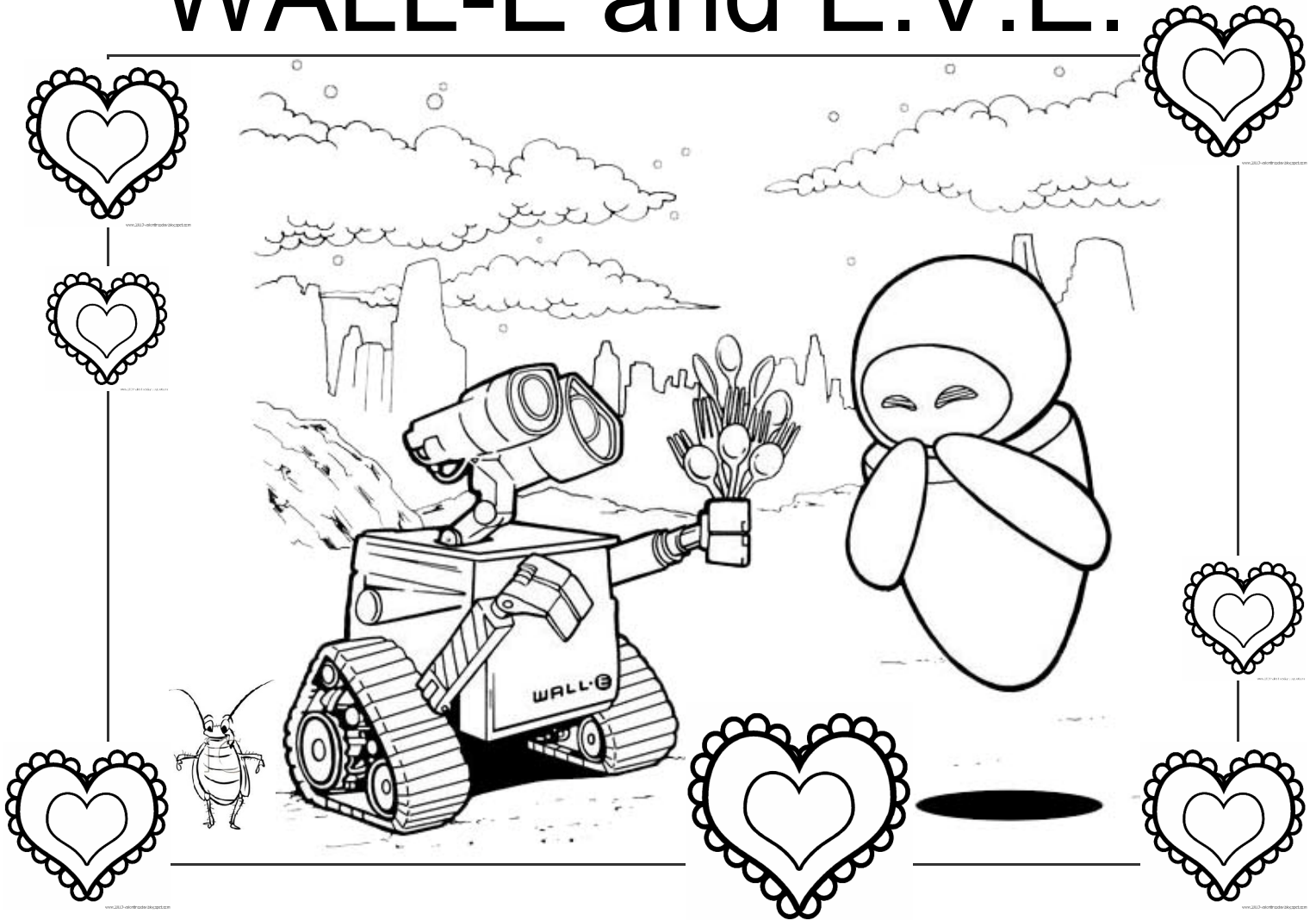


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Martina the Beautiful Cockroach

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Cockroach Fun Facts

There are nearly 4,000 known species of cockroach and their existence dates back to 200 million years.

The cockroach is a likely candidate for survival into the far future.

The cockroach can live without food for a month and hold its breath for forty minutes.

Even if it loses its head, it would still run around for a week before dying of thirst because it's brain is not in its head, it's scattered around its body.

Its set of eyes, made up of 4,000 individual lenses, allows it to see simultaneously in all directions.

Its antennae allow it to find family and friends with pin-point precision.

Its rear end is equipped with a motion detector that lets it know when to scat when danger approaches.

If it doesn't chew its food properly, there is another set of teeth in the digestive tract to finish the job.

<http://www.essortment.com/cockroach-amazing-facts-45888.html>