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The empirical literature on growth and inequality, however, has missed a key feature of the growth process in developing countries: namely, its lack of persistence. Per capita incomes do not typically grow steadily for decades. Rather, periods of rapid growth are punctuated by collapses and sometimes stagnation—the hills, valleys, and plateaus of growth.

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