

Hello
We're
Sprout



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18
severity
3-4 issues



17
changes
(2 partial)

26
severity
1-2 issues



16
changes

Most violated Heuristics

H4 Consistency & Standards (14)

H2 Match Between System & World (7)

H7 Efficiency of Use (7)

ISSUE 1

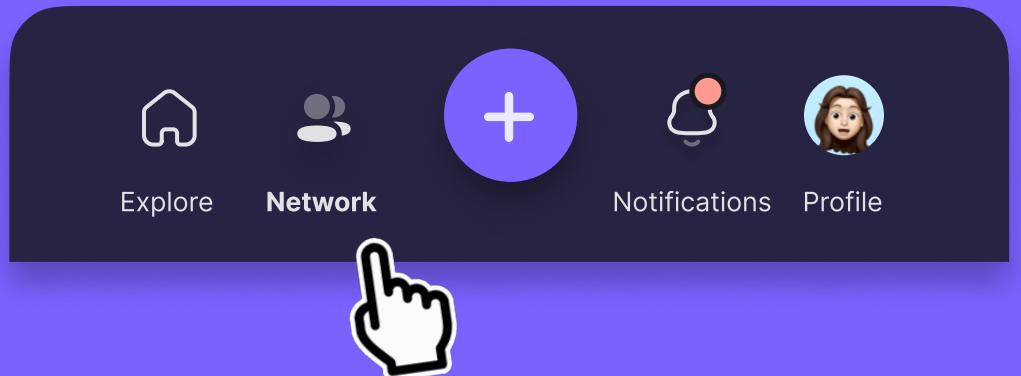
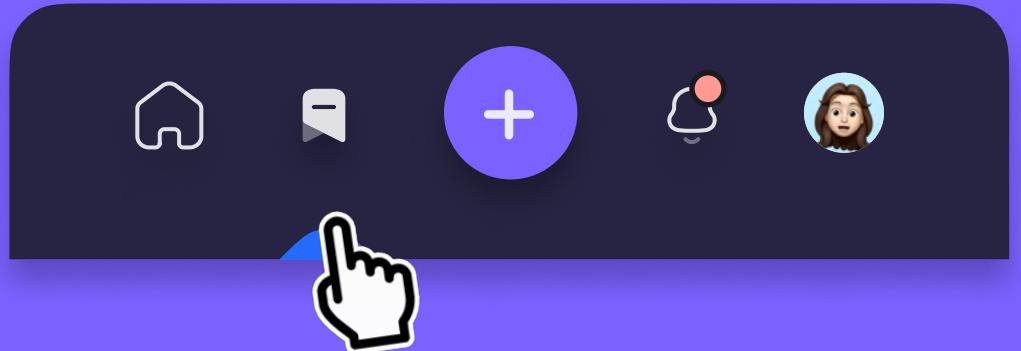
No messaging system (H2)

Messaging is an essential component of networking, yet starting conversations was not encapsulated in Sprout tasks.

REVISION 1.1

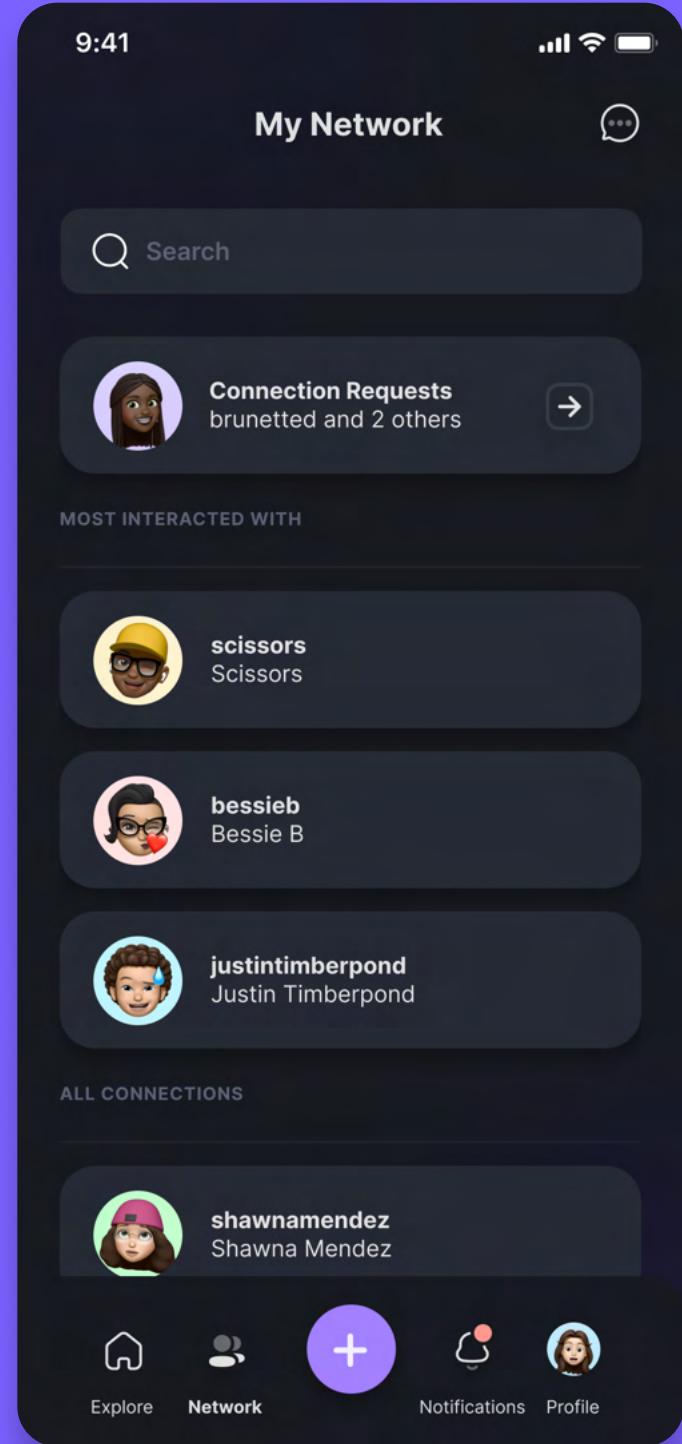
**Changed tab bar icon from
“Saved” to “Network”**

- Being able to view, search, and message your connections is of higher priority
- Moved “saved sounds” button to be accessible at the profile page



REVISION 1.2

**Network tab starts
with searchable view
of all connections**



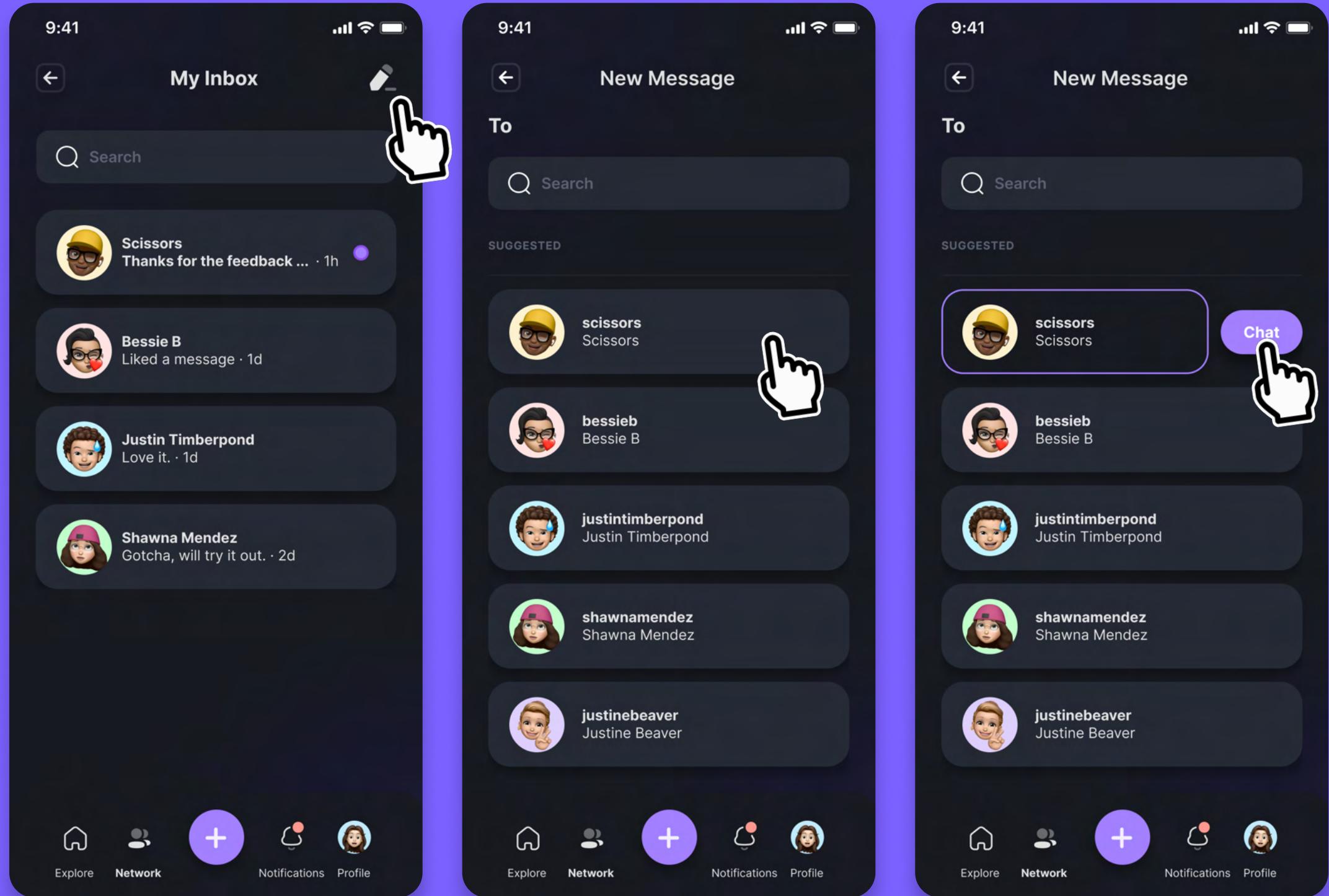
REVISION 1.3

Top right chat icon navigates to user inbox.



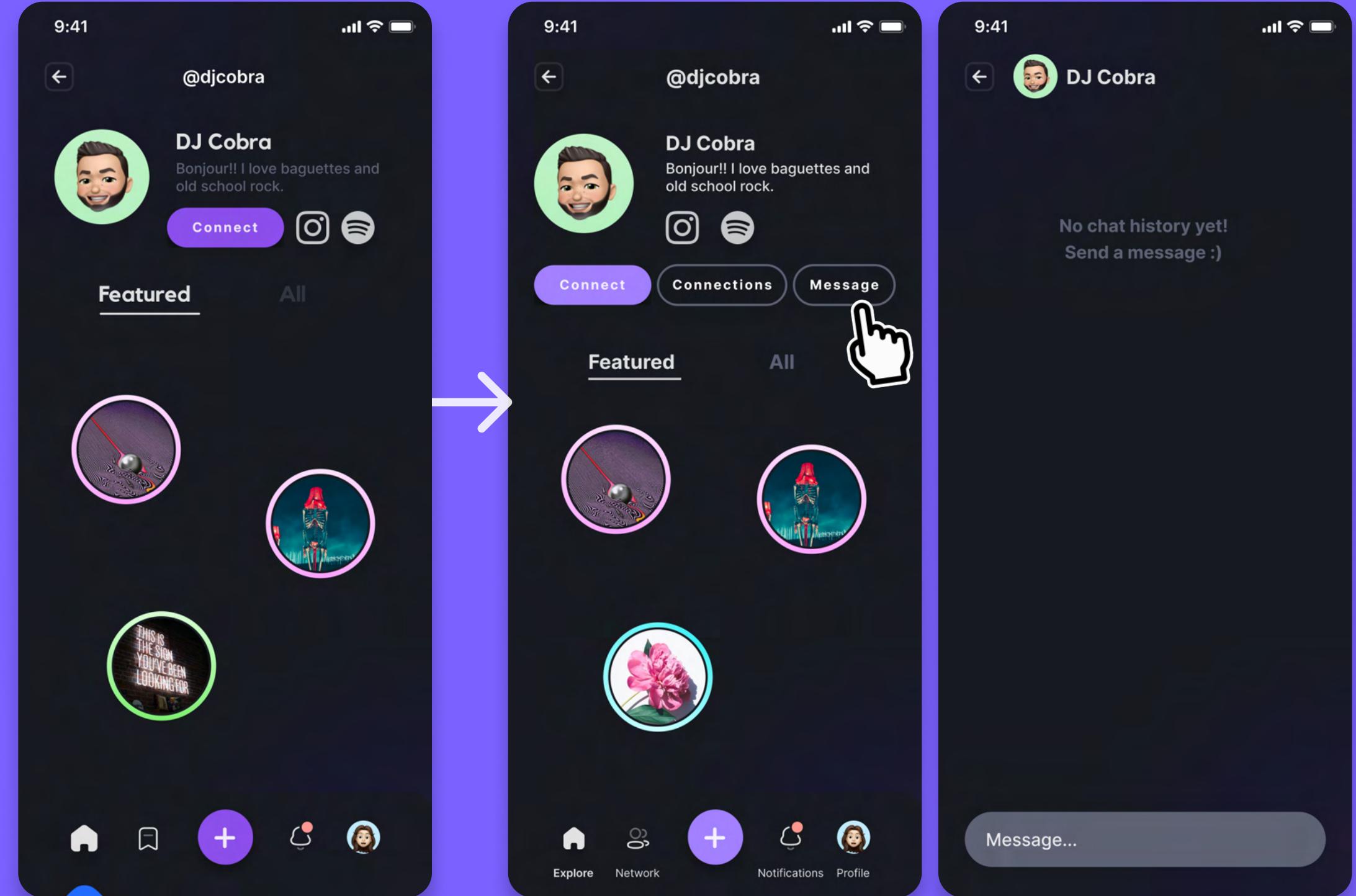
REVISION 1.4

Users can compose new messages.



REVISION 1.5

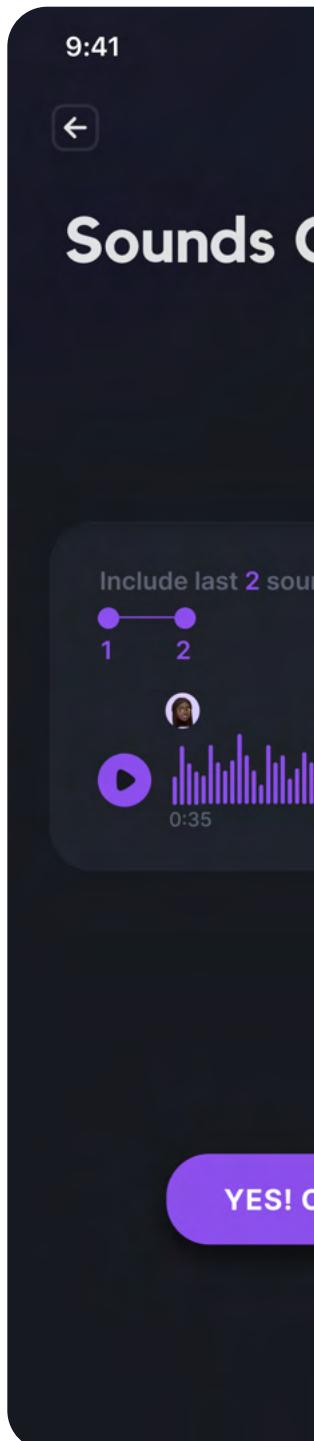
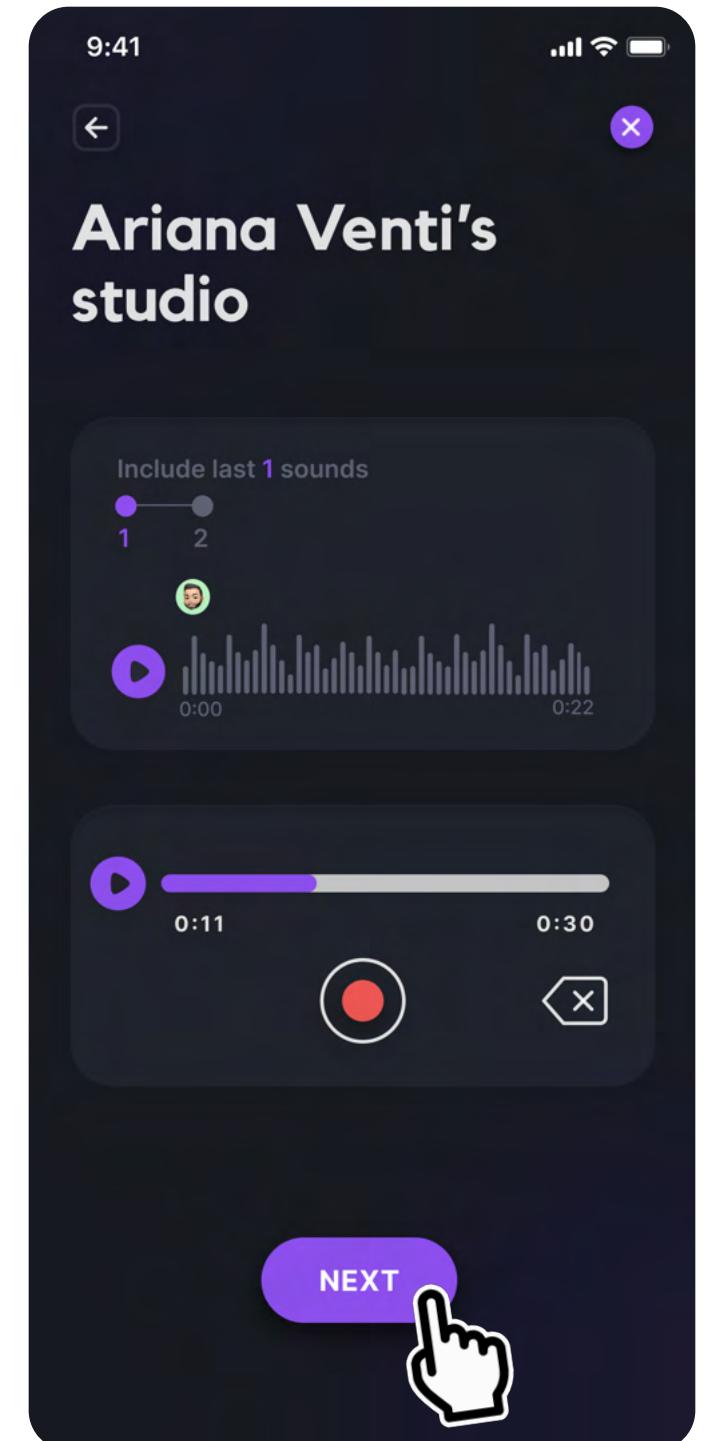
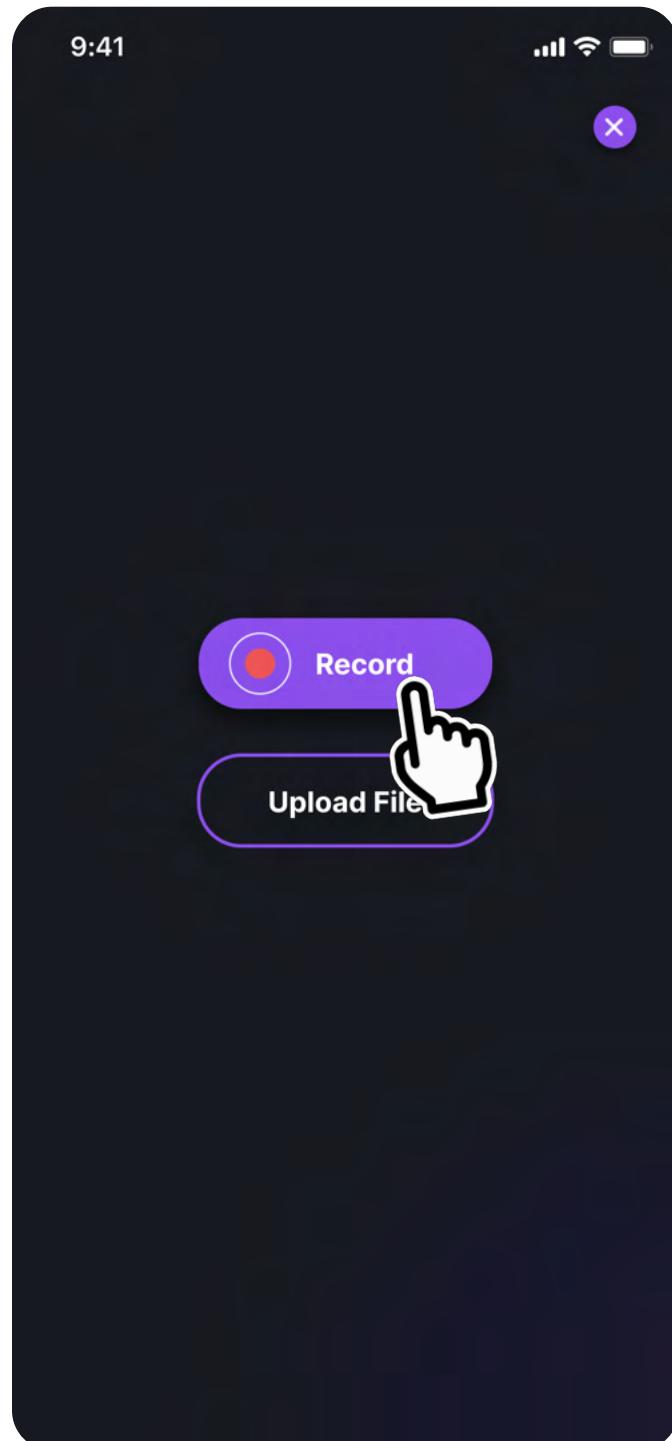
Messaging environment also accessible from user profiles



ISSUE 2

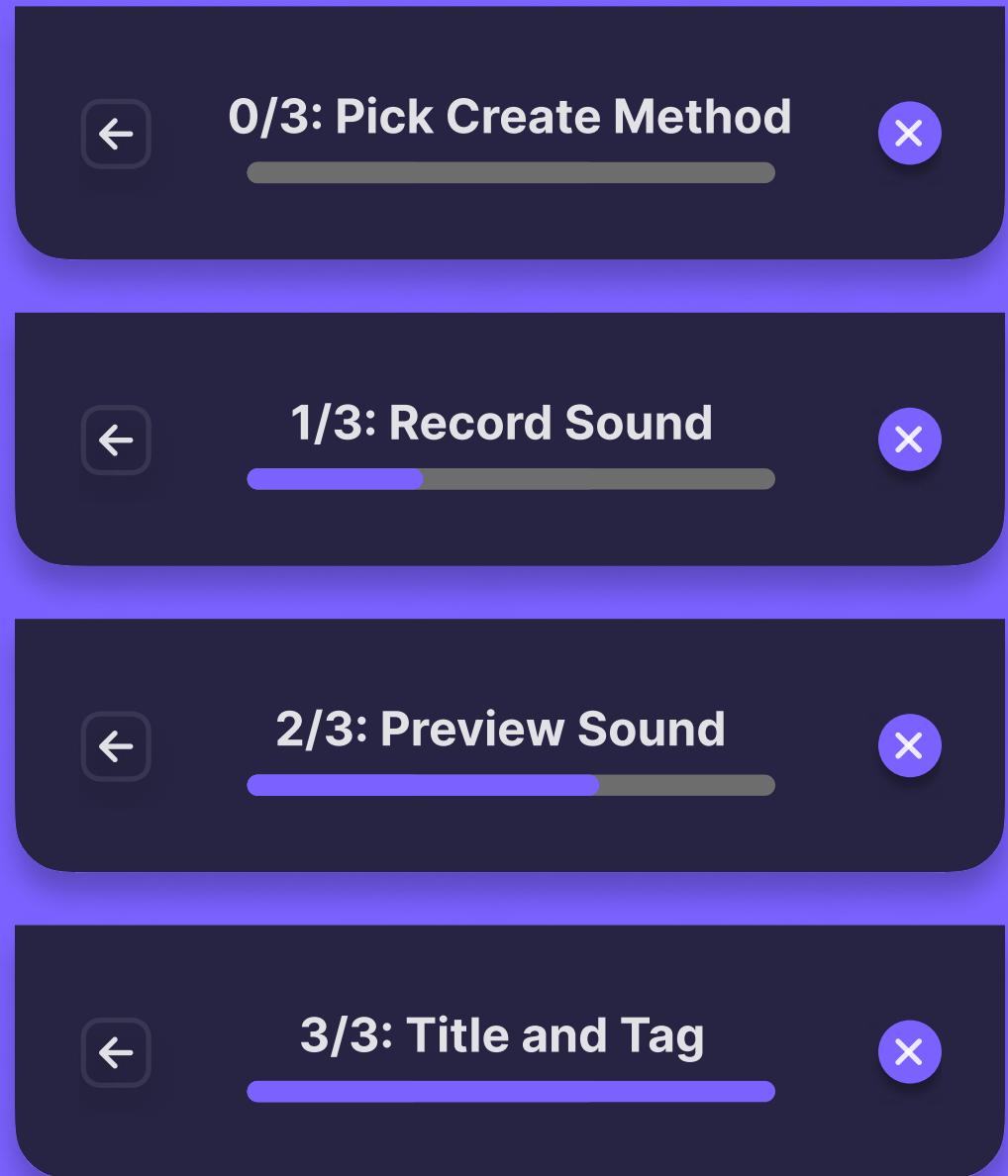
No indication of system status during sound creation (H1)

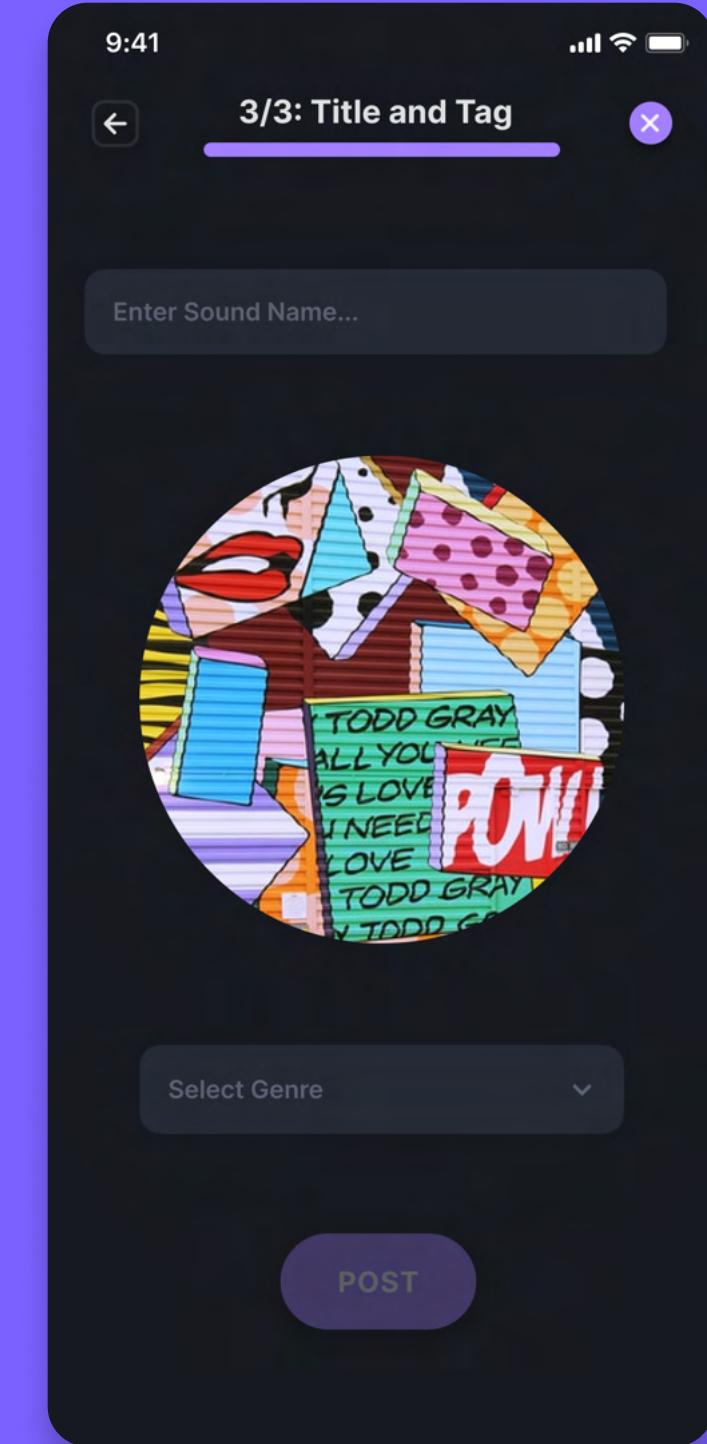
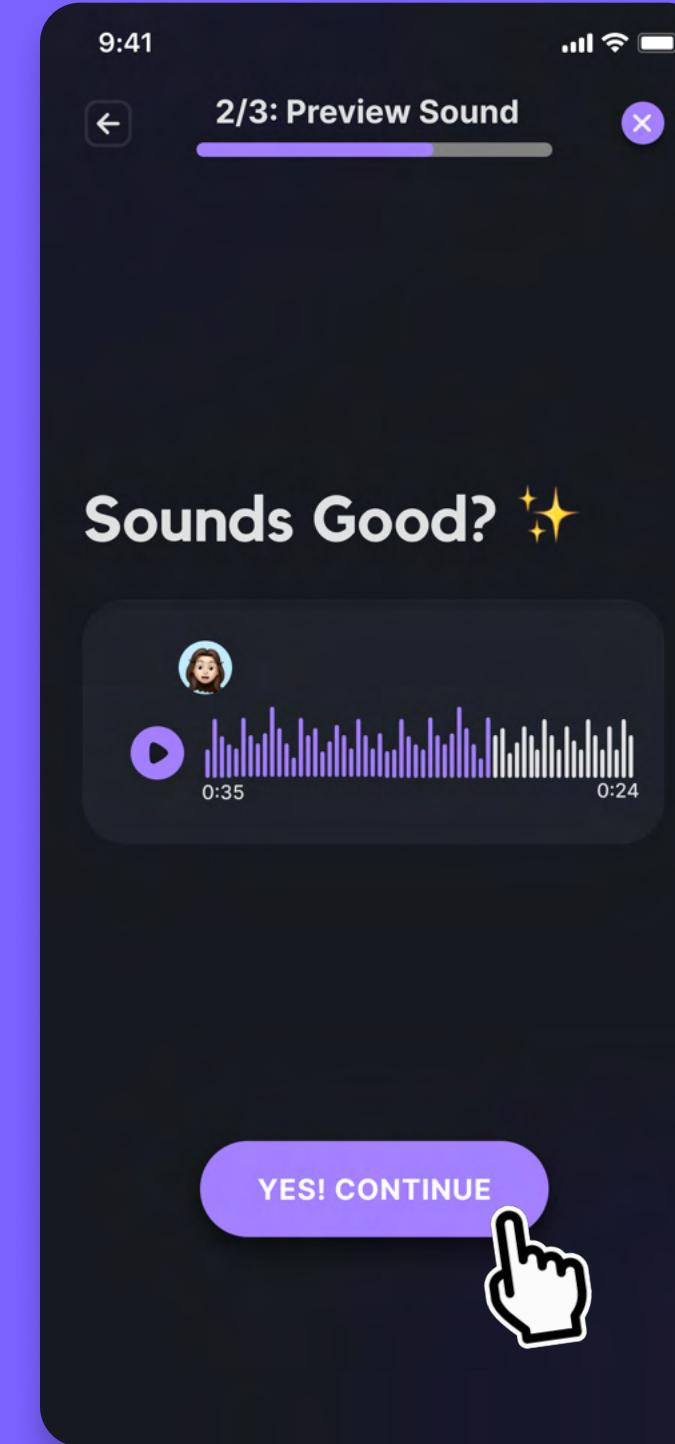
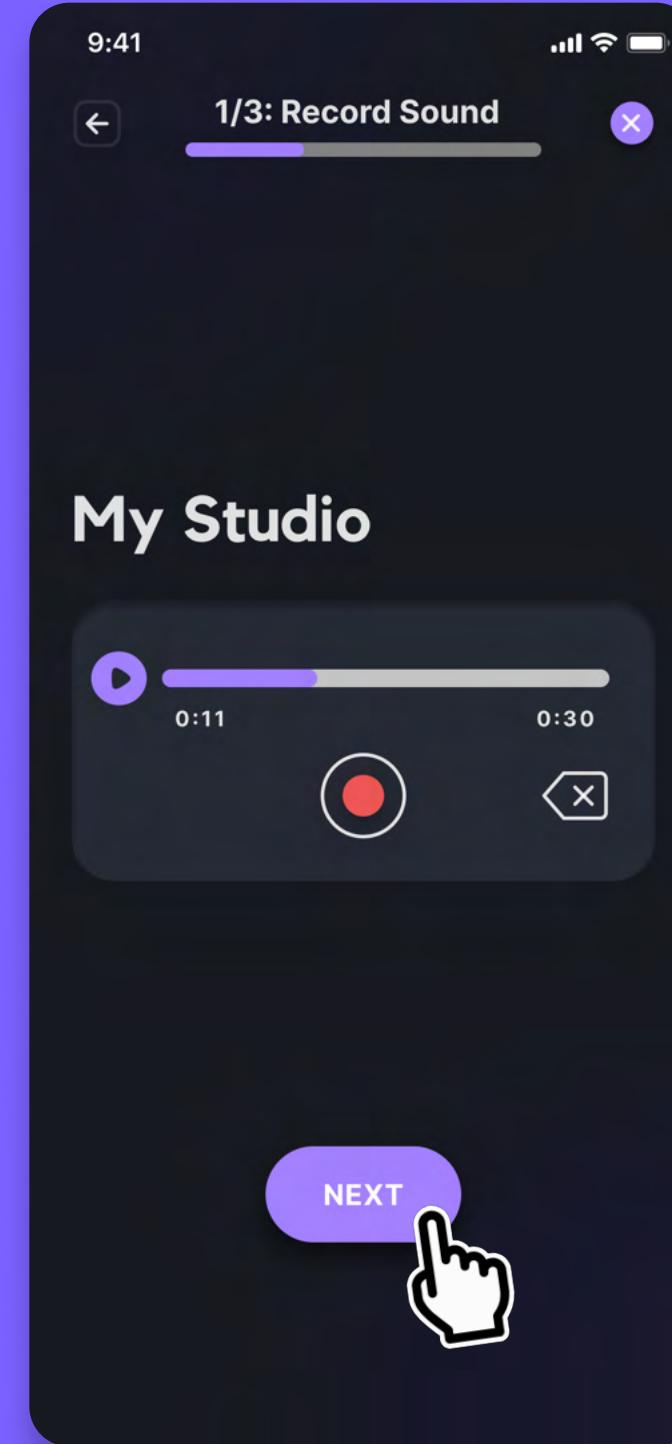
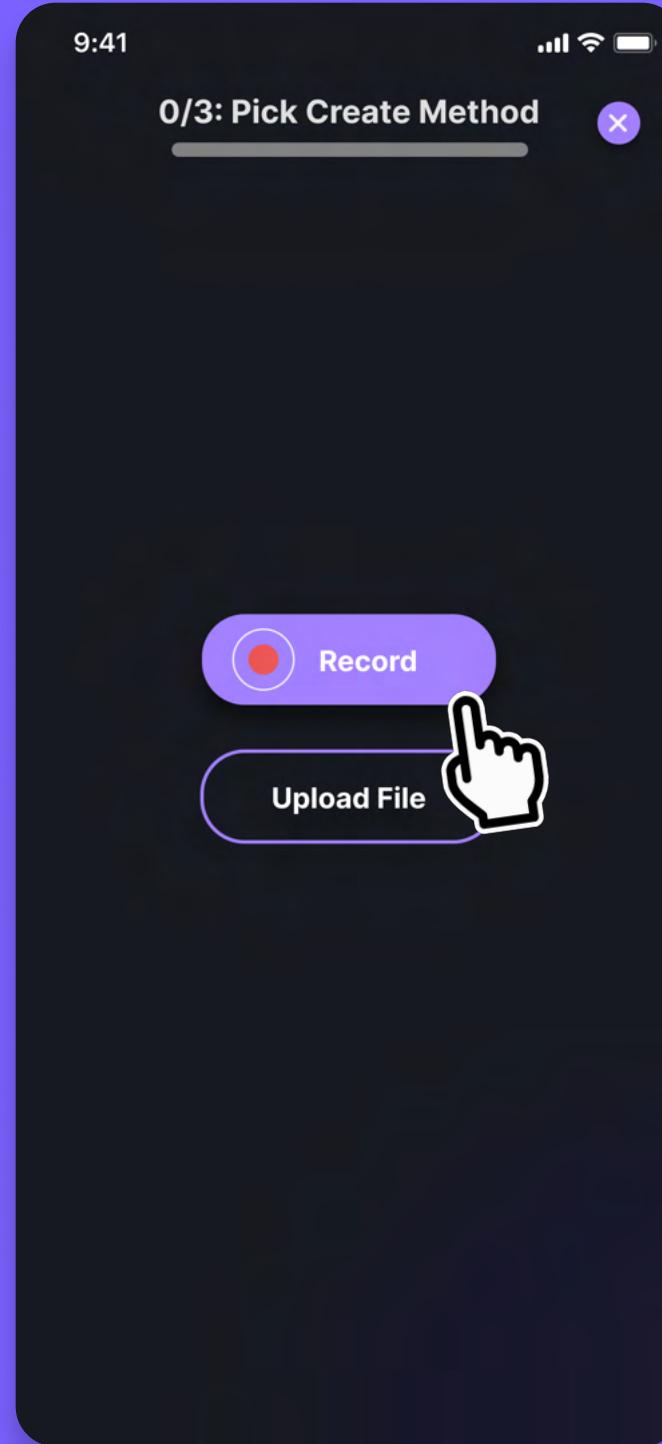
User is unsure which step they are currently on, and how much is left of the record/upload process.



REVISION 2

Added step indicators to nav bar in the “create” taskflow.

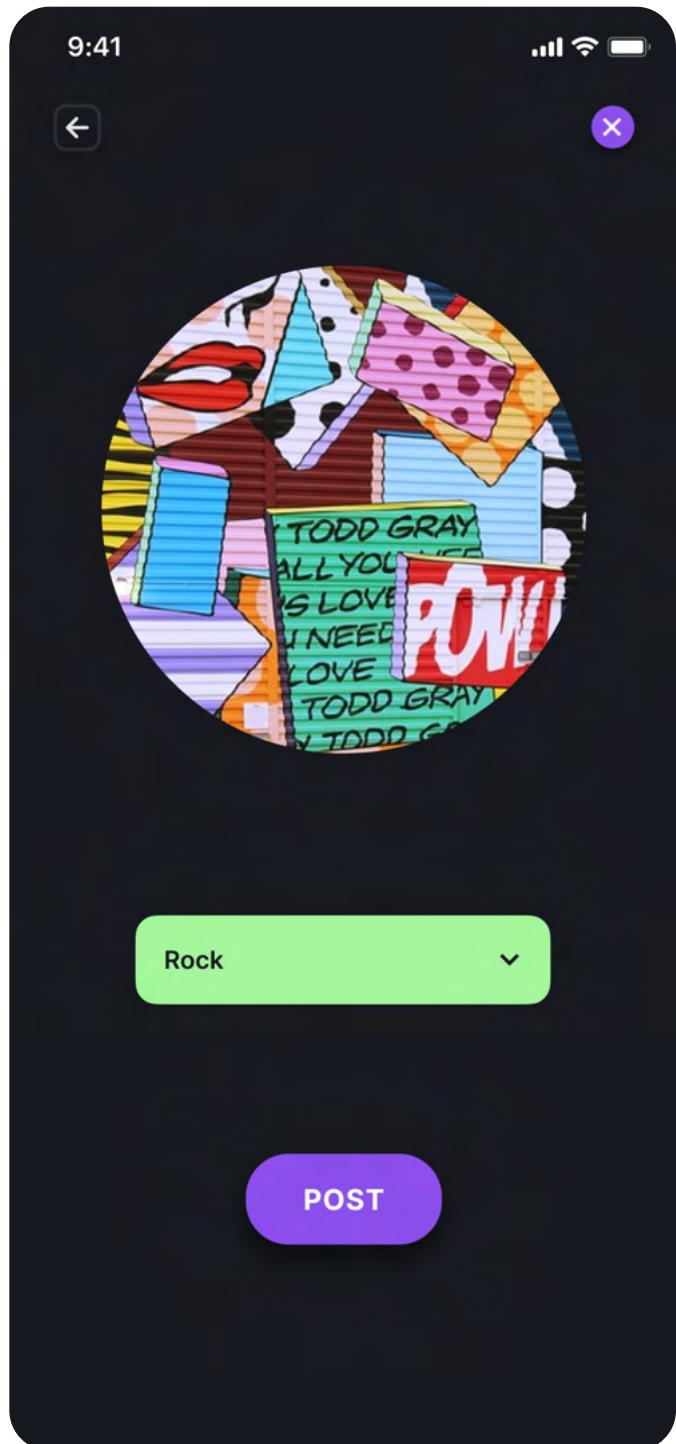
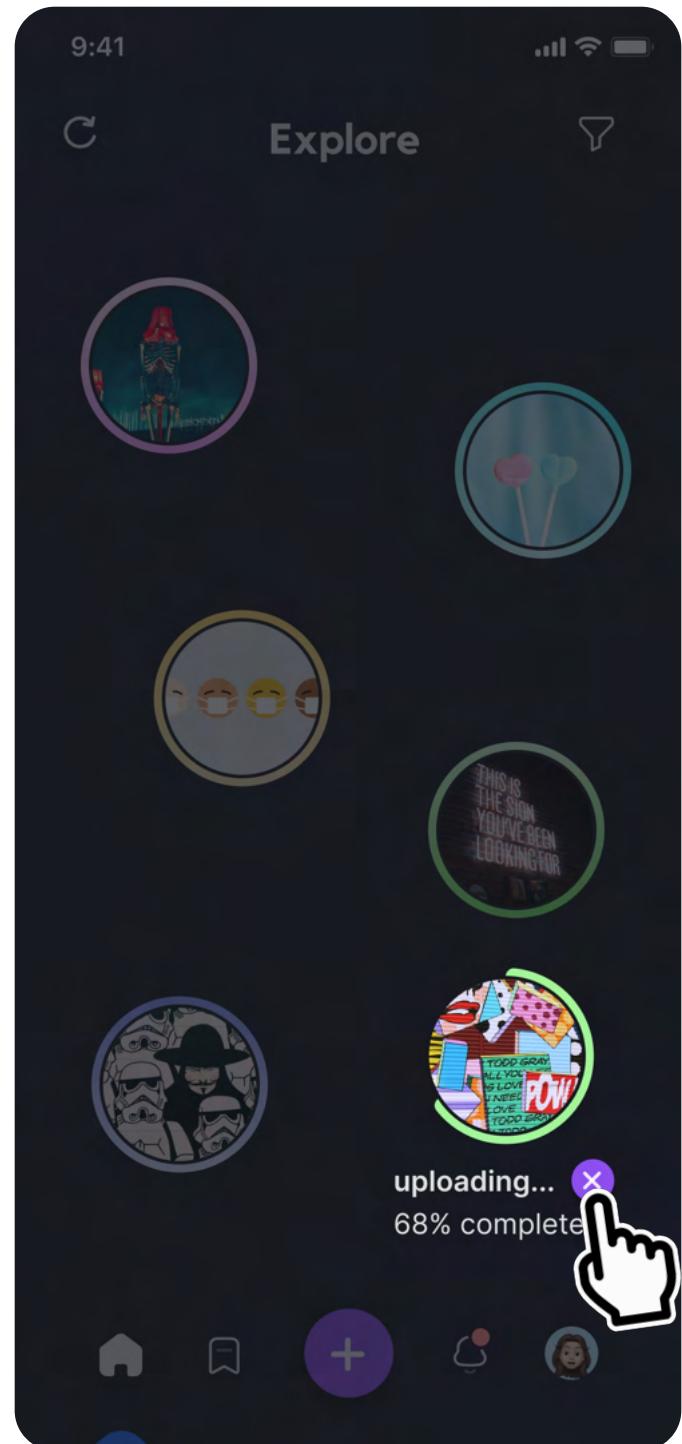




ISSUE 3

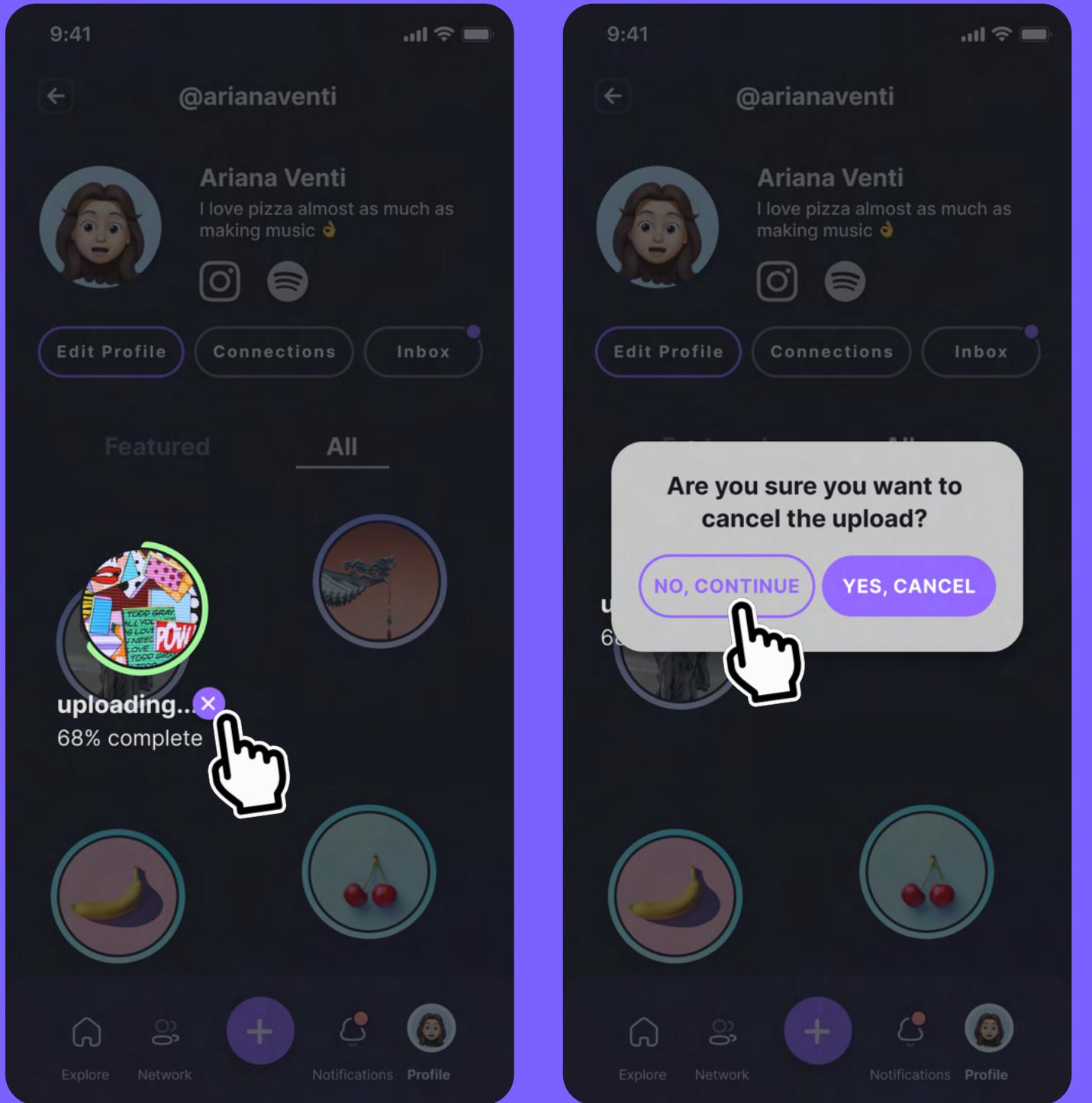
User may accidentally click on “cancel upload”

Clicking “cancel upload” should only bring the user back to the completed “Title and Tag” page, but due to possible Figma limitations, it may have appeared users needed to restart the entire upload process again.



REVISION 3

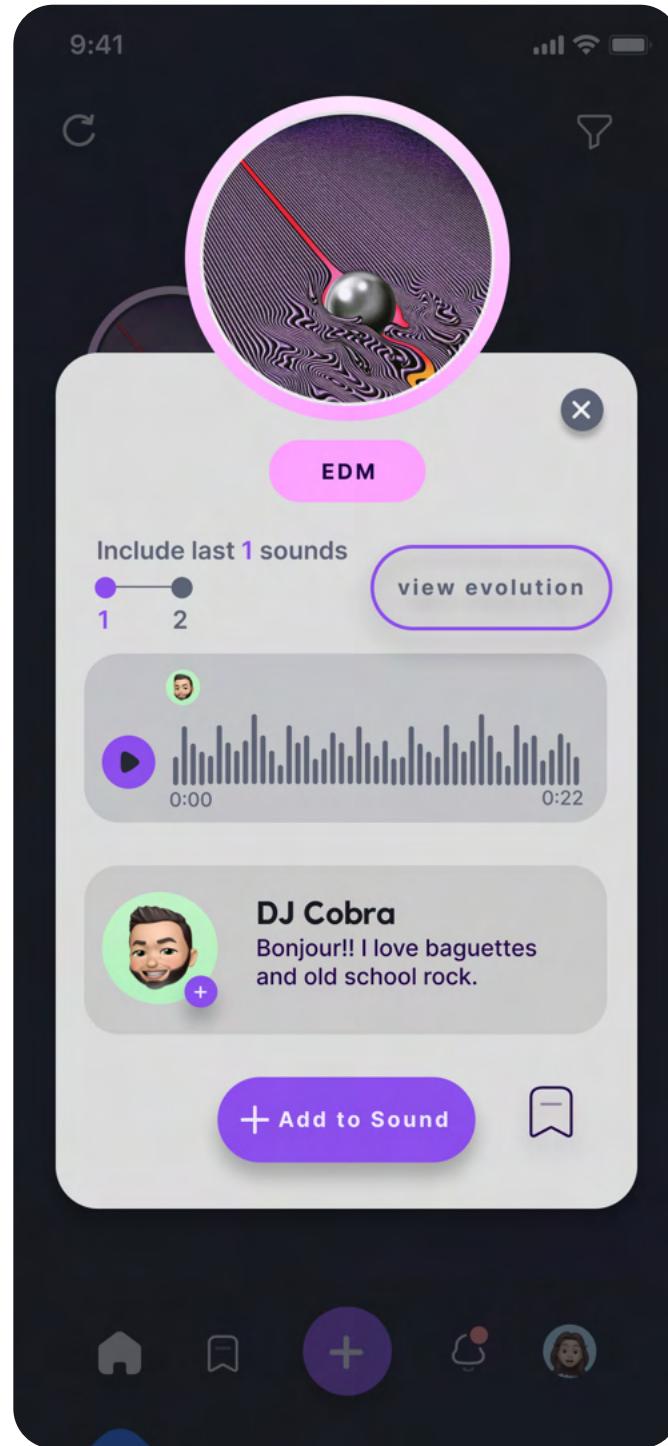
Added an “are you sure” popup prompt to prevent accidental cancels.



ISSUE 4

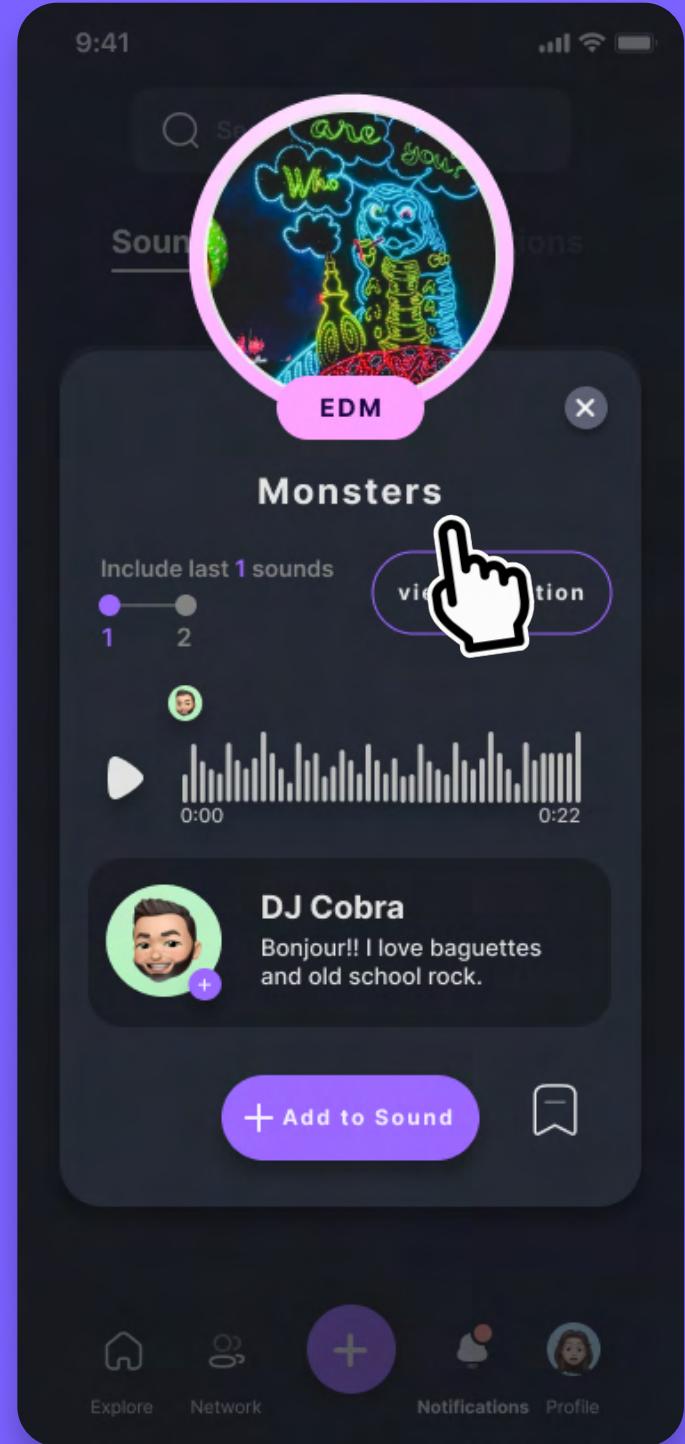
**No way to identify
a sound beyond the
cover art (H6)**

Beyond this forcing recall versus sparking recognition, this could be extremely problematic if two sounds coincidentally had the same cover art.



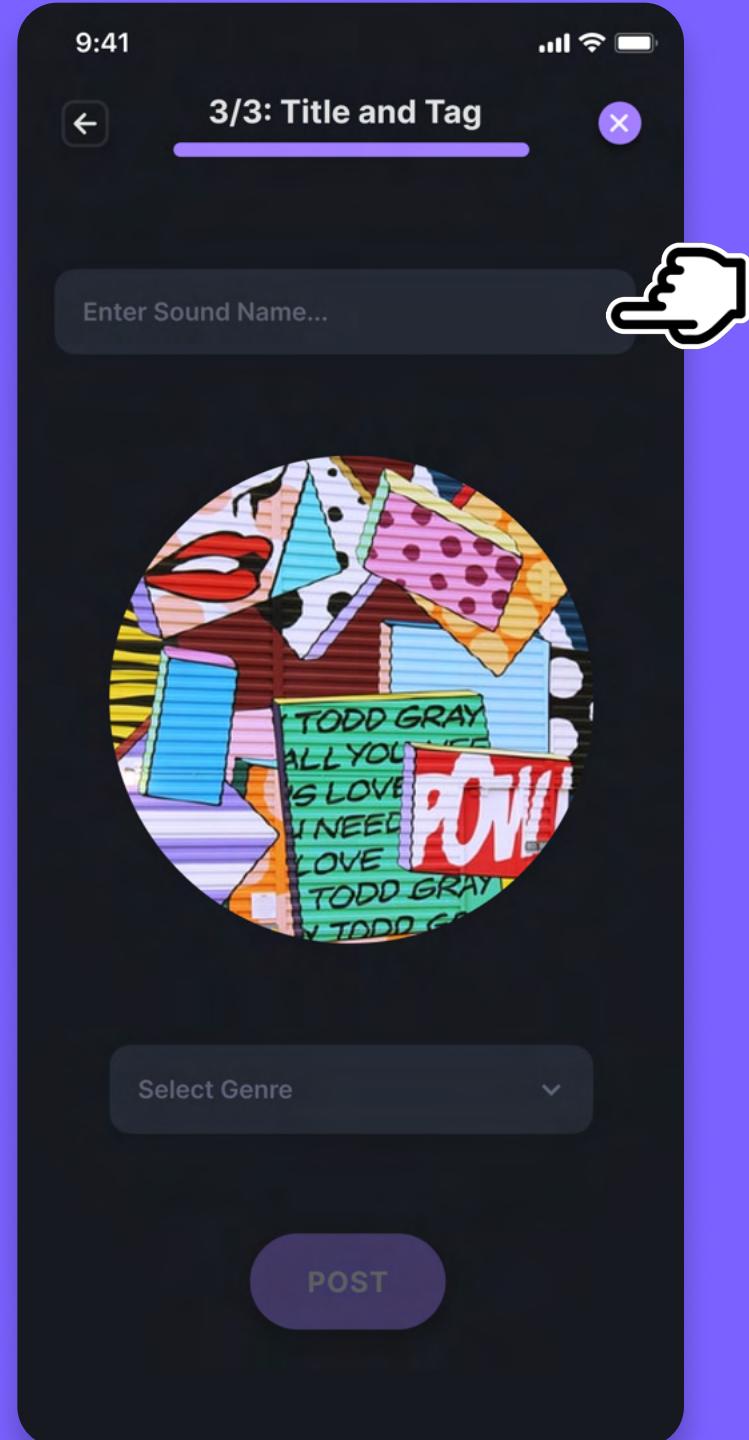
REVISION 4.1

Implement titles
into sounds



REVISION 4.2

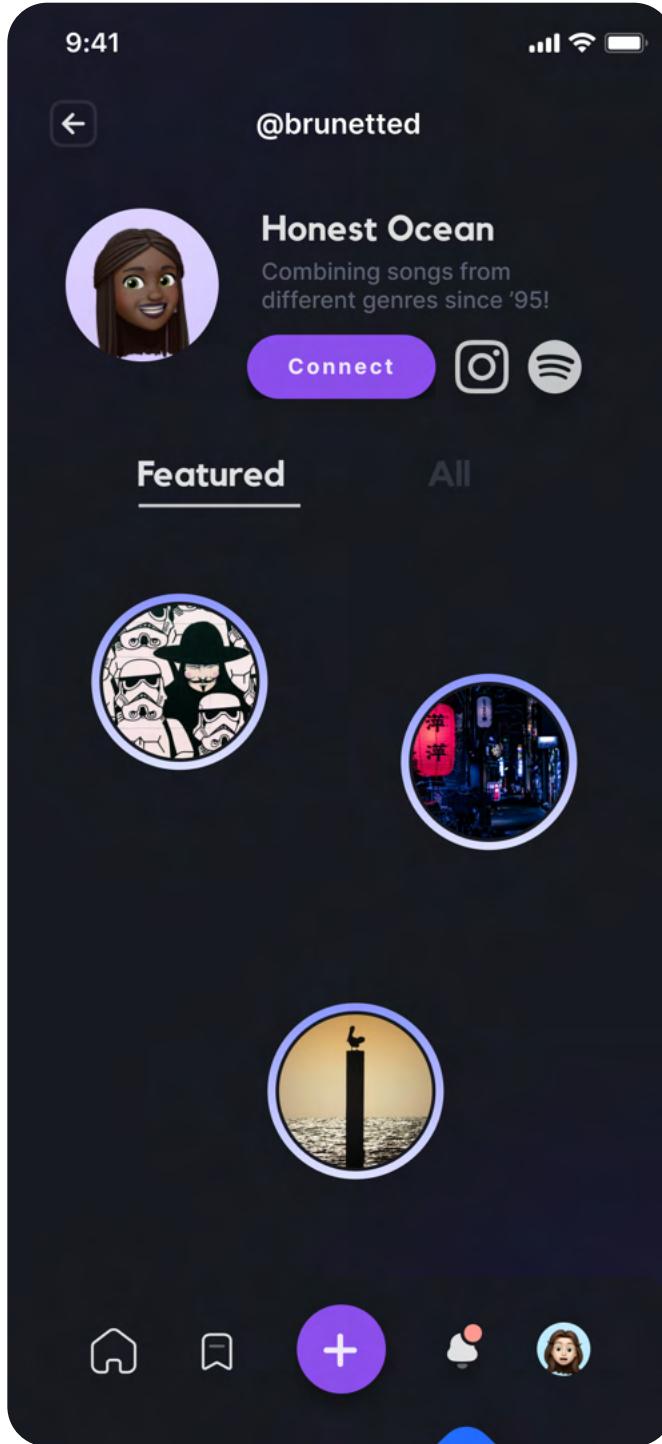
**Users must upload
titles to sounds
they post.**



ISSUE 5

Can't view a user's connections (H7)

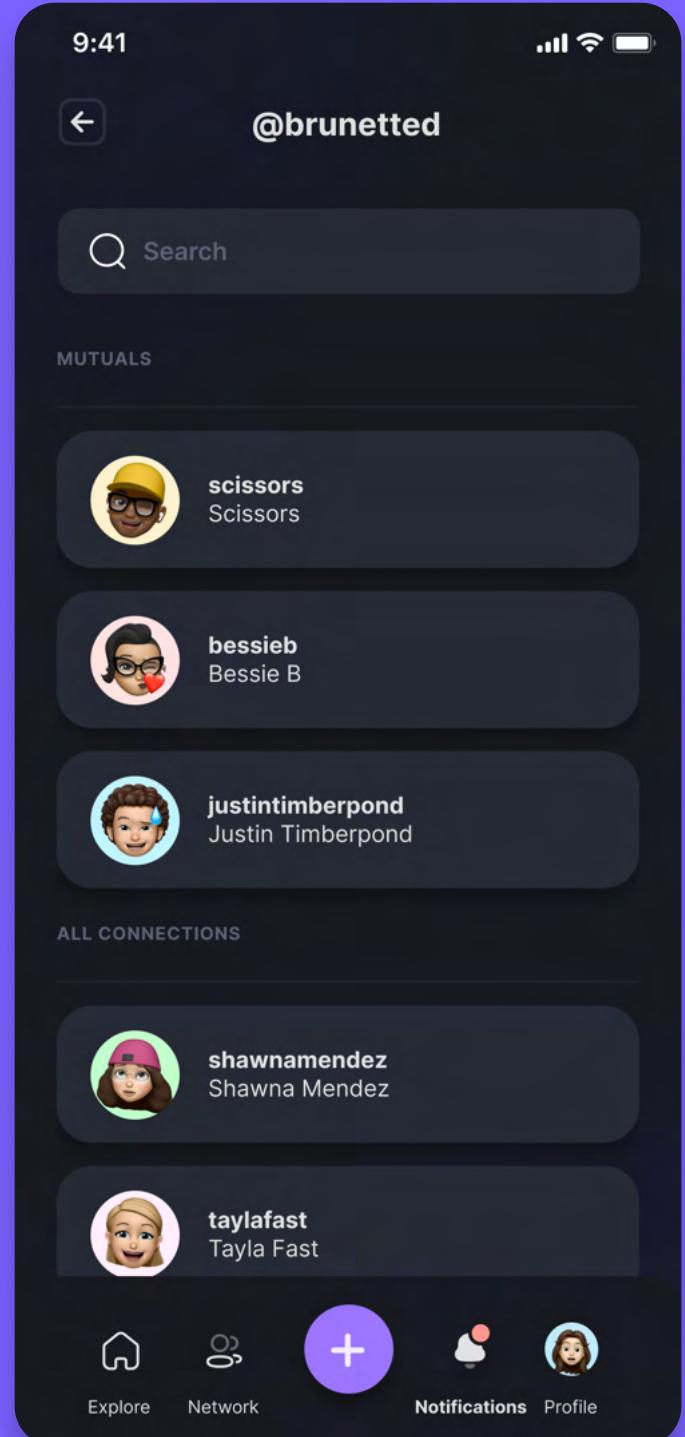
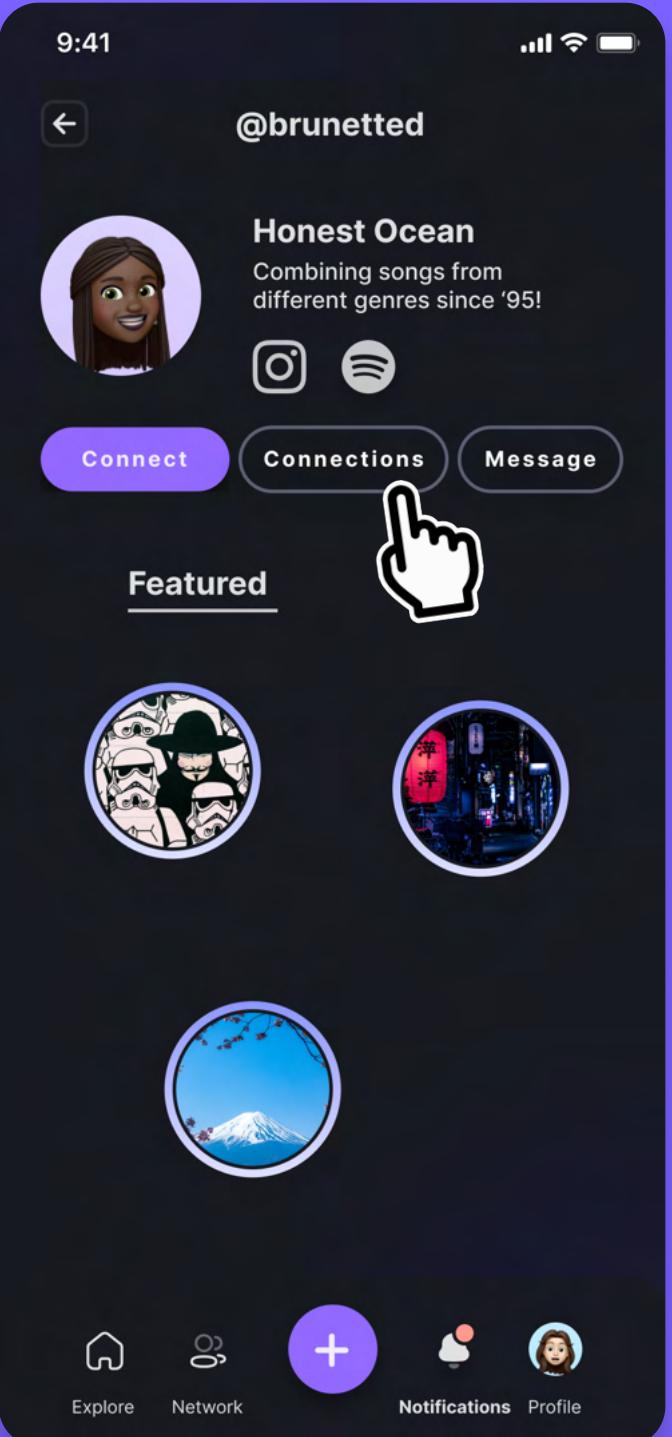
Being able to view another user's connections, especially to identify mutuals, is vital to networking.



REVISION 5

Added a connections button to user profiles.

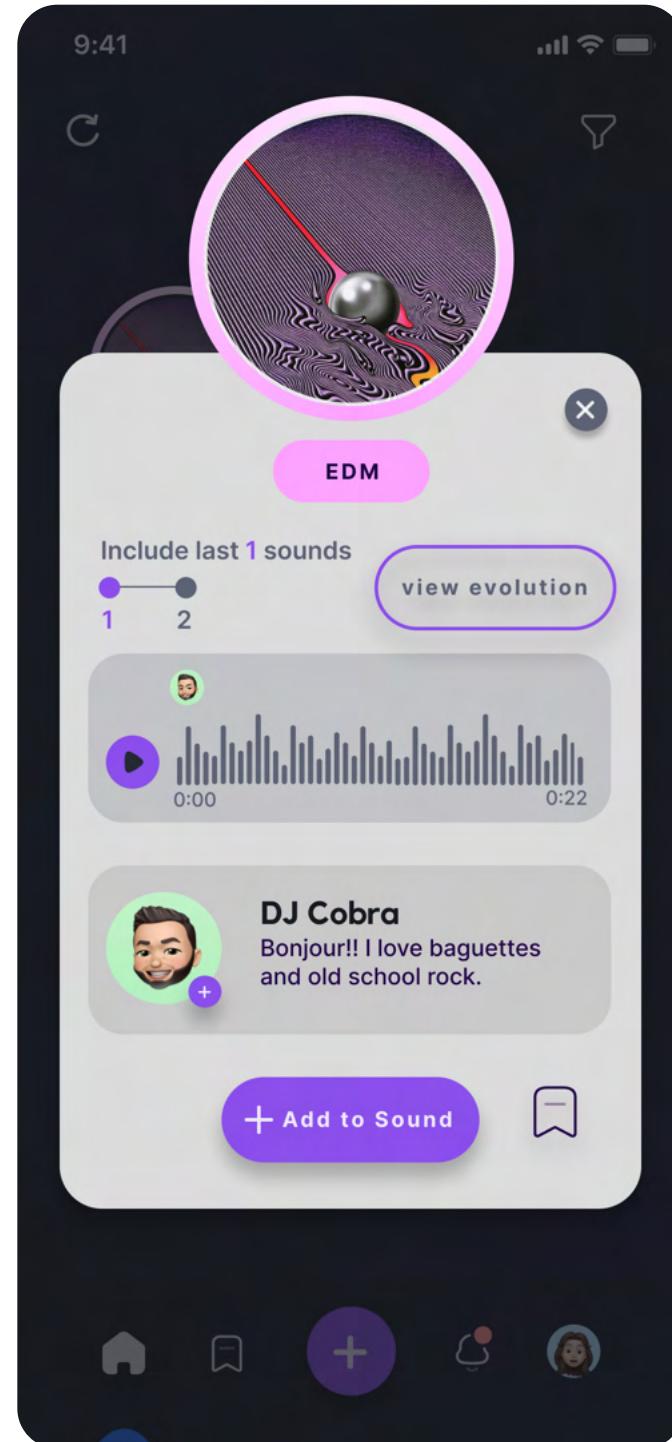
As of the Figma, users can view both mutuals and all connections. We are currently discussing whether it is best to eliminate visibility of non-mutuals.



Issue 6, 7, 8, 9

Unclear train concept (H10)

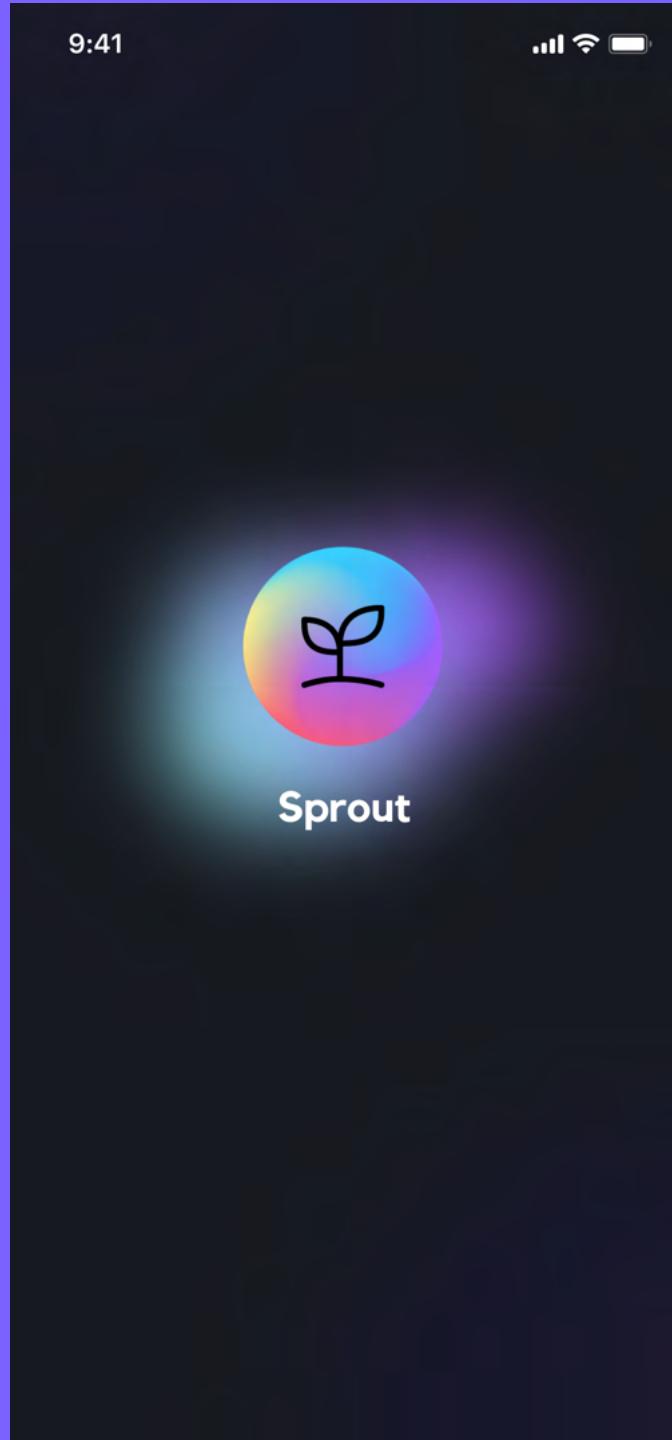
Users are unsure what “add to sound” exactly means.



REVISION #6/7/8/9

**Add onboarding
process to explain
train concept!**

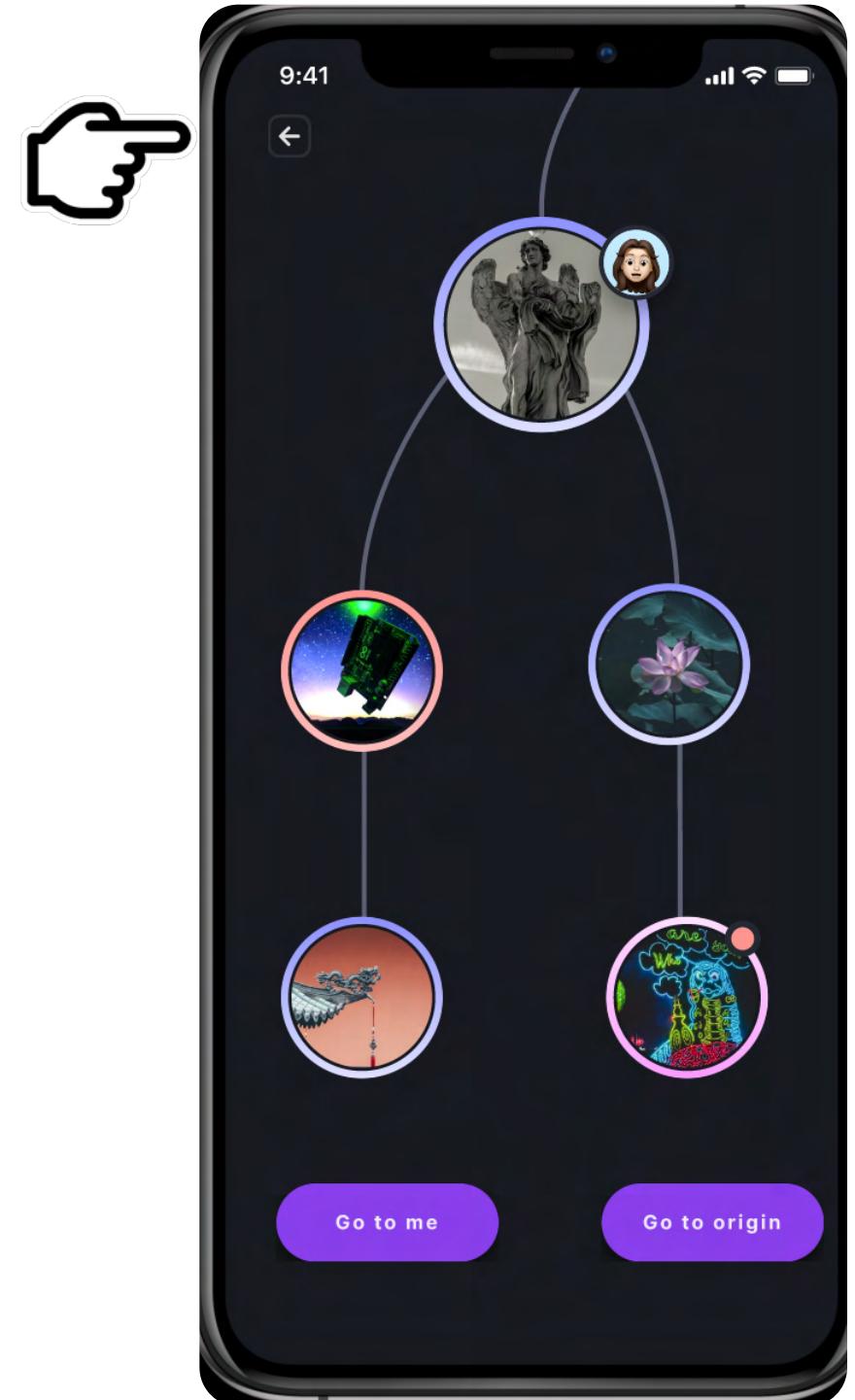
Short tutorial when the user first logs onto Sprout will be implemented in the final prototype!



ISSUE 10

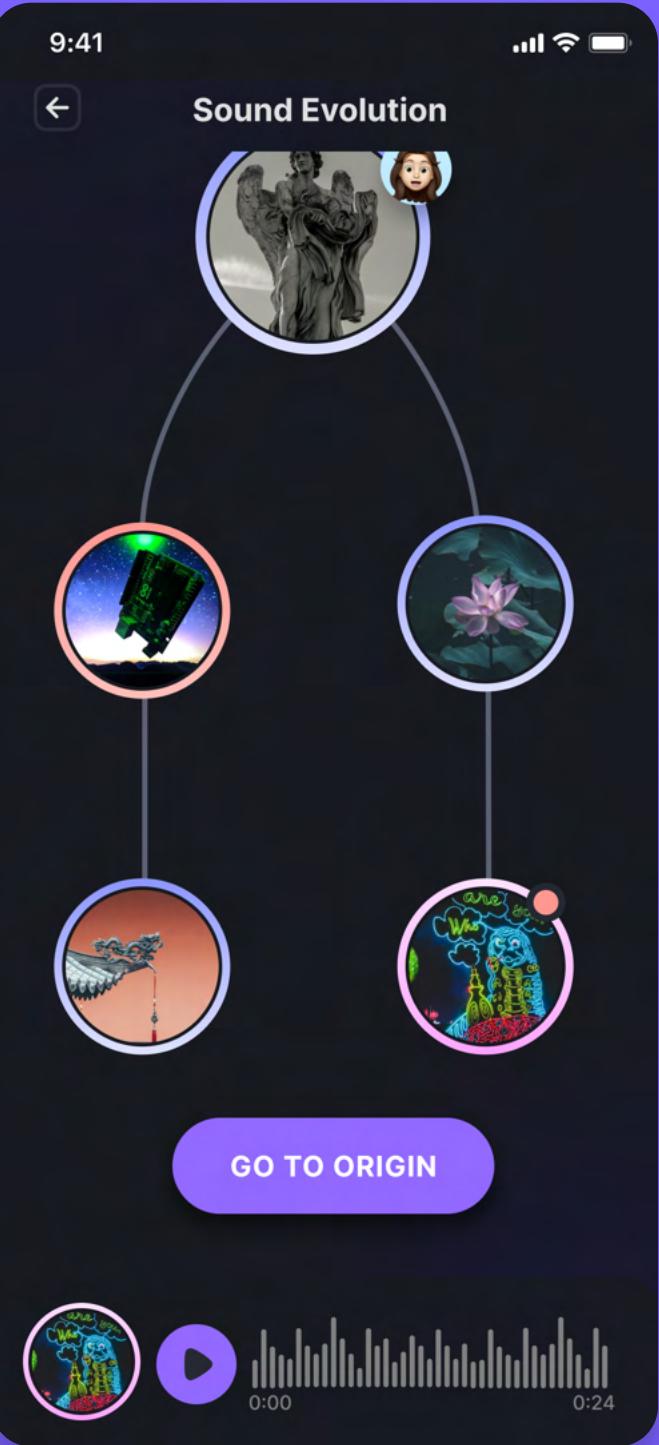
No header on evolution page (H1)

User may be confused about which page they are on.



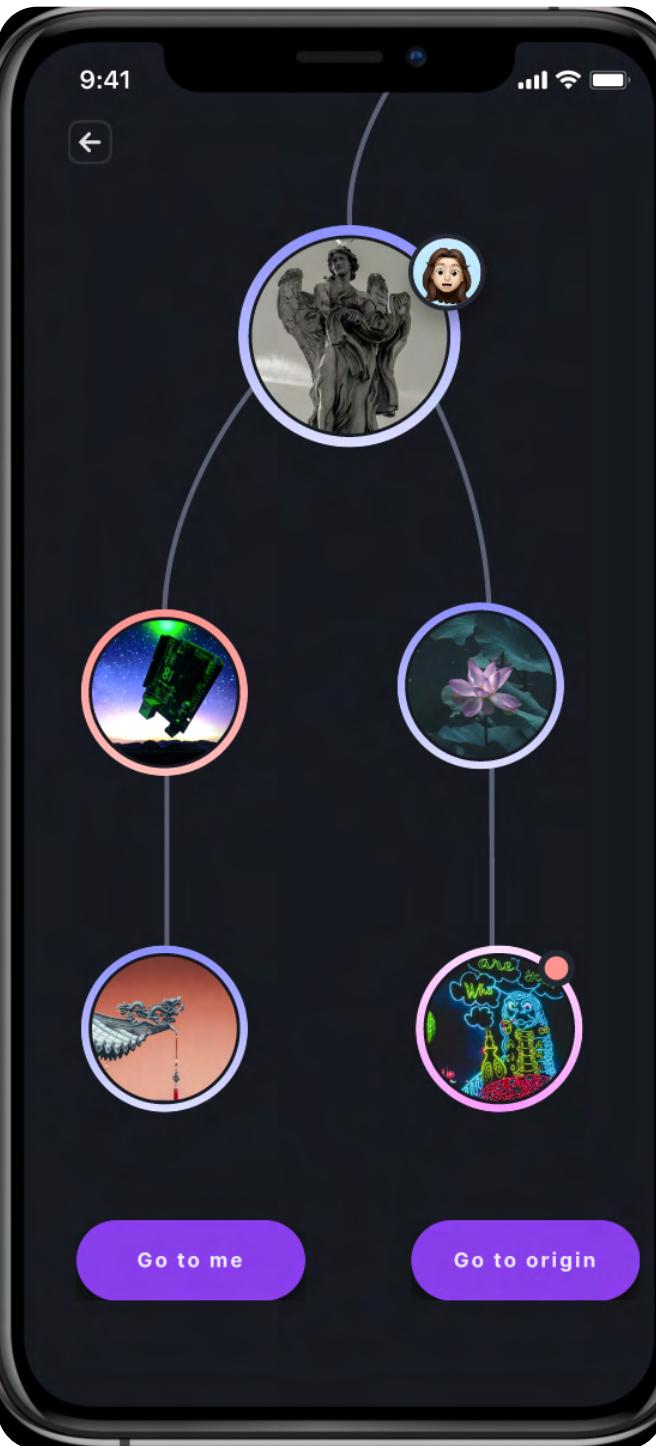
REVISION 10

**Added a header
to nav bar.**



ISSUE 11

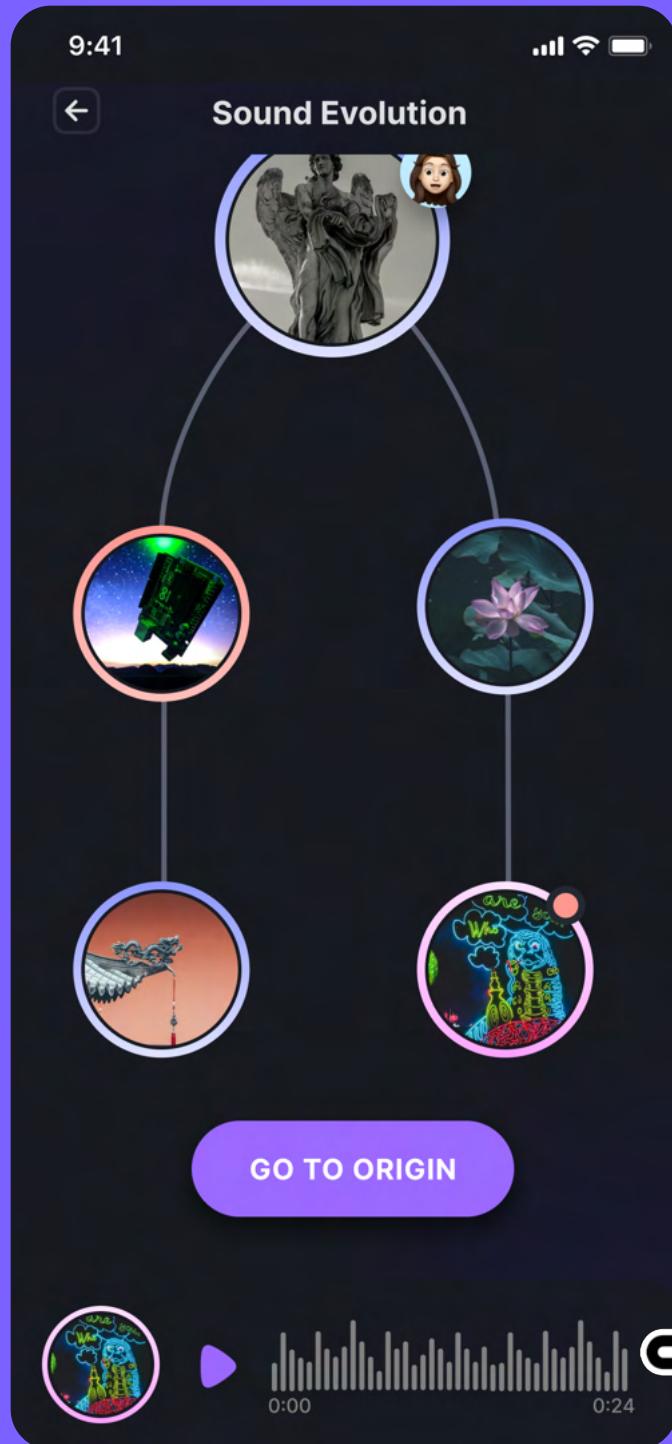
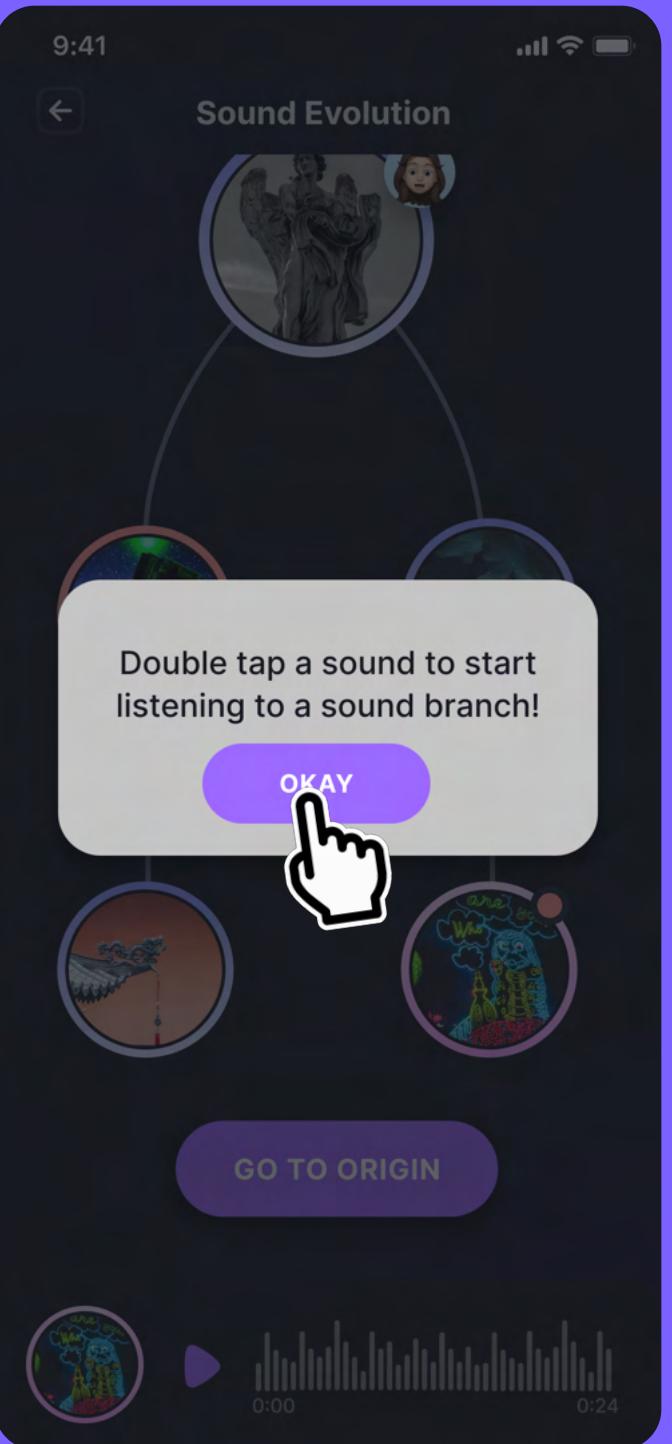
**Unclear how to
listen to segments
of evolution train
(H7).**



REVISION 11

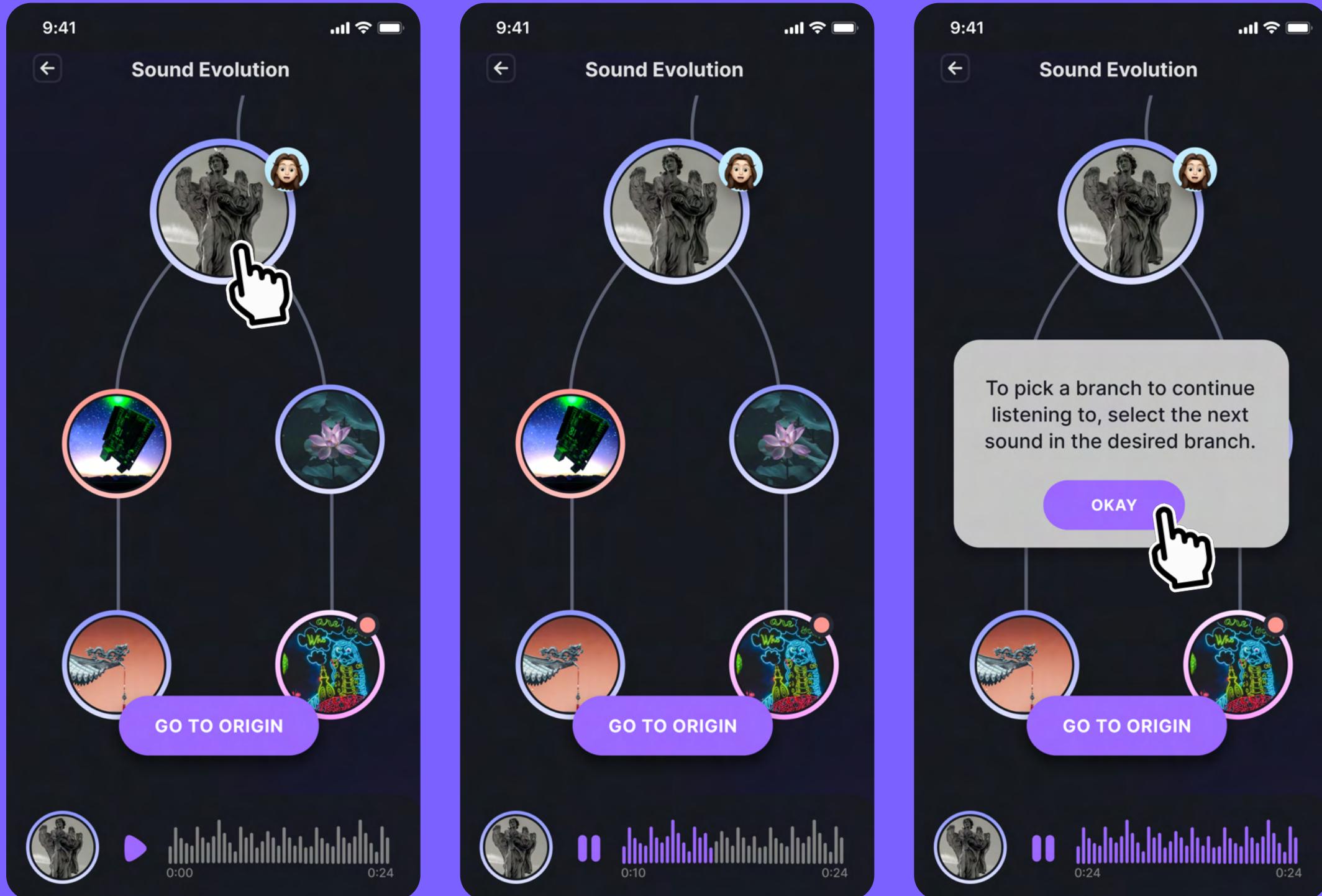
Added help message and sound player.

The sound player at the bottom will display the current sound being played. At a junction, another popup will prompt user to choose path to take.



REVISION 11

And help
message at
junctions for
first-time
users.



Issue 12, 13, 14, 15

Simple prototype issues

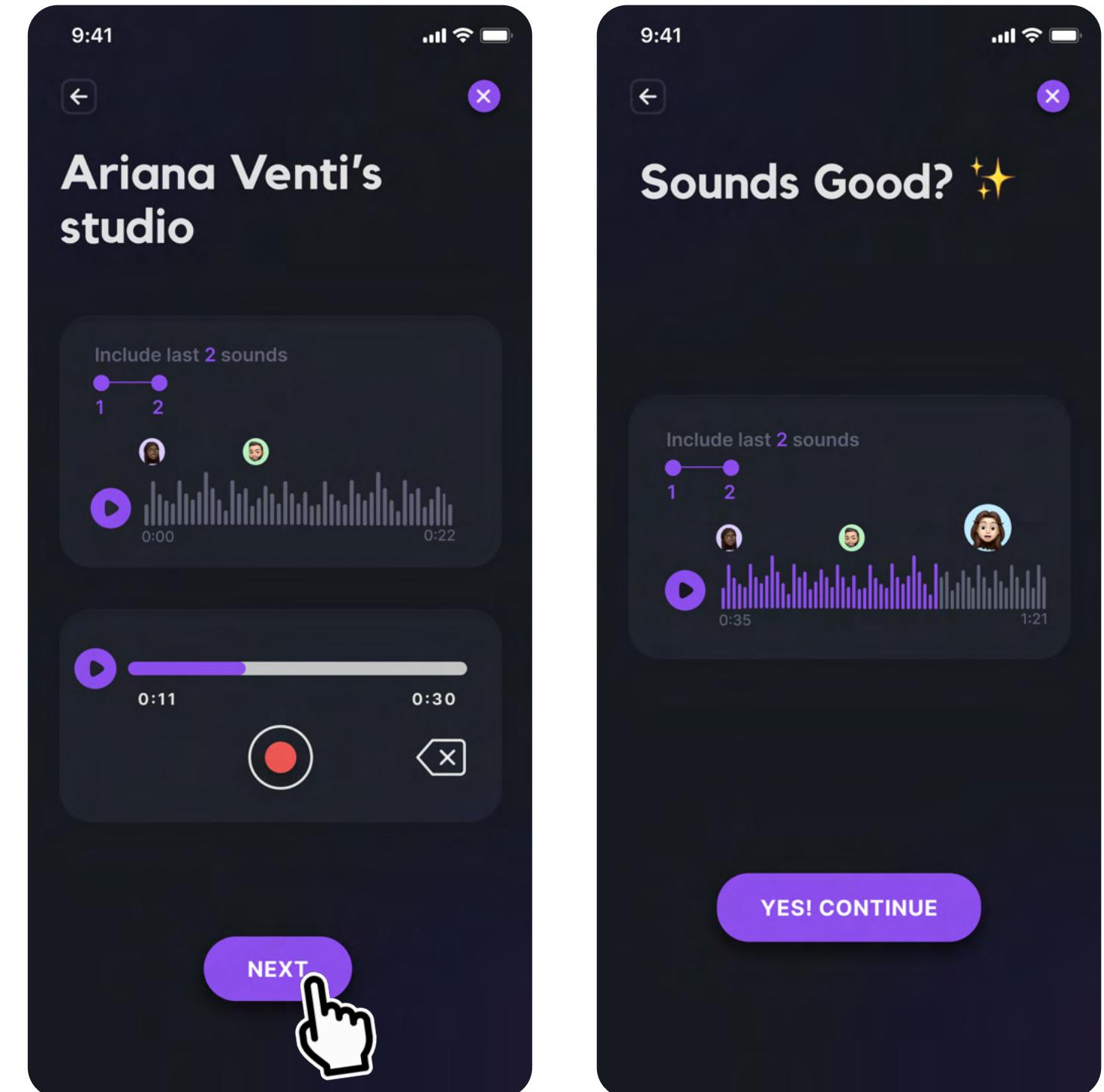
- 12. Each soundbite must be associated with the correct cover art (H4)
- 13. Back button on record page not linked correctly (H4)
- 14. Cannot click again to undo "connection request" (H3)
- 15. Confusion about connection between soundbite iterations and evolution page (H4)

**Fixed, re-linked, or prototype issues
that are already intended to work in
hi-fi!**

ISSUE 16

User cannot edit/trim a sound after recording (H2)

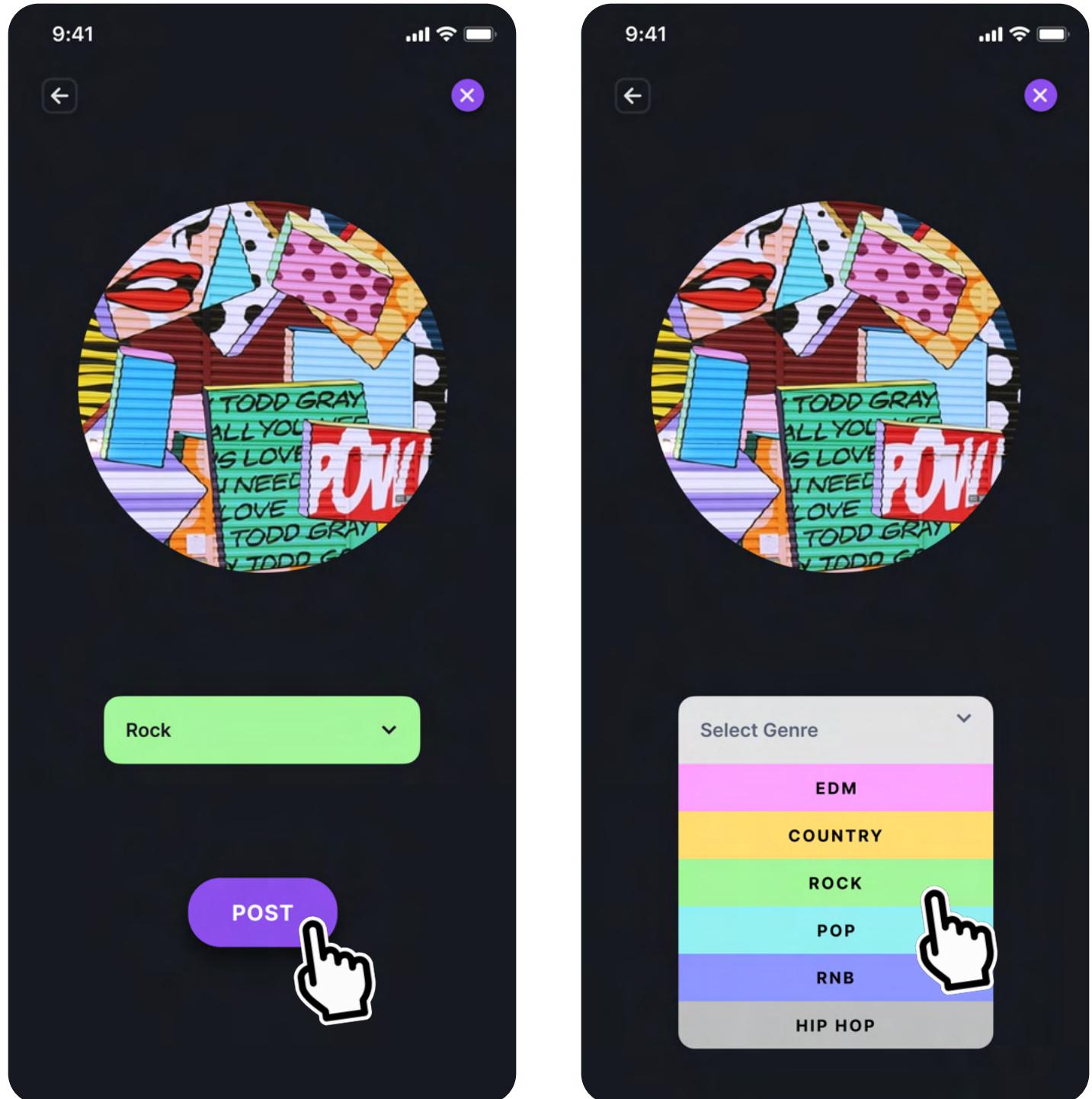
This is incredibly valid, but beyond trimming, implementation would be tough within the remaining week.



ISSUE 17

Users should be able to tag their sounds by multiple genres (H2).

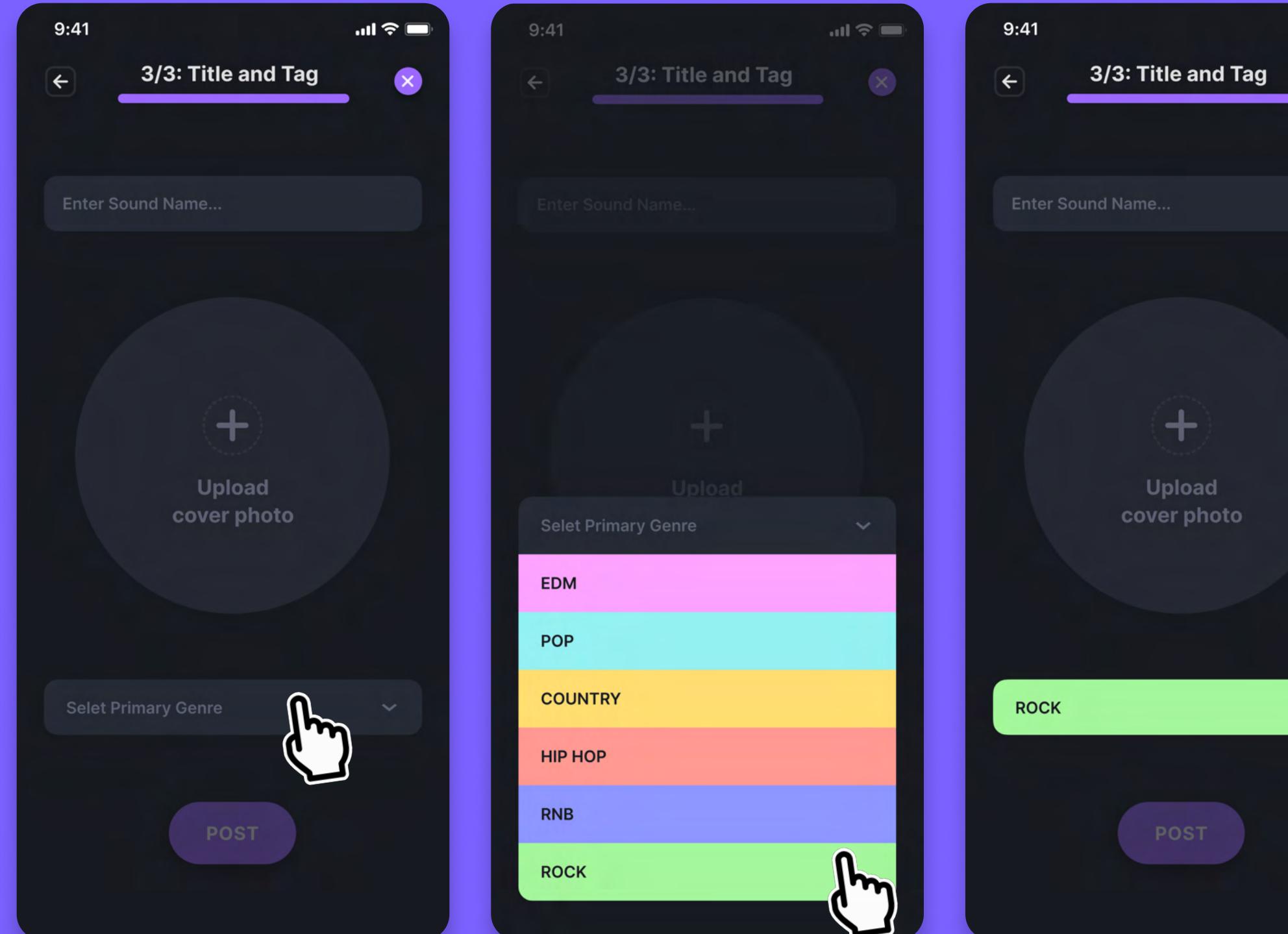
Rationale is that there is a ton of cross-pollination in music genres.



REVISION 17

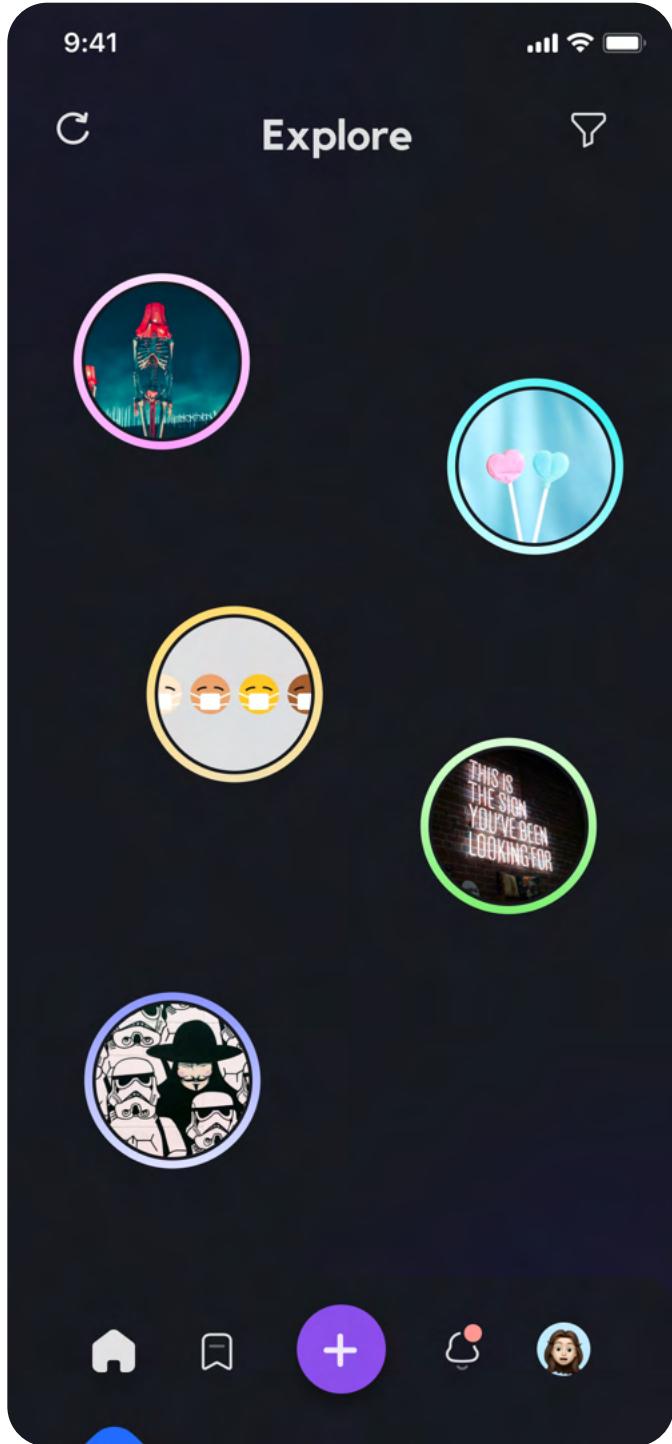
Modify genre tagging in “create” to say
“Select primary genre”

Our entire design system relies on using color to distinguish genres as it stands, so it would be very complex (and time-crunched) to rethink this aspect in the last 2 weeks.



ISSUE 18

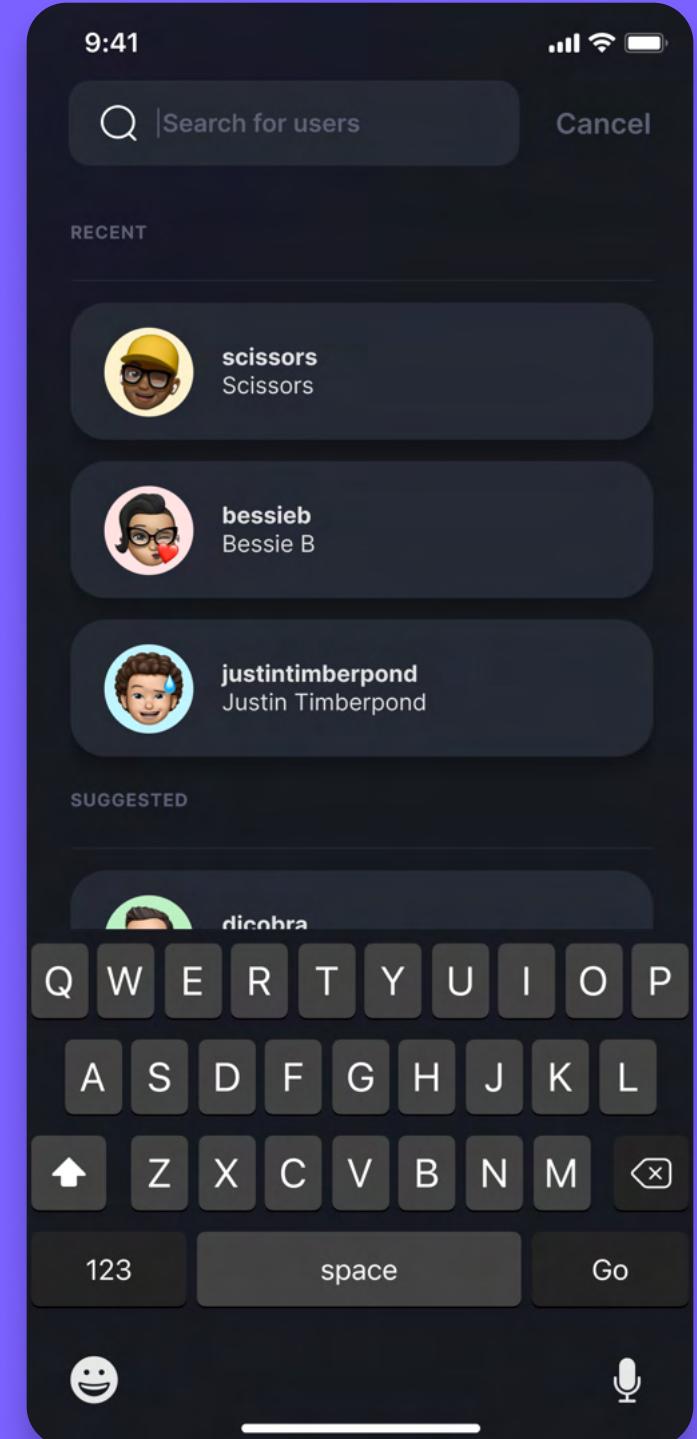
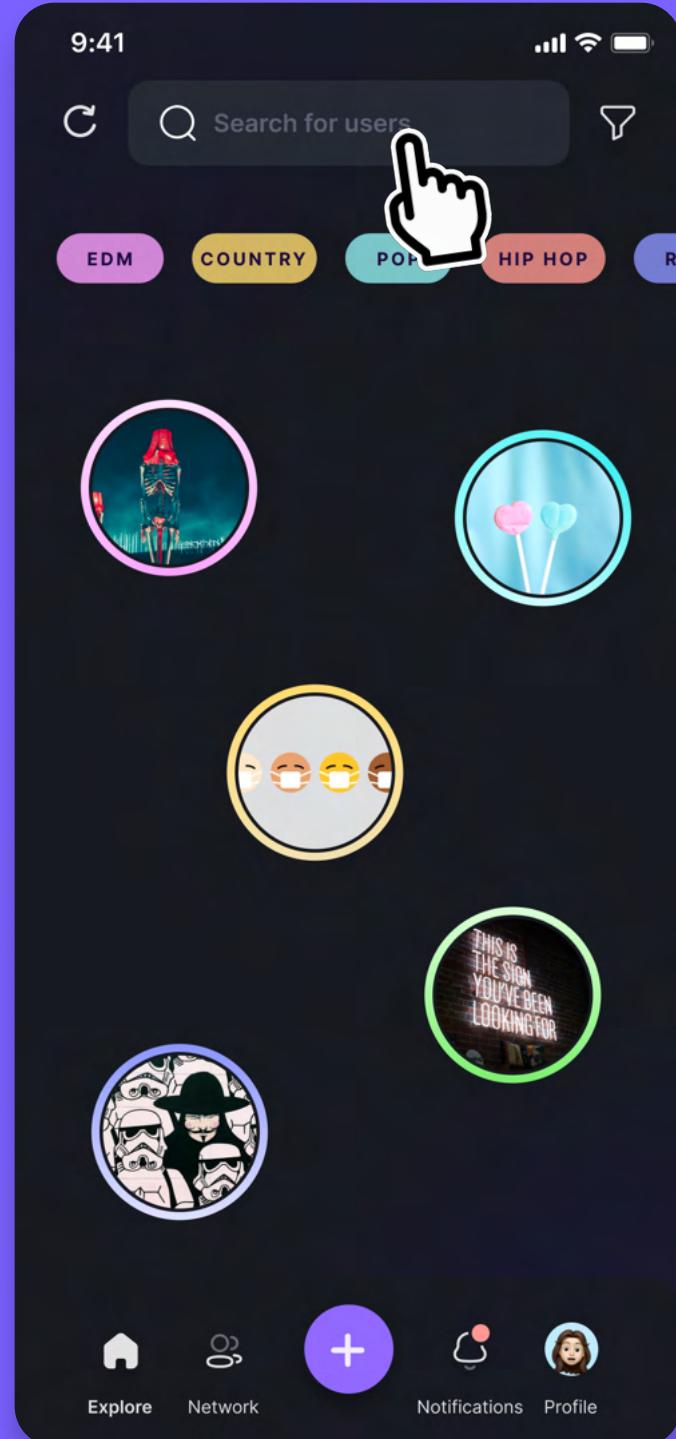
Users cannot search for sounds (H8).



REVISION 18

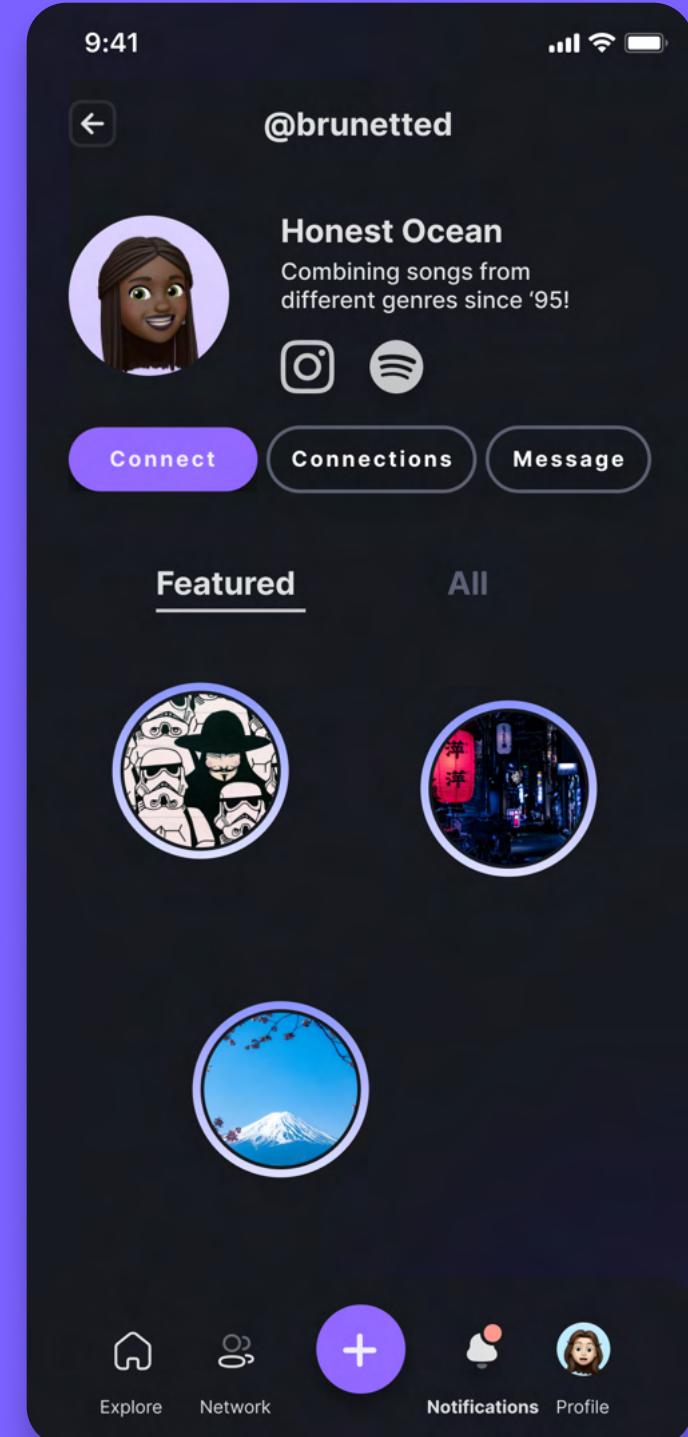
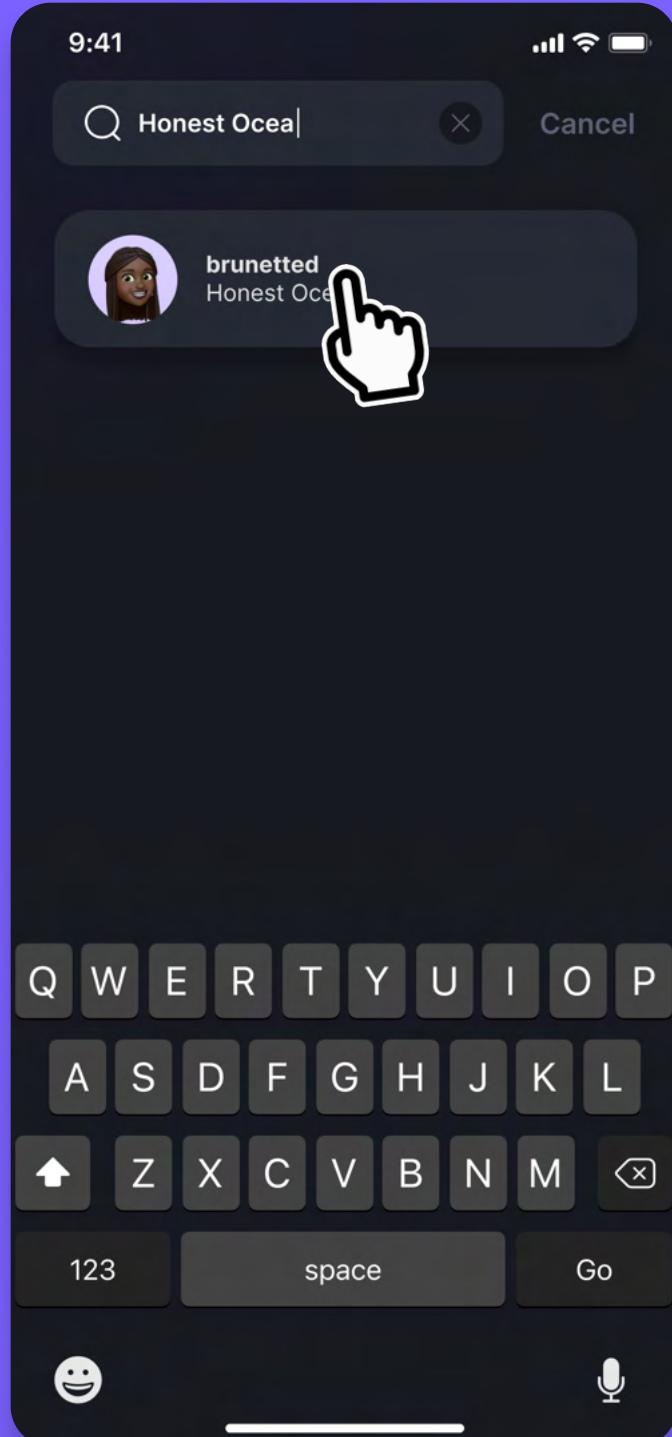
Implemented search for users.

Searching for users is extremely pivotal to the UX of a networking app. However, we want sound (and thus artist) discovery to be spontaneous, so intend the explore page to function like a “For You Page”.



REVISION 18

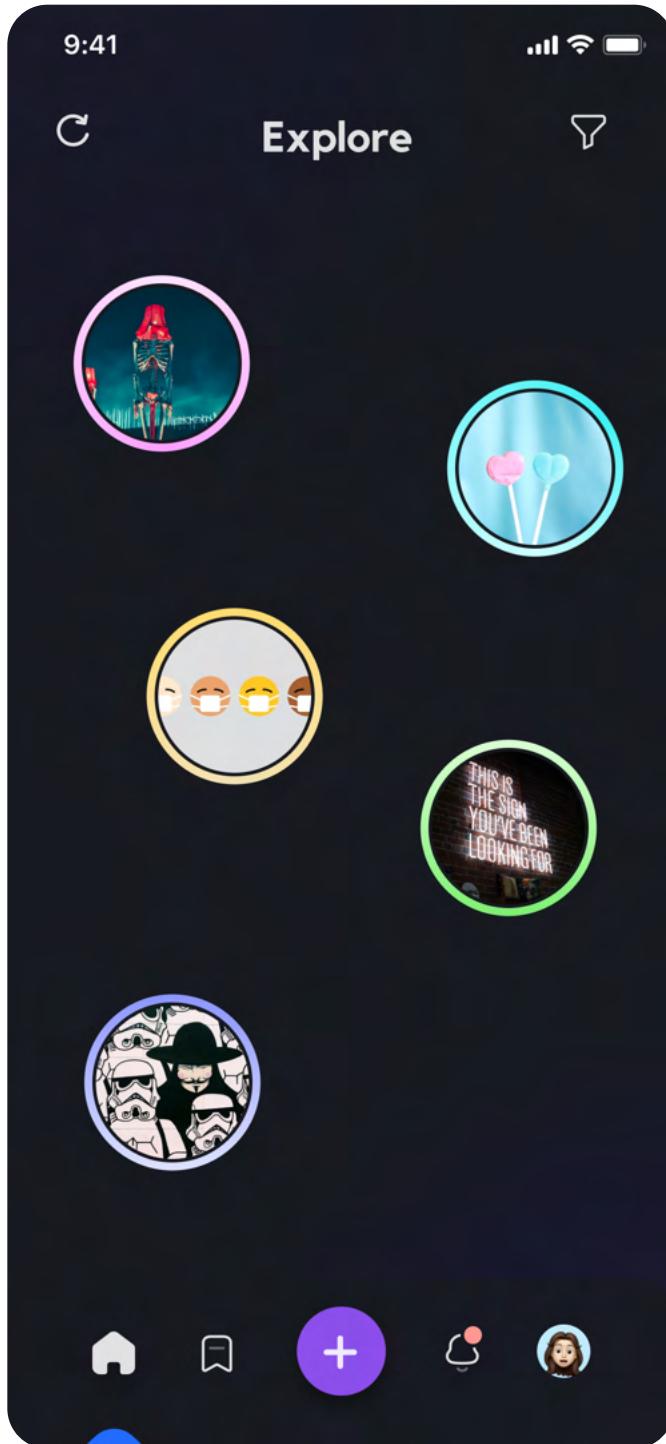
Any profile in
the Sprout
universe should
be searchable.



ISSUE 19

Users need to recall colors associated with genres from memory (H6).

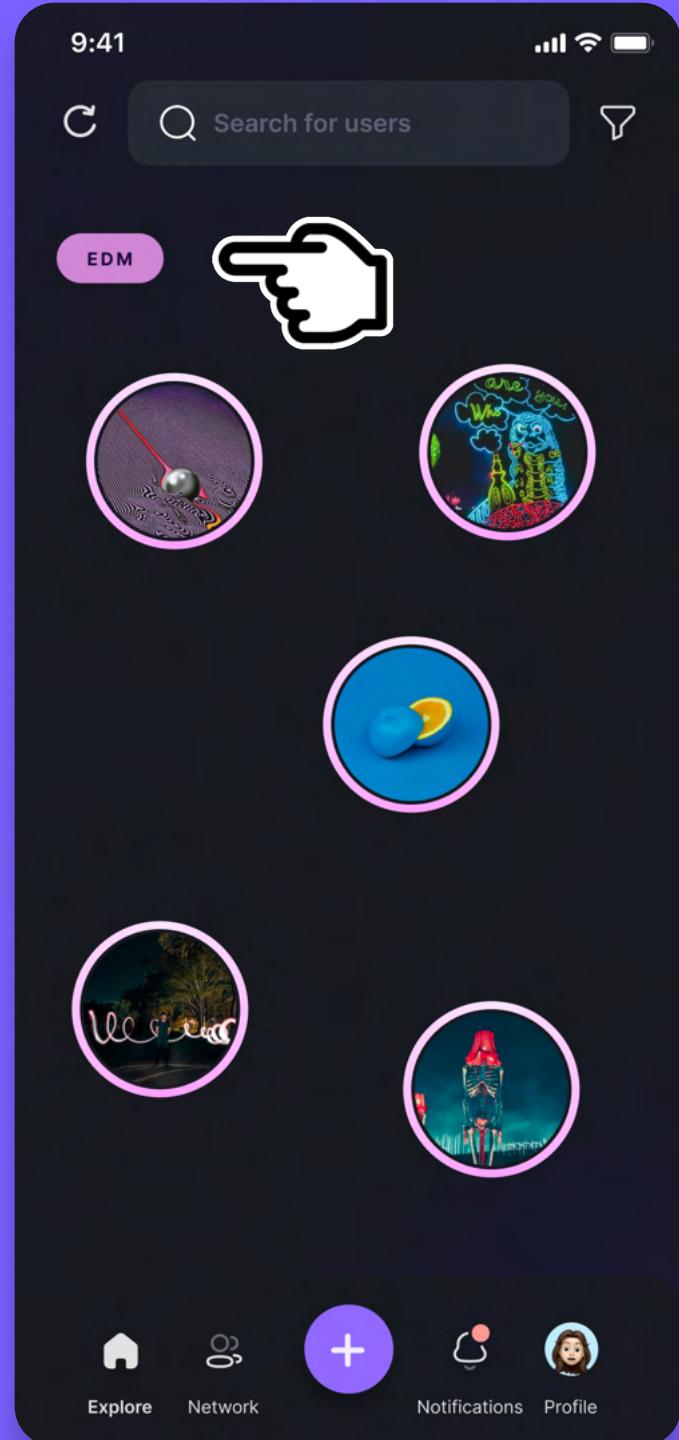
For instance, in this page, a user can't know which genre each sound belongs to without clicking on it.



REVISION 19

Added activated genre tags to explore screen.

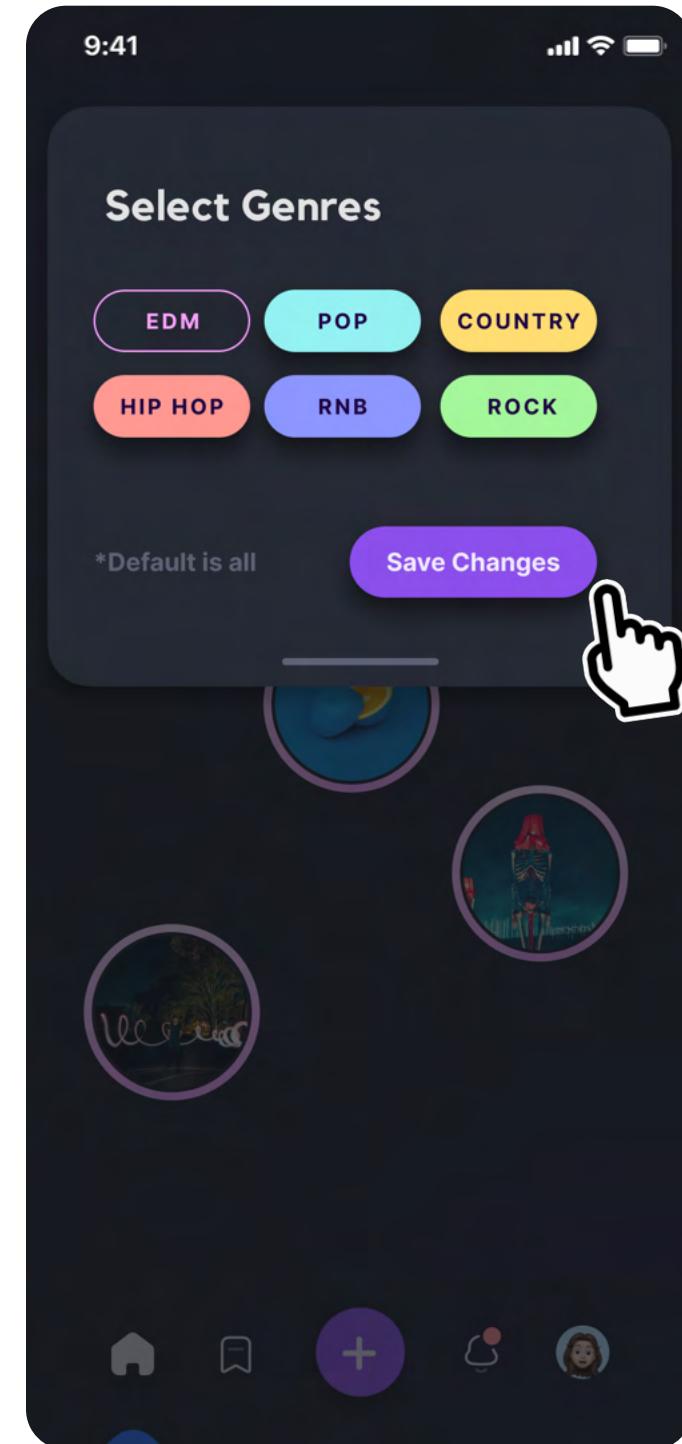
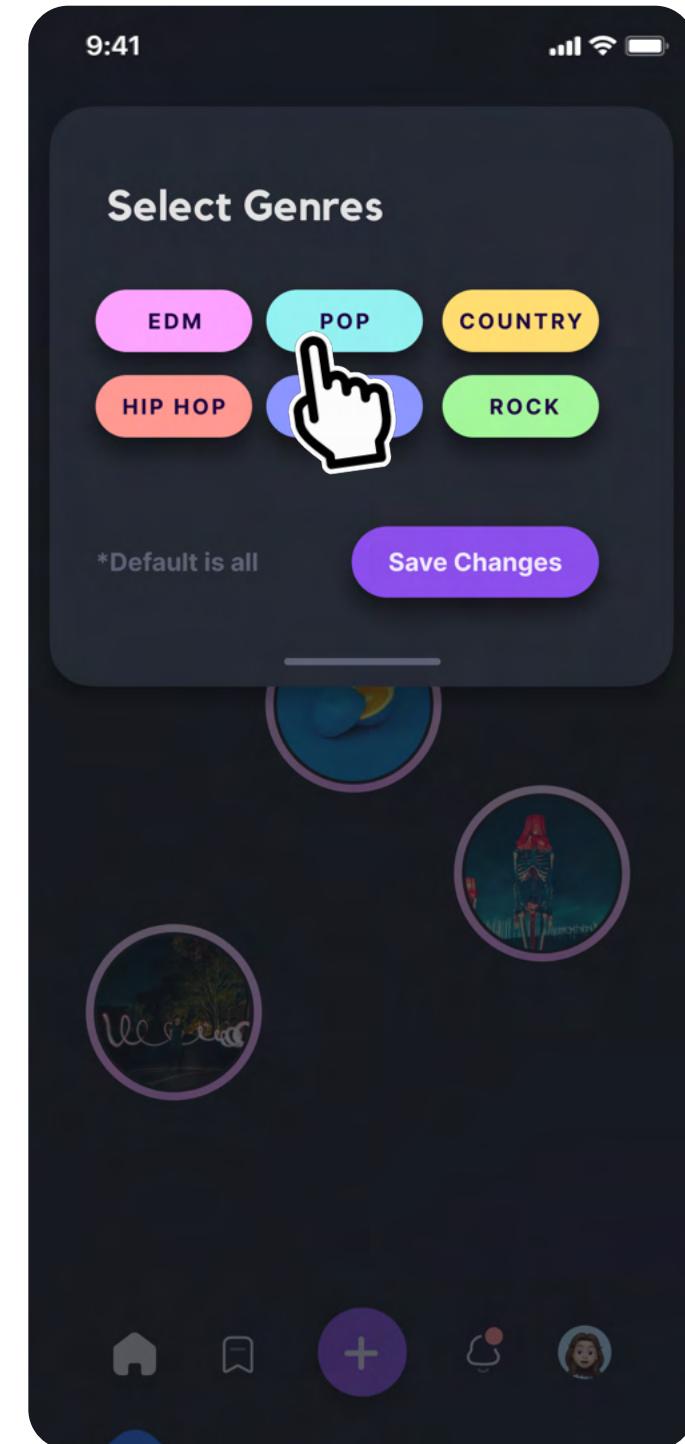
The tags are horizontal-scrollable, if longer than the phone screen.



ISSUE 20

It is more intuitive for tags to “light up” when selected, instead of when deselected (H4).

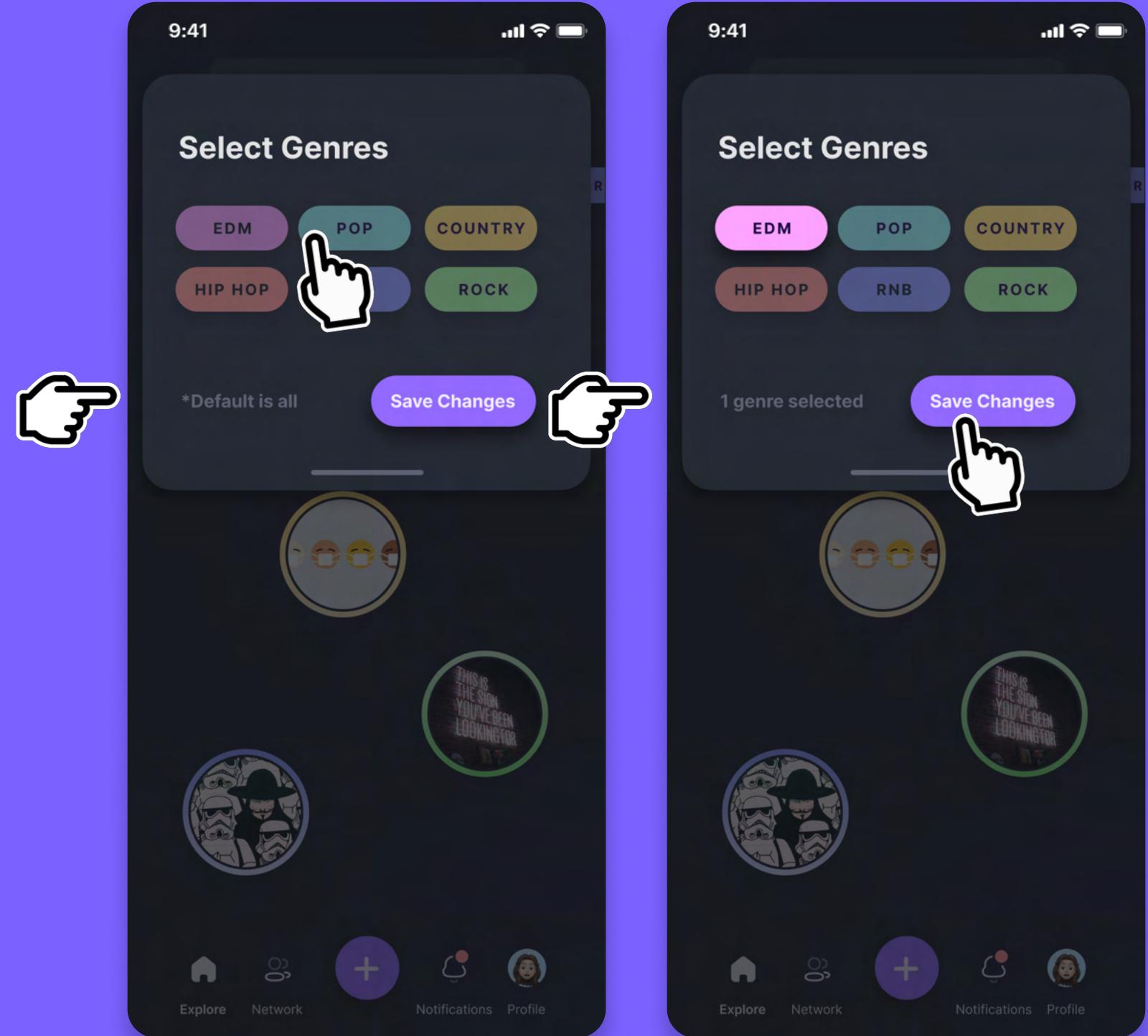
In the figures on the right, we are attempting to filter by EDM.



REVISION 20

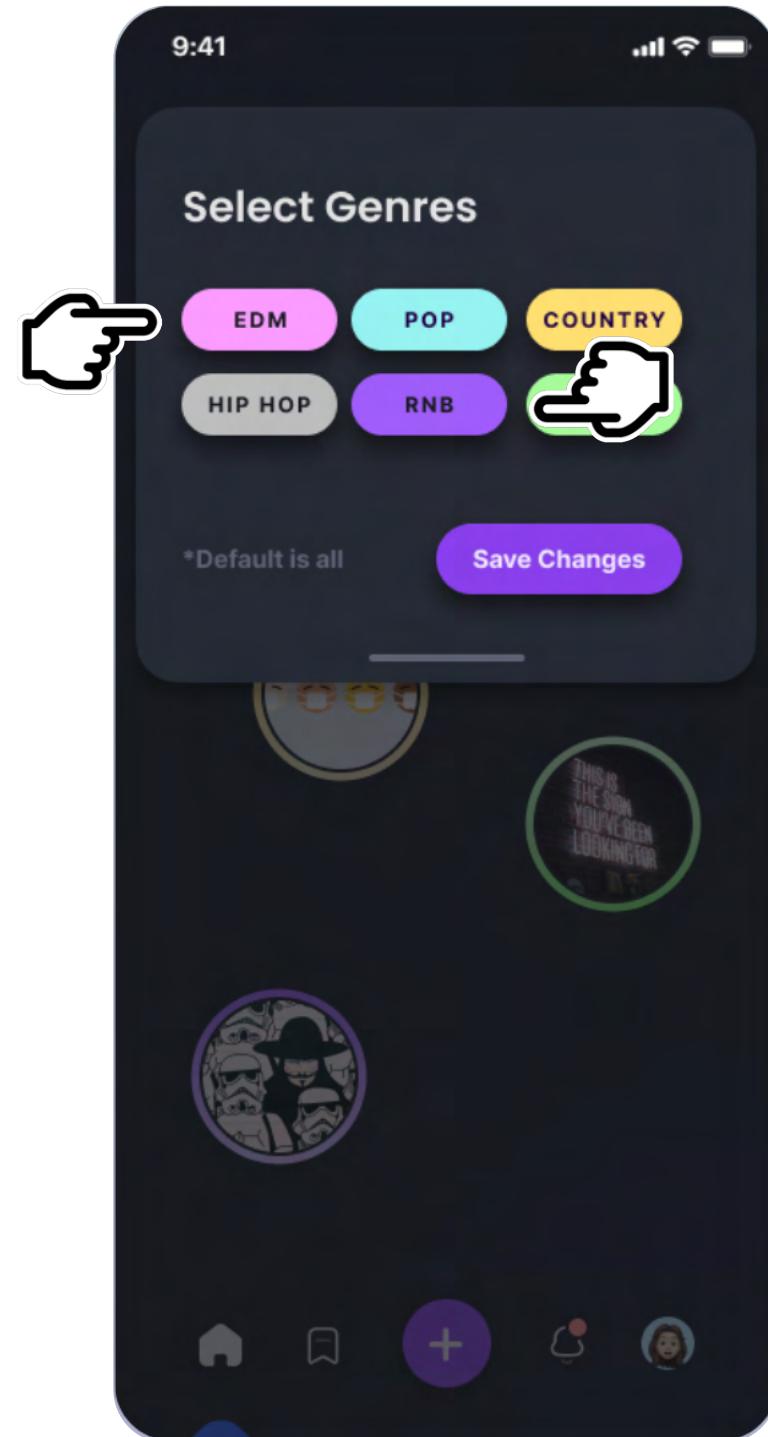
Genre tags "light up" when selected.

If no genres are selected, all genres are rendered by default. This is explained by a dynamically-updating helper text informing user of selection status.



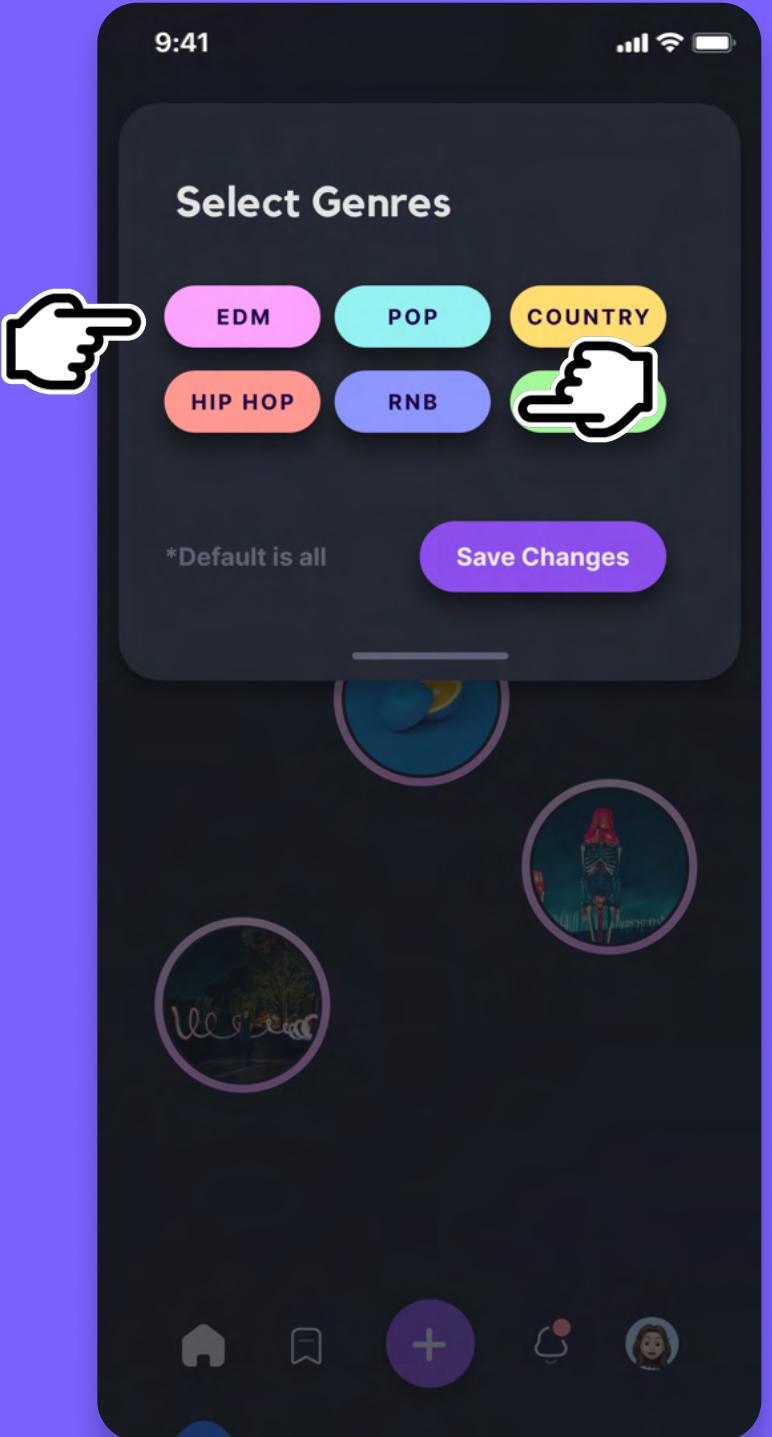
ISSUE 21

Colors for EDM and RnB look too similar (H8).



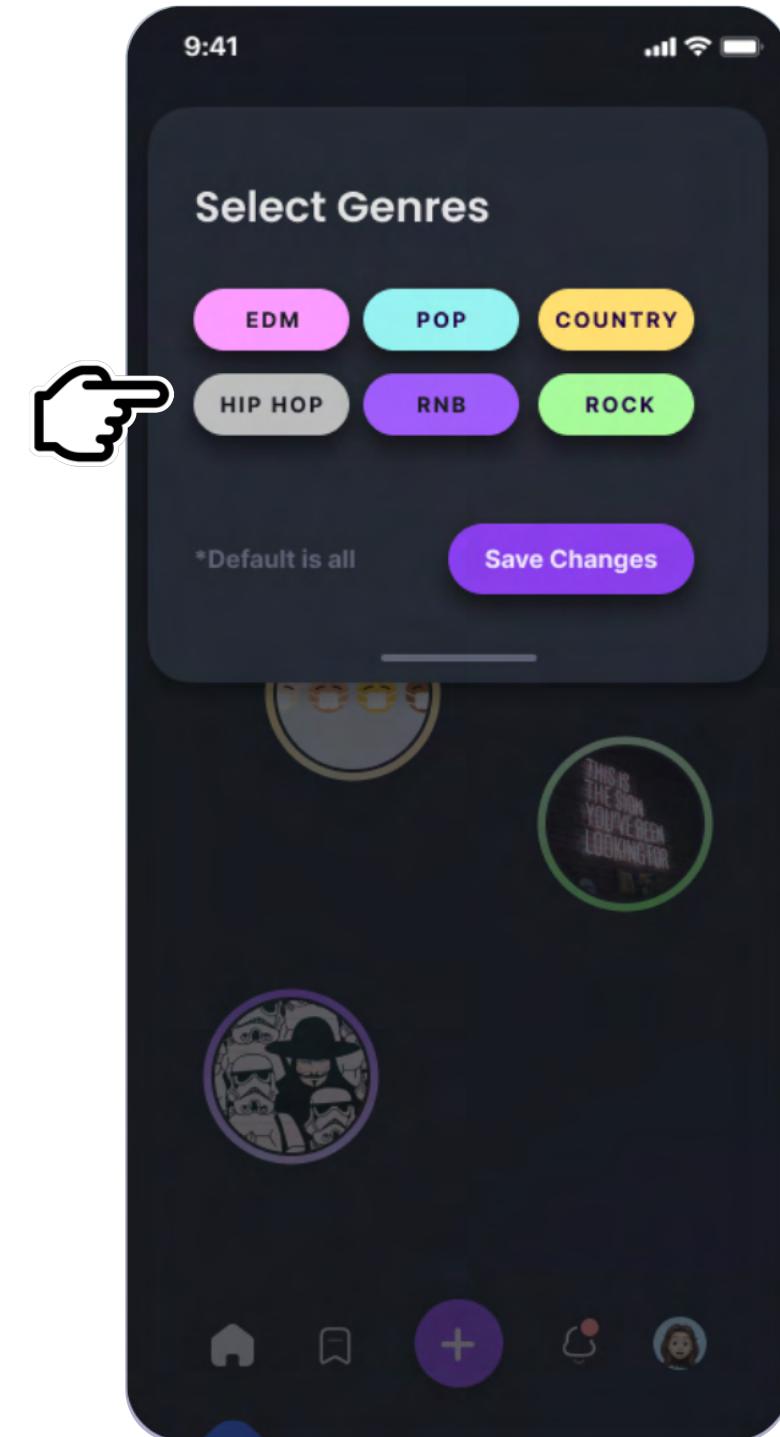
REVISION 21

Modified RNB
purple to be more
blue-hued.



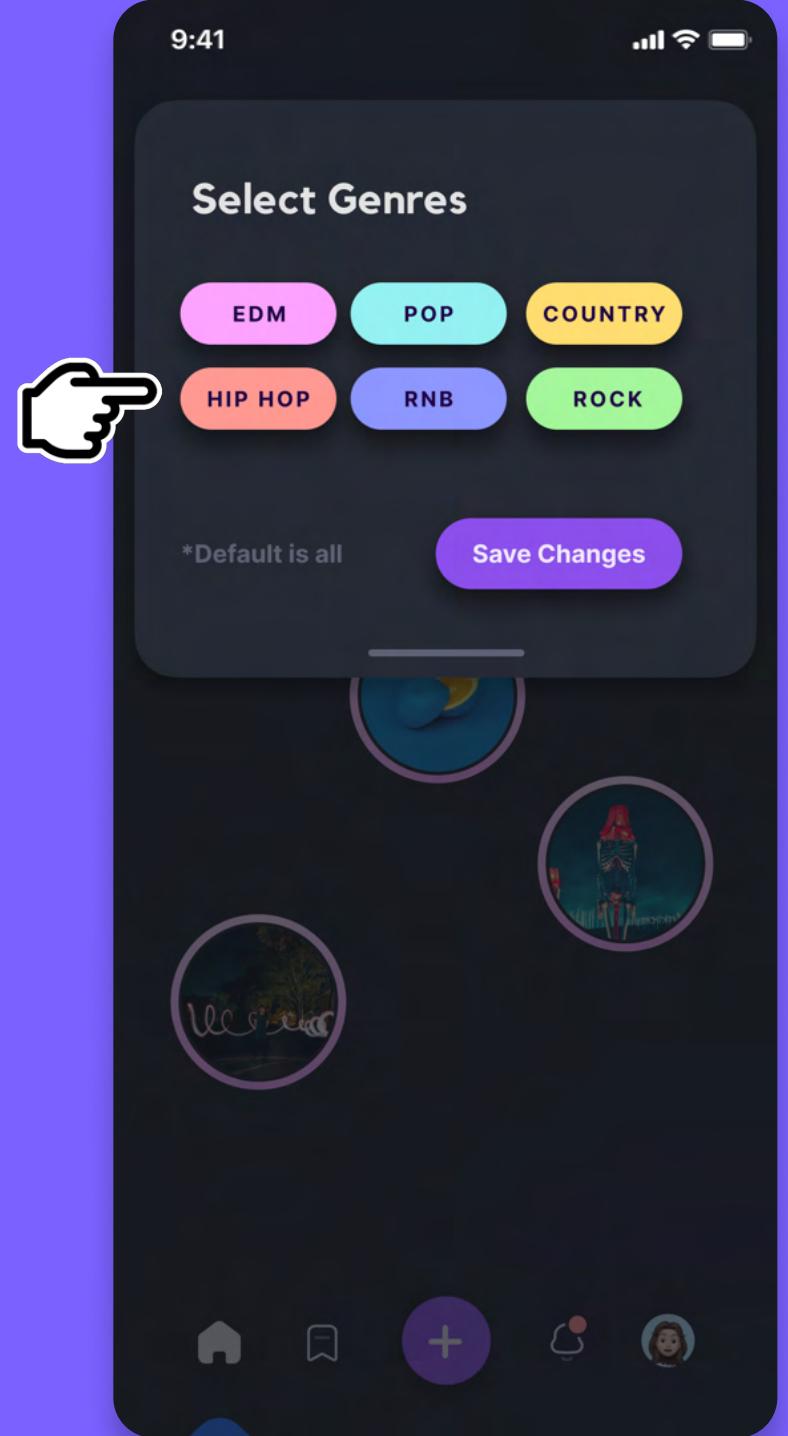
ISSUE 22

**Color for hip hop
genre is grey,
which has a
“genreless”
connotation (H4).**



REVISION 21

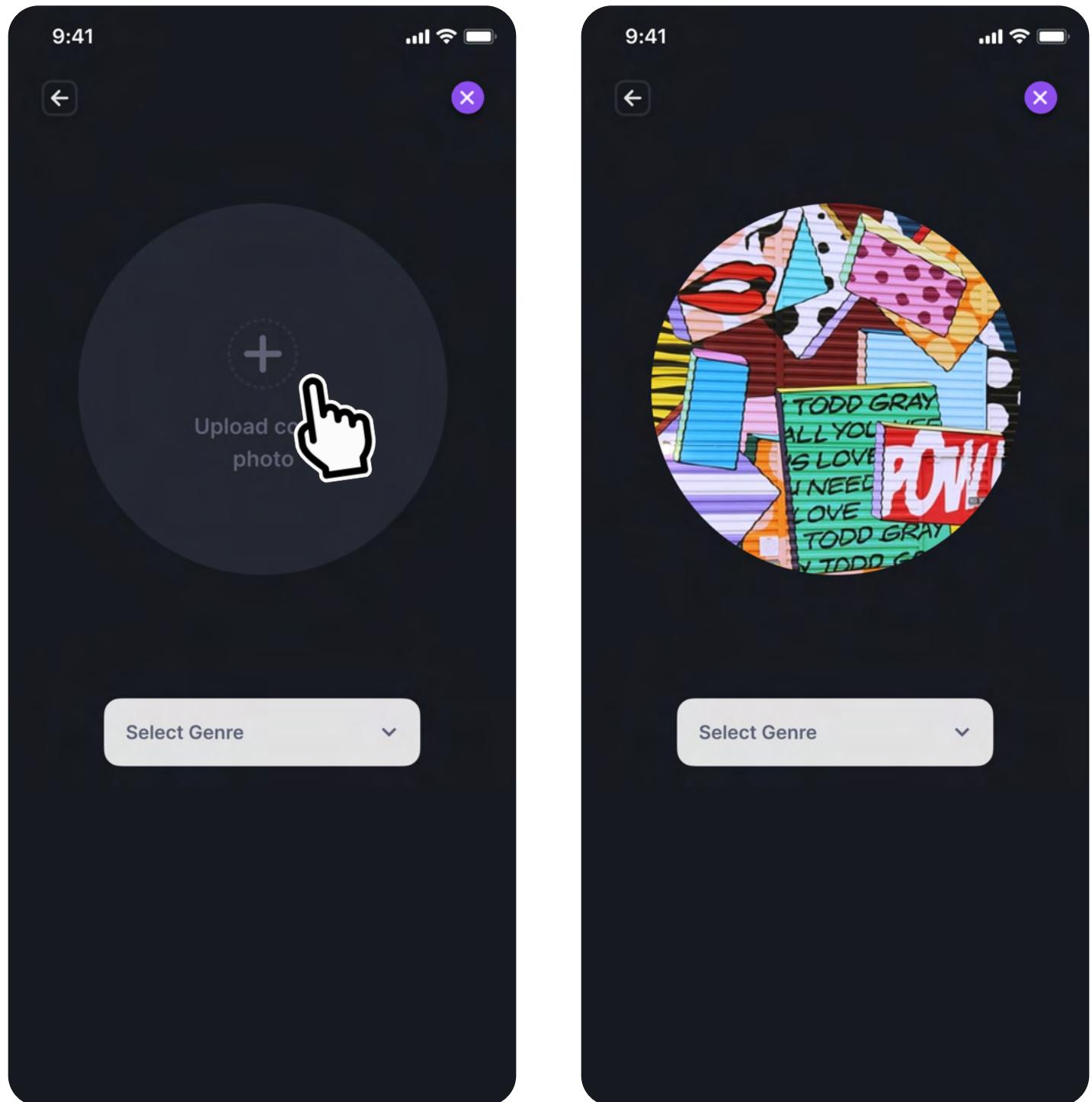
Changed Hip Hop
color to red.



Issue 23

No cover art options (H5)

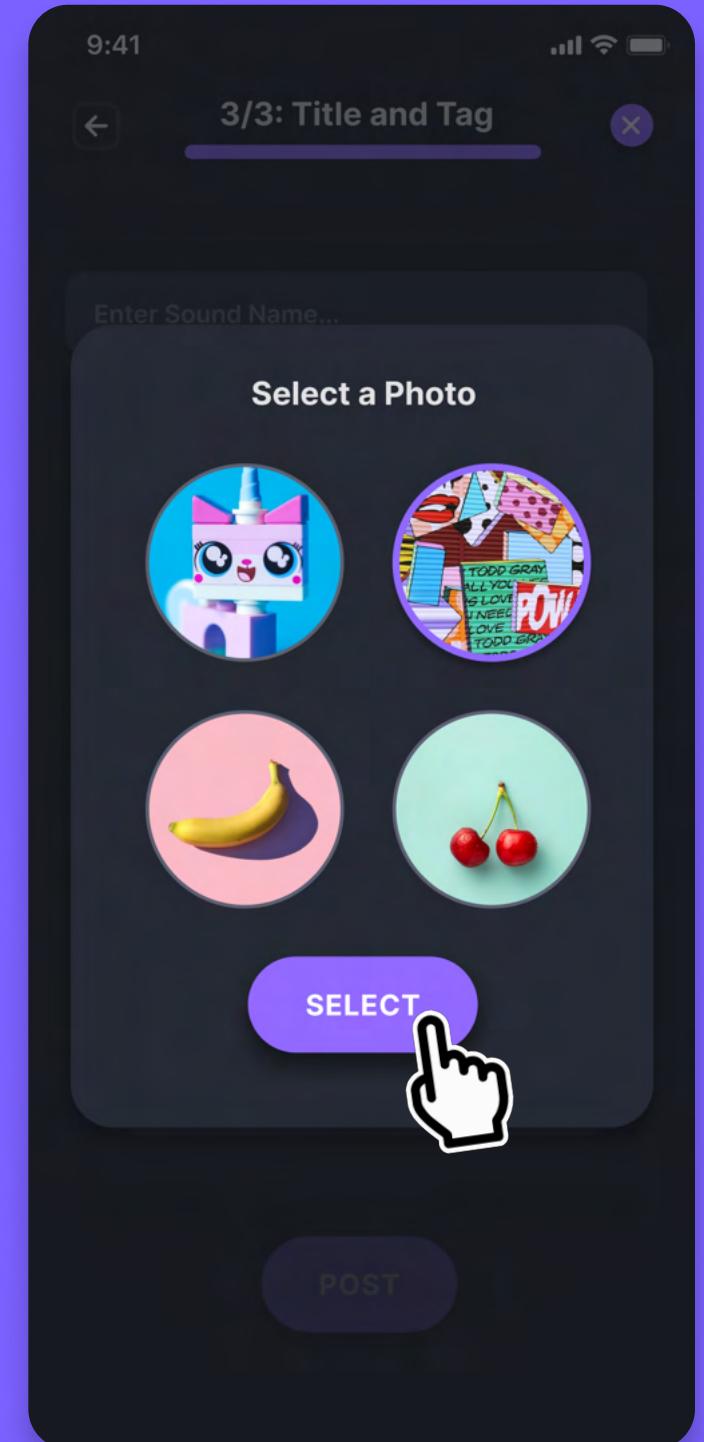
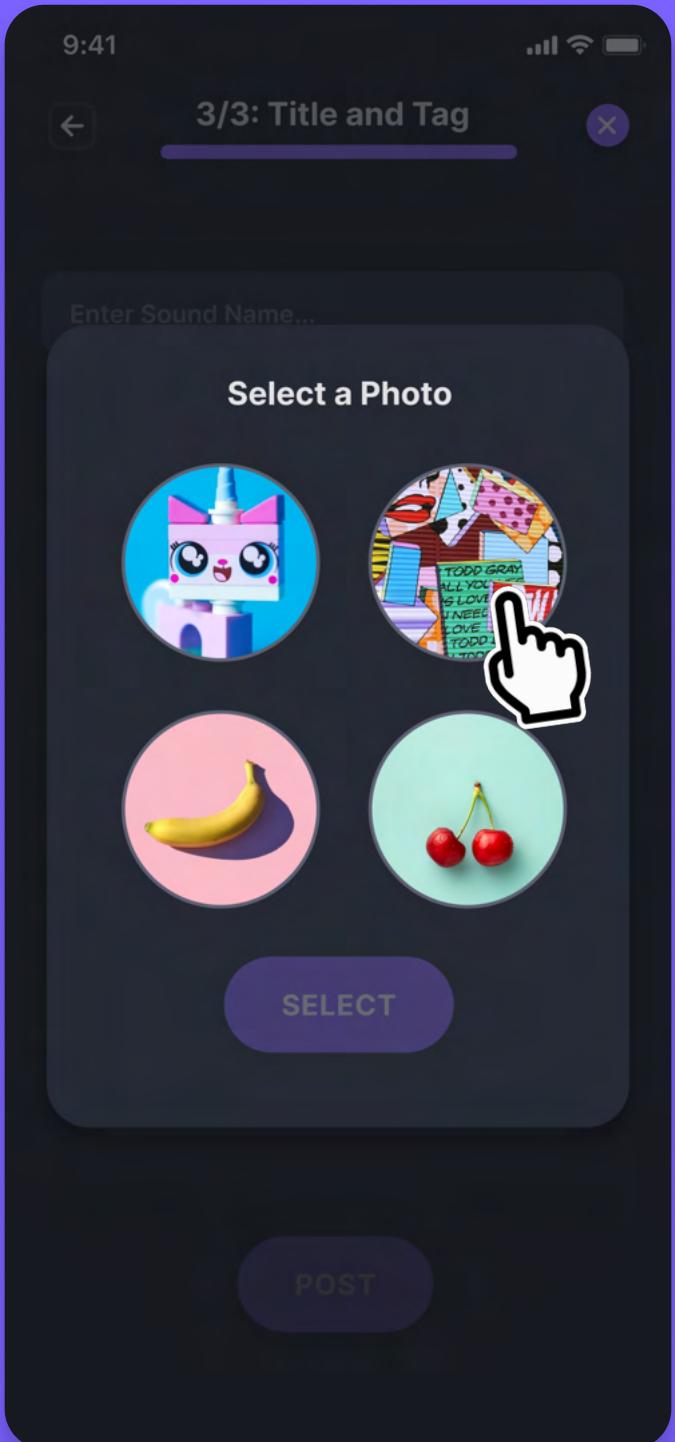
Our intent was to wizard-of-oz the browsing of a photo library (i.e. how you would pick a photo to upload to Instagram), but this came off as confusing.



REVISION 23

Added cover art options

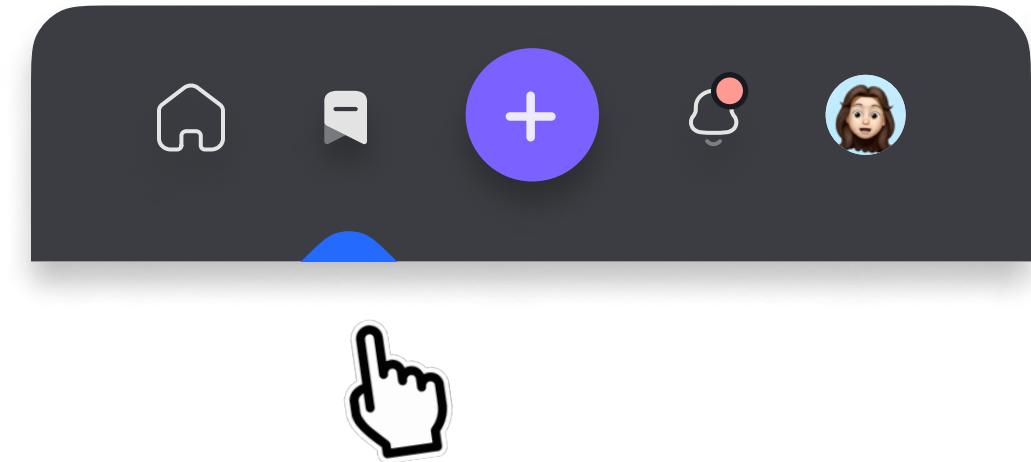
Note: when implemented, we will display four hard-coded, "pseudo" photos.



ISSUE 24

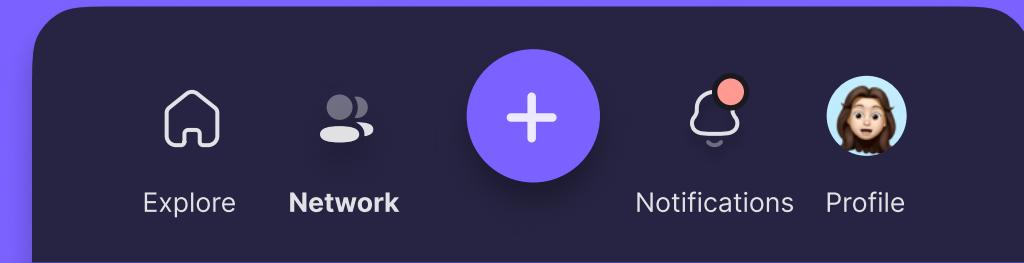
Redundant to have both icon fill and blue indicator in tab bar (H8).

In addition, color is used to indicate genre, so the blue could be confusing.



REVISION 24

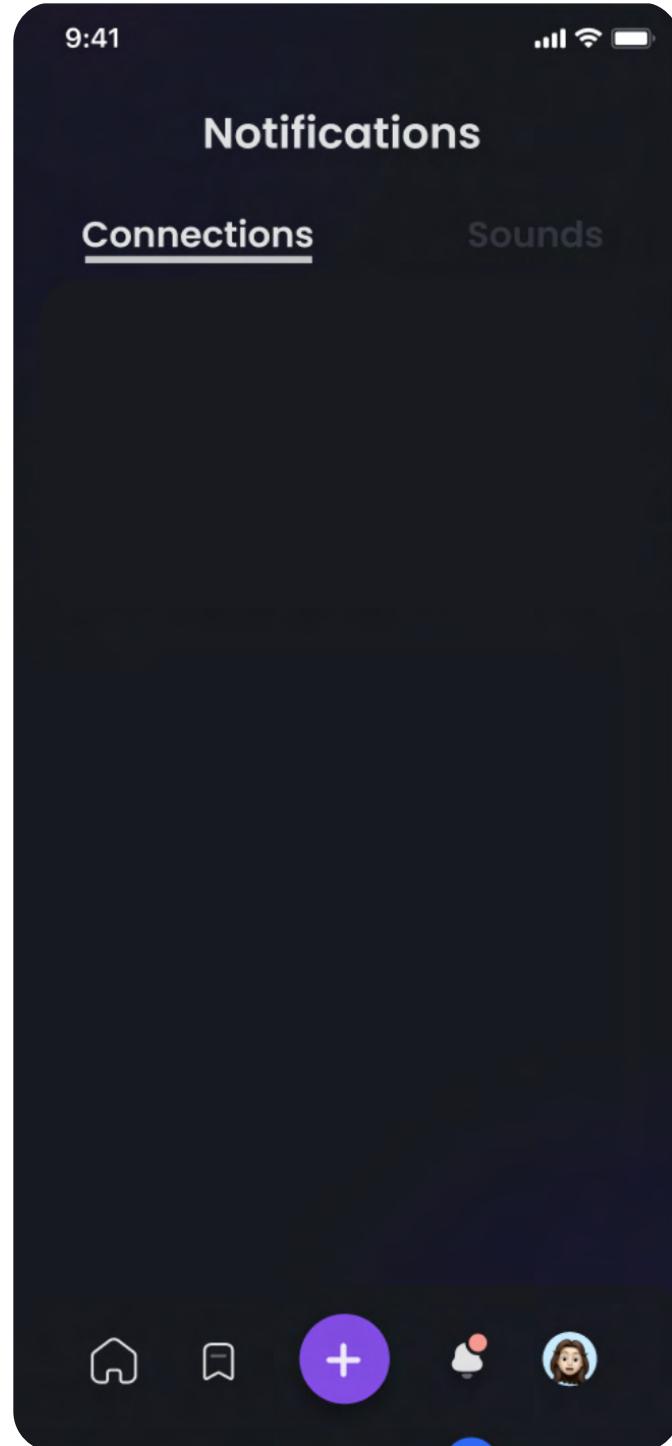
Removed blue
indicator



ISSUE 25

**No system status
for case of no
notifications (H4)**

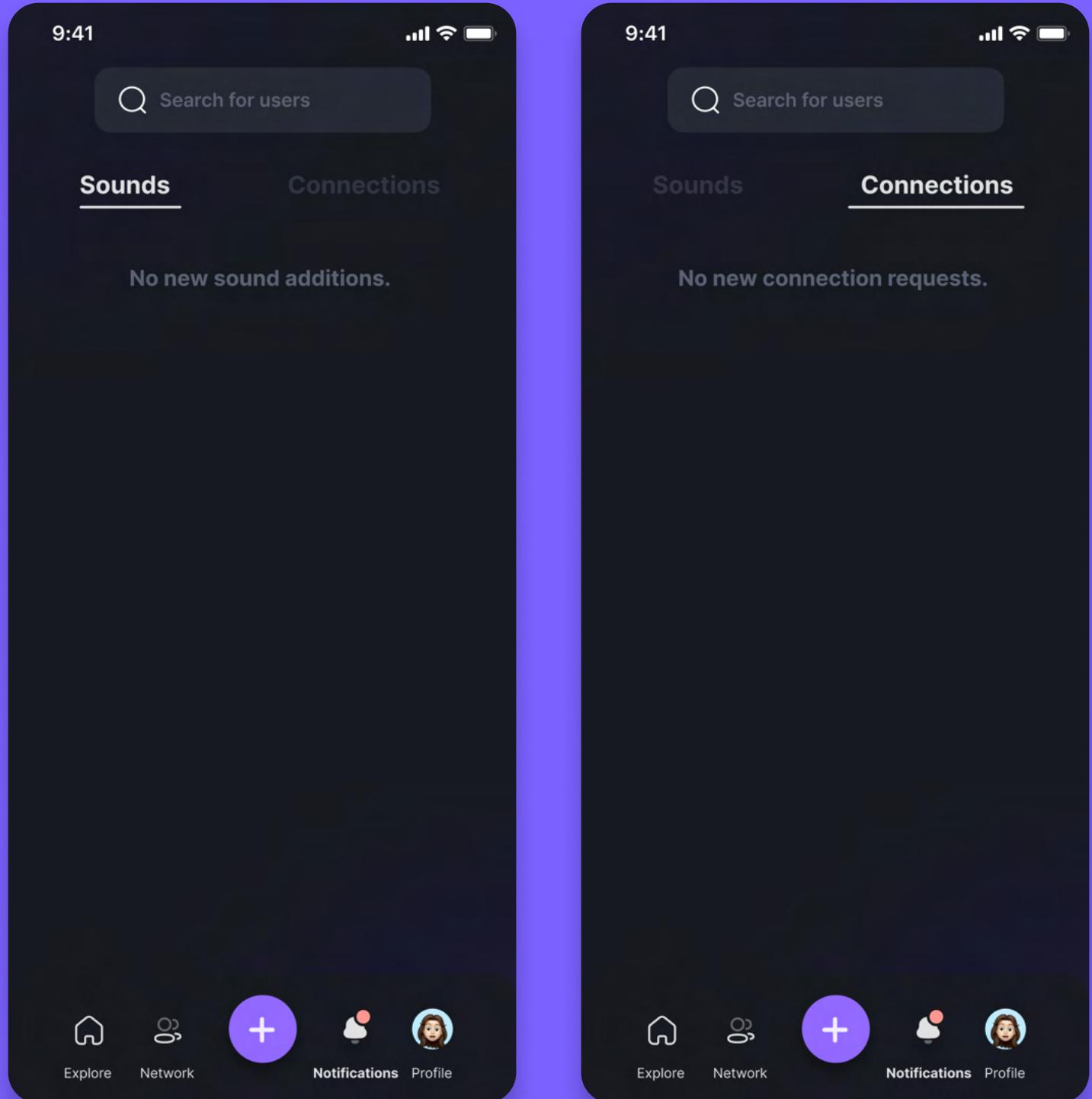
User can not distinguish between knowing whether there are no new notifications or that notifications are not loading.



REVISION 25

Added “no notifications” status message.

The tags are horizontal-scrollable, if longer than the phone screen.



HE Revisions Appendix

[Link](#)

Figma

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