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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 6F + \frac{1}{4} \left((a - \sqrt{3}b)^2 + (b - \sqrt{3}c)^2 + (c - \sqrt{3}a)^2 \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{4} \left((a - \sqrt{3}b)^2 + (b - \sqrt{3}c)^2 + (c - \sqrt{3}a)^2 \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left((a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 2\sqrt{3}(ab + bc + ca) \right) \\ &= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(ab + bc + ca) \end{aligned}$$

We need to show:

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq 6F + (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(ab + bc + ca) \geq 6F \text{ this is true since:}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(ab + bc + ca) \stackrel{\text{Gordon}}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} 4\sqrt{3}F = 6F$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.