Eromo Massif

The dark heart in this African landscape is the Eromo Massif, an isolated, sheer-walled mountain that rises 1,360 meters (4,497 feet) above the Namibian plains. The massif is a remnant of a gigantic volcano that was active roughly 180 million years ago. As the volcano cooled, its crust collapsed to form itself under the weight of overlying lava. Erosion by wind and wind-blown sand gradually exposed the long-dead volcano’s core of granite and basalt.

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