


**There's a documented history of EDS\***, you can see it, trace it through photographs of the old sideshow traditions of the circus, all of those people who lived in freak-shows or made their living as contortionists. You know those pictures of people 'The elastic man' where they can stretch their skin right out from their neck, that's type one EDS.

Or where you see a particular type of back bend in a photograph of a sideshow performer and you think 'that's EDS' because that kind of back bend is only possible with hyper mobility, a person without EDS couldn't do that.



Those entire contortionist families who are part of a circus: that's EDS. So there's **a whole invisible, yet visible history of peoples survival** and the ways that people have used their disabilities as a way to survive, it's there if you know what you are lookinn for



(\*Ehlers-Danlos syndrome)