

Nyaṅku is the name of an animal in the list of victims at the *Āśvamedha*, or 'horse sacrifice,' in the *Yajurveda Saṃhitās*.¹ It seems clear that a kind a 'gazelle' is meant, but the commentary on the *Taittirīya Saṃhitā*¹ suggests 'bear' (*rkṣa*) as a variant rendering.

¹ *Taittirīya Saṃhitā*, v. 5, 17, 1; *Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā*, iii. 14, 9; *Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā*, xxiv. 27. 32. Cf. metre *nyaṅku-sāriṇī*, 'with a gazelle's gait,' is already mentioned in the *Ṛgveda Prātisākhya*, xvi. 31; *Chandas*, 5; *Nidāna Sūtra*, i. 2.

Ny-astikā seems in the *Atharvaveda*¹ to denote a plant of some kind, identified by the scholiast with the *Śaṅkhaṣṭikā* (*Andropogon aciculatus*).

¹ vi. 139, 1. Cf. Whitney, Translation of the *Atharvaveda*, 385; Bloomfield, *ymns of the Atharvaveda*, 539, 540.

Ny-ocanī is found in the marriage hymn of the *Rigveda* (x. 85, 6), where some kind of ornament worn by women seems to be meant. The commentator *Sāyaṇa* interprets it as 'female slave.'

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Pakti denotes a cooked object, probably a kind of 'cake,' in the *Saṃhitās*.¹ One who cooks food is called **Pakṭr**.²

¹ *Rv.* iv. 24, 5. 7; 25. 6. 7; vi. 29, 4; *Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā*, xxi. 59, etc. ² *Av.* x. 9. 7. 11. 25; xi. 1, 17; xii. 3, 17; *Satapatha Brāhmaṇa*, iii. 3, 4, 17; x. 4, 2, 19.

Paktha is the name of a people in the *Rigveda*,¹ where they appear as one of the tribes that opposed² the *Trtsu-Bharatas* in the *Dāśarājña*, or 'battle of the ten kings.' Zimmer³ compares

¹ vii. 18. 7. ² Roth, *Zur Litteratur und Geschichte des Weda*, 95, thought that the Pakthas were allies of the *Trtsus*, but this view is certainly incorrect. Cf. Hopkins, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 15, 260. ³ *Altindisches Leben*, 430, 431.