

The flaw in Philip's masterplan

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Isolated in his palace, the usually meticulous Spanish king had never realised that his invasion plan depended on some very complex logistics.

There was a fatal flaw in Philip's master plan. Bizarrely, he was astonishingly vague about exactly how and where the Spanish Armada would meet up with the army of the Duke of Parma.

It's almost as though he thought the English Channel was a small scrap of water on which it would be easy to meet. In fact, of course, it's a long stretch of sea, 350 miles long, 20 miles wide at its narrowest point.

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