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If there is one conquistador who needs little introduction is the morio n hatted explorer Gonzo. This cheerful chap burst on the scene in 2013 in Gonzo's Quest, one of the finest combinations of features, charm, and playability NetEnt has ever produced and is still popular to this very day . It is dated, of course, as most eight-year-old games on any platform are. However, a Megaways reboot in 2024 by Red Tiger was like a modernising adrenal shot right in the heart of the franchise which was also followed up by a live casino game titled Gonzo's Treasure Hunt. Now we have Gonzo's Gold from NetEnt themselves, which breaks with tradition. Gonzo's Gold is a cluster pays slot, without a cascade/reaction mechanic, that climaxes in a symbol expansion feature during free spins.

Gonzo's Gold is also the least personable game in the series too. Gonzo especially is conspicuous by his absence. He shows up on the 5x5 game grid as its most valuable symbol, yet there is no comedic performance on the side of the grid where you would find him in the past. The whole background is pretty empty, really, depicting a misty stone complex, all more or less the same colour palette with nothing interesting to report back on. It's the sort of find an archaeologist might dread since there are no objets d'art to lift for the local museum. That or someone else beat them to it and cleaned the place out. As a strong counterpoint, the soundtrack is pretty good. Well, the base game music is subdued, though decent win effects and count-ups are nice. Getting to free spins is where the chanting kicks in and adds some life to the experience.

Gonzo's Gold may be played on tablets, mobile devices, or desktops and provides a wide range of stakes from 10 p/c to R\$ / <200 per spin. It's not as volatile as you might think, the math model garnering a medium rating. Winning clusters are formed when three premium or four low pay symbols land adjacent to each other, vertically or horizontally. 10 to ace card ranks are the lower value symbols, while the high pays are three mask icons and Gonzo as the top paying symbol. When landing clusters of 20 matching symbols or more, things start to get interesting, maxing out at 750 to 5,000 times the stake for a full grid of 25 premium symbols. Interestingly, Gonzo's Gold makes do without wild symbols or cascading pay systems.

Gonzo's Gold: Slot Features

The best chance of striking gold in the game is when at least 3 temple scatter symbols land to trigger the bonus round. Landing 3, 4, or 5