

Mythical Chinese Dragon Creatures

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Copied from Wiki, corrected and explained one by one.

The [qiuniu 囚牛], (Hybrid of cow and dragon) a creature that likes music, are used to adorn musical instruments.

The [yazi 睚眦/睚眦], (Hybrid of wolf and dragon) a creature that likes to fight, is aggressive and is normally found on cross-guards on sword as ornaments.

The [chaofeng 嘲風], (Hybrid of lynx and dragon) a creature that likes to climb and eat. They are typically placed on the four corners of roofs.

The [pulao 蒲牢], (Hybrid of dog & dragon) a creature that likes to scream, and are represented on the tops of bells, used as handles.

The [suanni 狻猊], (Hybrid of lion and dragon) a creature that likes to sit down, are represented upon the bases of Buddhist idols (under the Buddhas' or Bodhisattvas' feet).

The [bixi 螭螭], (Hybrid of snake and dragon) a creature that likes to drink water, and is typically used on bridge structures.

The [bi'an 狴犴], (Hybrid of tiger and dragon) a creature that likes litigation, are placed over prison gates (in order to keep guard).

The [baxia 霸下], (Hybrid of turtle and dragon) a creature with a large shell able to carry heavy objects, and are normally found on tombstones.

The [chiwen 螭吻/鸱吻], (Hybrid of fish and dragon) a creature that likes swallowing, are placed on both ends of the ridgepoles of roofs (to swallow all evil influences).

These a cartoon versions show the character of each sign of the dragon clearly.

From top left side to bottom right side:

Bian(Hybrid of tiger and dragon)
yazi(Hybrid of wolf and dragon)
baxia(Hybrid of turtle and dragon)
Pulao (Hybrid of dog & dragon)(a wrong drawing)
chaofeng (Hybrid of lynx and dragon) (it's a wrong drawing)
chiwen(Hybrid of fish and dragon)
suanni (Hybrid of lion and dragon)
bixi (Hybrid of snake and dragon)
qiuniu (Hybrid of cow and dragon)



A pair of "chaofeng" (Hybrid of lynx and dragon)

