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Important Lessons from My Cousin

Many say that success only belongs to those who have talent and luck. Ordinary people can never change their lives. It seems like a legit excuse to be lazy and unambitious. However, my cousin proved their pessimistic statement was wrong. The effort behind successful people is usually unimaginable. From this real-life example, I have learned a lot. Every time I draw back from hardship, I will always use her example as the force to push myself to overcome all the obstacles.

She was born in the late '80s in an ordinary worker's family. Unfortunately, her parents divorced, so my aunt was the one who raised her. Years later, my cousin got into one of the best high schools in the city successfully. Only a tiny portion of the students in the province are qualified to attend. Stressfulness is her worst rival. She must deal with an enormous amount of homework and tests each month. Because of health problems, when she graduated from high school, her mother could not go to work temporarily. Savings in the bank account can no longer fulfill tuition payments. When she struggles with her plan for the future, a tuition award letter relieves her hardship. A top-ten-ranking college in my home country sent an offer to her with a considerable amount of scholarship.

After receiving her bachelor's degree, she decided to study abroad in the United States and received her Master's degree. Eventually, she acquired a postdoc degree after

she came back. Years ago, my cousin established an interior design corporation focused on renovating and maintaining old constructions around the early 1900s. Under legal permission from the government, her team rescued numerous architectures.

Two years ago, my cousin opened a Café to raise awareness of ancient construction protection and host local architecture enthusiasts. During the conversation, many customers provide valuable suggestions about the renovation, which is crucial to her project planning. Many elders also joined this lively community.

My cousin not only taught me how to be diligent but also taught me how to work smarter and never be afraid to choose a desirable occupation. Income should not be the first consideration. When faced with adversity, always remember life won't be kind to you, but it is full of love. Put a smile on your face, then move on.