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Boston Dynamics just had a brutal C-suite shakeup

CEO Robert Playter retired in February, the COO and CSO bounced right after, CTO Aaron Saunders jumped ship to Google DeepMind... and a ton of senior engineers and researchers are gone too.

This is happening right as the company gears up for IPO and tries to scale Atlas from flashy lab prototypes into real mass production.

Hyundai (the parent company) is cracking the whip: they want tens of thousands of these humanoids in their factories ASAP.

Basically going from “cool robot video dreamers” to “actual factory workforce suppliers” overnight. Board is in full panic mode. With Optimus, Figure, Unitree and the rest breathing down their necks, losing this much talent at crunch time... oof.



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