

BÓ YÌ
博 弈

fǔ

dǐ

釜 底

chōu

xīn

抽 薪

Pull the firewood out from under
the pot.

CHARACTER CARD · 釜

fǔ a pot



fǔ

a pot

10 strokes

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CHARACTER CARD · 底

dǐ *the bottom*



dǐ

the bottom

8 strokes

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CHARACTER CARD · 抽

chōu *to pull out*



chōu
to pull out

8 strokes

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CHARACTER CARD · 薪

xīn *firewood*

A large, bold calligraphic character '薪' (xīn) is centered within a square frame. The character is written in a traditional style with thick, expressive strokes. A vertical dashed line runs through the center of the character, and a horizontal dashed line crosses it at the middle, serving as guides for the learner's eye.

xīn

firewood

16 strokes

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Practice · 釜底抽薪 fǔ dǐ chōu xīn

Trace the first row, then write the whole phrase four times. Say it out loud each time.

fǔ	dǐ	chōu	xīn
釜	底	抽	薪

釜底抽薪 · Pull the firewood out from under the pot.

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① 字面意思 · LITERAL MEANING

第 19 计 · 釜底抽薪

Pull the firewood out from under the pot

《三十六计》原文

不敌其力，而消其势，兑下乾上之象。

You do not meet the force. You take away what feeds it. The soft walks under the strong.

古代那一行 · THEN

力

不迎着力气撞

You do not meet the force.



势

拿走喂它的东西

You take away what feeds it.



薪

柴抽走，锅就停

Pull the wood out, and the pot stops boiling.

② 背后道理 + ③ 今天怎么用

滚是结果，柴是原因

The boil is a result. The wood is a cause.

原因

滚是结果，柴是原因

The boil is a result. The wood is a cause.

今天怎么用 · NOW

看锅底

找力从哪里来

Find what feeds it.



找一样

离了哪样就做不了

What is the one thing I cannot do without?



备两根

让来源不再单一

A second source, a longer contract, a stock that carries you.

中国人的解法

别跟火较劲，去找喂火的东西

Don't fight the fire. Find what feeds it.

结论 · THE TAKEAWAY

滚是结果，柴是原因

The boil is a result. The wood is a cause.

先问力量从哪里来

Find what feeds it.

抽柴 · THE CAUSE

找出依赖，让它不单一

先看锅底／找出那一样／让它不单一

Find the one thing you cannot do without, and make it not single.

↓ VS ↓

打滚水 · THE RESULT

加人、加火、加喊

加人加火／对着锅喊／下周同一锅

More hands, more heat, more shouting, and the same boil next week.

别跟火较劲
去找喂火的东西

别跟火较劲，去找喂火的东西。

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