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„Stones alive!
An exploration of the relationship between humans and stone in Southeast Asia“

“Tuked Rini pulled out his whetstone and used it to prop open the Spirit Tiger Rock’s mouth. This illuminated the inside. They peered in and spotted some people in there. So they all entered the Hugely Tall and Powerful Spirit Tiger Rock’s mouth with war in mind.”

This extract from a Bornean legend, presenting a mysterious entity combining stoniness and the mythical tiger, which also contains an entire micro-cosmos, illustrates the complex and cosmological role of stone in this region. I argue that stone is a lens allowing us to gaze into a cosmology and ontology which views the material world as made up of a flow of vital force, creating a cosmos in continuous flux.

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