



According to legend the Dragon had nine sons, and each had a strong personality. There is no general agreement as to what the Dragon's sons are called. However, to most people, they are:

### **Haoxian**

A reckless and adventurous dragon whose image can be found decorating the eaves of palaces.

### **Yazi**

Valiant and bellicose; his image is seen on sword-hilts and knife hilts.

### **Chiwen**

Chiwen likes to gaze into the distance and his appearance is often carved on pinnacles.

### **Baxia**

Baxia is a good swimmer and his image decorates many bridge piers and archways.

### **Pulao**

Pulao is fond of roaring and his figure is carved on bells.

### **Bixi**

Bixi is an excellent pack-animal whose image appears on panniers.

### **Qiuniu**

Qiuniu loves music and his figure is a common decoration on the bridge of stringed musical instruments.

### **Suanmi**

Suanmi is fond of smoke and fire; his likeness can be seen on the legs of incense-burners.

### **Jiaotu**

Jiaotu is as tight-lipped as a mussel or a snail. His image is carved on doors.





























