

# THE ONE AND ONLY



## KOBE VANG

25

SCHOFIELD, WI

HT: SCHOFIELD, WI

LAB WORKER AT GREEN HECK

SINGLE / NO KIDS

 @kobe\_vang

TRIVIA: 13/20

GENRE: POP / R&B

INSTRUMENTS: N/A

## ABOUT

Kobe is a lifelong Wisconsinite who has earned everything in his life by hard work and perseverance. Currently working multiple jobs, Kobe comes from a low-income household and understood the cost of making a living early on. He would often sing to his 11 siblings – Justin Bieber, Ariana Grande, Usher, you name it – he would try and give a Grammy-winning performance in his living room every time. After years of bugging his family with solos, he decided to strike out on his own and give music a try, and now he's ready to show the world what he's got.



## THE DETAILS

- ⦿ Kobe had a tough upbringing, moving from home to home with 12 siblings in tow. Often, his father would have to choose between buying groceries and paying the bills—and he always chose groceries. Kobe saw the definition of sacrifice first hand and carries with him the same work ethic that he saw his parents have growing up.
- ⦿ Kobe works at a factory building fans where the hours can be grueling. He works on his feet all day and will often work so hard, he'll get carpal tunnel in his hands. But it's all worth it to be able to pay the bills, and he knows his co-workers have his back. On his first day on the job, Kobe lost his wallet and his new peers looked all over the factory for two hours trying to find it. Kobe realized at lunch that it was in his lunchbox the whole time, and the staff now looks back and laughs about that story.
- ⦿ Kobe is an entirely self-taught singer – other than being in choir in school growing up. Everything he knows, he taught himself, like the vibratos and riffs he picked up while listening to Ariana Grande and Usher. Without resources growing up, Kobe had to figure it out on his own, and he's a more well-rounded singer for it. His family didn't have the funds for fancy vocal coaches or classes.
- ⦿ If he wins the grand prize, Kobe already knows what he's doing with it. He is going to give a portion of it back to his parents as a thank you for all the years of hard work and sacrifice that allowed him to keep having big dreams. Ever since he was singing Justin Bieber in the living room, he's had dreams of being a star, and now he's one step closer to making those dreams a reality.



Casting Note: He appeared on Alter Ego (Fox) in 2021.  
Minimal airtime.

