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China used to be the biggest economic powerhouse who sought to maintain their power by traveling and maintaining their relationships with foreigners so their trading relationship stays intact while staying at the top of the economic game. But what if China was closer to the Americas? How would that change the trajectory of how things go? Well, Zheng He, a famous China explorer, would “discover” Mexico and the Aztec empire. This itself would change how history was seen because China would trade to obtain things like spices and Gold which would ultimately build a relationship with the foreigners different to what Christopher Columbus did which was basically go over to take everything and convert the natives of the land.

Because of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans being switched then that would mean this new partnership China has with the Aztecs and other Mesoamerican civilizations the culture switch would be huge because of how foreigners would only come to trade and nothing else, I could see there being peace between China and its new allies because of the want of trading goods but also a different look for both sides because this interaction was never supposed to happen like this. Overall because of this China would become the biggest Eurasian hierarchy that would be close to the Americas ultimately changing the course of history, because of the trades

the aztecs would of probably been around today because of the tools they missed they would have here which could lead to so many different routes in our history.