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Dragon's Teeth

*Let the poet's voice lose all its measure and joints,
its character will not be changed by this; even the
fragments will be beautiful.*

—Montaigne

A small wallet
of dragon's teeth
is so potent that
one wonders why
forces are raised
any other way.
The sower has a
crop of soldiers
in under a day.
Nonetheless
interest in
packets of these
pointed seeds stays
unaccountably low
across the
many fields
where they
would grow.