# Coloring perfect graphs by contraction 

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Conjecture (Everett, Reed - 1993)
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Theorem (Lévêque, Maffray - 2007)
Every hole-free bull-free graph has a vertex that is not the middle of a $P_{5}$

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