

## Don't Even Ask

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Jimmy has the worst marks in his class  
Scars over half his body and an arm in a cast  
"Oh that's just a rash it'll pass" Jimmy would say with  
a laugh  
But his smile wouldn't last cos it was only a mask  
Hiding a past that was still present  
And heaven knows what kind of future he must have  
Next day two of his fingers are smashed  
He says "don't even ask"  
Now Jimmy was a smart kid, always worked the hardest  
So willing to learn  
But teacher was a little concerned  
Cos when it's his turn to come to the front and read  
He'd plead for someone else to take the lead  
And teacher eventually agreed  
Jimmy just smiled so relieved  
Cos earlier he had a nosebleed and still had a smudge  
of blood on his sleeve  
But he need not be concerned with that  
They're too busy staring at the burns on the back of  
his neck  
He had no answer for that one yet  
Luckily no-one asked about it  
Bell rings, Jimmy grabs his bags and takes off in a  
dash, going nowhere fast  
But tomorrow he would limp back into class  
He'd say "don't even ask"  
Jimmy wears long shirts to hide the hurt  
And for a while it worked  
But his lies got worse  
His smile now a smirk as he tries to search to find the  
words to tell the nurse  
"Oh I just fell in the dirt"  
But she didn't look amused, more like confused  
Cos this excuse he'd already used the last time his  
shoulder was bruised  
And even then he refused medical attention  
And so no-one made mention of his pension for fractured  
tendons  
They just sent him back to class  
With just a pat on the ass and a hall pass  
He's fine now but how long will it last?  
What will he say next, car crash, whiplash?  
Don't even ask  
Monday started out fine  
Mother nature was kind as her sun shined down on all  
the kids standing in line  
And so the class makes an entrance teacher takes  
attendance  
Before handing out today's lesson  
"Lester" "Here", "Michelle" "Here", "Adrian" "Here"  
"Troy" "Here", "Jimmy"... "Jimmy?"  
Guess here's not here  
As they stare at his empty chair, no-one's seen him  
anywhere  
He wasn't downstairs, not in the playground  
Jimmy just ain't around

Jimmy was later found in his bath with one of his  
wrists slashed  
What could have led him down this path?  
Why would Jimmy do something so rash?  
Maybe if someone would have bothered to ask!