

# Absolute Zero

**Real Name:** Nina Waters

**Occupation:** Janitor

**Identity:** Secret

**Legal Status:** American citizen, wanted for petty crimes

**Place of Origin:** Youngstown, OH, United States

**Marital Status:** Single

**Known Relatives:** Janet Waters (mother), Jonathan Waters (father)

**Group Affiliation:** None

**Base of Operations:** Seattle, WA, United States

**Height:** 4'10" **Weight:** 120 lb.

**Eyes:** Grey **Hair:** Blond

**Skin:** Caucasian

**Strength Level:** 8

**Intelligence:** 2

**Super Powers:** Super strength

**Abilities:** Absolute Zero's physical strength increases with a decrease in internal and surrounding area temperatures.

**Gadgets:** Cybernetic tech permanently attached to skin.

**Limitations:** Her strength is directly related to the temperature of her body. The colder she is, the stronger she gets.

**DYK?:** Absolute Zero has a very fragile ego and can be easily manipulated, emotionally.

## **History:**

All her life, Nina Waters had been the overlooked mousy girl that felt she never got a break. She grew up in a small nowhere town and attended a small nowhere school as a small nobody. No friends or ambition to speak of. She lived the quietest, most mundane life. After not being accepted to any of the colleges she applied to and an undistinguished high school career, Nina decided to move west and start a fresh life. She moved to Seattle Washington, where her luck stayed the same and she continued to underachieve.

As the financial strain started to mount, Nina took job after endless job to pay the bills, finally serving as a night crew janitor. She was hired by a large janitorial firm that would send her from office to office in the middle of the night, emptying waste baskets and mopping floors. It was lonely, boring, mediocre work for a lonely, boring, mediocre person.

The late nights working, further drove Nina into a lackluster life. As most of her day was spent sleeping, she continued to have no social life. She had no real friends or family, a total loner... an absolute zero.

Then, one fateful night, while cleaning at a small cybernetics startup, Nina accidentally stumbled into the middle of an experiment that would change her life forever.

The company, Data Freeze, was looking into creating cutting edge cooling technology for overheating data centers. The premise of their technology was genius, introducing cold air as a power source instead of typical heat energy. The only problem was that they were yet unable to successfully scale the cool power source to a useful size.

On that fateful night, cleaning the Data Freeze offices, Nina slipped on some cleaning solution and slammed right into the technology that created the cold energy. Nina bumped her head so hard, she fell unconscious and stayed there almost all night, alone with no one to help her. When she finally came to, early the next morning, the technology had frozen to her skin. In the heat of the moment, she was more fearful of losing her job than anything else, so she quickly cleaned the scene of the accident and ran out the door before the morning crew would arrive. Nina was so nervous and moving so quickly that she was shaking and sweating.

When she got home, Nina tried desperately to remove the technology from her skin, but it seemed to be frozen on, with no way of coming off. She even took a hot shower, and still, nothing. The self perpetuating cooling system worked and stayed cold, but that was all it seemed to do. Nina's state of panic made her nervous with a rush of adrenaline, which naturally kept her temperature up.

Meanwhile, Data Freeze had reported to the cleaning agency that something had been tampered with between closing time and the janitorial clean up. Nina was fired without question and fell into a deep depression. She had lost a job that no one likes and would never get fired from.

It wasn't until the next week, during a torrential downpour of rain, when the landlord came for the rent, that Nina realized the changes inside her. An argument ensued over the months of back rent that Nina owed. The landlord finally couldn't take it any longer and physically kicked her out. The two fought in the middle of the rain, where she beat the large man to a pulp. She didn't stop until she noticed the Data Freeze tech, sticking out from under her clothes, glowing with energy.

Again, Nina ran. But this time, she had nowhere to run to. Shaking and shivering in the rain, Nina punched her way right through a brick wall in an alley. The technology on her skin started to expand and glow, and she slowly realized what had happened.

It took Nina some time to understand that her powers were tied to temperature changes in her body and surrounding area, but once she did, she used that power for ill gain, righting the perceived wrongs of her life as the villain, Absolute Zero!

## **Appleberry**

**Real Name:** Apollonia Berringer

**Occupation:** Student

**Identity:** Secret

**Legal Status:** American citizen

**Place of Origin:** New Orleans, LA, United States

**Marital Status:** Single

**Known Relatives:** Kyla Berringer (mother), Marcus Berringer (father), François Berringer (brother), Beatrice Berringer (sister)

**Group Affiliation:** Magic School Girl Trio

**Base of Operations:** New Orleans, LA, United States

**Height:** 5'6" **Weight:** 140lb.

**Eyes:** Brown **Hair:** Black

**Skin:** African American

**Strength Level:** 7

**Intelligence:** 7

**Super Powers:** Magic user

**Abilities:** Can perform a number of magical spells.

**Gadgets:** Book of spells

**Limitations:** Still learning the craft of magic. Limited to her novice abilities.

**DYK?:** Apollonia was named after her ancestor, Apollonia of Strasbourg, who also happened to be a magician.

### **History:**

Apollonia Berringer was born to normal parents of Louisiana Creole descent. For most of her formative years, Apollonia, or Apple as she's affectionately known, lived a normal life, competing for the attention of her parents, from her similarly aged siblings.

As a young teen, Apple spent most of her time causing mischief without using magic. Known around town as the local sweetheart, she usually garners a smile from everyone she comes across...oh, if they only knew.

Beneath that heartwarming smile, and hidden behind the city of New Orleans itself, is a secret life of unimaginable wonder and magic. Upon her thirteenth birthday, Apollonia was indoctrinated into her new life by her Guardian Mage, Waltz of Wizenberry. This senior magician was in charge of teaching Apollonia about the world of magic. Waltz took Apollonia to study in New Orleans finest magic academy, La Acadia, where she quickly became one of the most popular students.

At La Acadia, Apollonia unknowingly befriended two other girls that would play a major role in her magical life, enhancing and augmenting each other's abilities: Aysha Giles, better known as Cocoa, keeper of the Amulet of Death and despair, and Beatrix Black, holder of The One Wand. Together, the girls became inseparable friends and a force to be reckoned with as the Magic School Girl Trio.

During her time at school, the fun loving Apollonia was a natural, but undisciplined student, often coming to odds with her teacher, Waltz. She believed that her magical abilities were to be shared with the world, while Waltz imparted the importance of keeping her talents a secret from the world, otherwise, she would possibly call attention from otherworldly evils.

Of course, with youth comes impulsiveness and Apple was no exception. She now went around town sharing smiles and her magic powers, in the form of small, secret gestures of kindness. As happy as she made the people of New Orleans, she equally enraged the evil spirits that eventually took notice.

When she least expected it, Apple's world was turned upside down. Vile, dark magical creatures had found and attacked her. She only survived with the help of her teacher Waltz, who sacrificed himself in defense of Apollonia.

From that day forward, Apollonia swore to avenge her teacher's death and rid the world of evil as the secret magician, Appleberry!