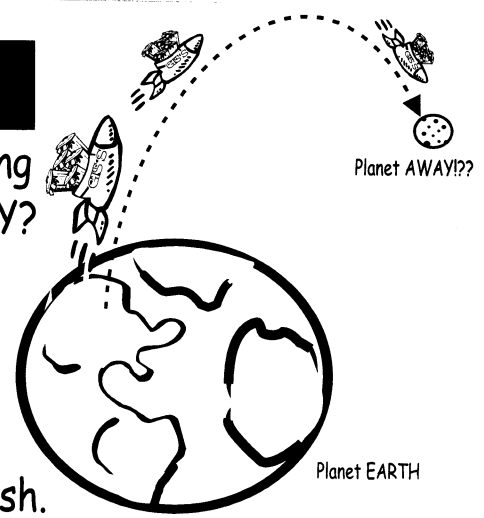


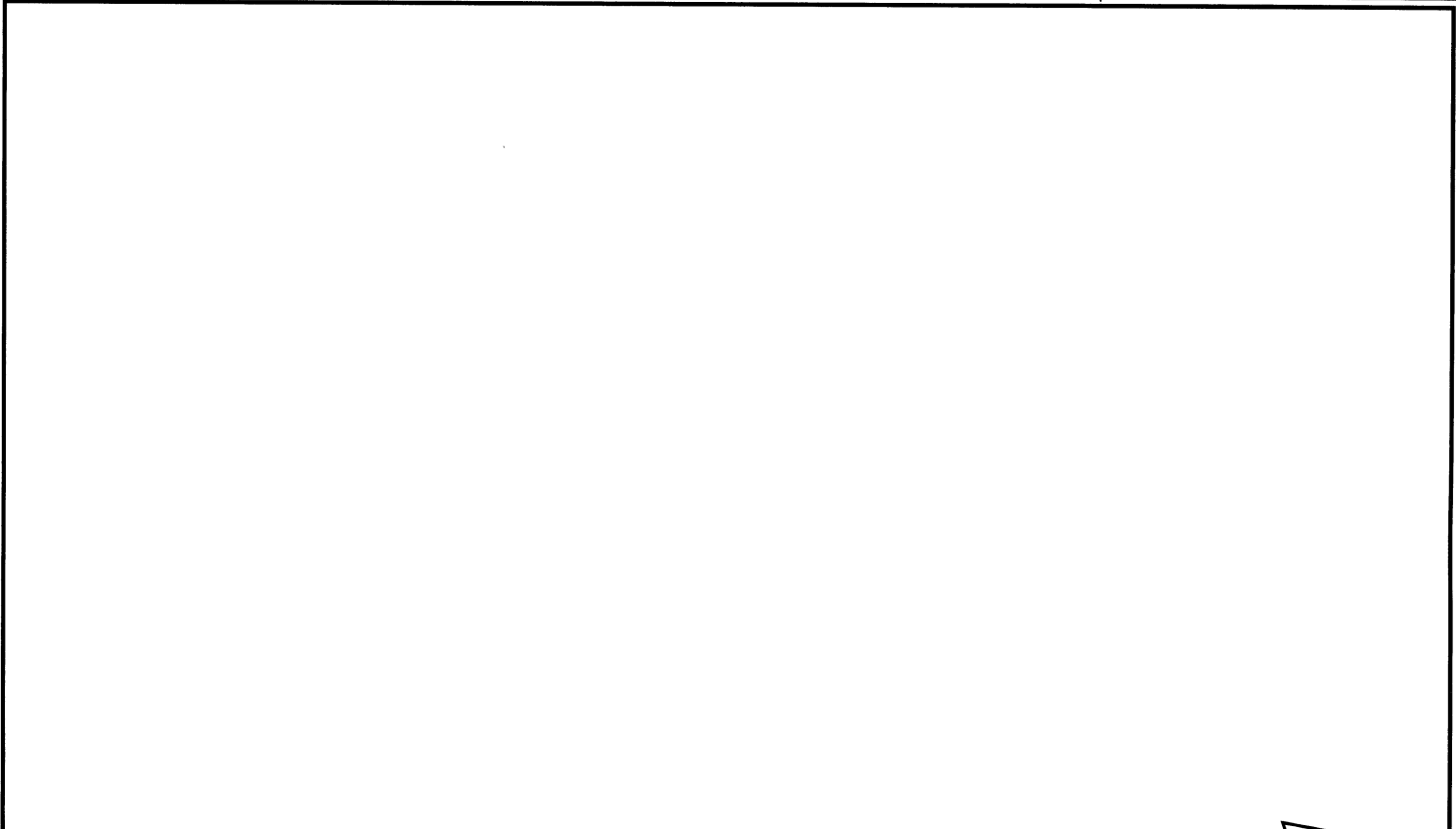
# WHERE EXACTLY IS "AWAY" ?

How many times have you been told to throw something "AWAY"? Have you ever wondered where exactly is AWAY? Perhaps AWAY is a planet, millions of lightyears from Earth, where supercharged GT Space Shuttles (GT=gabrage truck) take our trash?! Well, I guess anything is possible in the future, but, for today, we are responsible for the disposal of (getting rid of) our own trash.



So, where exactly is AWAY? Once we separate our waste, it ends up in several different places. Recyclables (things that can be recycled) are often sent to recycling centers to be sorted and sent to factories to be made into the same or new product. The waste that cannot be reused, recycled, or composted is taken to a landfill to be buried or burned. Waste materials that are buried in a landfill take a long time to decompose ((breakdown) because they are not exposed to the sun, wind, and rain. **DID YOU KNOW?** A glass jar that is buried in a landfill, instead of being recycled, will take ONE MILLION YEARS to decompose!. Hmmpmph! Think about it!!

**E-MAGINE** If we did send our trash to Planet Away, what do you think the planet would look like? Draw here. Have fun!



Welcome to Planet AWAY, where no trash is too yucky to accept!

