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In a Name

What was the Tibetan name  
for that tiny red, crescent-shaped berry?

Sweet-sour punch in the mouth.  
Our friend Pema pulled them off a bush,

handed us each one. I can taste the bite  
and pop, the squinched juice.

How he flinched when I asked  
*What's it like in Tibet?* Meaning

further west, meaning Lhasa.  
He spat: *This is Tibet.*

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