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We Tracked a Shipment of Rare Books. It Ended at an Amazon AI Training Facility

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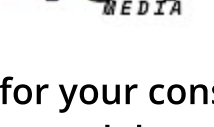
We placed a tracking device in a shipment of rare books to see which AI company was buying it, and found an Amazon facility where Amazon scans and destroys books.



THE SYMBOL FOR AMAZON'S VGT3, THE LAS VEGAS FACILITY WHERE IT SCANS BOOK FOR AI TRAINING DATA.

Amazon is buying massive quantities of books, scanning them for AI training data, and destroying them in the process.

A 404 Media investigation was able to reveal Amazon's book buying operation, which hasn't been previously reported, by placing a tracking device in a rare book we suspected would be acquired by an AI company for training data, and following



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