

I. TRADITIONS OF THE LĒGWILDA<sup>s</sup>X<sup>s</sup>.

1. Ēx<sup>s</sup>ēqā<sup>s</sup>lagemē<sup>s</sup> (Most-Beautiful-One).

This is our legend which I am telling of Most-Beautiful-One, the one whom you who live in the north call Qā<sup>s</sup>nēqē<sup>s</sup>lak<sup>s</sup>. These are the words that we heard from our ancestors the Unrivalled-Ones. It is said that Most-Beautiful-One came to make love to the four princesses of (Eagle-) Down-Dancer, who was living at Pm<sup>s</sup>lats. And Most-Beautiful-One was coming south from the north; and as soon as he came to Pm<sup>s</sup>lats he saw the Devil-Fish sitting on the ground on the trail; and Most-Beautiful-One borrowed the old-man mask of the Devil-Fish. At once the Devil-Fish took his old-man mask and gave it to him, and Most-Beautiful-One carried it when he went on. He went on the trail of the princesses of Down-Dancer, for Most-Beautiful-One knew about them.

As soon as he approached them, he put on the old-man mask of the Devil-Fish; and as soon as he had done so, he sat on the ground at the place where the four princesses of Down-Dancer were accustomed to walk every evening. He had not been sitting there long when Most-Beautiful-One heard their songs. They were feeling glad. And it was not long before the oldest one came in sight, and behind her were her three younger sisters. But the last one, the youngest

Gā<sup>s</sup>mēm<sup>s</sup> s<sup>s</sup> nū<sup>s</sup>yam<sup>s</sup>gāda gā<sup>s</sup>gwē<sup>s</sup>x<sup>s</sup>sāla lax Ēx<sup>s</sup>ēqā<sup>s</sup>lagmā<sup>s</sup>ē, yixēs gwō<sup>s</sup>yō<sup>s</sup>x<sup>s</sup>da<sup>s</sup>sōs Qā<sup>s</sup>nēqē<sup>s</sup>lakwa, yixēs gwā<sup>s</sup>gā<sup>s</sup>wa<sup>s</sup>yaaqōs. Wā, hē<sup>s</sup>ēm<sup>s</sup>tanu<sup>s</sup> s<sup>s</sup> wu<sup>s</sup>lēt qa wā<sup>s</sup>ldm<sup>s</sup>stnu<sup>s</sup> s<sup>s</sup> qū<sup>s</sup>l<sup>s</sup>sq<sup>s</sup>l<sup>s</sup>yag<sup>s</sup>wulāx<sup>s</sup>ganu<sup>s</sup> s<sup>s</sup> Wī<sup>s</sup>wāqlamek<sup>s</sup>. Wā, hē<sup>s</sup>maalasēxs grā<sup>s</sup>xāē lā<sup>s</sup>ā<sup>s</sup>tnā<sup>s</sup>ya, yix Ēx<sup>s</sup>ēqā<sup>s</sup>lagmā<sup>s</sup>ē lax mō<sup>s</sup>kwē k<sup>s</sup>lē<sup>s</sup>k<sup>s</sup>lēdēlts Qā<sup>s</sup>m<sup>s</sup>gūlāē, yixēs grō<sup>s</sup>kulāē lax Pē<sup>s</sup>m<sup>s</sup>latsa. Wā, lām<sup>s</sup>lā<sup>s</sup>wisē Ēx<sup>s</sup>ēqā<sup>s</sup>lagmā<sup>s</sup>ē nā<sup>s</sup>lō<sup>s</sup>h<sup>s</sup>lā grē<sup>s</sup>x<sup>s</sup>id lā<sup>s</sup>xwā gwa<sup>s</sup>fnakwēx. Wā, grī<sup>s</sup>tm<sup>s</sup>lā<sup>s</sup>wisē ē<sup>s</sup>xā<sup>s</sup>gāātāla lax Pē<sup>s</sup>m<sup>s</sup>latsaxs hā<sup>s</sup>ē dō<sup>s</sup>walē<sup>s</sup>laxa taq<sup>s</sup>wa<sup>s</sup> k<sup>s</sup>wadzā<sup>s</sup>las lā<sup>s</sup>xā tē<sup>s</sup>xīla. Wā, hē<sup>s</sup>x<sup>s</sup>īdām<sup>s</sup>lā<sup>s</sup>wisē Ēx<sup>s</sup>ēqā<sup>s</sup>lagmā<sup>s</sup>ē tē<sup>s</sup>k<sup>s</sup>ōx qū<sup>s</sup>Tyakumlas taq<sup>s</sup>wa<sup>s</sup>. Wā, hē<sup>s</sup>x<sup>s</sup>īdadzā<sup>s</sup>m<sup>s</sup>lāē q<sup>s</sup>ō<sup>s</sup>xōdē taq<sup>s</sup>wa<sup>s</sup>xēs qū<sup>s</sup>Tyakumle qa<sup>s</sup> tsā<sup>s</sup>wēs laq. Wā, ā<sup>s</sup>m<sup>s</sup>lā<sup>s</sup>wisē Ēx<sup>s</sup>ēqā<sup>s</sup>lagmā<sup>s</sup>ē dā<sup>s</sup>laq qa<sup>s</sup> lā qa<sup>s</sup>īda. Wā, lām<sup>s</sup>lāē lā<sup>s</sup>lāa lā<sup>s</sup>xā tē<sup>s</sup>xīlas k<sup>s</sup>lē<sup>s</sup>sk<sup>s</sup>lēdēlas Qā<sup>s</sup>m<sup>s</sup>gūlāē, qaxs qā<sup>s</sup>lā<sup>s</sup>māē Ēx<sup>s</sup>ēqā<sup>s</sup>lagmā<sup>s</sup>ēyāq.

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