

"Suwigaus, brave of Galdos."

galdos' raid on Tsetsaut. Hakst, Glen Vowell, 1920.

[This is another version of suwigaus' raid on the Tsetsaut and the acquisition of the Shadows and Manup a Ice crests. This abstract is therefore very short.]

Because of Tsetsaut raids very few people were left at galdos'. Their warrior, suwigaus, had a daughter, and resolved that only the bravest man would marry her. suwigaus scouted out the Tsetsaut village of underground houses, and made himself an armoured grizzly bear skin. gutkwinuks of Kispayaka came and flung open suwigaus' noisy door [~~of~~ deer hoofs] and gave him presents, and was accepted as his son-in-law.

Preparations were made and a war party set off. Two days later they saw "wiggly things" gano'tsqon [shadows] in a lake and took it as a crest. They made camp under a tree in which a wild naked man was living. Several tried, but gutkwinuks was successful in pushing the creature out of the tree, and he gave it to suwigaus as a crest, the nidzapomlax g.a'n "man that lives in the tree". gutkwinuks put on the grizzly skin and enticed the Tsetsaut from their huts. The Tsetsaut men chased the bear, their arrows and spears having no effect, and were led into an ambush where they were all killed. suwigaus went into the holes and killed the women and children. They returned to galdos' victorious and with two new crests. They gave a great yuk (potlatch) and invited the Kufagas, Kispayaka, and Ketanmak people, and erected a pole bearing the two crests.

The pole is still there, in galds', in front of
the house of tsbe', laxkibu (The grizzly armour
was not a crest).