

## Walker 1581

### [Chapter 1581 A Complex Source Vein](#)

"That's certainly a big Immortal Stone." Lin Mu looked at the large crystal which was entirely composed of High Grade immortal stones.

They had grown so much that they had now fused into a single entity.

"Just a thousand years or so and they might have turned into Peak Grade immortal stones perhaps." Xukong spoke up seeing the large chunk.

"Mhmm... if this place was left untouched it might have really become a Peak Grade Immortal Stone mine. But for us, even this is enough." Lin Mu replied.

He closed his eyes for a moment before activating Spatial perception. With that, he gazed directly at the large chunk of High Grade Immortal stones. Or more accurately, Lin Mu was trying to see where the source vein of the entire mine was exactly.

He wished to take it out in a single cluster, instead of cutting thus it was important for him to know its exact shape and size. But with the high concentration of Immortal Qi that was within these crystals, it was hard for Lin Mu to observe.

It was like trying to look at something through dense mist. Even with Spatial Perception, it was quite difficult for Lin Mu.

"Hmm... I can barely see the edges of it." Lin Mu furrowed his brows.

"Chip away from the sides bit by bit. That way you should be able to find the core of it." Xukong advised.

"I'll try that." Lin Mu nodded his head.

Lin Mu then focused on the upper layers of the crystal chunk and used meld on the parts he was sure about being High Grade Immortal stone.

Even when cutting, he didn't make a wide cut, but rather a straight deep cut that wasn't even a centimeter wide in size. His allowed Lin Mu to reduce the area that he affected, as well as keep the quality of the Immortal Stone chunk.

It was a well known fact that larger sized chunks maintained their Immortal Qi well and could also be used for many applications. The only reason they were even carved was to make them a lot more convenient. But this came at the cost of reducing their quality by a bit.

Even among the same grades of Immortal stones, the size could determine their value.

A raw chunk of uncut Immortal stone was usually worth a lot more than smaller standardized versions. These were even auctioned off many times since they were needed for large scale arrays and more.

Lin Mu could use it for the same reason as well, and thus wanted to keep it intact for later if he could.

"Hmm... It's deeper than I thought." Lin Mu muttered, realizing that he had still not sensed the Peak Grade Immortal Stones nor the Source Vein.

He carefully controlled Meld and cut deeper, making sure that he didn't go more than a centimeter at a time. After a few more repetitions, Lin Mu finally felt the change in the density of Immortal Qi.

'I've hit the peak grade Immortal Stone!' Lin Mu was excited.

This was the first time he was seeing Peak Grade immortal stones. They were considered a rare resource so much so that they had a tactical advantage. After all, not only were they needed for large scale arrays, they were the chief component of Peak Grade Immortal weapons.

And any Peak Grade Immortal weapon was highly valuable and difficult to make.

Their numbers were also limited and only Peak immortals were capable of using them to the full extent.

While Lin Mu couldn't make a Peak Grade Immortal Weapon, he could very well use it for an array if he wished to. It would certainly help him in improving his skills with formation arrays as well as improve his control over the more complex Qi circuits.

Such circuits needed Peak Grade Immortal stones to power them, thus practicing them was simply impossible unless one had them. This was also the reason why formation masters could hit a ceiling if they did not have resources to progress further.

'I still need to look deeper.' But this was not Lin Mu's aim after all.

What he had come here for was exponentially more valuable than the Peak Grade immortal stones. It was the very source vein of this entire mine.

"I need to make the cuts even smaller." Lin Mu reduced the size of the incisions to barely a millimeter.

He did not wish to nick the surface of the source vein. The more intact it was, the better effect it would have. Lin Mu thus began cutting in tiny increments until finally he felt a gust of pure Immortal Qi hitting his face.

~huh~

Lin Mu took a deep breath, feeling refreshed from the burst of Immortal Qi. It was so thick that vapors of it actually settled on his face!

"That's enough!" Xukong warned Lin Mu to stop.

Lin Mu immediately stopped and reassessed the situation. Now that he had a baseline depth to go along with, using Spatial Perception became a bit easier. He could now see the outline of the source vein a lot more clearly.

At the very least, he could estimate where the edges of it were. Which was important as the source vein was irregularly shaped.

'It's almost like a deformed spindle.' Lin Mu thought seeing its shape.

There were ridges and bulges along its long body that swerved around its axis. This made the peak grade immortal stones fuse with it deeply, thereby making Lin Mu's task more difficult.

~Sigh~

"This'll take a while to grasp... but it'll help as training too." Lin Mu muttered.

Whenever Lin Mu used Meld, it was usually in the form of a fixed geometric shape like a square, rectangle or a cuboid. But now he needed to adjust it according to the shape of the source vein.

This was not a simple task and Lin Mu had to utilize his spatial perception along with Meld in order to get the right shape. By the time Lin Mu finally managed to adjust it, his forehead was covered in sweat!

#### [Chapter 1582 Expansive Mine And A Stuck Kitten](#)

"Haa... I certainly feel like I've improved." Lin Mu said after seeing his handiwork.

In his hands he held an immensely precious resource... The Source vein of a High Grade immortal stone mine!

It was barely a meter long, but its overall shape was irregular. It had taken Lin Mu over ten hours of work to get the shape right before he was finally able to use Meld to cut it out from the rest of the cluster.

The source vein shimmered in a chromatic light and gave one a refreshing feeling if they touched it. Even now, when it was detached from the main cluster, it was still condensing and emitting Immortal Qi.

There were very few people that would ever be able to hold an Immortal stone mine's source vein like this. In fact, even Transcendent Immortals would not dare to cut one out like this.

After all, it basically meant destroying an Immortal Stone mine that could continually supply Immortal stones to them for hundreds of thousands of years.

As for implanting them?

There were very few instances in the history of the Rust Sky world when a power had tried to do something like that. Most of the time, they would simply build another base around a new mine, as it would be very risky to transplant a source vein.

Not to mention, it would need a long time to adapt to the new location as well as regrow more Immortal stones.

And even when transplantation of a source vein was done in the past, it was only done so with low grade immortal stone mine source veins. The one that Lin Mu held in his hand was a High grade Immortal Stone mine source vein!

Just thinking about transplanting one of this quality would make most immortals shiver. After all, if they accidentally damaged it during that process, they might just die from regret. And this was if the others didn't kill them for their stupidity.

There were even laws in place to prevent someone from doing exactly this.

Even when different powers entered wars or attacked each other, they would not touch the Immortal Stone mines. They would leave them be and take over them when they had won the battle.

After all, destroying them was the same as cutting down their own spoils of wars.

"Let's tuck this away for now, shall we?" Lin Mu stored the Source Vein in the ring while making sure it was isolated.

~pew~

Lin Mu wiped away the sweat off his brow, feeling relieved.

'That took long enough, wonder how much Little Shrubby got?' Lin Mu thought and called for the beast.

With how spread out the mine was, and the materials that were dispersed in it, even Little Shrubby needed time to dig out the various materials. His speed only helped when it was time to get to the next material, and not actually in digging.

He needed to be careful not to cause damage to the other immortal stones around it, and also to the material itself.

~WHOOSH~

About a couple of minutes later, Little Shrubby finally responded.

"I think I'm stuck." The beast spoke.

"Huh? Stuck?" Lin Mu furrowed his brows before sensing Little Shrubby's position.

He found him to be far from the central area, where several tunnels spread like spider webs.

"Hang on then, I'm coming." Lin Mu replied.

"Alright," Little Shrubby said, sounding a bit embarrassed.

Lin Mu flew towards Little Shrubby's location. He had to navigate through a complex set of tunnels that seemed to be made due to underground water channels.

'These are certainly not new... and there are no underground rivers here either.' Lin Mu was a bit surprised seeing this. 'Were these made when the plane was still normal?' he wondered.

Then there was also the fact that the density of Immortal stones was low here. They weren't spread everywhere and a few small pieces could be seen embedded in the rocks every so often.

This showed that Lin Mu was now in the distant reaches of the mine. But as he continued onwards, his expression changed.

'Just how far did he go?' Lin Mu discovered the tunnels getting narrower and narrower.

After a certain point, it was even difficult for Lin Mu to pass without using Phase.

"If Little Shrubby came this far, he definitely shrank to get inside." Lin Mu reckoned.

It took Lin Mu another five minutes before he finally reached Little Shrubby's position.

"Little Shrubby, what happened?" Lin Mu questioned.

He found the kitten stuck at an awkward angle. His head was stuck downward while his limbs were stuck diagonally.

"Umm... I was trying to dig this out without damaging it. But then the wall shifted and I got stuck. I couldn't get out without breaking it." Little Shrubby answered.

"Damaging it?" Lin Mu realized he had missed the material that was actually trapping Little Shrubby.

"Wait a second..." Lin Mu created a small flame and looked at the rocks around Little Shrubby.

The rocks were a mix of grey and had intersecting streaks of indigo in them. These streaks overlapped and were densely packed, looking similar to Damascus steel. But Lin Mu knew this was an entirely different material.

"Barely any energy can be felt from it, making it hard to detect; has these overlapping streaks, as well as being fragile... there's no doubt." Lin Mu analyzed the material. "Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam Ore!" he identified.

This was a rare kind of ore that was only found in areas with constant thunderstorms. It was only made when a part of earth was struck nine times in a row and all of its energy was contained before it could escape.

"Why is it this far deep in the ground though... this is formed on mountain tops." Lin Mu was confused once more.

"Umm, can you get me out first?" Little Shrubby asked again.

"Ah yeah! Gimme a second." Lin Mu spread his immortal sense and got the dimensions of the ore before using Meld to accurately cut it out.

#### [Chapter 1583 Stripping The Immortal Stone Mine](#)

~THUD~

With the Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam ore removed, Little Shrubby was freed.

Lin Mu stored the fragile ore into the ring and let Little Shrubby open up a path back outside. He couldn't sense anything else here that was useful thus it was fine to break a path open.

While it did seem like Little Shrubby was stuck, it wasn't exactly so. After all, the beast was strong enough to rip this entire place if he wanted to. The only reason he had not done so was due to Lin Mu's commands.

They didn't want to destroy the resource here after all.

And it was even more so for the Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam ore. Even if Little Shrubby didn't know how fragile it was, he was still taking the care to not damage it. This was also why he was stuck in his position.

If he moved at all, there was a great chance the ore would break from the force.

Only when Lin Mu contacted him did he decide to ask for help.

A few minutes later, Lin Mu and Little Shrubby were in the bigger part of the tunnel allowing them to move freely.

"How did you find the Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam Ore though?" Lin Mu questioned knowing that the energy of the ore was highly restricted.

Most couldn't even sense it even if their immortal sense was directly making contact with it.

"I just felt it because it had lightning element in it." Little Shrubby replied. "I sensed it faintly and went deeper to find it before getting stuck." He added.

"I see... Guess it was due to the bloodline of the Thunderbolt Cheetah. It does grant you an affinity to the lightning element." Lin Mu nodded his head.

It was not out of the normal for a beast bloodline like the Thunderbolt Cheetah to be able to sense other lightning elemental objects. It was a beast that could reach the Celestial Realm after all.

Lin Mu didn't know this before when he had read the memoirs of the Lost Immortal. But after having learned about the Celestials for a bit, he realized that the strength of the Thunderbolt Cheetah easily matched that of the Celestial Realm.

"What else did you find?" Lin Mu asked Little Shrubby.

"I found tons of gems and other ores." Little Shrubby said before withdrawing a few them for Lin Mu. "These are the best ones from what I can tell."

"Oh?" Lin Mu looked at the various materials.

Some of them were ores, some were crystal and some were even herbs. There was even a mushroom among them along with what looked like a strip of lichen.

"This is good. All these are good for us and are valuable." Lin Mu nodded in approval.

"Yup! Yup! And there's more too." Little Shrubby agreed.

"We'll take a look properly once we're in the Sleepscape. For now, let's finish the work here." Lin Mu stated.

"Okay! I'll collect the rest of the materials that I can find." Little Shrubby replied.

"Great, then I'll start gathering the Immortal Stones from the areas you've already been to." Lin Mu said and the two split up again.

~WHOOSH~

Little Shrubby turned into a blur while Lin Mu flew to the place where Little Shrubby had started from.

"For the low grade immortal stones, I can just cut them directly. They won't lose any extra immortal Qi from that." Lin Mu muttered to himself and took out Afternoon Pine.

~SHING~

The sword hummed in pleasure, while greedily sucking up the Immortal Qi in the air.

"You're having fun too, huh." Lin Mu raised a brow seeing the sword's actions.

~HUMM~

The Sword chimed in response and seemed to be excited.

"Very well. Help me cut these Immortal Stones properly and I'll make you a special Sword Nurturing box." Lin Mu replied.

~HUMM~

Afternoon Pine seemed very excited after hearing that and directly flew out of Lin Mu's hand.

~SLASH~SLASH~SLASH~

Lin Mu didn't even have to control the sword as it did the work on its own. And looking at it all, Lin Mu found it to be rather meticulous too.

'It's actually cutting it from the right spots where the rest of the crystal chunks won't fracture.' Lin Mu noted.

"It is a High Grade Immortal Weapon after all. It should have enough intelligence to handle tasks like these not to mention for something like Immortal Stones." Xukong commented.

"I see... Guess I should bring out Ocean Raker too then." Lin Mu withdrew his second Immortal Sword.

~SHING~

The single edged sword had a similar reaction to Afternoon Pine and seemed to be excited.

"You can gather the Immortal Stones too and I'll built a Sword Nurturing Box for you too." Lin Mu gave the same offer.

~HUMM~

The blade hummed in response and flew out to do the work.

~SHING~SHING~SHING~

The two swords flew everywhere, cutting and slashing at the Immortal Stones. They split them in equal sized chunks allowing Lin Mu to easily store them away. The more they did this, the faster they got and after a while it seemed like the two sword were now in a competition.

~SHING~ SHING~

"Are they seeing who's better?" Lin Mu was surprised.

"It isn't unusual for Immortal Weapons to compete for their master's favor. Especially for those that have multiple High Grade Immortal Weapons." Xukong said. "Some immortals even end up with a headache dealing with their weapons." Xukong stated.

"Huh... that's new." Lin Mu didn't expect there to be a such a problem.

Though he also realized that it was a very privileged problem that most cultivators would never got to experience. After all, the weapons at the mid grade or below won't have the same level of intelligence and would have to be nurtured a long time before they reached the same level.

And those that had high grade immortal weapons, simply could not afford more than one.

It was simply a problem for the rich!

### [Chapter 1584 A Great Harvest](#)

Lin Mu cleared out the Immortal Stone mine section by section and made his way inwards.

Since the growth of the Immortal Stones was according to their grades, Lin Mu had only gathered the Low Grade Immortal Stones by now. The outer radius of the mine would only be composed of low graded immortal stones after all.

In fact, about fifty percent of the Immortal Stone mine was composed of low grade immortal stones. The mid grade immortal stones were at around forty percent while the high grade immortal stones were nine percent.

The peak grade immortal stones were barely a percent or even less than that.

After all, they would only form around the Source vein of the entire mine.

Lin Mu had not touched the Peak Grade Immortal Stones other than making the incision as he didn't want to disturb the energy flow of the mine any more. He had already removed the Source Vein, thus the structure of the mine would get a bit unstable.

The source vein was quite literally the core of the mine, after all. Removing it was similar to removing the spine of a person. The only reason the mine was still standing was because Lin Mu had let the Peak Grade Immortal Stones stay there.

He would have to mine all the immortal stones from the outside and go inwards before finally taking the Peak Grad ones.

That way, he would be able to strip all of the mine clean and make the least amount of waste.

But even then, the task was not easy.

Lin Mu easily spent over two days in doing all this. He regularly had to take breaks and check to ensure the integrity of the mine. He didn't want it to collapse randomly after all. In these two days, Little Shrubby had also finished gathering all that he could and was now assizing Lin Mu.

~WHOOSH~ WHOOSH~

~SHING~SHING~SHING~

A man, beast and two swords flew around everywhere in the mine.

The swords and the beast cut the Immortal Stones while the man stored them in the ring. This way an efficient cycle was made and the process was sped up even more.

'If the twins could help as well, it would be good, but they might just end up causing the mine to collapse.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

The Yin Yang Twin Serpents had only broken through recently and were still adjusting to their freshly increased strength. Plus, with their young age, it wasn't unusual for them to do some mischief.

They were quite literally toddlers, after all.

And while Lin Mu didn't mind them eating the Immortal Stones, he didn't want the mine to collapse before they finished gathering them all.

Thus, the decision to leave them out for now was taken. Though Lin Mu did wish to interact with them more, as it was the best way to improve their intelligence and teach them things.

Xukong had also said that it would allow them to learn how to speak faster. It was similar to how one would teach babies to speak. You were just supposed to talk to them normally and they would automatically learn.

It was no different for the twin snakes... Even if they were strong enough to destroy a few mountains, unlike other babies.

Thankfully, Lin Mu hadn't had to deal with any tantrums yet.

Time continued to pass like this, and on the fifty Day Lin Mu was finally back in the center of the area.

~pew~

"We're finally here..." Lin Mu let out a breath.

He looked around the cave that was now barren. It was the complete opposite of how it looked when Lin Mu had first arrived and had become a lot darker.

Its beauty was gone and it looked disappointing.

"It's almost a shame to destroy a beautiful place like this..." Lin Mu muttered. "Wonder if Saintess would have liked it too."

~SHUA~

"We're done with that part." Little Shrubby came to his side and spoke.

"Done? Good." Lin Mu nodded his head and stored away the last chunk of High Grade Immortal Stones.

Now the only part that was left was the Peak Grade Immortal Stone Cluster in the center.

"I'll do this one alone." Lin Mu stated.

"Okay~" Little Shrubby had no issues with that.

"You two should go back for now too. You did good." Lin Mu spoke to his two swords.

~HUMM~ HUMM~

Afternoon Pine and Ocean Raker chimed in response and were sent to the ring.

Lin Mu was pleased with their work too and was intending to reward them for it too. Making Sword Nurturing Boxes was something he wished to do for a while now. It was a chance for Lin Mu to try out the knowledge that Jing Wei and Jing Luo had passed onto him, as well as apply his own formation skills.

A Sword Nurturing Box needed both Weapon Forging as well as Formation Creation skills to make and was a good way for Lin Mu to further improve his skills. It would also help his sword too of course and help them further improve.

'Wonder how good a Sword Nurturing Box Made with Peak Grade Immortal Stones will be like?' Lin Mu thought to himself, while looking at the crystal cluster.

With that in mind, Lin Mu decided to keep the entire cluster intact as it would give him a large volume to work with later on.

"Yeah, that should be fine." Lin Mu nodded to himself before extending his hand.

~SHUA~

The effects of meld directly covered the entire crystal chunk and separated it from the surface of the cave.

It disappeared into thin air in the next second, having been stored in Lin Mu's ring. Now all that was left behind was a depression in the center of the cave. It gave one a feeling of emptiness and loss, though they wouldn't know why they were feeling it.

"And there we go." Lin Mu said having finished his task.

Just as he said that though, he felt a tremor.

~CRUMBLE~

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With all the Immortal Stones removed from the mine, it finally started to collapse.

~CRACK~CRACK~CRACK~

Chunks fell from the roof, while cracks spread all over the walls.

"Just on time too... At least this'll help erase any other traces of us being here as well as that there was an Immortal Stone mine here before." Lin Mu said before calling for Little Shrubby.

He sent the beast into the Sleepscape before directly flying up through the roof using Phase.

The crumbling roof was nothing to him, and by the time he reached the surface, the entire mine had been destroyed and filled in with the earth above it. The mine was after all located over two kilometers deep and had a lot of weight on top of it.

This also helped hide it, since looking at it from the top, it merely looked like the ground had naturally sunk. If one passed by here, they wouldn't think that there was anything in the ground before.

They would simply think that the topography of the land was uneven.

It didn't stick out from the rest of the area of the Blood Strewn Plains.

Done with this, Lin Mu decided to return to the temporary base.

He would have gone directly to the next Immortal Stone mine, but it was in another direction and he would have to pass by the base anyways. Not to mention, he wanted to sort through the materials and Immortal Stones.

Then there was the most important task of them all, the one that had made him look for an Immortal Stone mine in the first place: Implanting it in his Sleepscape!

"Let's head back to the base Little Shrubby." Lin Mu called the beast back out.

"Okay!" Little Shrubby was excited too as he wished to see the changes in the Sleepscape too.

Lin Mu had told him what he wished to do, and since Little Shrubby now stayed in the Sleepscape most of the time, he was excited to have a better place to cultivate.

~WHOOSH~

The two turned into a red blur and ran nonstop until they finally arrived at the base.

Lin Mu did not stop for a moment and directly locked the place up before sending Little Shrubby into the Sleepscape and sleeping.

~huu~

Taking a deep breath, Lin Mu closed his eyes and arrived in front of the Immortal Apple tree a few seconds later.

"The Immortal Essence in the air has become stable for sure." Lin Mu muttered sensing the energy around him.

It felt rather pleasant to him, and it made him comfortable to be here. He reckoned that even if he just stayed here, his body might start to adapt to the Immortal Essence automatically after a while.

Though practicing the Three Apertures Invoking Technique would speed it up by a lot.

"Are you going to add it now?" Little Shrubby asked excitedly.

"Yeah, let me just find the right spot." Lin Mu said before spreading his Immortal Sense.

He wished for the Source Vein to be implanted in a spot where it would be convenient for him to built an array. Lin Mu wished for this array to power all his buildings and anything else he might need in the future.

Thus it was important that he chose a good spot.

It didn't take Lin Mu to find one though as the Sleepscape had expanded enough now.

"This should be good enough." Lin Mu flew to an area that was in the middle of the Immortal Apple Tree and the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

Little Shrubby followed behind him too, not wanting to miss the event.

"Let's see now..." Lin Mu focused on the Source Vein that was floating in the ring and withdrew it.

~SHUA~

As soon as the source vein appeared in front of him, the wave of Immortal Qi flew past his face. Immortal Qi kept on gushing out of the Source Vein, making Lin Mu concerned.

"Shit, it's leaking already. I need to be quick." Lin Mu slowly lowered the Source Vein to the ground while willing for the Sleepscape to accept it. 'Come on... absorb it!'

~SHUA~

His command was accepted rather quickly as the ground automatically sank along with the Source vein. In fact, the Sleepscape seemed to be rather eager to swallow up the Source Vein too.

In just ten seconds, the entire Source Vein was swallowed up by the ground leaving no trace that there was something as priceless as that here before.

"Is that it?" Little Shrubby asked while tilting his head.

The last time Lin Mu had planted the Source vein of the Spirit stone mine, Little Shrubby wasn't here. Thus he didn't know the series of events that had happened before.

~WHOOSH~

And he wasn't the only one that was interested in this either. As a black and white ribbon flew towards them as well.

~HISS~ HISS~

Xiao Yin and Xiao Yang wrapped around Lin Mu's shoulders, looking around for something.

"You two came for it too, huh... guess you felt the immortal Qi too." Lin Mu said while rubbing their heads.

~TREMBLE~

It didn't take long for the process to start as the entire Sleepscape shook!

"It begins..." Lin Mu found the process to be a lot stronger than last time.

~RUMBLE~

Even the sky of the Sleepscape shook this time, as Immortal Qi started to rise up from the earth. It mixed into the air and filled the entire space of the Sleepscape.

~RUSTLE~RUSTLE~RUSTLE~

All the plants within the Sleepscape started to sway in joy, and greedily absorbed the Immortal Qi.

The Immortal Apple tree showed the biggest reaction, as it quite literally started to grow new branches and leaves.

~RUSTLE~RUSTLE~RUSTLE~

In less than five minutes, it had more than doubled its size!

Having increased its size, it didn't stop though as next it started to grow tens upon tens of buds on it. These buds then bloomed and turned into flowers that emitted a sweet fragrance, changing the atmosphere of the Sleepscape.

The other plants didn't lag behind the Immortal Apple tree either.

The Wood Spirit Tulip too grew more, and two more flower heads popped out from its sides. It bobbed its new flower heads from side to side, dancing in joy while releasing a strong fragrance from its petals.

The Purple Sickle amaranth that had reached a obstacle in the past finally started to breakthrough.

~SHUA~

A wave of energy spread out from it, showing that it had directly broken through its limits. Before this, the Purple Sickle Amaranth was roughly equivalent to the Dao Treading realm, but now it had directly risen to the Immortal Ascension realm!

And it didn't seem like it was going to stop here either.

~HUALA~

After the breakthrough, it sucked in the Immortal Qi growing its body more. Thousands of new leaves grew on its branches, while new stems sprouted as well. The potential boost that the Immortal Essence had provided it was now bursting into fruition as its original limits were being surpassed.

The Purple Sickle Amaranth started to expand and from a single plant, it turned into multiple. From its roots, more Purple Sickle Amaranth plants popped up.

They looked like tender saplings at first, but soon grew into young plants. And a few more minutes later, they had matured into ten meter tall fully grown plants!

Their sickle shaped leaves swayed and spun, as if cutting the air and absorbing more immortal Qi from it.

It continued this for a few minutes after which it had reached another breakthrough!

~SHUA~

A wave of energy spread from the Purple Sickle Amaranth as it directly reached the Immortal realm!

But this wave of energy wasn't just any immortal Qi, it was actually Wood Elemental Immortal Qi!

"It can finally generate Wood Elemental Immortal Qi now." Lin Mu was pleased to see this.

The other plants, as well as Little Shrubby, will now have a steady source of Wood Immortal Qi to use. Not to mention, Lin Mu would now be able to build Herbal pavilions here that would be good for preserving the herbs he had obtained.

While he wouldn't be able to grow new herbs, as that was still not allowed by the laws of the Sleepscape, it wouldn't be an issue to preserve herbs that were already harvested. This would allow Lin Mu to free up some of the Herb boxes he had bought before.

Most of them were filled with Immortal herbs as they were being used to preserve their quality.

"The plants have grown well." Lin Mu nodded his head before turning in a certain direction. "But the Violet Mystic Life Tree has basically shown no reaction." He said before flying towards the said tree.

Upon arriving at the giant tree, Lin Mu saw that it while it was absorbing the Immortal Qi too, it didn't show any growth.

"Perhaps it has already grown more than enough before. It should take longer for it to grow once more." Lin Mu reckoned.

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Lin Mu observed the Violet Mystic Life Tree for a while more before confirming that there were indeed no changes in it.

"Looks like I'll have to give it more time." Lin Mu said before looking at the twins. "You two can cultivate here now too. And so can you Little Shrubby."

~HISS~ HISS~

The twins nodded their heads in understanding while breathing in the Immortal Qi. Little Shrubby was similar but was also absorbing the Wood Elemental Immortal Qi as well.

The concentration of Immortal Qi in the Sleepscape was now the same as what was in the rest of the Rust Sky world. It hadn't reached a high level, but that was to be expected as this was just a single Source Vein.

Plus, there was also the entire Violet Mystic Life tree that was absorbing it too. This cut down the concentration of Immortal Qi by quite a lot. But Lin Mu didn't mind this. He knew that this was a long term investment and would only bring him benefits.

At the very least, the immortal Qi concentration matched that of the real world, and the beasts would be able to cultivate with no issues.

'Once I add the second Immortal Source Vein too, it should increase even more.' Lin Mu thought to himself. "Perhaps I might even be able to add an Immortal Qi condensing array for me to cultivate in." He muttered.

Lin Mu certainly had the designs for such arrays and could now make them easily with the many Immortal stones he had.

But that wasn't all that he had. Lin Mu and Little Shrubby had gathered other materials than just Immortal stones that would come in handy too. Then there was the large fortune Lin Mu had obtained from the eleventh Prince, Huangyu Shiyi too.

"Let's get to sorting them. I'll also make some plans for them after that." Lin Mu said to Little Shrubby.

"Mhmm, do you want me to take them out right now?" Little Shrubby asked.

"No, let's head to the formation pavilion first." Lin Mu replied.

With that said, the two of them went to the building while the twins stayed wrapped on Lin Mu's shoulders.

For the twins, life was mostly carefree and involved eating, cultivating and sleeping. After all, their bloodline and potential was so strong that even if they did nothing, they would still end up growing strong.

To them, growing strong was just a question of time.

"Place them here, Little Shrubby." Lin Mu gestured to a large work table that was inscribed with several runes.

On the surface it looked simple, but those versed in formations would know what this table was. It was a special table that was used by formation masters to work on. Not only did it suppress any stray Qi fluctuations, the table itself functioned as a formation core that could help one control several supportive formations in the pavilion.

These supportive formations ranged from Qi channeling formations to add extra Qi when making a talisman or formation, defensive formations to protect oneself from unstable formations, and restrictive formations to contain the volatile energies of a formation until the work was done.

The table was thus perfect for handling sensitive and unstable materials.

"Alright." Little Shrubby took out all the items that he had gathered in the Immortal Stone mine.

One by one, he put them on the table allowing Lin Mu to take a proper look at them.

There were colorful gemstones, strange crystal shards, a few herbs as well as plenty of metal ores. By the time Little Shrubby was done taking them all out, the table already had a couple of small piles on it.

The two piles were of ores and gemstones. These two materials were abundant in the Immortal Stone mine and there were many different kinds mixed in it. Other than these, the rest of the materials were only a handful in number.

"These all will be useful as supplementary materials." Lin Mu assessed the gemstones.

Most of the gemstones were used as formation nodes in different immortal tools or could also be used in arrays directly. Due to their crystalline structures, they were good at holding runes and could also give a stable flow of energy.

Of course, each gemstone had different properties and could be used accordingly.

As for the ores, there were far too many of them and their uses were mostly in the manufacture of Immortal tools and weapons. Lin Mu took note of a few good ones that might be useful soon.

'I can definitely use them to make the Sword nurturing boxes.' Lin Mu noted.

Next were the herbs that Little Shrubby had found. There were only five such herbs, out of which there was one that greatly interested Lin Mu.

"This mushroom... where have I seen it before." Lin Mu felt like the mushroom was rather important but couldn't recall where he had seen or read about it.

It was white and had thick red liquid oozing out of it.

"That's the Immortal's Bleeding Tooth mushroom." Xukong spoke up.

"Oh?" hearing it Lin Mu finally recalled. "Wait, it's THE IMMORTAL'S BLEEDING TOOTH MUSHROOM!?" Lin Mu immediately stepped back.

"Get back Little Shrubby, that's highly toxic!" Lin Mu warned.

The beast furrowed its brows, but still heeded its master's words.

"Is it really toxic? I don't feel it though." Little Shrubby had come into contact with it a several times while extracting it after all.

"You're really fine?" Lin Mu checked Little Shrubby's body just in case, finding it to be totally normal.

"You're fine too, aren't you master?" Little Shrubby said after a bit.

"I am..." Lin Mu realized that even he was feeling nothing. 'Isn't the Immortal's Bleeding Tooth Mushroom supposed to be able to affect even Immortal realm experts?'

Lin Mu had heard about this mushroom in the passing while he was in the Middle Fort city. A few people were talking about a commission for the mushroom.

While it was toxic, it also meant that it was useful. It could be used as a weapon after all.

#### [Chapter 1587 Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam Ore](#)

According to what Lin Mu had heard, immortals that came in contact with the Immortal's Bleeding Tooth Mushroom, or were in close proximity to it would be poisoned.

Its effects were also terrifying.

It would start with the immortal bleeding from their mouth. Then their teeth would get loose and fall off before the bleeding would increase. Blood would continue to pool in their mouth and they would vomit it nonstop.

This would eventually lead to their death if they were not treated.

While there were many poisons that could cause death by bleeding, the Immortal's Bleeding Tooth Mushroom was especially terrifying due to the fact that it could do this simply by being in the proximity of others.

Not to mention, it could affect Immortals of several stages going all the way up to the fifth Tribulation Stage of the Immortal realm.

"How are we fine?" Lin Mu wondered.

"You two do realize, how high your resistance are at this point?" Xukong stated. "Little Shrubby has a strong bloodline as well as an affinity to the Wood element, while you've cultivated Five Treasure Realm to the completion as well as practiced the Three Apertures Invoking Technique.

Poisons like these aren't much to you. Even if you ate it directly, it won't do much to you." Xukong explained.

Hearing this Lin Mu was a bit taken aback.

"Now that I think of it... I haven't really been affected by any poisons so far, have I?" Lin Mu went through his memories and didn't recall being poisoned.

Lin Mu of course knew that his liver becoming a treasured organ had made him highly resistant to poisons, but he didn't know that it would work on poisons of this level too.

"I see... guess this gives me a good advantage and peace of mind." Lin Mu said to himself before approaching the Immortal's Bleeding Tooth Mushroom again.

He felt curious so touched the mushrooms a few times, just to see if there would be any effect at all. After feeling nothing, Lin Mu took some of the viscous red liquid and tasted it.

"Ugh! That's bitter." Lin Mu's lips twisted in distaste.

It was a bit reckless, but it would give Lin Mu a way to confirm just how far his resistance went.

Besides even if it did affect him, he did have plenty of healing and detoxifying pills to deal with it. Thus he wasn't in danger anyway. Lin Mu waited a couple minutes but still felt nothing from the mushroom.

"Guess it really does nothing to me." Lin Mu said with a nod.

He stored the Immortal's Bleeding Tooth Mushroom away in the ring in a specific spot. There was a chance it might come handy in the future.

Done with these, Lin Mu finally took out the final item that was kept in his own ring.

It was none other than the Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam Ore.

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Lin Mu carefully placed it on the table while activating one of the formations. The formation was called as the Hovering Hold formations and would keep something floating in mid air.

It allowed one to observe and work on items properly while making sure they didn't make contact with anything else.

Since the Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam Ore was rather fragile, this was perfect for it.

"The Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam Ore is about eighty centimeters in length, twenty centimeters wide and fifteen centimeters thick." Lin Mu measured the dimensions of the ore.

On top of being fragile, it was a relatively light ore too. It wasn't unusual for it to crack at the lightest impact if one was unlucky. And if one had really bad luck, it could even discharge all of the energy stored inside it at once.

The Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam Ore had a massive amount of energy within it, thus the discharge would be terrifying. After all, it contained the power of nine lightning strikes!

But even if it did have that, the ore wasn't actually of pure Lightning element. Rather it was a rare hybrid of Earth and Lightning elements which was not seen often.

After all, Earth counteracted lightning and would cause it to disperse.

This was perhaps also the reason why a material like the Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam Ore could form, as only earth could contain its violet power. Its uses were in the hundreds too, making it a valued material.

Especially one that was as big as the one in front of Lin Mu.

"I can make multiple things from this... at least two or maybe even three immortal tools." Lin Mu muttered.

The best use of the Nine Fall Thunder Earth Amalgam Ore would be to make a Immortal Weapon, but Lin Mu wasn't confident enough to make a good one. He didn't have enough experience to properly make use of it, and there was a high chance he might lose a significant portion of the ore's power.

Thus rather than that, he reckoned some supportive Immortal Tool might be better. They wouldn't depend on his Weapon Forging skills, and would be able to utilize his formation skills more than he was confident in.

'What immortal tool would be the best... Hmm, something I'm lacking in perhaps?' Lin Mu went deep in thought.

After a few minutes though, he came up with a few options and noted them for later.

"Though before I attempt to make an Immortal tool, I should practice a bit." Lin Mu reckoned.

And in order to do that, he already had a task ready.

"Let's start with the Sword Nurturing Boxes then..." Lin Mu said before taking out his two immortal swords.

Afternoon Pine and Ocean Raker hummed in joy as they felt the immortal Qi rich atmosphere of the Sleepscape. Immortal Essence wasn't really useful to them thus they hadn't shown any reaction before, but now with the increase Immortal Qi, they were pleased.

"Alright, time to make Sword Nurturing boxes for you." Lin Mu said, making the swords dance in joy.

#### [Chapter 1588 Immortal Sword Nurturing Boxes And Sword Sheaths](#)

A Sword Nurturing Box was something that was considered almost essential to those that were following the Sword Path.

Sword cultivators would consider their swords as their own body, treating it with the same care. As such, a Sword Nurturing box was something that could be considered as giving the sword a proper place to rest in.

While there was of course, the sheath of a sword, it could be considered more like the 'robes' of a sword.

In the case of Lin Mu, both his immortal swords, Afternoon Pine and Ocean Raker, did not have sheaths. Though this was mostly due to the fact that they were being nurtured in the Deep Sapphire City for a long time.

Even if they had a sheath at one point, they were probably gone.

And since Lin Mu mostly kept the swords in his ring, he didn't need specific sheaths for the swords either.

Adding a sheath didn't matter much to Lin Mu either, as he didn't use a sword style that required the use of a sheath. And while special sheaths with unique functions could be made, they were considered immortal tools on their own and were quite valuable.

Lin Mu wasn't on the level of being able to make one himself.

Plus, the best quality sheaths were made according to the sword itself.

Not only did they need to match the size and shape of the sword, they also needed to be conducive to its type and skills. For example, an immortal sword that was of the skill type should have a sheath that could amplify the amount of Immortal Qi that was present in it.

Or one could make a sheath that would steadily replenish the immortal Qi for the sword while it was not in use.

The swordsmen that specialized in Sword Drawing needed sheaths for this specific reason. Their strength was focused on single hit slashes that would kill the opponent. Thus, each slash would drain majority of the sword's energy.

Thus, it needed to be replenished every time. And while the swordsman would be able to do this with his own immortal Qi, it would not be fast enough. This was why a sheath that could replenish a large amount of Immortal Qi was important.

These sheaths would be specialized in being able to hold Immortal Qi that was several times more than that of a sword, as well as being able to inject a large amount into the sword upon sheathing.

In the case of swords that were of pure refinement types, they needed a different kind of sheath.

These swords were often used along with their sheaths as a defensive tool. Thus, their sheaths needed to be very durable and strong instead of holding large amounts of immortal Qi.

Then there were the hybrid type of swords that had both a Qi skill as well as high refinement levels. These needed sheaths that could potentially do both, and were the hardest to make.

Right now, Lin Mu didn't have a sheath that fulfilled any of these conditions, thus he would either have to look for one or make one himself. And until he could do that, making a Sword Nurturing box was the best option.

It could allow the Immortal swords to grow slowly and would also help the Sword Spirits to be nurtured. Overall, it could speed up the time needed for an Immortal Sword to upgrade to the next grade.

That was also how Ocean Raker and Afternoon Pine had managed to reach their current levels. They had been nurtured in the Deep Sapphire City for thousands of years.

But growth wasn't all that was obtained through the Sword Nurturing box. It could also help a sword repair itself over time!

When a swordsman fought, injuries were expected. And it wasn't just one's body that would be injured, their sword might be injured too. Even if the injuries were small, they would increase over time.

The most common example would be the loss of the Sword Edge. If the sword was not maintained, it would lose its sharpness and become blunt. A Sword Nurturing Box could take care of all this.

It was even said that there were some Peak Grade Immortal Sword Nurturing Boxes that could further temper the swords. Over time, these swords would get tougher and grow faster than other Sword Nurturing Boxes.

Though even making them was a difficult job, as only a handful of Immortal Weaponsmiths could do this.

Lin Mu pondered over all this before finally coming up with a plan for his Swords.

"Alright, let's go with replenishment and repair for you two." Lin Mu decided.

~HUMM~

The two swords chimed in response, showing their approval.

"Once I have better skills, I'll improve the boxes for you too." Lin Mu added, making the swords happier.

With that done, he finally got to work.

The first thing he did was to take out the large chunk of Peak grade immortal stone!

~SHUA~

As soon as it was placed outside the ring, a rich wave of Immortal Qi spread out from it.

"Restrain!" Lin Mu tapped the table, triggering one of the restraining formations.

~HUALA~

In the next second, a circular barrier surrounded the room, preventing any Immortal Qi from escaping it. Once this was done, Lin Mu activated his spatial perception and observed the large chunk of Peak Grade immortal stone.

He measured its dimensions and calculated the optimum size that would make the least amount of waste. After all, the chunk wasn't of a perfect geometric shape, and some amount of loss was expected.

Lin Mu made sure to get as close to the edges as possible to get a clean cut.

Meld!

Visualizing the dimensions with his eyes, Lin Mu activated Meld, cleaning cutting away a perfect Cuboid from the Peak Grade immortal Stone chunk!

The chunk was about fifteen centimeters wide, fifteen centimeters tall and a hundred centimeters long. It was the perfect size such that the sword would fit inside it!

[Chapter 1589 Making The Immortal Sword Nurturing Box](#)

With the perfect sized chunk cut off, Lin Mu immediately stored it away to prevent it from losing any energy.

"That's one down, one more to go." Lin Mu muttered, storing away the main chunk of the Peak Grade Immortal Stone away too.

The first cuboid piece that Lin Mu had cut out was meant for Afternoon Pine. It was a double edged sword and was shorter than Ocean Raker, thus the same size would not work for the second sword.

Lin Mu used his Spatial Perception to get the right dimensions once more before using meld to cut the second cuboid piece. This piece was also fifteen centimeters wide and fifteen centimeters tall but its length was double than the first cuboid.

It was two hundred centimeters long!

This would be enough to accommodate Ocean Raker entirely within it.

With the two cuboid pieces of Peak Grade Immortal Stone cut, Lin Mu was ready for the next part. It was to select the auxiliary components that would help nurture them. Thus was where the two sword nurturing boxes would differ.

Ocean Raker was a sword that was made using Blue Vein Heart Metal and thus nurturing it with a similar kind of metal would be the best option.

Afternoon Pine on the other hand, was made with a mixture of several kinds of metals, which were then imprinted with various runes to give it the Qi skills it had. Thus for Afternoon pine, Lin Mu would have to use a mixture of materials too.

'Let's see... Blue Vein Heart Metal obviously belongs to the metal element, but also has traces of Water element in it.' Lin Mu went through the list of materials he had in his ring, trying to find the right one to complement it.

After looking through hundreds of materials, Lin Mu finally found the right one.

"Bleak Frost Crystal, this'll do well." Lin Mu finally picked one.

The Bleak Frost crystal belonged to that of the ice element and could complement the minor Water element of the Blue Vein Heart metal well. It was a material that Lin Mu had obtained from Lanbao and he had several of them in his storage.

'While I would have preferred to further temper the Ocean Raker since it is a pure refinement type sword, I don't have the required skills for it.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

If he wished to make something like that, Lin Mu would have used a fire elemental material instead. It would continually temper the sword over time and help it get stronger and sharper.

But doing that with the Blue Vein Heart Metal was risky with Lin Mu's current skills. If he didn't make it properly, the Sword Nurturing box might end up making the sword weaker instead as the fire element and the water elements would collide.

The key to using fire elemental material in tempering a sword was to make sure that it only targeted the 'metal' part of the sword and not the water. This would make the metal become denser which could also bring the water elemental parts closer, thereby enhancing them too.

But if the fire element targeted the water element, it would make the metal expand instead, lowering the density and hence weakening the sword.

Actually, something similar would happen if Lin Mu used Bleak Frost Crystal too. The ice element would influence the water element within the Blue Vein Heart metal, making it colder.

If it became too cold, it would expand too, since water would expand when it turned into ice. But the crux of it lay in how much Lin Mu controlled the cooling. If it was targeted towards the metal, it would make it contract too.

Thus, he could balance the two.

The water would expand while the metal would contract, creating a balance between the two!

"Alright, time to get started." Lin Mu said before setting up a small forge using an array.

~SHUA~

Flames lit up on the forge array, and a circle condensed above it.

The circle was meant to be the crucible that would hold the item that was to be forged.

Having set this up, Lin Mu took out the Bleak Frost Crystals. These crystal were about the size of a lime and were pentagonal in shape. If one looked closer, they would even see fine, snowflake like patterns inside its structure.

The crystals themselves were rather dull looking. Having a greyness that was similar to the clouds during a snowstorm.

Lin Mu put all of the Bleak Frost Crystals on the crucible and let the flame heat them up. He carefully controlled the flames, making sure their temperature was low. He didn't need them to be very hot, as that would end up destroying the crystals instead.

He merely needed to 'soften' the crystals enough so that they could be molded according to his needs.

Lin Mu watched the heat for ten minutes and only left it after he was assured that the crystals would be fine.

"Now to get started on the main body of the box..." Lin Mu brought the two meter long cuboid chunk of peak grade immortal stone out.

Lin Mu used meld once more, and cut the cuboid right from the center, splitting it into two equal two meter long halves.

'Now the more sensitive part,' Lin Mu took out his old companion, the double edged short sword.

He held the sword firmly before using it to scrape the inside of the cuboid halves. He was using the short sword since it was sharp enough as well as being small to hold properly.

'I need to get better forging tools later too.' Lin Mu was once again reminded of his lack of specialized equipment.

Bit by bit, Lin Mu carved away parts of the Immortal stone. This resulted in small grains of Peak Grade Immortal stone as well as some dust. Lin Mu kept all of this safe too, as it could be used again for many purposes.

### [Chapter 1590 An Intricate Process](#)

The grains and dust generated from carving the Peak grade Immortal Stone cuboid could be easily used to make peak grade immortal talisman ink.

Lin Mu certainly didn't wish to waste any part of such high quality ingredients thus made sure to use another formation to prevent any dust or granules from being blown away. At the same time, he used a secondary gust array that would suck away the dust and granules into a preserving pouch.

This would ensure that the Peak Grade Immortal stone dust would not lose its immortal Qi and would stay in the best condition.

Even a handful of dust could be sold for several high grade immortal stones after all!

After an hour of careful carving, Lin Mu had hollowed out both the cuboid sections of the Peak Grade Immortal Stone chunk.

~Phew~

"That's the second step done..." Lin Mu wiped away his sweat.

The hollowed out part in the two sections was just enough to hold the sword as well as the other materials that he would be adding to it.

Lin Mu put the two chunks on the side for now, while he checked up on the Bleak Frost crystals. They had been heating for over an hour now, and looked a little misshapen now. Their original pentagonal form had softened and the pointed 'tips' were now blunter.

Extending his hand into the fire, Lin Mu gently touched the crystals. The heat of the forge was nothing to him and allowed him to freely touch the crystal.

"Hmm... need them to be a bit softer." Lin Mu noted.

While the Bleak Frost Crystal had gotten softer, they weren't fully soft. It was only the outer edges that had softened mostly, and the central part was still hard. Lin Mu watched the crystals for some more time before they finally reached the right condition.

"Here we go." Finding them to be perfect, Lin Mu pulled the Bleak Frost Crystals out and laid them on a flat table.

He then put the two sections of the cuboid Peak Grade Immortal Stone chunks on the table while making a few runes. The runes were directly being made onto the immortal stones, so they were instantly imprinted.

There was a reason why immortal stones were considered one of the best materials to make tools and weapons from after all. They would readily take runes and entire formations within them.

The runes that Lin Mu was making were relatively simple, so he didn't take that long. In just five minutes, the runes were ready, and Lin Mu completed the formation.

This was an Intercalating Linking Formation and was specially used in Immortal tools. It had no other use outside of the creation of tools and was thus one of the essential formations that a Weapon forger or Tool refiner needed to master.

The Intercalating Linking Formation helped two different materials fit properly as well as link up on a deeper level.

"Now to add the Bleak Frost Crystals." Lin Mu picked up the softened crystals and placed them within the two halves of the cuboid.

He then pressed onto them with his fingers, molding them according to the shape of the cavity. They were like soft dough in his hand, easily taking the intended shape. It barely took Lin Mu a minute to finish this part and he quickly moved onto making more runes.

These runes were made on top of the layer of Bleak Frost Crystals and were intended to finish the linking.

Lin Mu needed to make this formation before the crystals cooled completely, otherwise the linking would not be done properly. His immortal sense turned into fine threads, allowing him to make fine adjustments while making the runes.

It took him ten minutes before all the runes were completed and the formation was created.

~SHUA~

As soon as that was done, the two materials joined up perfectly, releasing an energy fluctuation.

"That seems right." Lin Mu nodded his head.

With this, the third step of the entire process was done.

"Now to make the casing for it all." Lin Mu took out two ingots of Fine Tempered Immortal Brass.

The yellow golden ingots looked clean and were about the size of a palm.

"Time for good old hammering!" Lin Mu took the first ingot and started to hammer it with his bare fists!

~CLANG~

~CLANG~

~CLANG~

~CLANG~

The sonorous sound of brass being hammered could be heard in the pavilion. The casing needed to be hammered while the metal was cold, thus Lin Mu had used Fine Tempered Immortal Brass.

It would mold perfectly, even when cold and didn't need to be heated.

He needed to avoid heating it since when he coated it on top of the inner part of the box, it would cause the heat to leech into the immortal stones. That was not good for the Bleak frost crystal inside and would damage its integrity.

It didn't take long for Lin Mu to hammer both ingots into a wide and flat sheet.

~DENG~DENG~

Once the sheet was ready, Lin Mu placed one half of the cuboid in each sheet.

~WENG~

Then, with the fine strength of his fingers, he carefully bent the sheet around the two sections. The sound of metal warping could be heard as the metal yielded to Lin Mu's raw strength.

Now it looked like there were two cuboid indents in the brass sheets, in which the two sections of the box were kept. There were still excess parts of the sheet that were jutting out from the center.

Lin Mu didn't cut these away though.

Instead, he started to carve runes into them straight away, letting them extend into the excess parts of the brass sheets. Once the runes were carved, Lin Mu pinched once side of the sheets together and folded them over, while rolling the other side.

~CREAK~CREAK~

The brass creaked loudly, trying to resist the force, but could not do so.

A few folds were all it took Lin Mu to reduce the size of the protruding sheet. At the same time, Lin Mu had also turned it into a hinge!