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This essay presents a cogent and clear approach to histories, theories, and current scholarship on cosmopolitanism. The author offers compelling textual readings of individual characters as embodiments of different types of cosmopolitans/cosmopolitanisms and their coexistence as well as conflicts in comparative Asian literatures. Through an elegant presentation, the essay offers insightful readings of the characters trajectories as “spatial disjunctions.”