



Qian Li Yan



Shun Feng Er

1. Type of God: Sea Deity/ Door Guardian

Chinese names/ titles:

Qian Li Yan (Mandarin) / “Thousand Mile Eye”

Shun Feng Er (Mandarin) / “Wind Flowing Ear”

Legend:

One legend states that Qian Li Yan and Shun Feng Er were two brothers and skilled warriors. One had superior sight and the other superior hearing which they used to win battles. But, in the battle at Peach Blossom Mountain, the opposing army waved flags and banged on drums to negate their special skills and both were killed violently. They turned into vengeful spirits (demons) and wreaked havoc among the locals. One day they came upon a lovely maiden to whom they wanted to marry. The maiden turned out to be Tin Hau, goddess of

sea. She told them that if they could beat her in battle then she would marry them. But her kung fu skills were superior to theirs and she easily defeated them. Being that they lost, Tin Hau told them that they could only use their special skills to help people and that they must accompany her as her guardians to do good. Together they became gods of sea and protected seafarers from storms and other disasters.

Today you will often see statues of Qian Li Yan and Shen Feng Er next to Tin Hau or near the entrance of her temple as door guardians.

