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## Tracee Ellis Ross lets mom cloud her win



Poor Tracee Ellis Ross. She seemed to be riding high during the 40th NAACP Image Awards on Feb. 12.

She had just won an award for Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series for her now- canceled role on "Girlfriends." The CW unceremoniously killed the eight-season sitcom last year, but Ross' win proved the show is still a hit in fans, and NAACP members' eyes.

Too bad the victory was once again overshadowed by Ross' mom, Detroit-born diva Diana Ross.

Ross mentioned something about her mom being happy for her career during a press-room interview backstage at the Shrine Auditorium.

Taking that as a cue, one reporter asked what Diana Ross is up to and Tracee Ellis Ross lost it.

"I don't know and if I did know, I wouldn't tell you," said a wild-eyed Ross, 36, laughing to hide a pain we could never know. "This is my night and you're asking me about my mother. Why don't you call her?"

OMG! How did an innocent question prompt this response? Is everything OK in the Ross home? I mean jeeze. She brought up her mom first.

The reporter, of course, stopped talking and instead, took her shawl and covered her face. Yikes!

Later, when I asked if she was OK, the reporter said she was "scared of Tracee Ross."

Sad.