

Maxwell Dillon spent his time working as an electrical engineer and lineman. During a routine job repairing a power line, he was struck by lightning. The shock caused a mutagenic change in Maxwell, that transformed him into a living electrical capacitor. Initially, his powers were weak, so to subsidise and grow his powers, he stole electrical equipment from Stark Industries. While this was happening, Magneto approached Maxwell, asking him to become a member of his Brotherhood, claiming that his powers could rival those of Magneto's, but Dillon refused the mutant leader. The very next day, Dillon was approached by a small-time thug who came to collect money that Maxwell owed him. When the thug drew a gun, Maxwell quickly responded by sending a bolt of electricity through the man's chest, killing him. Taking on the name Electro, Dillon turned to a life of crime and his first victim was J. Jonah

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