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If $a, b, c > 0$, $(a + 1)(b + 1)(c + 1) = 8$ then:

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3$$

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$$\text{Let } 1 + a = x, \quad 1 + b = y, \quad 1 + c = z$$

$$\text{Then } xyz = 8.$$

$$x + y + z \geq 3\sqrt[3]{xyz} = 3 \cdot 2 = 6$$

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y - 1)^2 + (z - 1)^2 \geq 3 \text{ (to prove)}$$

$$\frac{(x - 1)^2}{1} + \frac{(y - 1)^2}{1} + \frac{(z - 1)^2}{1} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(x + y + z - 3)^2}{1 + 1 + 1} \geq \frac{(6 - 3)^2}{3} = 3$$

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