

# Some Mysteries in the Baguazhang School

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Rumor has it, that some of Dong Gong Haichuan's students, besides the famous ones, still have some secret teachings. There are some mysteries from those days that occurred in Baguazhang Schools that are proof of it.

Around the time of Dong Gong Haichuan's death, there were two masked people who came to the capitol. The first came to call on Dong Gong. The second one came looking to recover a saber.

The first occurred around 1870.

At that time, Ma Weiqi (Coal Ma)'s training area was in a reed hollow. On a certain night unexpectedly came a disguised man, he did not say anything but stretched out his hand and attacked. For the next three nights they crossed hands. Neither could best the other. Ma Weiqi realized from the previous bouts that this man same already approach, although his power is comparatively high; nevertheless still no idea how to injure him. On the fourth night, Ma Weiqi went to see Dong Gong and explained the situation. Dong Gong replied, "I will come see." That night the two men, teacher and student, proceeded to leave, Ma Weiqi entered the reed hollow practice area. Dong Gong stayed outside the reeds by a tree, he climbed up to quietly watch. Not long after the disguised man arrived and the two men began fighting at once. This time the disguised man used real skill, not long after, he turned to arrive behind Coal Ma's back and struck with his palm. When Dong Gong saw that Coal Ma had been injured, he could not contain himself and cried, "You dare to use the poison hand!" The disguised man upon hearing this fled the scene. Coal Ma then sought out Dong Gong not knowing what to do. When Coal Ma asked about the incident, Dong Gong replied, "He is your teacher's brother." And he never again spoke of it.

The second occurred one evening about two years after Dong Gong's death.

That night, a masked man suddenly appeared at Yin Fu's home. He said, "Shixiong (Older brother), when teacher was alive, he said that I could have the single saber that he used. Now that the old man has died, I know that you have been taking care of the saver that I deserve. You should give it to me." Yin answered, "You are mistaken about this saber." After two nights of negotiating, Yin Fu, from beginning to end, denied it. Finally the masked man said, "I will take it tonight." After saying that, he disappeared into the night.

Three nights later the man came by and called out, "Shixiong! I already have the saber." Yin Fu was alarmed. He leapt up and rushed outside and arrived at the alley entrance

only to realize the man was not to be seen. He ran back to look inside his house. He turned pale with fright. The cloth case covering was opened and the saber was gone.

These are two incidents that involve a masked man. What is under contention is whether this was one man or two men. To this day there is no way to get an answer.

