The quantum Ruijsenaars model is a q-analogue of the Calogero—Moser model, described by n commuting partial difference operators (quantum hamiltonians)  $h_1, ..., h_n$ . As it turns out, for each natural number l>1 there exists another integrable system whose quantum hamiltonians have the same leading terms as the l-th powers of  $h_1, ..., h_n$ . I will discuss several ways of arriving at this generalisation.