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If $a > 2, b > \frac{2}{3}, c > 4$, then prove that :

$$\frac{a^3}{(9b-6)^2} + \frac{3b^3}{(c-4)^2} + \frac{c^3}{(3a-6)^2} \geq 6$$

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Since $a > 2, b > \frac{2}{3}, c > 4 \therefore \frac{a^3}{(9b-6)^2} + \frac{3b^3}{(c-4)^2} + \frac{c^3}{(3a-6)^2}$
 $= \frac{a^3}{(9b-6)^2} + \frac{27b^3}{(3c-12)^2} + \frac{c^3}{(3a-6)^2} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(a+3b+c)^3}{9(a+3b+c-8)^2} = \frac{x^3}{9(x-8)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6$
 $(x = a + 3b + c) \Leftrightarrow x^3 - 54x^2 + 864x - 3456 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-6)(x-24)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$
 $\rightarrow \text{true} \because a + 3b + c > 2 + 3 \cdot \frac{2}{3} + 4 = 8 \Rightarrow x - 6 > 2 > 0, \text{equality iff}$
 $\frac{a}{3b-2} = \frac{3b}{c-4} = \frac{c}{a-2} = \frac{a+3b+c}{a+3b+c-8} = \frac{24}{24-8} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \text{iff } 2a = 9b - 6 \rightarrow \text{(i),}$
 $6b = 3c - 12 \rightarrow \text{(ii), } 2c = 3a - 6 \rightarrow \text{(iii) } \therefore \text{(i) and (iii) } \Rightarrow 6a = 27b - 18 \text{ and}$
 $6a = 4c + 12 \Rightarrow 27b - 18 = 4c + 12 \Rightarrow 54b = 8c + 60 \rightarrow \text{(1) and also,}$
 $\text{via (ii), } 54b = 27c - 108 \rightarrow \text{(2) } \therefore \text{(1), (2) } \Rightarrow 8c + 60 = 27c - 108 \Rightarrow c = \frac{168}{19}$
 Putting $c = \frac{168}{19}$ in (ii) and (iii) respectively, we get : $b = \frac{46}{19}$ and $a = \frac{150}{19}$
 $\therefore \frac{a^3}{(9b-6)^2} + \frac{3b^3}{(c-4)^2} + \frac{c^3}{(3a-6)^2} \geq 6 \forall a > 2, b > \frac{2}{3}, c > 4,$

" = " iff $a = \frac{150}{19}, b = \frac{46}{19}, c = \frac{168}{19}$ (QED)