

Where do gorges come from?

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I'm not sure if this is the right NG to ask this question, and this may seem a remarkably ignorant question, but that never stopped me before.

On television, they've just shown the Blue Nile forming a waterfall in a massive gorge. The land looks, given the aerial shot, amazingly flat until there's a sudden "fresh looking" (sharp edges) massive gorge. What forces could cut such a massive hole in the earth? I had a look, and Lake Tana where the Blue Nile rises, seems well away from the great rift valley.

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