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If $a, b > 0$ then:

$$\frac{a^3}{b} + \frac{b^3}{a} + 8 \left(\frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \right) \geq 10$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a^4 + b^4 &\stackrel{\text{CEBYSHEV}}{\geq} \frac{(a^3 + b^3)(a + b)}{2} = \\ \frac{(a + b)^2(a^2 + b^2 - ab)}{2} &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{(a + b)^2(2ab - ab)}{2} = \frac{ab(a + b)^2}{2} \text{ and} \\ 8 \left(\frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \right) &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 8 \cdot \frac{(1+1)^2}{a+b+2} = \frac{32}{a+b+2} \end{aligned}$$

Now we need to show

$$\frac{a^3}{b} + \frac{b^3}{a} + 8 \left(\frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \right) \geq 10 \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{a^4 + b^4}{ab} + 8 \left(\frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \right) \geq 10 \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{ab(a+b)^2}{2ab} + \frac{32}{a+b+2} \geq 10 \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{32}{x+2} \stackrel{a+b=x>0}{\geq} 10 \text{ or}$$

$$x^3 + 2x^2 - 20x + 24 \geq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$(x+6)(x-2)^2 \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

Equality for $x = a + b = 2$ or $a = b = 1$