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Join us, intrepid explorers, as we journey once again into the depths of the Penny Arcade archives, facing eldritch curses and monstrous perils aplenty in our quest to unearth the ancient treasures of the year 2004 A.D.! Marvel at the mysteries laid bare within - at these tales of epic gaming, appliances gone bad, square-dancing blood feuds, and so much more! Face, if you dare, the ominous foreboding of The Last Christmas, the challenging depths of Twisp and Catsby, and the poignant tragedy of The Wandering Age!

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Sophia says

I love this comic to death -- it seems kinda silly to own the books when the archives are available for free, but buying it pays their rent and Jerry Holkins's commentary is well-worth it (especially since I don't always get the more in-jokey gaming strips, and without the accompanying news posts on the website version the jokes go over my head). Also included are copies of the paper they keep on top of their convention-tables, covered with their own drawings and notes as well as readers'. Plus the cover looks like a Hardy Boys novel and it introduces Twisp and Catsby, the guys' first WoW experiences, the Kansas City Hotsteppers, John Gabriel's Greater Internet Fuckwad Theory, Hector the caddy, the T-Rex Box, and a very fucking metal Jesus. What more could you want?

Matt Mazenauer says

And we've finally hit the modern age, where Penny Arcade has hit the form it remains in still today. Funny, brutal, cultish, and chock full of insider videogame jokes that not even the explanatory paragraphs fully fill us in on, this is still a joyous book. God bless Tycho's silver tongue.

Kate says

Enjoyable!

Kyle Wheat says

Jerry Holkins is one of my favorite writers. through the five volumes that they have printed (or for free online) you can read along as he develops one of the most interesting, on-point, and hilarious writing styles I've ever experienced.

Alex Telander says

PENNY ARCADE VOLUME 5: THE CASE OF THE MUMMY'S GOLD BY JERRY HOLKINS AND MIKE KRAHULIK: The Penny Arcade team are back again with their next long-awaited volume of the online comic: The Case of the Mummy's Gold. Volume 5 features a Hardy Boys classic looking cover as Gabe and Tycho stand wary by a door in geeky-looking outfits that bare a resemblance to classic Star Trek uniforms, as a pair of mummy's arms stretch from the open doorway.

Volume 5 features some familiar characters, including our infamous fruit crushing friend, as well as some new concepts like their take on the Oriental Last Rites comic. With the advent of popular Mass Multi-Player

Online (MMO) games like World of Warcraft and the Star Wars MMO, Penny Arcade embarked on a new chapter of online comics with lascivious praise on some games like the former mentioned above, and scornful berating and insult on games like the latter. Penny Arcade also became aware of their growing popularity and the fact that many people read the blogs and the comic and took the advice they offered. With this power they began ridiculing and mocking different companies in the games industry much to the amusement of the fans. It's what really launched the comic into superstardom as it began fighting back for the fans.

Whether you're picking Penny Arcade up for the first time, or simply addictively adding the next volume to your collection (like me), *The Case of the Mummy's Gold* will be a welcome recruit, with lots of extra sketches from the different conventions they attended, including the actual paper tablecloth doodles they made to pass the time. And if that's not enough, there's always the entertaining comments they've made on each comic about whether they liked it, or thought the concept totally failed, or simply have no recollection of what they did or were attempting to do.

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Patrick says

I think Jerry really hit his stride here in the commentary on the strips. Every three or four pages I'd end up reading something so clever, ridiculous, or well phrased that I would honest-to-god LOL.

I would occasionally even chortle. Normally, I'm much too dignified for that.

Paul says

The Case of the Mummy's Gold is perfect for both those unfortunate bastards that have not had the pleasure to read the comic and those fanatical, grease-pit stained fans that love the comic enough to buy a book containing (mostly) already published material one may peruse for free online. I am a member of the latter. If you're new to the series and prefer the tactile indulgence analog materials offer, I can certainly recommend this book. If you're already familiar with Gabe and Tycho's oeuvre and you know this is mostly comics you've already read, then you might as well buy this book. The commentary for each strip reveals new dimensions by which the graphic narrative may be appreciated, as well as several scribbles from Gabe's comicon sketchbook. But the real delight is having a reason to reread older strips. I had forgotten how weirdly poignant the Cardboard Tube Samurai arcs were, how amazing Fruit Fucker is, and how much I miss Twisp and Catsby. So pick up a copy, you trouser-less potato child, and reminisce with old friends!

Schnaucl says

I enjoyed this book, as I've enjoyed all the other books in the series. I particularly loved the strip about Shadow Hearts: Covenant & "Tycho"'s comment about Fable II was certainly prescient.

Boulder Boulderson says

Volume five of Penny Arcade, featuring stories of golf and the first appearances of Twisp and Catsby. Fabulous stuff, though I was startled how much "gay" is used as an insult. Truly a more primitive time.

Cale says

A collection of Penny Arcade's online comics from 2004, with commentary from 2008, this book manages to be nostalgic twice - since Penny Arcade comics are topical/timely, a lot of them don't age well, but make me remember back to those days. And then the comments, which are also dated now, do the same; there was a comment about how Fallout 3 was just about to come out from 2008, and hoping that it didn't come out poorly... Many of the comics are still enjoyable (this is the one that introduces Twisp and Catsby), and its finale 'The Last Christmas' starring Cthulhu, is lots of fun. A good reminiscence.

Eric says

Another great look at tech/videogame history through a collection of comics that you can read on the internet for free. A must have for serial Penny Arcade readers.

James says

so, with every *penny arcade* strip still available for free online, why spend \$13 to buy this print edition of the strips from 2004? well, because when humanity disappears in some sort of *i am legend* type scenario, and teh interwebs crashes, i'll still be able to read the comics while the rest of you are going to be *arcade-less*, which is a very sad "-less" to be. but for real? in addition to the great writing and visual gags in the strips themselves, there's also jerry holkins's (tycho's) magnificent, erudite, and hilarious commentary. quite a few times i found myself laughing harder at his comments than at the comics themselves.

Heather says

I decided to read this since my husband is such a fan. Often enough their online strip often appeals to me. While most of this was a little out of my element I enjoyed more than a few of the strips in here. I will likely read future editions and plan on picking up the one before this (although, any earlier ones may be way out of my taste). I would recommend this for fans of the online comic, video game fans, and those who consider themselves to be tech-nerds.

Tung says

Unless you are a major geek like me, you have no idea what Penny Arcade is. If you do know what Penny Arcade is, you will have probably already read this book. Penny Arcade is one of the most-read online comics, especially for video game enthusiasts. If you play videogames or even create videogames or work in an industry related to videogames, you read Penny Arcade as a matter of course. Where ESPN is the daily stop for sports fans, Penny Arcade is the daily stop for video game enthusiasts and nerds. This book collects the online strips for the fifth year of Penny Arcade's humor (2004); each strip is accompanied by commentaries from the author and artist. Of the five collections out, this one is my favorite, I think. The characters of the strip had been fully developed by now, and in 2004, they introduced a slew of other characters, all hysterical. A must-read, obviously, for fans of the site, and a pass for all others. But you others don't know what you're missing.

Burt says

Continued, sheer brilliance.
