

Mohawks and he told them that they would be waiting on the Restigouche river.

They made preparations to meet the Mohawks, and at the appointed time they were at the Restigouche river awaiting the arrival of the Mohawks. After a lapse of some time they discerned the Mohawk warriors coming on the other side of the river. One of the uncles spied the dead man's wife. She was held a captive. He secretly stole to her and succeeded in carrying her away from her captors. "Have no fear," he told her, "you shall not be put upon the flag-pole (spit)."

Evening came and an owl¹ appeared before the Micmacs. An old warrior cried out that the owl should be shot. The boy, therefore, took his bow and arrow and knocked it down. Then the battle commenced. Although Tunel was not present in the fight, other ginaps were there. The Micmacs routed the Mohawks and rescued their woman. The battle lasted for three days and three nights, and many were slain.

¹ An owl is a bird of ill omen, but moreover, according to Micmac belief, shamans usually transform themselves into an owl rather than any other bird, whenever they either wish to escape detection or wish to spy on someone. Here the Micmacs evidently thought it was a shaman of the Mohawks who was spying on them.