Clones on Ramsey structures and Schaefer's theorem for graphs

An opera in a prologue, three acts, and an epilogue

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- Act I: Reducts of homogeneous structures (Cameron, Thomas)
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Act I

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Conjecture (Thomas '91)

Let Γ be homogeneous in a finite language.

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