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story of the Devil, who, through a series of common macroeconomic maneuvers, coaches the president of a mythical country into financial

ruin. This ruler's path is not unlike that taken in several real developing countries, to their detriment. Hinds goes on to introduce new ways of thinking about financial systems and monetary behavior in Third World countries.