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A vivid and unsettling portrait of a world ruled by the rush for resources—and what it means for us.

In 2008, a Chinese company bought a mountain in Peru. At 15,000 feet (4,600m), Mount Toromocho is an imposing land mass, towering at half the height of Mount Everest. It is composed of two billion tons of copper, making it one of the largest single copper deposits in the world. For a hefty fee of US$3 billion, her title transferred from the Peruvian people into the hands of the Chinese.

Nearly every day newspaper headlines and media commentators scream warnings of the pending doom—shortages of arable land, clashes over water, and the political Armageddon as demand for oil and gas far outstrips any possible supply.

As the global population converges to nine billion people by 2050, and the world economy adds two billion new people to the middle class by 2030, pressures on natural resources will become more acute. Despite this backdrop, our grasp of the mega shifts in the commodity space remain blurred, and international policymakers remain complacent.

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Overturning our assumptions, Moyo details the commodity dynamics that the world will face over the next several decades, and the implications of China’s rush for resources across all regions of the world, from Africa to Latin America, from North America, to Europe and Australia.

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