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$$(a^{3}+1)(b^{3}+1)(c^{3}+1) \ge \left(a+\frac{1}{a}\right)\left(b+\frac{1}{b}\right)\left(c+\frac{1}{c}\right)$$

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Since abc = 1, there are positive real numbers x, y, z such that $a = \frac{x}{y}$, $b = \frac{y}{z}$, $c = \frac{z}{x}$.

The given inequality is echivalent to

$$(x^{3} + y^{3})(y^{3} + z^{3})(z^{3} + x^{3}) \ge xyz(x^{2} + y^{2})(y^{2} + z^{2})(z^{2} + x^{2})$$
$$\sum_{sym} x^{6}y^{3} \ge \sum_{sym} x^{5}y^{3}z,$$

which is true by Muirhead's inequality $(6, 3, 0) \ge (5, 3, 1)$.

Equality holds if and only if x = y = z, that is if and only if a = b = c = 1.