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N604 - April 20, 2026, 12:46 am

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froujj - April 20, 2026, 5:22 pm

I heard it was ShinyHunters who did the hack. Any link to their original post about the breach ?

NoSuchAgency - April 20, 2026, 6:00 pm

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That's so true! The hacking methods are changing and becoming more sophisticated and more harmful this way. Big companies like these are getting hurt easily, that makes you wonder how many dormant agents you have in the backend of some of the biggest companies.