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Following the success of Phan's Theorem and the Curtis-Tits Theorem in describing amalgams of unitary groups and amalgams of linear groups, respectively, I attempted to investigate an amalgam between an $SL_3(q)$ and an $SU_3(q)$, amalgamated in an $SL_2(q)$. The amalgam I investigated collapsed. In this paper, I describe the reason for its collapse. I then go on to investigate the wider consequences for larger amalgams of unitary and linear groups. (Received August 30, 2010)