

Pra-maganda is the name of a prince in the Rigveda,¹ where he is mentioned as the king of the Kikāṭas, and where he seems to be designated by the epithet *naicāsākha*, 'belonging to a low branch or race.' On the other hand, Yāska² takes Pramaganda to mean the 'son of a usurer,' an explanation that is hardly probable. Hillebrandt³ thinks that *naicāsākha* refers not to Pramaganda, but to the Soma plant, the plant being called *nīcāsākha*, 'having shoots turned downwards,' and that the passage refers to a raid against the Kikāṭas, who were not observers of the milk cult or the Soma cult, with the intention of winning their lands where the Soma grew and where there were cows. Böhtlingk,⁴ however, questions this view, which is not very probable. A place name is possibly meant by *Naicāsākha*.⁵ The name Pramaganda seems un-Āryan.

¹ iii. 53, 14.

² Nirukta, vi. 32.

³ *Vedische Mythologie*, I, 14-16, 241-245.

⁴ *Proceedings of the Saxon Academy*, December 12, 1891.

⁵ Sāyaṇa, in his introduction to his commentary on the Rigveda, p. 4.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 31; Ludwig, *Translation of the Rigveda*, 6, 153; Geldner, *Rigveda, Kommentar*, 58.

Pra-mandanī is the name of an Apsaras in the Atharvaveda.¹ Probably the word primarily denoted a certain sweet-scented plant, which seems to be the sense of *pra-manda* in the Kausika Sūtra.²

¹ iv. 37, 3.

² viii. 17; xxv. 11; xxxii. 29; *niṣpra-manda*, xxxvi. 15. Cf. Zimmer, *Altin-*

disches Leben, 69; Caland, *Altindisches Zaubervitual*, 15, n. 11.

Pra-mara in one passage of the Rigveda¹ is taken by Ludwig² to be a proper name.

¹ x. 27, 20.

² *Translation of the Rigveda*, 3, 165.

Pra-mota is the name of some sort of disease in the Atharvaveda,¹ according to the St. Petersburg Dictionary. Zimmer,² however, thinks that the word must be an adjective meaning 'dumb.' This view is accepted, though with doubt, by Whitney³ and by Bloomfield.⁴

¹ ix. 8, 4.

² *Altindisches Leben*, 378, n.

³ *Translation of the Atharvaveda*, 550.

⁴ *Hymns of the Atharvaveda*, 601.