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Spesunt, Bear - Mother

ganhads

The origin of the house of xpilaxe goes back to a place called gitwanlaksté' about 3 miles above minskinis ^{people of the island}

It is known to the Eskimos as ^{ang. ɔltɔn} ^{level} platinum, it is on the railroad side of the river.

They lived here with the laxkibu. The chief at the time was wits'ts. There was a great scarcity of food. Some of the ganhada hunters learned that there were plentiful salmon at the place now called gitseungalem. Many of them went west over the mountains to the lake, and found plenty of caribou and bear. In the spring they went down the river about 4 miles to a shallow place, constructed salmon traps, and made a new village, gitxandakt "people of binding". wits'ts left them and went back to his original village, then upriver farther to the gitwōgε. This fishing village had a large territory surrounding it called txasɔdɔbaxlɔ'ik (place where they moved up into the place of ^{upward move} hills") where they gathered berries.

Bear Myth: A young woman xpisunt went with a party to gather berries. She stepped on some bear excrement and made some disparaging remarks about bears. On the way home her packtrap broke ^{several times} and she was left behind. Two men in bear robes ^{appeared, and} accompanied her to a large house, and took her in. Mouse Woman ksɔmwudzim told her where she was and advised her to cover her excrement with one of her copper bracelets (giving her the right to ridicule the bear's excrement). She married

Meanwhile, back at the village, they realized she had been taken by the bears. When fall (hibernation time) came, her 10 brothers set out to find her, taking her pet dog 'mask (red). They went out one by one in order of age

all winter. Then the youngest went out with 'mask, across the Kalem liver to 'wigwanks large spring (Beaver liver) to a mountain. The woman recognized them and threw down some snow bearing the imprint of her hand. The man went up. (She had subs,) told him that her bear husband wanted to be killed so that he could accompany her to the village. Hunter speared bear. At village, woman's fa. erected a pole for ^{her} the young bears offspring could play, From top they could see other bear dens and told hunters, who killed off many bears. Then mother liberated them.

xpisunt had a sister wi'n lukt "by nest (of eagle)"

She went into the hills and saw a huge bird of the sky

Crests
'asowe'lgat
gax
ganao
gamats

asowe'lgat, and they added this to their list of crests. They already had (the gankads) the gax (Raven), gana'o (frog) and gamats (sterfish)

These people were still living at gitxandax
One summer no salmon came up. They went downriver to investigate, and at the canyon found a large slide wisgato large slide. So they moved downstream to the village of nisg.e'l at gitsamg.e'lam

They were joined later by other people, making one big village at gitsamgabum.