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The mention of devils and demons in Swedish miracle tales of the Late Middle Ages is not unusual, but the frequency varies greatly from collection to collection. The occurrences may be grouped according to the role the devils or the demons play in the tales. One group of accounts uses the devil as an explanation for illness. Another group is similar to the first-mentioned, but is more detailed in its description of the circumstances surrounding the possession. The third group, which is the most interesting category for our purposes, accounts in detail for the devil's behaviour or the visions of the devil the afflicted person had, while the fourth group speaks about the devil as a tempter.

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