

- **Nicknames:** Shi-Shi (only by his family), Chief (by the rest of his tribe), Mothman (in popular culture)
- **Race:** Galena
- **Class:** Former Leader of the Galena Tribe; formerly a warrior
- **Age:** 306
- **Body Type:** Tall, heavily built
- **Height:** 9'6"
- **Weight:** 375lbs
- **Complexion:** Lightly tanned
- **Hair:** Relatively short, unkempt hazel brown hair.
- **Eyes:** Dark, hazel brown eyes that shine with a light crimson color.
- **Scars:** A couple dot his body from various accidents over the years.
- **Relationship Status:** Presumed to be widowed; desires
- **Likes:** Traveling, nature, trees, high places, tall buildings
- **Birthdate:** March 17th, 1713
- **Birthplace:** Born in what would become Cherokee County, Kansas

Like one would expect from the strange mysterious Galena Tribe, Shilus has a rather strange appearance. His outfit is primarily made out of cow leather, though it has clearly seen better days. It consists of a dark brown, sleeveless leather top, it's covered in a light coat of cow fur along with a pair of brown pants and boots made from a similar material, to finish it off, he wears a pair of what appears to be deer antlers around his head, fashioned like a crown. Though his outfit does leave much to the imagination, his body, however, is considerably more interesting. Though his eyes are human in appearance, the color is quite different from the usual humans. It's a dark, brown colored eyes that shine a deep crimson color when light is shining on them, it makes appear as if they're glowing. On his head are a pair of brown antennae, much like a normal moth would have. Of course, no moth would be complete without a pair of beautiful wings, and Shilus is no exception. His wings are relatively large, spanning nearly 16 feet when completely spread out, they appear similar to an atlas moth, perfect for camouflaging purposes. Like many of his tribe, he carries a weapon for hunting and protection; he carries the Chief's Spear, a specially crafted weapon; the pole is made of a strong oak wood and the tip and

decorations are made of the bones of bison, it's a sharp and regal weapon passed down to the new chief of the tribe.

In spite of the tragedy that had befallen his tribe years ago, Shilus remains a rather free spirited and happy individual, he is typically calm and quiet. He enjoys being able to explore the areas around him and often spends plenty of time in the skies or hiding in the trees of the forests he resides in. Though a curious soul, he will often hide when he spots a human due to what happened to his people; he's unsure if they would treat him well or if they'd attack him, until he's able to confirm, he'll keep himself hidden. While he's a skilled warrior, he prefers not to fight if he doesn't have to. While cautious, his curious nature often causes him to do rather stupid things and because of that, he's come close to being spotted several times and thanks to him, the Mothman myth is alive and well. He is genuinely a kind hearted creature and will often do what he can to help those in need, often helping lost hikers find their way out of whatever forest he lives in and will even ward off attackers. Though generally kind and calm, Shilus has a bit of a temper and once enraged, he frequently yells and screams, sometimes even physically lashing out. He has a desire to start a romantic relationship in the future, but the lack of his kind makes it difficult to do so.

Like many of his fellow tribe members, he's got plenty of advantages that helped his race thrive for as long as they did. First and foremost, his wings grant him sustained flight and can fly for well over an hour before having to rest, so long as he isn't going too fast. He isn't the most agile nor due his wings allow for the greatest maneuverability, so speed is a bit of an issue, though they do allow him to glide when necessary. He has a large amount of strength and stamina, being able to fight for an extended period of time, though he doesn't often fight unless necessary, however his speed is considerably poorer, while he can hit hard, he cannot hit quickly nor can he avoid incoming attacks too well. His eyes grant him the ability to see in the dark and his vision is considerably stronger than a human's. His antennae allow him to sense vibrations in the air and it strengthens his sense of hearing, allowing him to detect others long before he sees them. Like the rest of his tribe, he has two important abilities that sets them apart from humans, besides from his wings. They can control fire, sort of. They are capable of creating small balls of fire, though these have little use offensively beyond just throwing them at opponents, rather they're mostly used to mark territories or to signify strength and position within the tribe. The deeper

the flame's color, the stronger they are, and Shilus is in position of a deep golden flame, the golden color signifies his position as the tribe's chief.

## The Tribe

Though merely a myth today, the Galena were once a Native American tribe located near the area of present day Galena, Kansas and Schermerhorn Park in Cherokee County, Kansas. Prior to being scattered and relegated to a local legends, they were known as the Moth People. Having a population of around 300 moths at their peak, the group was known for having strong agriculture and hunting abilities with them living directly off the land. They grew a number of crops, herded bison, deer, pigs, and cows, and often hunted to supplement their diet. They were also known for their beautifully patterned wings and uniquely colored eyes that seemingly glowed at night. Unfortunately for this prosperous tribe, they faced many of the same trials other Native Americans had faced, like many other tribes, they had effectively been forced off their land to make way for the town ironically named after the tribe they forced out.

## Tribal Structure

The tribe has a relatively basic structure; the Galena are led by a chief with a relatively simple line of succession. Once every thirty years, eight of the strongest males in the group will do battle with one another. In a bit of a tournament, each of these males will fight until the other had been killed with the last standing male becoming the new chief. After they had been crowned chief, they will be required to choose their wife just a few days afterwards. The wife effectively becomes second in command, her word is law and is only overridden by her husband. Besides from the chief, his wife, and their children, every member of the tribe will have a role in the tribe and to signify their role in the tribe, each member has a specially colored flame, it changes as the role is changed. Regardless of their role, all members of the tribe are trained in combat. These roles and colors are as follows.

**Gold - Chief of the Tribe** - The dominant and strongest male member of the tribe, their word is law. They lead the tribe at all times, during both the hard and easy times. They're expected to join the warriors in times of battle and are expected to join the hunters in search of wild game. Once every thirty years, a new chief will ascend to the position, carrying on the tradition. Besides the Twelve Orders given to

them by their gods, they can change any rule they want and their word is law. Disobeying their orders can lead to executions.

**Silver - Chief's Wife** - The wife of the chief; their word is law and unless overridden by the chief, the other members will obey her every word. Around the start of the reign of the new chief, they'll choose and marry their next wife. It's her duty to raise the chief's children, nurture them, and ensure that they grow up strong and happy. They're also expected to be completely submissive and loyal to their husband. The chief's wife is expected to be a strong and capable warrior, often joining the other warriors in times of strife.

**Red - Warrior** - This role comprises the strongest members of the tribe, unlike many roles, it isn't separated by gender, though it is male dominated. Both males and females are welcome to join the ranks of the warriors. They're expected to fight off those that would threaten the tribe, whether they be internal or external threats. So far, every chief has had the warrior role at some point in their life. Warriors are trained in the art of archery and trained in the use of spears and hand to hand combat.

**Blue - Medic/Nurse** - Those in this role take care of ensuring everyone is healthy and happy. They develop cures for common ailments, help those who had been injured, and will be there to ensure those dying will die in peace. This has historically been a female dominated role.

**Green - Gatherer** - They will join the hunters in trips to gather herbs and plants, mostly those used in medicine by the medics. They're to ensure the plants will be effective and that they aren't going to harm anyone. This has traditionally been a rather diverse role, though women are more likely to take it.

**Black - Weaponsmith** - These moths are the ones who design and maintain weapons for the warriors of the tribe, they'll collect materials to be used, prepare them, and design the weapons before distributing them. Only males are allowed to take this role.

**Purple - Guard** Like the warriors, they're trained in the art of combat, but they're specifically used to guard the folks within the tribe, they defend them from crime within the tribe and is the tribe's last line of defense.

**Pink - Farmer** Their role is what you should be expected, they're responsible for herding animals, butchering them, and ready for consumption. When butchering animals, they'll be sure to completely separate the skin from the meat and the meat from the bones in order to ensure that every part of the animal goes to good use. They primarily keep bison, chickens, pigs, deer, cows, and a few other animals. In addition, they work hard to grow and harvest a number of crops, primarily corn, potatoes, tomatoes, and cabbages.

**Cyan - Mentors** - These moths take the role of educating the children, preparing them for their path in life. Females primarily take this role, though injured or elderly males will take the role as well.

**Brown - Hunter** The role is self explanatory, they'll go out and hunt wild game in times of meat shortages, often going for deer, boar, duck, geese, and other birds. All hunters are expected to be trained in archery. This is a male dominated role, though women occasionally join them.

**Magenta - Childcare** Another self explanatory role, this role is reserved purely for women and is often relegated to the wives of the males. Whenever their husbands are busy with whatever work they have, they'll stay behind to take care of the children.

## **History of the Tribe**

The tribe dates back to around 300 years prior to the arrival of the European settlers to North America, with their original territory being near present day Austin, Texas. It's unclear what made them move, but it's believed that a shortage of food in the area. Due to that, they trekked through a number of places in present day Oklahoma and eventually in what would become Cherokee County, Kansas. They quickly became more and more progressive after arriving in their new home, they would make great use of the lake and the caves that dotted the territory. From the fifteenth to around the mid-19th century, the tribe prospered and lived in peace, with the only

skirmishes coming from other tribes that surrounded their territory, and these skirmishes lasted for less than a few days and resulted in few casualties on either side.

Unfortunately for the Galena, things would change in January of 1860, just five years before the Civil War would come to an end, 31 years after the Indian Removal Act, and a year before Kansas would become, their prosperous lifestyle would be threatened. Settlers from Missouri would arrive in the area in order to take advantage of the abundance of lead and other natural resources, something the Galena weren't aware of. All of their weapons and housing material had been made out of wood and animal parts, so they had little use for metals like that.

Unfortunately, while the tribe was filled with trained warriors and had been capable of flight, they had effectively been forced off their territory due to the settler's superior weaponry. They greatly outnumbered the settlers and the first few months of the skirmish was in the Galena's favor, but unfortunately, when you're met with superior weaponry, tactics, and the government of a large country, you're doomed to fail.

The skirmish, known as the Battle of Galena by historians, lasted for nearly two years and ended with the Galena scattering. If they hadn't been killed by their opponents, they had fled. Some fled deeper within what would be known as Schermerhorn Cave and others fled the Kansas Territory, many had gone east. Among these was Chief Shilus who fled for the Ohio River and had lived there for nearly the next century, shamed and dishonored for fleeing when he should've stayed to fight, he quietly prayed that his wife and children had survived along with others of their kind, though he hoped not to run into others of his kind. Following their scattering, the Galena had fallen in folklore status as there wasn't so much of a trace of their existence. The last supposed sighting was of none other than Chief Shilus who had supposedly been spotted just before the collapse of the Silver Bridge in December of 1967, giving birth to the Mothman myth.

## **The Moth People**

The Galena are an interesting bunch with a number of nifty abilities and an appearance unlike anything that had ever roamed the Earth. They are largely humanoid in appearance, just much taller and of course, have a pair of moth-like

wings and antennae that resemble that of the atlas moth. Males can grow up to 10ft and weigh up to around 500lbs, females can attain heights of around 8ft and weigh up to around 450lbs. Their eyes grant them powerful vision and can even see in the dark, though they're most active during the day when the sun is at its peak. They are capable of sustained flight and can fly for well over an hour without needing to rest, and if they're trained properly, their stamina is frightening. They are relatively strong, though they aren't very agile or nimble. A healthy Galena can live for well over 700 years, with them only showing signs of old age well into their 500s. They have two very important abilities, both of which aid them in their survival; they are capable of creating small fireballs of varying colors, the color doesn't change the amount of damage or how hot it is; though this doesn't matter as they have very little offensive use, they're mostly used to mark territory or to ward off attackers. They can also induce a form of hypnosis, they can't just wipe away memories, but the hypnosis will make it seem like what their victim saw was nothing more than a dream or hallucination.

Galena society is what many would consider to be fairly sexist in many aspects. It is very much a male dominated society with males taking on many of the important roles, including leadership, hunting, combat, and guardianship while women are often relegated to being the caretaker of the home, raising the children, and just in general being the one to ensure the family is alive and well. They're expected to be completely submissive and loyal to their husbands, though this isn't to say women aren't allowed to take on more male dominated roles, but it'll be considerably more difficult for them. Religion is a huge deal, though this will be discussed in another section.

## **The Fate of the Galena**

Following the Battle of Galena (1860-62), the Moth People had largely been killed off or forced to flee their homes. Those that fled their territory faced new troubles. Some went out west towards the Rocky Mountains, others went towards the Mississippi River. Those that went west were unable to adapt to their new homes and unfortunately, this led to a large number of them ultimately passing away, the ones that went east were a bit more successful, but still faced similar troubles. Those that managed to survive had gone into hiding fearing what might happen if they had been found and due to this, it's believed that they had either gone extinct or were

just a product of local folklore, with the last reported sighting being in 1873 near western Alabama and more recently, it was rumored that the Galena might've had something to do with the 1967 collapse of the Silver Bridge as one was reportedly spotted just before it collapsed. To this day, nobody can really be sure if they had actually existed, though the Galena had indirectly been responsible for the creation of the Mothman myth and in 1877, a town had been named after them, becoming known as Galena, Kansas.

## Religion

The Galena had worshiped twelve deities, each with an Order given to the tribe to follow without fail. Each deity is based on a different animal and they are as follows:

**Galena, the Moth God** - The namesake of the tribe, the Moth God is often associated with the sun, fire, and light. He is the Chief God and is considered to be the most important of the twelve. His Order is known as the Order of Compassion, his orders requires tribesmen to show compassion and love to those within the tribe, acting as a beacon of light for others.

**Seren, the Bison God** - Seren is often associated with strength. His Order is known as the Order of Might and it requires all tribesmen to be trained in the art of combat, every man, woman, and child will be trained in order to one day help defend or provide for their fellow moths.

**Takdum, the Eagle Goddess** - She is often associated with courage. Her Order is known as the Order of Courage and it states that all members of the tribe must never back down in any situation, even if their life is on the line. Unfortunately, this Order was broken during the Battle of Galena.

**Lognas, the Snake God** - He is often associated with intelligence and cleverness. His Order is known as the Order of Wisdom and it requires all members to learn as much as they can, to study everything they can, to have a sense of adventure and curiosity.

**Modlous, the Bear Goddess** - She is often associated with generosity. Her Order is known as the Order of Charity and it requires all members to help those who have

been less fortunate, to share what they can when they can. Moths are to look out for each other, though they can't always expect free handouts.

**Ymus, the Praying Mantis God** - He is often associated with war and combat. His Order is known as the Order of Blood; though Seren requires moths to be trained, Ymus requires all moths to be willing to put their lives on the line in order to keep the chief and the tribe alive and well, they must be willing to sacrifice themselves for the good of the tribe.

**Adall, the Centipede God** - He is often associated with integrity and companionship. His Order is known as the Order of Integrity and requires all moths to never turn their back on a fellow member in their time of need, to always be there for their families no matter the circumstance.

**Kulin, the Dove Goddess** - She is associated with love and sexuality. Her Order is known as the Order of Courtship and requires that all moths will have to eventually settle down with a mate. Though homosexuality isn't frowned upon in the group, she requires that every man will marry a woman and that every woman will marry a man. Women are expected to be submissive to their husbands, no matter the circumstance. This also requires a couple to have a couple children.

**Dyris, the Turtle God** - He is frequently associated with longevity and health. His Order is known as the Order of Well Being, this requires all moths to live healthy lifestyles, both in body and spirit. The moths are expected to take care of their bodies, minds, and spirits in an effort to please the Twelve Deities.

**Genos, the Robin Goddess** - She is frequently associated with leisure and pleasure. Her Order is known as the Order of Joy and requires that while all moths are expected to live healthy lifestyles, they should also take time to relax. This includes alcoholic drinks, games, and even being a bit promiscuous.

**Phabin, the Wolf God** - He is often associated with death. His Order is known as the Order of Death, this requires that all moths receive an honorable burial after they had been killed. Members of the tribe will gather to pay their respects and say their goodbyes. Prior to the Battle of Galena, the moths were buried around the caves of their homes, marked with a few stones to commemorate them.

**Ranos, the Falcon Goddess** - She is often associated with honesty, honor, and truthfulness. Her Order is known as the Order of Honor and it requires all moths to always be truthful, to never do wrong to a fellow moth, and if they do, to be prepared for the consequences. Her Order says that if you're caught breaking tribe law, you'll be punished however the victim sees fit.

## **The Galena and the Myth of the Mothman**

Following the end of the Battle of Galena, the tribe had scattered and fallen in obscurity and eventually into folklore, sightings had popped up in the past 60 years, giving birth to the Mothman cryptid. Large, moth like wings, a humanoid figure with glowing red eyes, said to be an omen of death. Recent sightings have always occurred just days or even hours before disasters that resulted in many deaths, with the Silver Bridge collapse being the most notable. Today, it's largely accepted that these myths are just... myths, nothing more, nothing less, but there are plenty that believe that the Mothmen exist and are more than just myths.

Born in what would become the Kansas Territory, Shilus was born to Ania and Notune Ezai, a warrior couple that prided themselves on their skill in battle, being masters of the spear. They were often on the front aiding other warriors in the off chance that they found their territory under attack. From an early age, they would train their young son in hopes that he would eventually follow in their footsteps. Much of his childhood was fairly uneventful besides from Shilus confirming his place among the Galena's warriors. At around his 120th birthday, he would end up losing his parents to illness and like others in the tribe, they had been given an honorable funeral in order to immortalize the service they had given the tribe. Following their deaths, Shilus would work hard to continue his training, hoping to make his parents proud of him, though he had a new goal. He had desired to eventually become Chief of the Galena. Fast forward to his 147th birthday and the tournament would roll around, this time, Shilus had entered.

It was a long and gruesome affair, but ultimately, Shilus proved to be a tenacious and skilled warrior in his own right, being more than capable of striking down even the toughest of opponents. Following the tournament, he

had gotten married to his longtime lover, Cisara. The two shared a relatively happy relationship and had fathered two daughters, Tiona and Itia. Like his parents, he would work on training his children in the art of combat, but unfortunately despite a flourishing tribe under his leadership, problems would arise nearly 20 years into his tenure. Settlers from the east desired their territory and had intended to settle it in order to take advantage of the lead and numerous other natural resources discovered there. They had two choices; they could either sell their land to the settlers, who had offered a large sum of money and supplies or they would be forced off the land. Having little use for money or the other supplies being offered to them, they chose to fight for their territory. This was a grave mistake on Shilus' part; while they had superior numbers, they were inferior in every other category. Weaponry, tactics, aid, medicine, and so much more.

The battle lasted for two years and ultimately ended in the scattering of the Galena. Feeling shameful and dishonored for such a heavy loss on his people, Shilus had fled the scene, hoping to never reunite with another Galena. He had never found out if his wife and daughters survived the ordeal, but it's probably for the better. For the next few decades, Shilus had hid out near the Ohio River that separated Ohio from West Virginia, specifically near where the Silver Bridge would be constructed. Despite his natural curiosity, he had managed to keep himself hidden from the world following the battle and would only be spotted just hours before the collapse of the very bridge that he had watched being constructed. Following the disaster, Shilus had fled the area, this time making his way for the mountains of West Virginia, hoping to keep himself hidden once again, though he'll make himself known purely by accident and it's thanks to this little sightings of his that the Mothman legend is as popular as it is. Today, he remains in hiding in the Appalachian Mountains, though he's unsure of what to do with himself at this point.