Scholar gentleman in conversation

Views of noted Chinese and South-east Asian historian are published in a new book

for South-east Asia — a region named by its position south of China and east of India — should the two Asian powers drift apart?
I think that South-east Asia can play a role in discouraging any drifting apart. The problem is whether the Chinese and Indians can work together without objections from anybody. China and India should be able to rise above this sentiment.

Q What will be the consequences

Not known for picking a fight
"I quarrelled, but he didn’t. You can’t quarrel with a person who doesn’t quarrel back. So after a while, we, or rather I, stopped quarrelling."