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If $a, b > 0$; $ab = 1$ then:

$$\frac{a}{b^3 + 1} + \frac{b}{a^3 + 1} \geq 1$$

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$$\text{Denote: } \begin{cases} S = a + b > 0 \\ P = ab > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$S = a + b \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2\sqrt{ab} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{1} = 2 \Rightarrow S \geq 2 \Rightarrow S - 2 \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{a}{b^3 + 1} + \frac{b}{a^3 + 1} \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow a(a^3 + 1) + b(b^3 + 1) \geq (a^3 + 1)(b^3 + 1)$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + a + b \geq (ab)^3 + a^3 + b^3 + 1$$

$$(S^2 - 2P)^2 - 2P^2 + S \geq 1 + S^3 - 3SP + 1$$

$$(S^2 - 2)^2 - 2 + S - 1 - S^3 + 3S - 1 \geq 0$$

$$S^4 - 4S^2 + 4 - 4 - S^3 + 4S \geq 0, \quad S^4 - S^3 - 4S^2 + 4S \geq 0$$

$$S^3 - S^2 - 4S + 4 \geq 0, \quad S^2(S - 1) - 4(S - 1) \geq 0$$

$$S^2 - 4 \geq 0, \quad (S - 2)(S + 2) \geq 0, \quad S - 2 \geq 0 \quad (\text{True by (1)})$$

Equality holds for $a = b = 1$.