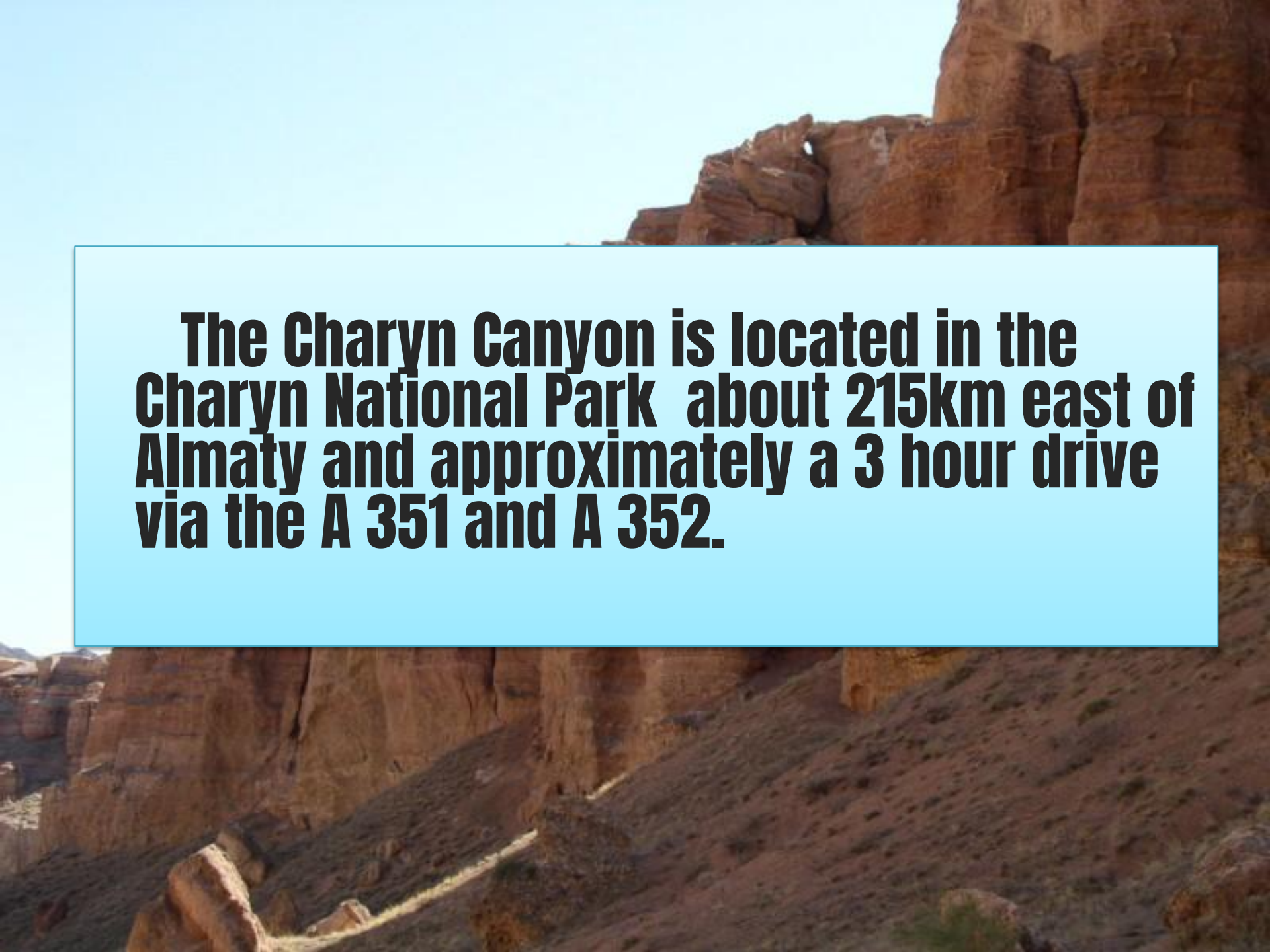
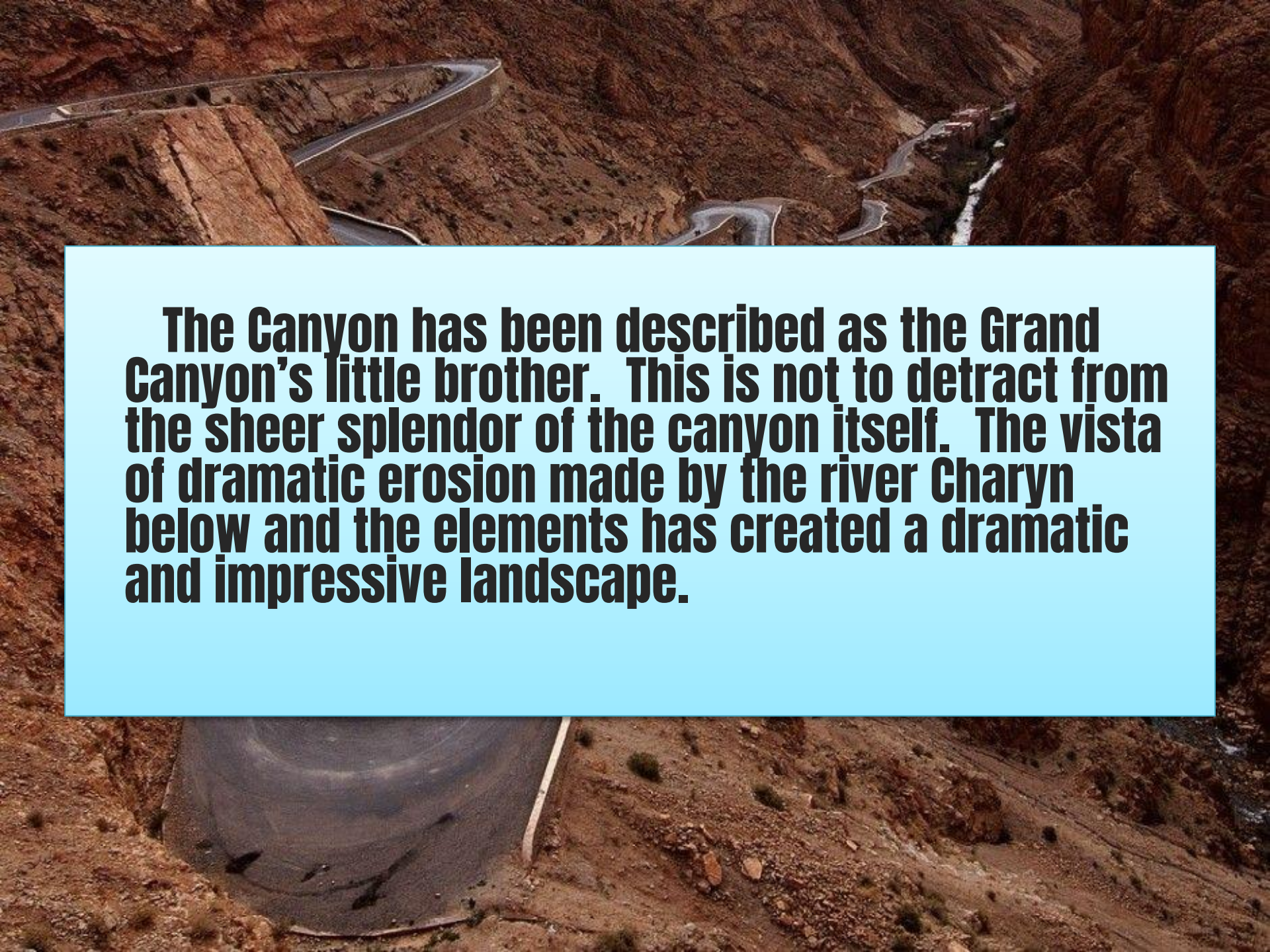


A photograph of Charyn Canyon, showing towering, reddish-brown sandstone rock formations with intricate textures and shadows. The sky is a pale, clear blue. A light blue rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text 'Charyn Canyon' in a bold, dark blue font.

Charyn Canyon

A photograph of a canyon with reddish-brown rock formations and a dirt path leading up a slope. The text is overlaid on a light blue rectangular background.

The Charyn Canyon is located in the Charyn National Park about 215km east of Almaty and approximately a 3 hour drive via the A 351 and A 352.

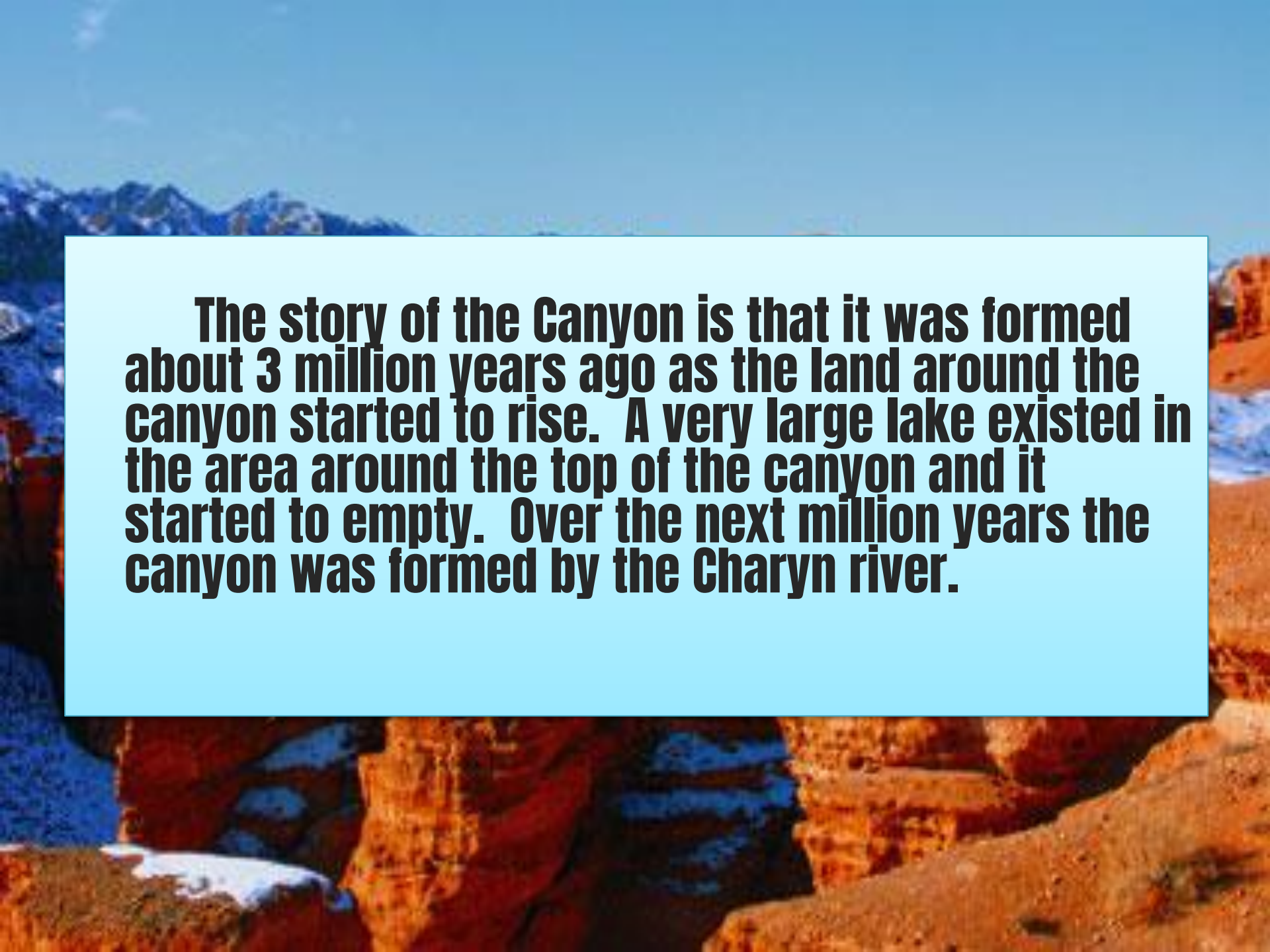
A high-angle, top-down view of a deep, narrow canyon. The canyon walls are steep and composed of reddish-brown, layered rock. A winding asphalt road curves along the upper edge of the canyon. In the center of the canyon, a river flows, its white water contrasting with the dark, shadowed floor. The overall scene is dramatic and rugged.

The Canyon has been described as the Grand Canyon's little brother. This is not to detract from the sheer splendor of the canyon itself. The vista of dramatic erosion made by the river Charyn below and the elements has created a dramatic and impressive landscape.



The Canyon itself is approximately 150 km long, and, in places up to 300 meters deep.

One area of particular interest, is an area of 2km called the Valley of Castles, due to the pillars and rock formations forming imposing, almost man made structures.

The background of the slide is a photograph of a canyon. In the foreground, there are large, reddish-brown rock formations. In the middle ground, a river flows through the canyon. In the background, there are more rock formations and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on a light blue rectangular box in the center of the image.

The story of the Canyon is that it was formed about 3 million years ago as the land around the canyon started to rise. A very large lake existed in the area around the top of the canyon and it started to empty. Over the next million years the canyon was formed by the Charyn river.







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