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If  $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$  then:

$$\frac{b(b+c)^3 + a(a+c)^3}{c(a+b)} + \frac{b(a+b)^3 + c(a+c)^3}{a(b+c)} + \frac{a(a+b)^3 + c(b+c)^3}{b(a+c)} \geq 24$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{b(b+c)^3 + a(a+c)^3}{c(a+b)} + \frac{b(a+b)^3 + c(a+c)^3}{a(b+c)} + \frac{a(a+b)^3 + c(b+c)^3}{b(a+c)} = \\ & = \frac{b(b+c)^3}{c(a+b)} + \frac{a(a+c)^3}{c(a+b)} + \frac{b(a+b)^3}{a(b+c)} + \frac{c(a+c)^3}{a(b+c)} + \frac{a(a+b)^3}{b(a+c)} + \frac{c(b+c)^3}{b(a+c)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ & 6 \cdot \sqrt[6]{\frac{b(b+c)^3}{c(a+b)} \cdot \frac{a(a+c)^3}{c(a+b)} \cdot \frac{b(a+b)^3}{a(b+c)} \cdot \frac{c(a+c)^3}{a(b+c)} \cdot \frac{a(a+b)^3}{b(a+c)} \cdot \frac{c(b+c)^3}{b(a+c)}} = \\ & = 6 \cdot \sqrt[6]{\left(\prod_{cyc} (a+b)\right)^4} = 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\left(\prod_{cyc} (a+b)\right)^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\left(\prod_{cyc} (2\sqrt{ab})\right)^2} = \\ & = 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{64(abc)^2} = 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{64} = 6 \cdot 4 = 24 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for:  $a = b = c = 1$ .