The Signifying Monkey

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Said the signifying monkey to the lion one day
Hey there's a great big elephant down the way
Going around talking I sorry to say
About you mama in a scandals way

Yeah, he's talking about your mama and your grandma too.
And he don't show too much respect for you.
Now you weren't there and I'm sho am glad
'cause what he said bout you mama made me mad

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but you better not monkey with me

The lion say yeah, well I'll fix him
I'll tear that elephant limp from limb
And he shook the jungle with a mighty roar
took off like a shot from a 44.

He found the elephant where the tall grass grows and said
I come to punch you in your long nose
The elephant looked up at the lion in surprise and said
Boy you better pick on somebody your size

The lion wouldn't listen he made a pass
the elephant slapped him down in the grass.
The lion roared and sprang from the ground
and that's when the elephant really went to town. I mean
he whupped that lion for the rest of the day.
And I still don't see how the lion got away.

But he dragged on off more dead than alive,
and that's when that monkey started his signifying jive

The monkey looked down and said oh wee, what is this beat up mess see.
Is that you lion hey hey do tell, man he whupped you head to fare-de well.
Give you beatin' that was rough enough , you suppose to be king of the jungle
ain't that some stuff
You big overgrown pussycat don't you roar
or I'll come down there and whupped you some more

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The monkey got to laughing jumping around having so much fun
but his foot missed the limb and he plunged to the ground
The lion was on him with all four feet
going to grind this monkey into hamburger meat

The monkey looked up with tears in his eyes, and said
please mister lion, I apologize I meant know please let me go
and I'll tell you something you really need to know.

The lion stepped back to hear what he said,
and that monkey scamped up the tree and got away
What I wanted to tell you the monkey hollowed then
That if you fool with me, I sic the elephant on you again

The lion just shook his head and said you jive
if you and your monkey children want to stay alive
up in them trees you better stay
And that's where they are to this very day.

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