
Next Gen Rant number 3

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{mos_sb_discuss: 4}First, it seems web comic people all over are finding ways to cash in the humor of Wii-related damages. Penny-Arcade, Applegeeks Lite, even Bunny have weighed in their thoughts on the Wii's destructive potential. Also, the battle of the console war in my head comes to conclusion...

The dust settled in my mind as the salvos of fire between the armies had stopped. The forces of Wii, bolstered by the sudden reinforcements in the form of Elebits and the reports of Mario and Smash Brothers before summer of next year, held off the increadable onslaught of the Xbox 360. Though victorious, the Wii forces knew the price of their victory.

The Wii held out, and the 360's forces lost some ground. However, the 360's armies were far from defeated. They still have a strong hold in their territories, and it will probably take titles that won't come out until next christmas for the Wii before they can even think of kicking them out entirely. As it stands, the 360's forces are not counting this as a defeat, for they know a key weakness for the Wii: Supply.

Yes, it seems even though Nintendo was not frought with production problems, Wii Demand is still out-stripping Wii supply. If when the time comes to actually plant a Nintendo Wii upon the battle field comes, and none are available, the 360 forces will rejoice. After all, if we can't get a Wii on the field, a 360 will likely come instead.

At this point the armies have done what they can. The Wii eventually won out due to a flaw noticed late in the battle in the 360: The majority of the games I want to play for it are M-rated third person shooters. While I am sure many of them are good, sooner or later I will tire of the genre and want something else. The Wii, on the other hand, is providing a wide array of gaming options and the new control scheme makes it so games I wouldn't normally play are now fun! So, in the end, I have decided that the Wii deserves a chance to prove itself using games I don't normally go for and see how things go. I still think someday a 360 will grace my home; such an event is likely inevitable unless the PS3 drops in price dramatically and soon. I won't sit idley by and let that part of this generation of gaming pass me by just because Nintendo isn't a part of it, especially since PC gaming hasn't been doing very good and giving us much variety as of late... like.. at all.

Let's face it, weither you like WoW or GW more, those two are the only outstandingly good games on PC all year. There have been some okay ones, and those are either RTS expansions or sequels that were alright. But even if Supreme Commander and C&C 3 prove to be all we hope they are, that still means all the PC gives us is FPSes and RTSes, and any other titles are kinda "meh." Thus the big push for a console this year.

So now it is up to the parents and supply and demand. I'm sure when the Christmas day comes, whichever one is under the tree, I can know a plesant gaming experence will come.