

The Nerd

Since my friend C is in the play called The Nerd (hopefully still is, considering his medical troubles as of late) I thought I would share something I embarrassingly have enjoyed watching on the internet. Embarrassing because it's not exactly family friendly. In fact, if you have young ones around, do not watch any of these shows. In fact, don't even go to the link I am going to provide. You have been warned. What does this have to do with The Nerd? Well, the one I write about is James Rolfe, otherwise known as the angry video game nerd. He unfortunately reminds me a little about myself playing video games sometimes. I can get really angry after playing a tough game for awhile. This is probably one of the reasons I don't play them much anymore, and when I do they are often easy ones made for kids. Anyway, Rolfe plays really bad video games on purpose just to show us all how bad they are, and to have a little fun with it. Unfortunately, his reviews are laced with profanity during the "angry" moments (just an act I'm sure) which is why I only grudgingly admit to watching them. Besides reminding me a little bit about myself, I am entertained watching video games which is probably why I continue to watch them. I download video game movies from [World of Longplays](#), [Speed Demos Archive](#), [Recorded Amiga Games](#), [TAS Videos](#), and more. This form of voyeurism, watching others play games, comes from when I was a young teen. I enjoyed arcades a little too much. When I would run out of money, I would stay and just watch others play. As far as I remember, I didn't get much strategy tips from this, just enjoyment.

Well, back to AVGN. Rolfe often has themes for the reviews he does. When a popular movie comes out, he will do a series of games based on that movie. Yep, he has recently done Indiana Jones and Batman games. He also does some holiday themes, like halloween and Christmas. From a technical standpoint, they are really pretty good. I have watched nearly all of

them (I skipped just one I think- a certain type of Atari game theme which makes his page pretty much not safe for family...). This guy is quite popular too as he has had some knock-off reviewers. One did I think just one video calling himself the Christian Video Game Nerd. He just mimiced one of Rolfe's videos substituting "nicer" words for profanity in places, but the "anger" is still there. There is also a Happy Video Game Nerd, who reviews some of the better games. He stole the AVGN theme song, substituting his own lyrics. Anyway, if you haven't done a search yet by now, the Angry Video Game Nerd site is at... Hmm. I talked of one page, but it seems the page has moved. The reviews are now categorized by year so they are not all family unsafe, but still be careful. The site is at Cinemassacre.com.

Another review favorite of mine is a bit more family friendly. Someone took it on himself to review all Nintendo (NES) games from day one of its Japanese release in the early eighties. He calls his series [Chrontendo](#) (click for link). He as also just started chronicling Sega's SMS system from the same time. I am in the process of downloading episode two of ChronSega right now. If you have broadband, do yourself a favor and download the larger DIVX videos. The quality is much better than the MP4 streams.

Anyway, that's it for now for this look into the psyche of this substitute teacher. I wonder if I should get a job with Comcast. Still bad pay, but If I work eight hours daily I will start with what I am getting as a sub, plus I will have benefits and plenty of opportunity for overtime pay too...