

### Essay on Bravery

We hold regular "Game Nights" to build a sense of community and forge stronger bonds. Recently, a game night was "Charades" in which one person stood up to "act out" silently a word or phrase that others could guess.

One inmate mimicked throwing punches and stomping his feet. When no one could guess what he was acting out, he revealed it was "gay bashing", but the word he used in the place of "gay" was very derogatory.

One other inmate stood and announced the poor choice of a phrase and said it flew against a very spirit in which the game night was designed for. He risked derision, judgment, and potentially worse in order to stand up and speak out for what is right.

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Below is a question to reflect on from this piece. Feel free to also use it as a conversation starter with a fellow reader, or even a loved one on the outside!

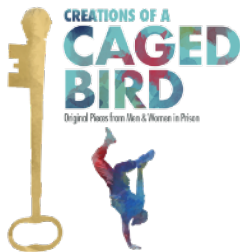
***Think about why we often struggle to tell those we work or live with about something they're doing that we find offensive.***

***What might be some ways to bravely confront someone in this situation – without embarrassing, angering, or hurting them?***

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