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Clouds do not burst, but they seem to, judging by the devastation caused by exceedingly heavy rains which have given rise to that designation. An inch of rain an hour is called excessive by the U.S. Weather Bureau. This rate may easily be greatly exceeded for a short time when strong ascensional currents of air, which may have kept aloft large quantities of rain and hail, are suddenly stopped by the storm moving over a crest, thus releasing the suspended moisture. This released water added to the normally heavy downpour causes the torrents of rain called a "cloudburst."

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