insiders say.

"Everyone, including Kevin, was drunk and high on cocaine," said the close source.

"Kevin had ordered more than 20 bottles of Grey Goose vodka and had the bar in his suite fully stocked for his friends. He also kept having eight-balls of cocaine delivered."

High-as-a-kite K-Fed was also having sex with different girls, the source revealed.

SOME OF THE GIRLS WHO joined the party had been picked up at the hotel pool where Kevin's bodyguard spotted them lying topless earlier

in the day, divulged the source.

"Kevin was doing this in front of other people in the suite, but his friends protected him. They were careful not to allow anyone to have a cell phone or camera out to take pictures."

The marathon party wrapped up on Monday, Sept. 3, and the gang flew back to Los Angeles. But Kevin – who's determined to prove Britney is an unfit mother so he can gain full custody of their boys – is already looking forward to the next wild bash.

Said the close source: "Kevin plans to have more parties outside of L.A."

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