Nakas or Sindi?

In a house a wife sat near her husband sewing patches on clothes. She said to her man, "Yahu\(^1\), give me that nakas\(^2\)."

"The name for that is sindi\(^3\), not nakas."

"Nakas," said the wife.

"Sindi," said the husband.

"Nakas!"

"Sindi!"

"Yahu, this is called nakas. Don't say it is something else!"

"No, it is called sindi!"

"Nakas!"

"Sindi!"

The man was becoming rather nervous by this time. He took his wife to the seashore and said to her, "I will throw you into the sea! Now, tell me, is it sindi or nakas?"

"Nakas," said the woman.

"Is it sindi or nakas?" asked the man again.

"Nakas," answered the woman.

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1. Yahu is often an intensifying word. Used as it is here, it usually has a suggestion of reproach.

2. Nakas is the term for a regular pair of scissors.

3. Sindi ordinarily refers to a large pair of shears—the cutting shears used by tailors in cutting out patterns.
Her husband threw the woman into the sea. When she was close to death and her hand could barely be seen above the water, the husband shouted, "Tell me now. I can still save you—which it is. Is it sindi or makas?"

"Makas! Makas!" shouted the woman, maintaining her obstinacy and finally drowning in the sea.