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Episode 11:

TOP 6 Cases of Demonic
Possession -
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Types of – Demonic Possession

TOP 6 CASES

2. 1928, USA: Anna Ecklund (pseudonym for Emma Schmidt, unconfirmed)



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This is one of the most publicized possession cases during the twentieth century. It was written about in a 1935 book entitled *Begone Satan* written by German author Reverend Carl Vogl.

Emma Schmidt was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, on March 23, 1882, then raised as a Catholic in Marathon, Wisconsin. Emma refused to submit to her father **Jacob's** incestuous requests and was then supposedly cursed by him and her aunt **Mina** (his concubine) who practiced witchcraft.

By 1896, at the age of 14, Emma began experiencing depression and severe issues when attending church and receiving communion. She developed a strong revulsion for holy objects.

She was examined by doctors who didn't find her mentally nor physically abnormal.

Emma was first possessed in 1908 at the age of 26 as a result of the efforts of her aunt Mina, the witch.



Father Theophilus Riesinger freed her from this possession on June 18, 1912.

But she became possessed again due to the curses hurled against her by her wicked father.

After exhibiting bouts of **diabolical possession** for nearly a dozen years, a major exorcism took place in 1928 in Earling, Iowa at a Franciscan convent.

Prior to the exorcism ritual, a well-meaning Sister had sprinkled holy water on the food meant for Emma.

The devil in Emma, however, would not be tricked; immediately upon receiving the food, the woman became terrible enraged about it, purring like a cat and completely refusing to eat it.

She was tightly bound to the bed to prevent devilish tricks. As soon as the ritual prayers begun, Emma sank into unconsciousness and remained in that state throughout the period of exorcism.

Father Theophilus had hardly begun the formula of exorcism in the name of the **Blessed Trinity**, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, a hair-raising scene occurred, as describe in *Begone Satan*:

With lightning speed the possessed dislodged herself from her bed and from the hands of her guards; and her body, carried through the air, landed high above the door of the room and clung to the wall with a tenacious grip. All present were struck with a trembling fear.

As the exorcism proceeded, a loud shrill voice entered the air: **Satan** howled as though he had been struck over the head with a club. Like a pack of wild beasts suddenly let loose, the terrifying noises sounded aloud as they came out of the possessed woman. Those present were struck with a terrible fear that penetrated the very marrow of their bones.

Different voices emanated from the possessed during the ritual. When Satan was asked in the Name of Jesus whether there were **more spirits** involved in the possession of the woman, he boastfully admitted that **there were a number of them present**. As soon as the name of Jesus was mentioned, he began through the woman to **foam and howl like a wild raving animal**.

When pressed for the names of the entities currently possessing the woman, four of them came forth: **Beelzebub** (one of the highest-ranking demons under Lucifer's legions),

Judas Iscariot (the disciple who betrayed Jesus), **Jacob Schmidt**, Emma's now deceased father, and his mistress **Mina** (the witch who had cursed Emma) both of whom were now now damned to hell.

The demons spoke English, German and Latin. The book *Begone Satan* outlines **bone-chilling dialogues** that took place between the Father and each of these evil entities.



The exorcism continued over many days. When the priest revealed the relic of the **True Cross** under his cassock, there were howls from **Satan**: *"Begone, begone. I cannot bear it. Oh, this is torture! It is unbearable!"*.

In addition, at the very mention of **St. Michael** (the Archangel) Satan began to recoil.

A **prayer to Mary the Immaculate Conception** caused a terrible bloating of the woman's body.

But Father Theophilus pressed on, knowing she would recover.

Finally, after 23 days, it was over. Emma smiled and for the first time in twelve years said: *"My Jesus, mercy! Praised be Jesus Christ!"*