

# SwiftUI & async / await: how does it work?

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Do you remember WWDC 2021 ?



**APPLE**

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ASYNC/AWAIT TO SWIFT**

**IOS DEVELOPER**

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**But then, in December 2021 ...**



**John Sundell**  
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...

Amazing news, everyone! The new Swift concurrency system is now backward compatible all the way back to iOS 13, macOS Catalina, watchOS 6, and tvOS 13! 🎉



Huge thanks to everyone at Apple and in the Swift open source community who made this happen! 🙌

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## Swift

### New Features

- You can now use Swift Concurrency in applications that deploy to macOS 10.15, iOS 13, tvOS 13, and watchOS 6 or newer. This support includes `async/await`, `actors`, `global actors`, `structured concurrency`, and the `task APIs`. (70738378)

Now is a perfect time to start  
using `async / await` with SwiftUI 🔥

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They are pretty easy to understand for beginners 

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It's so bad that it even has names: callback hell, pyramid of doom, etc.

It's even worst if we want to  
add concurrent execution 😢

How do we deal with this?

# Option 1

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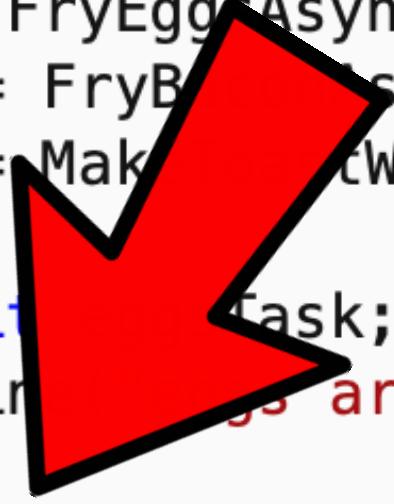
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Pretty cool, isn't it?

**Well it's now also part of Swift!**

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# Async/await

- Proposal: [SE-0296](#)
- Authors: [John McCall](#), [Doug Gregor](#)
- Review Manager: [Ben Cohen](#)
- Status: **Implemented (Swift 5.5)**
- Implementation: Available in recent `main` snapshots behind the flag `-Xfrontend -enable-experimental-concurrency`
- Decision Notes: [Rationale](#)

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<https://github.com/apple/swift-evolution/blob/main/proposals/0296-async-await.md>

Let's start using it



We'll start by implementing a  
network call using `async / await`

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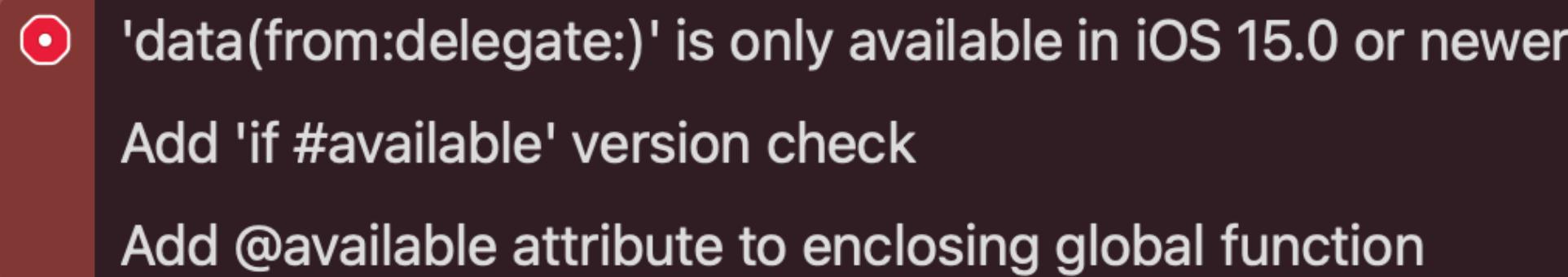
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While the `async / await` language feature has been back ported to iOS 13...

...all the APIs in Foundation, UIKit, SwiftUI, etc. haven't been! 😞

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It's a bit annoying, but it's not a showstopper!

Because we can implement our own wrappers!

There are already some great compatibility wrappers implemented by the iOS community: <https://github.com/JohnSundell/AsyncCompatibilityKit>

## AsyncCompatibilityKit

Welcome to **AsyncCompatibilityKit**, a lightweight Swift package that adds iOS 13-compatible backports of commonly used `async/await`-based system APIs that are only available from iOS 15 by default.

It currently includes backward compatible versions of the following APIs:

- `URLSession.data(from: URL)`
- `URLSession.data(for: URLRequest)`
- `Combine.Publisher.values`
- `SwiftUI.View.task`

Taking a look at a simplified  
networking and model layer

# simplified networking and model layer

```
struct Movie: Decodable, Equatable, Identifiable {  
    let id: Int  
    let title: String  
    let overview: String  
}
```

```
struct MovieResponse: Decodable {  
    let results: [Movie]  
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let apiKey = "redacted 🙅"
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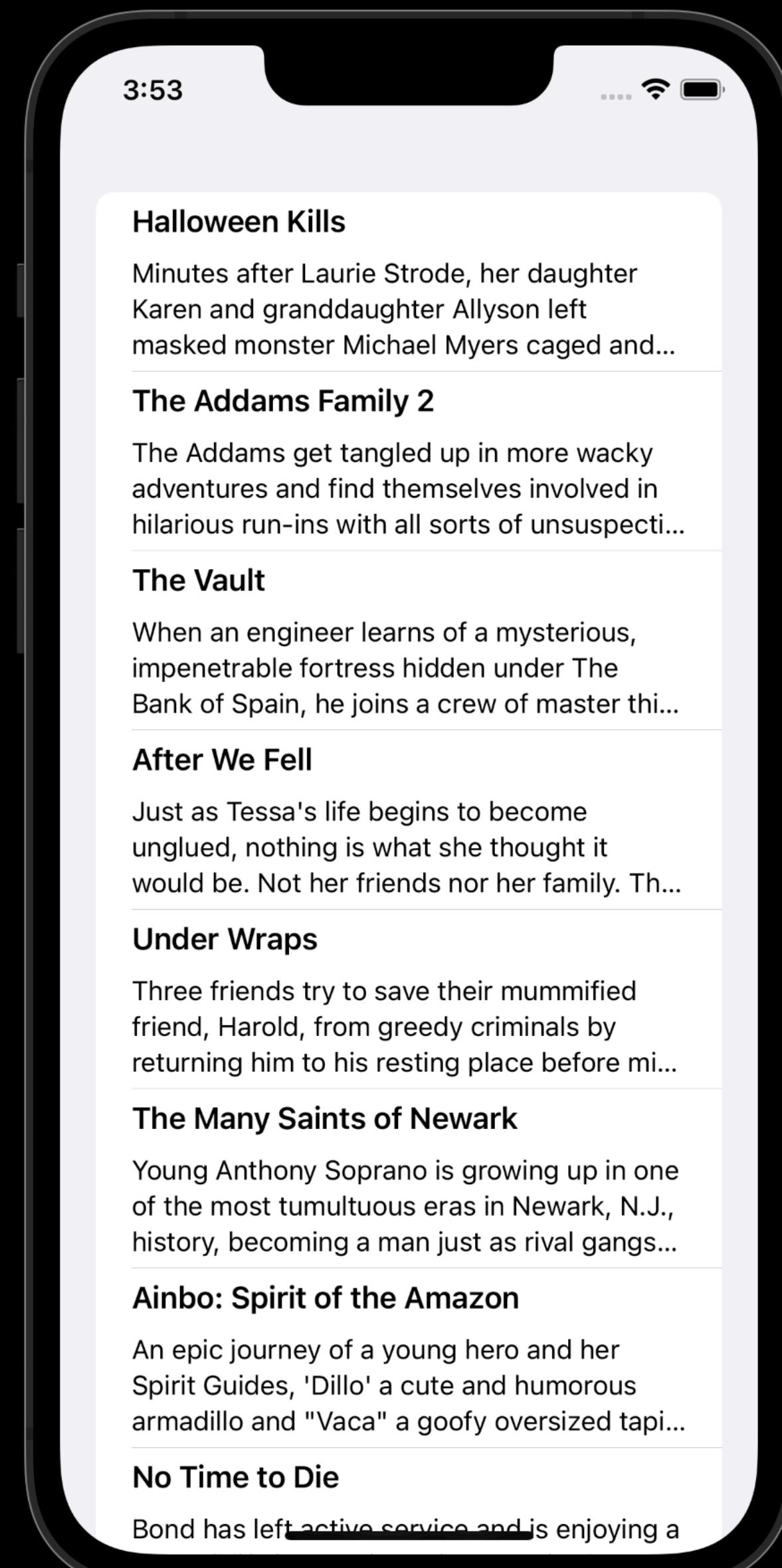
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How do we call  
`loadMovies(page:)`?

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        .onAppear {  Invalid conversion from 'async' function of type '() async -> ()' to synchronous function type '() -> Void'  
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Now let's implement  
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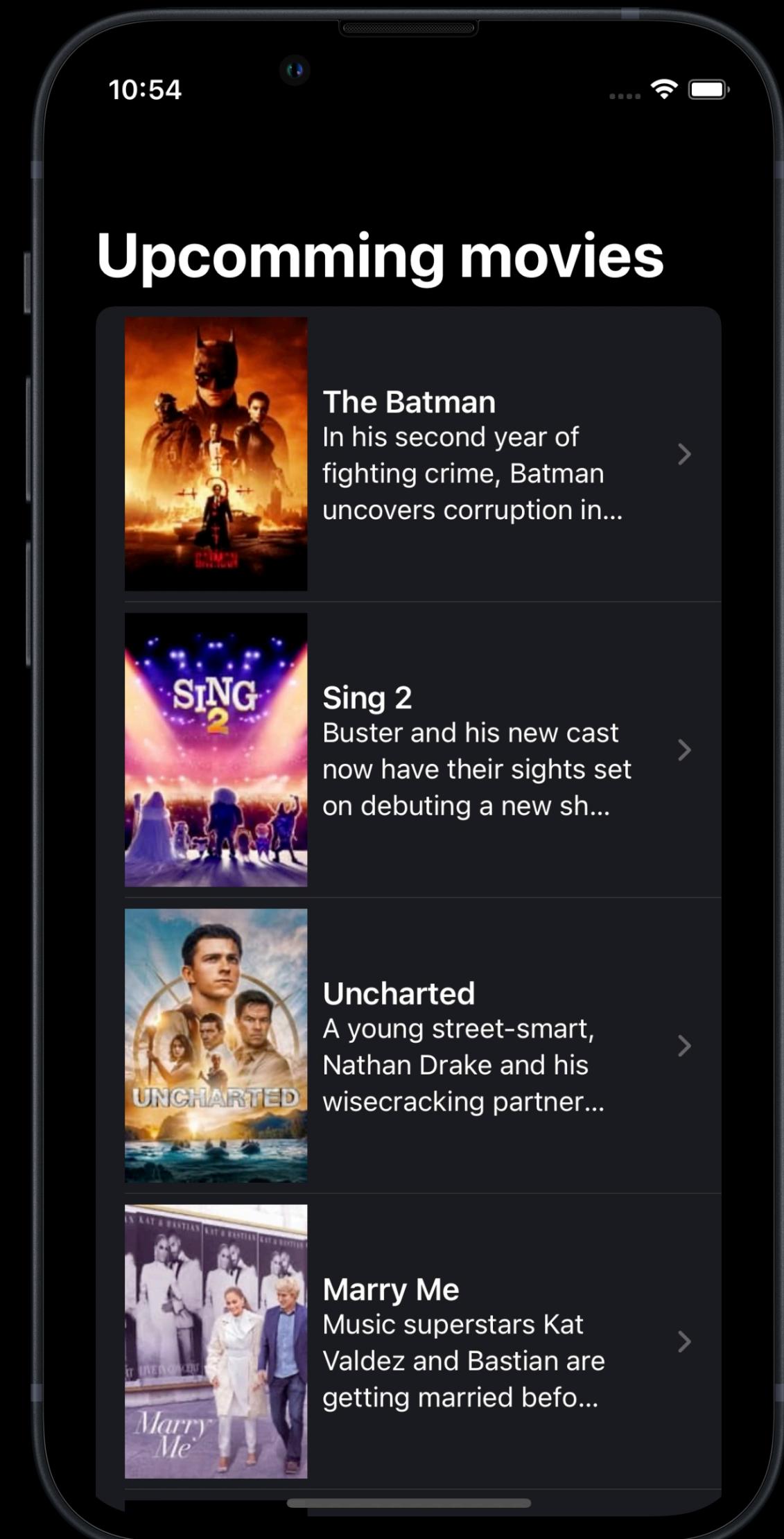
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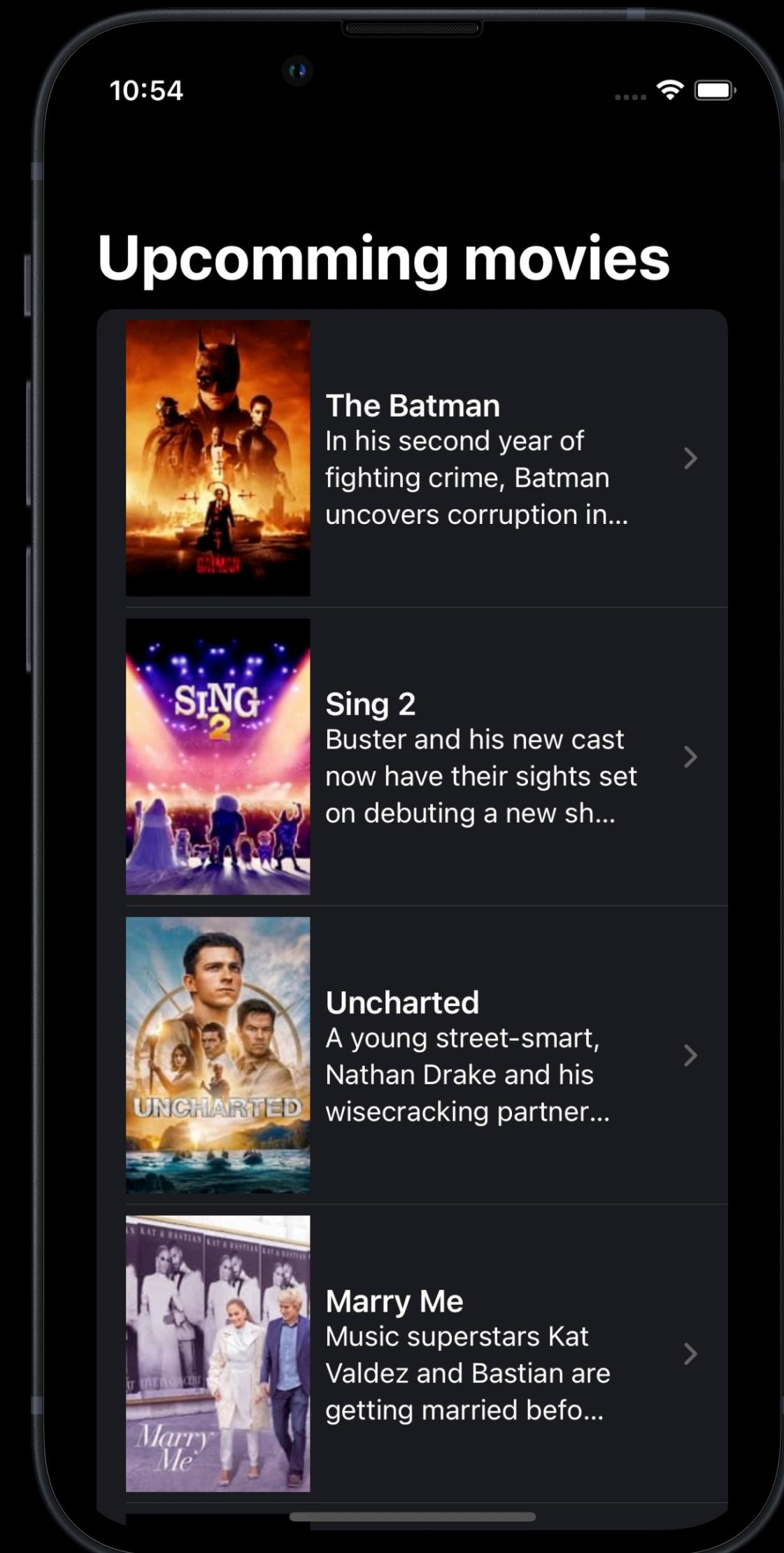
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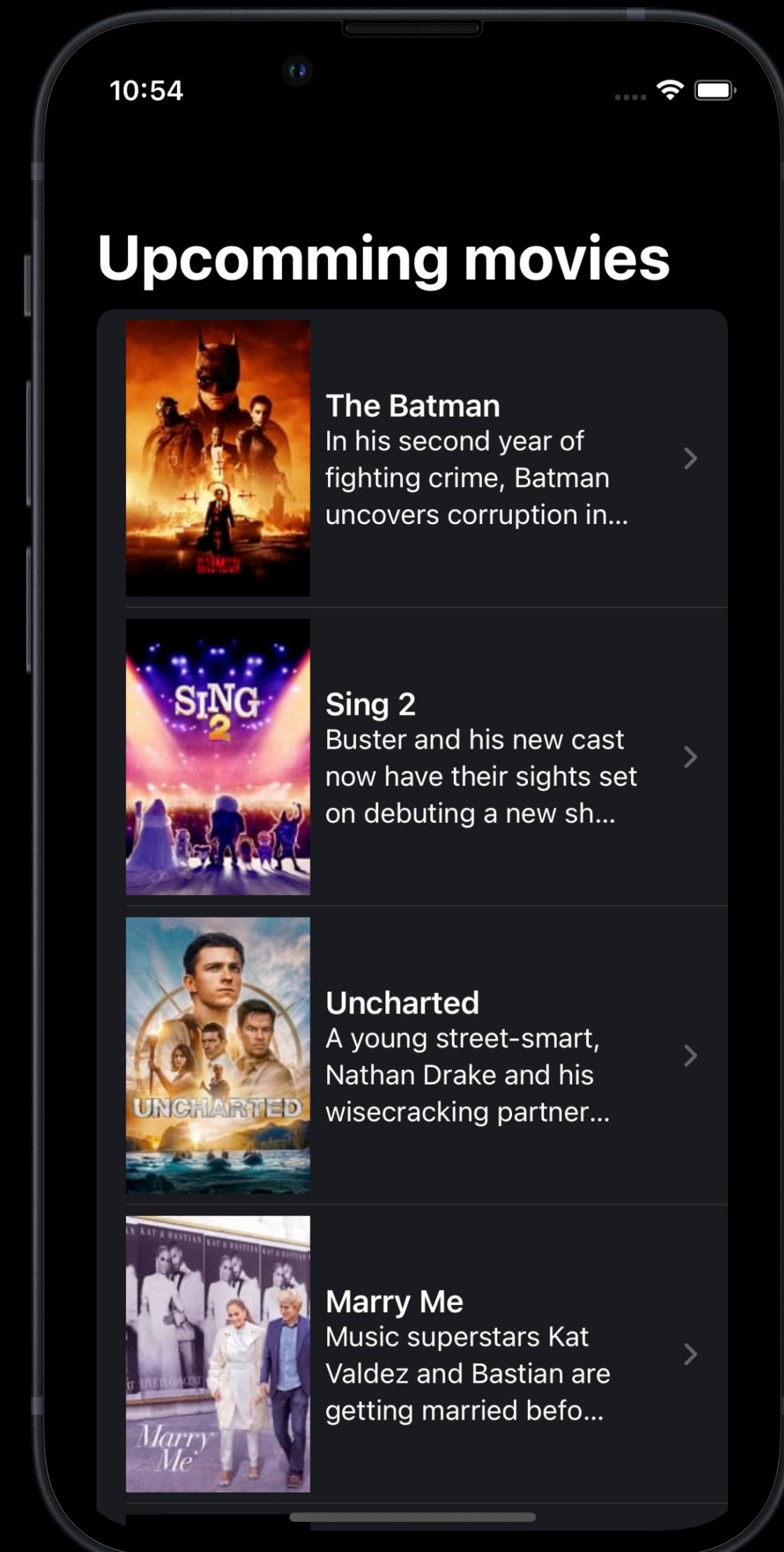
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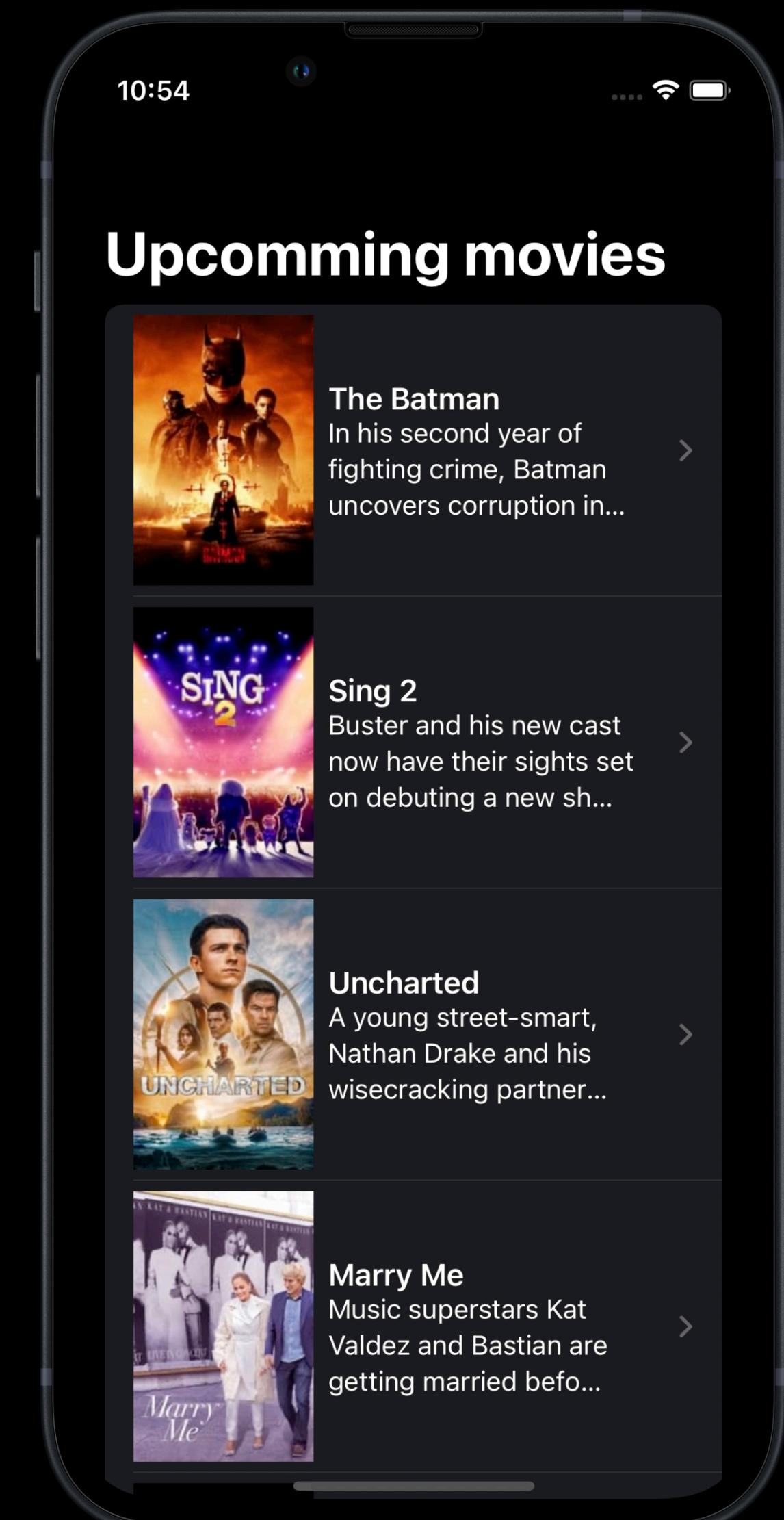


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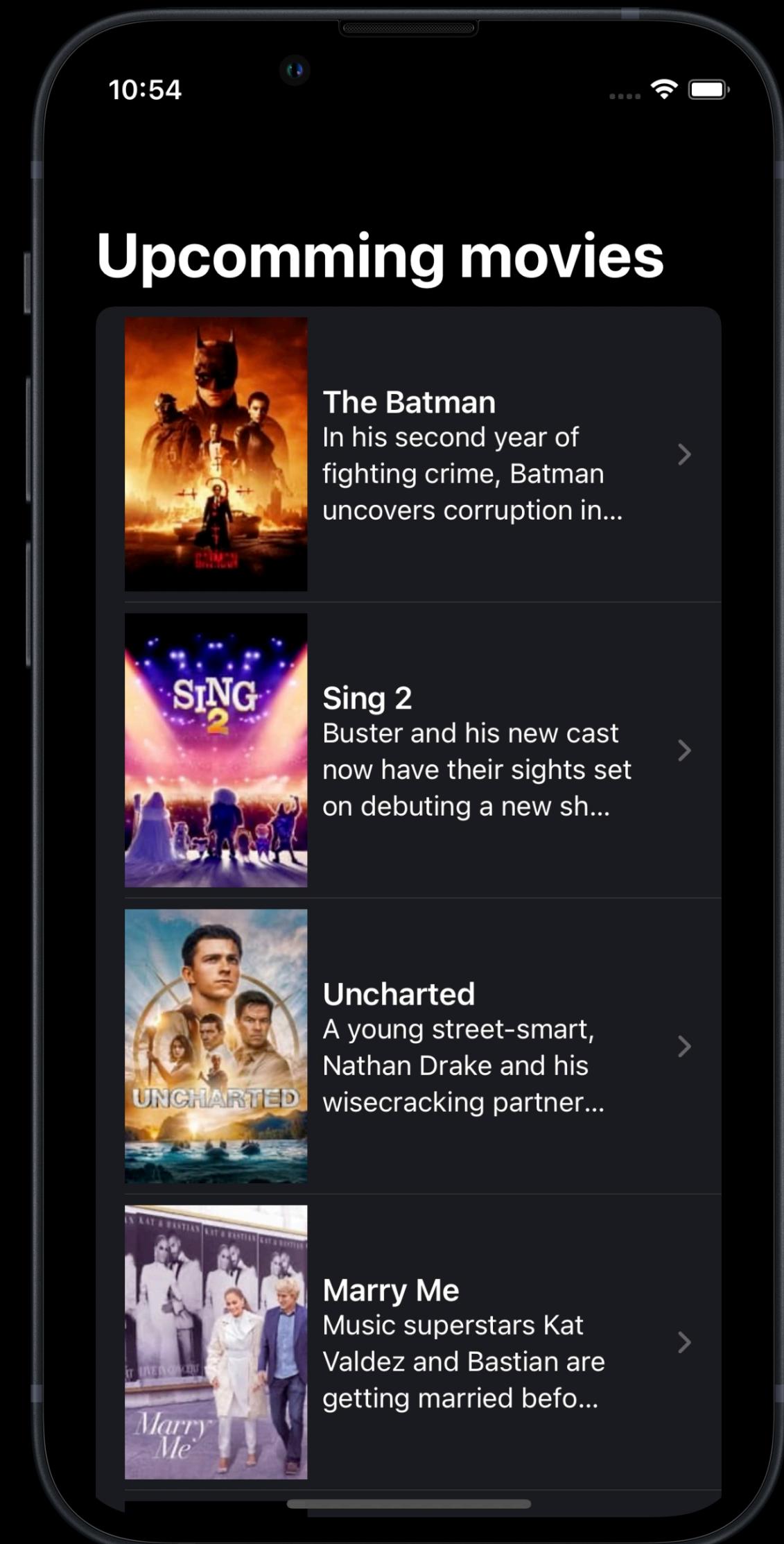
    let movie: Movie

    @State var data: (credits: [MovieCastMember],
                      reviews: [MovieReview]) = ([], [])

    var body: some View {
        List {
            Section(header: Text("Credits")) {
                ForEach(data.credits) { credit in
                    VStack(alignment: .leading) {
                        Text(credit.name)
                            .font(.headline)
                        Text(credit.character)
                            .font(.caption)
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            Section(header: Text("Reviews")) {
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        }
        .navigationBarTitle(movie.title)
        .task {
            let credits = await getCredits(for: movie)
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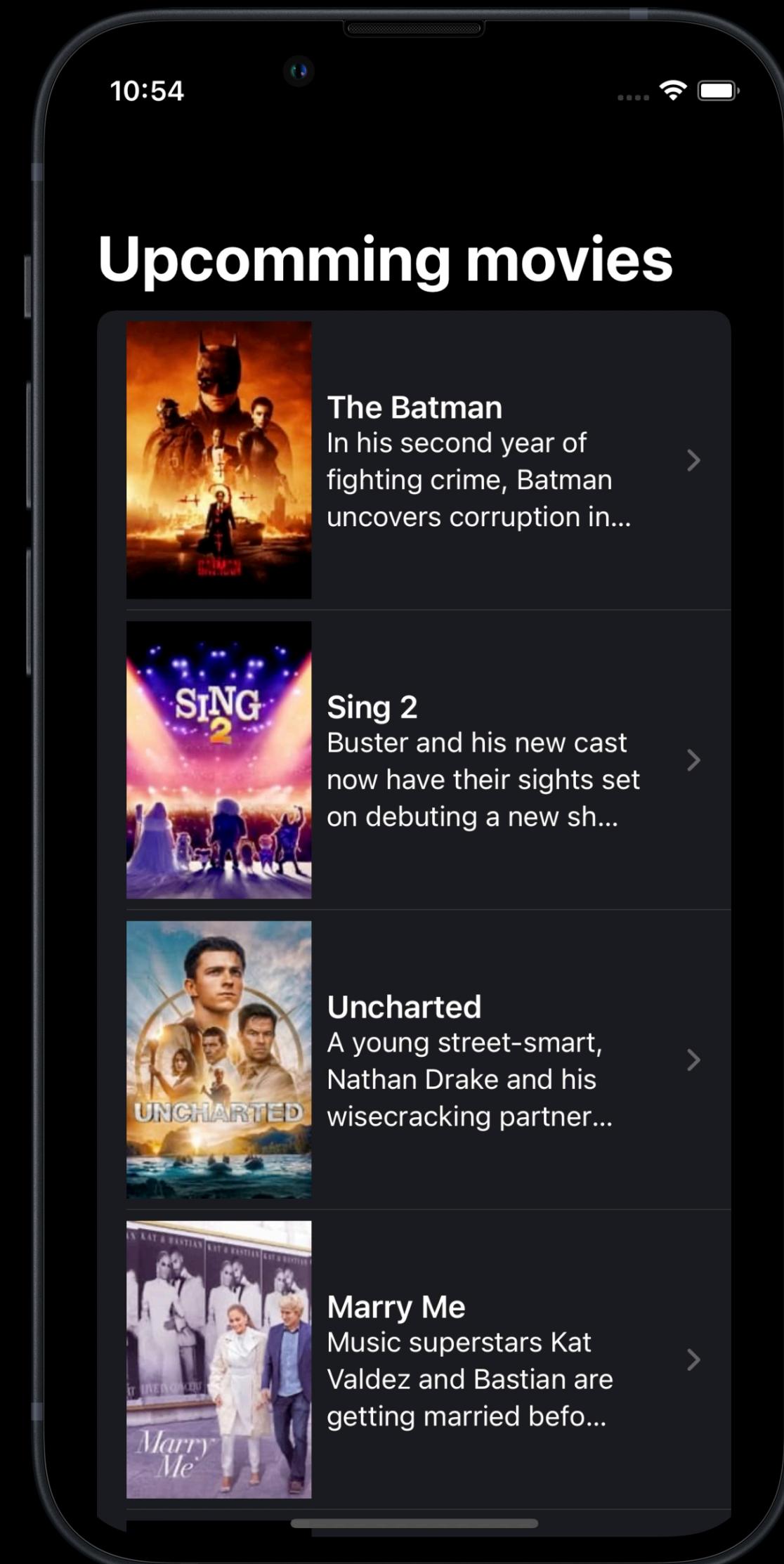
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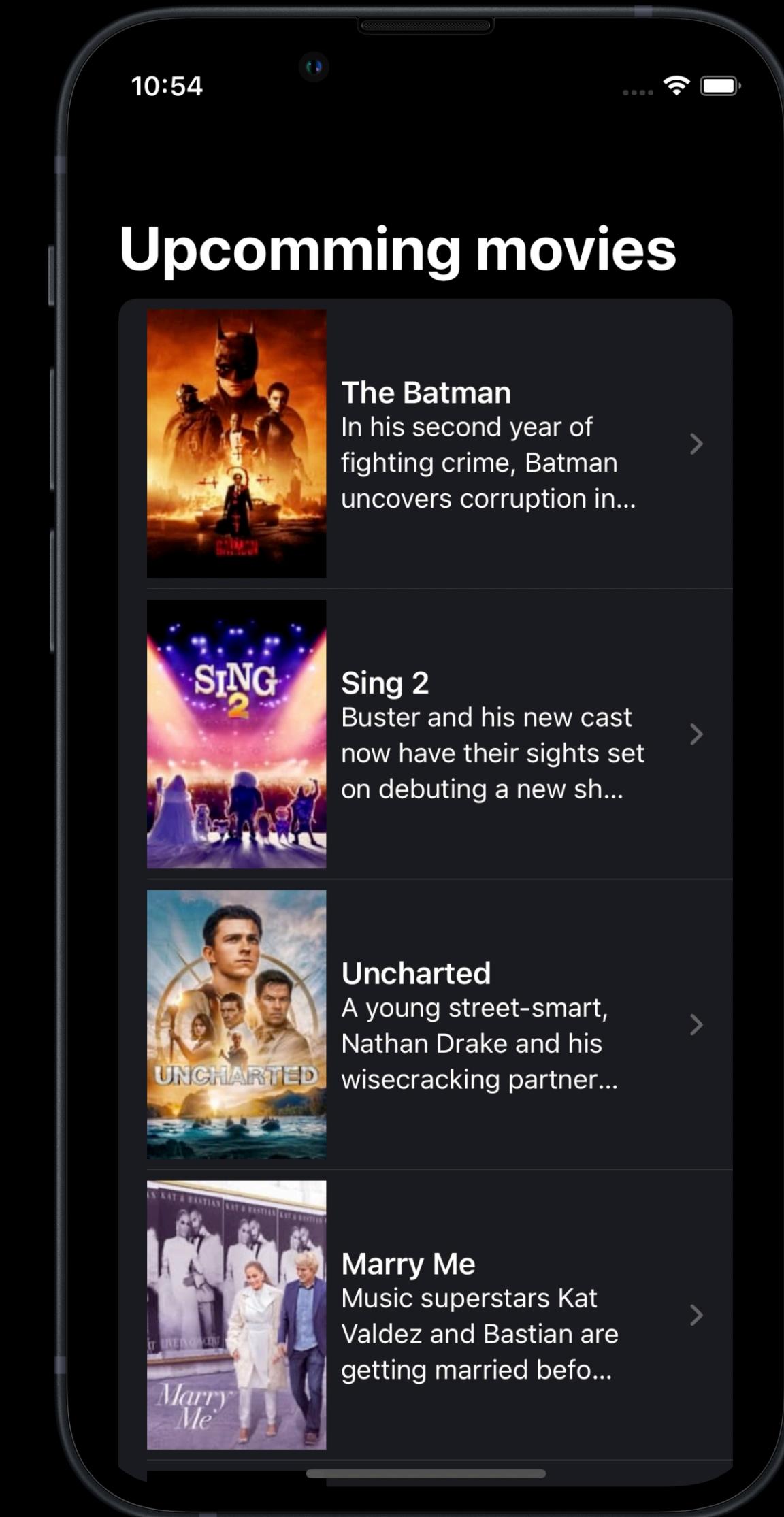
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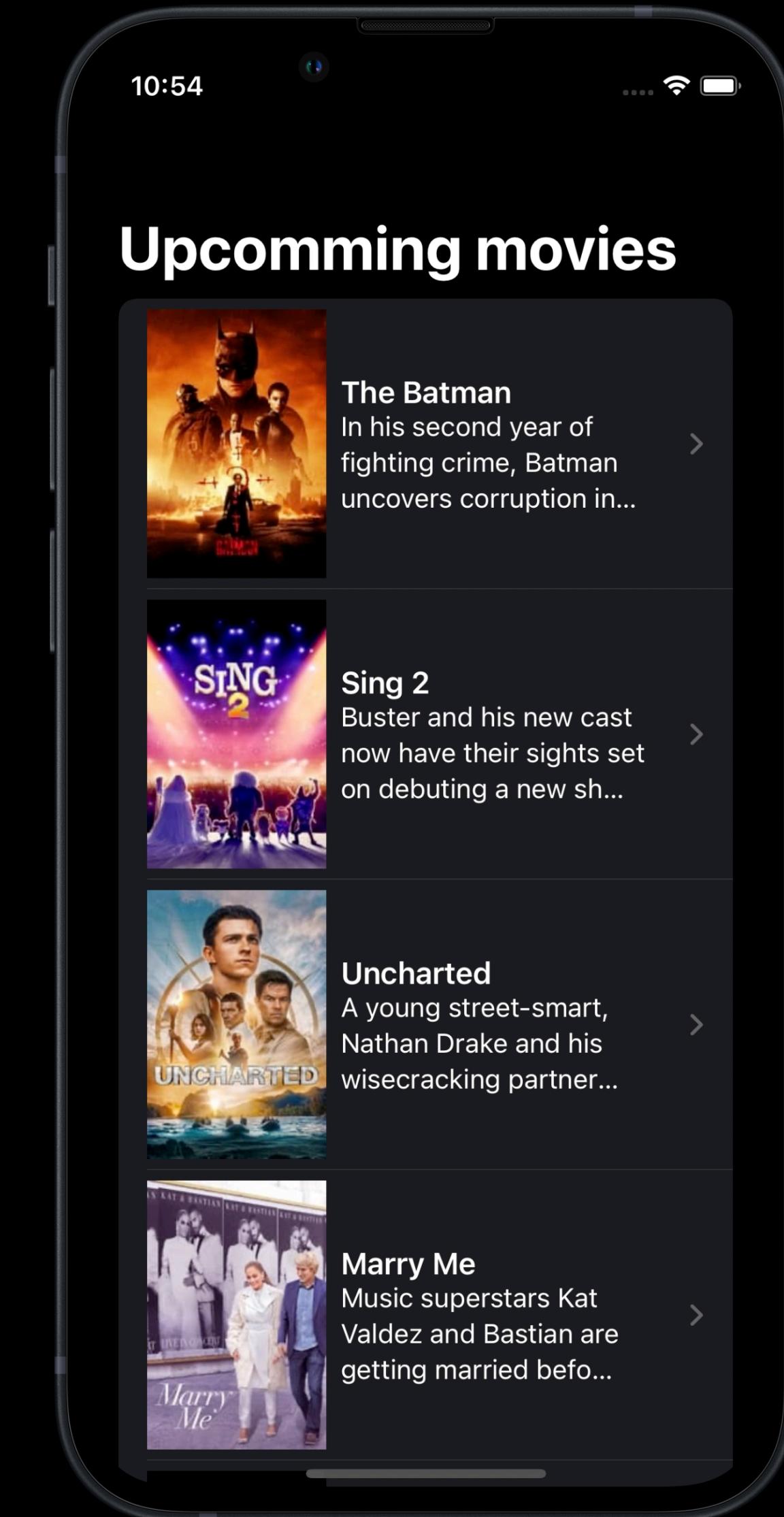
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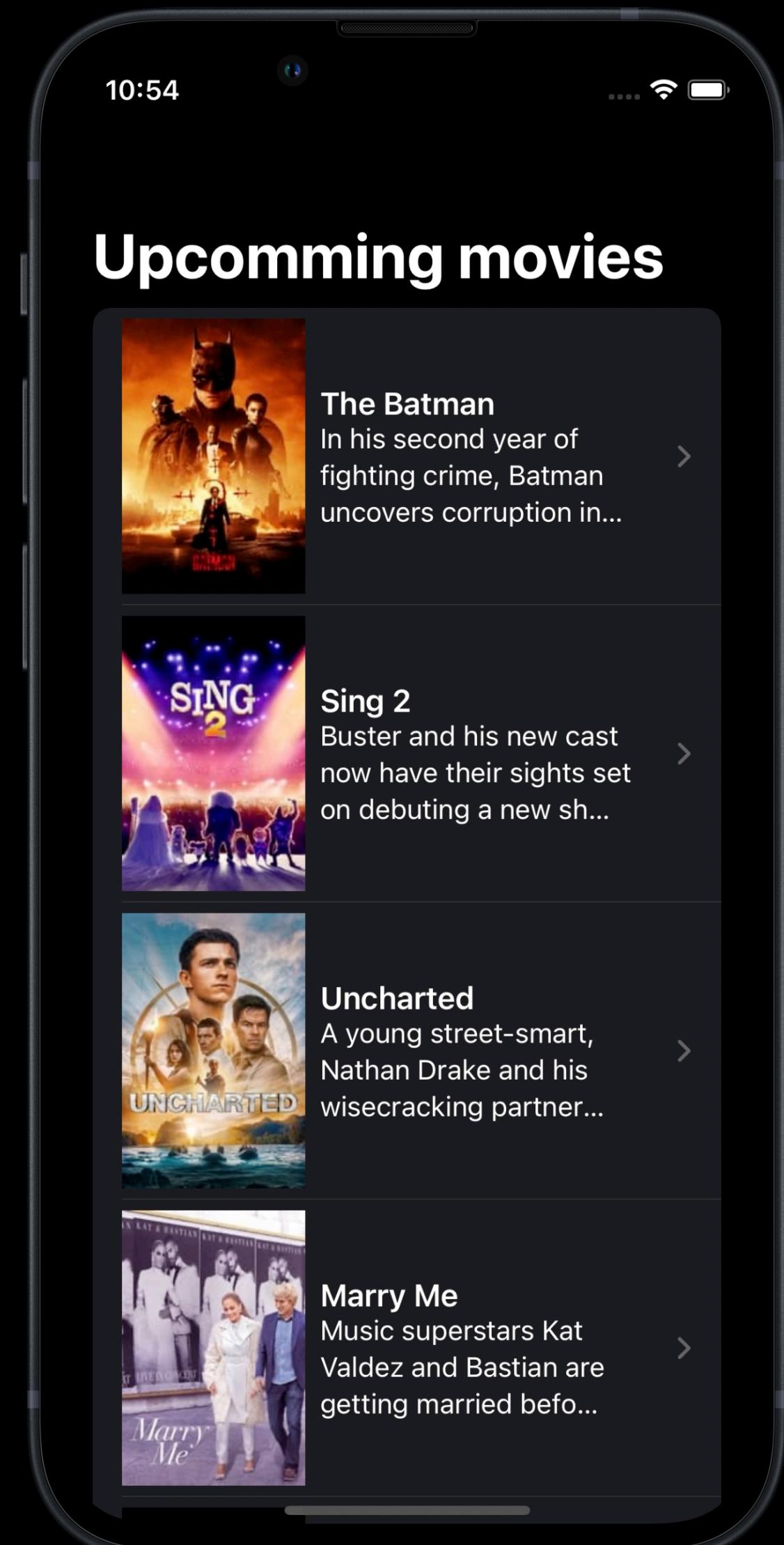
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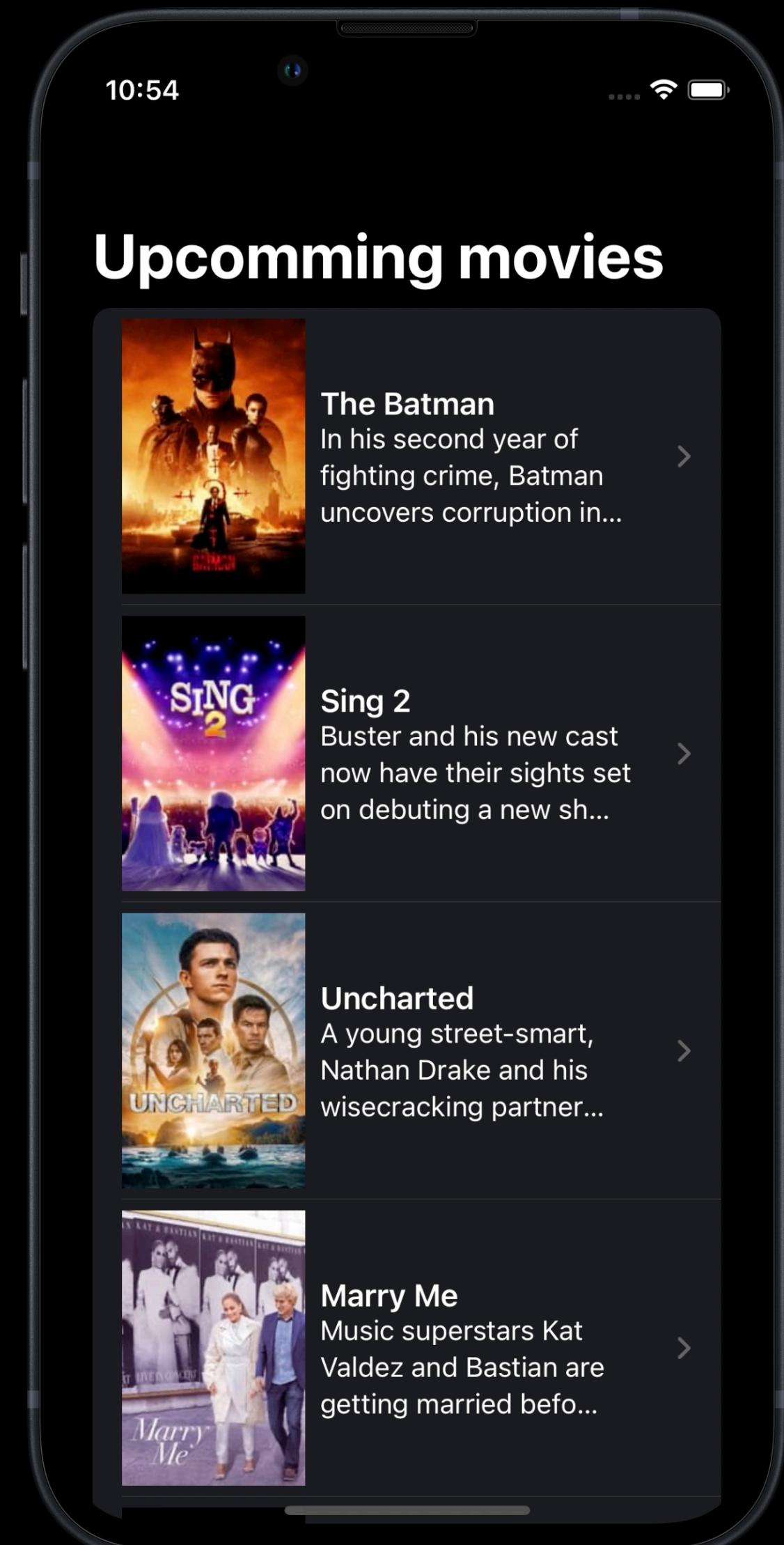
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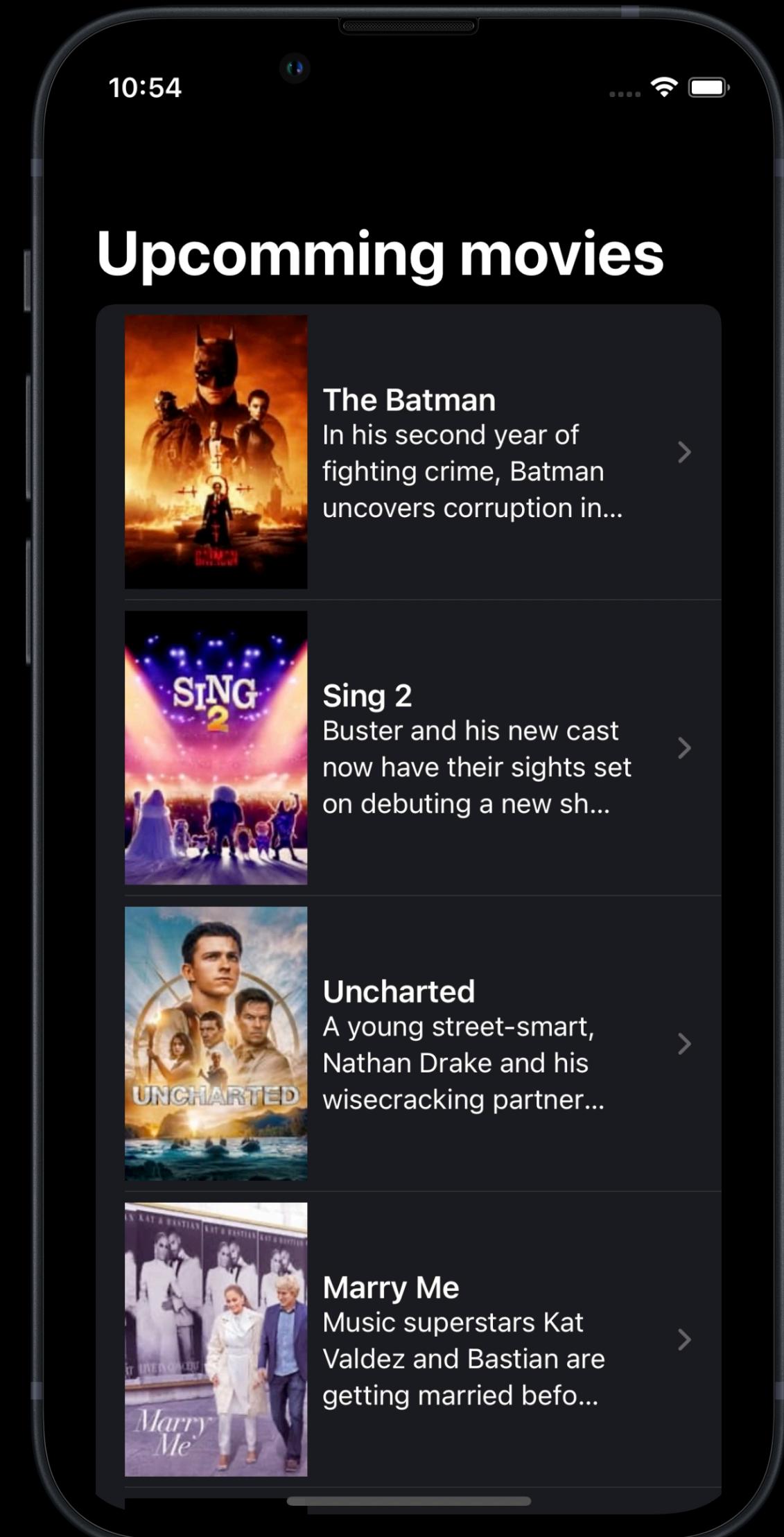
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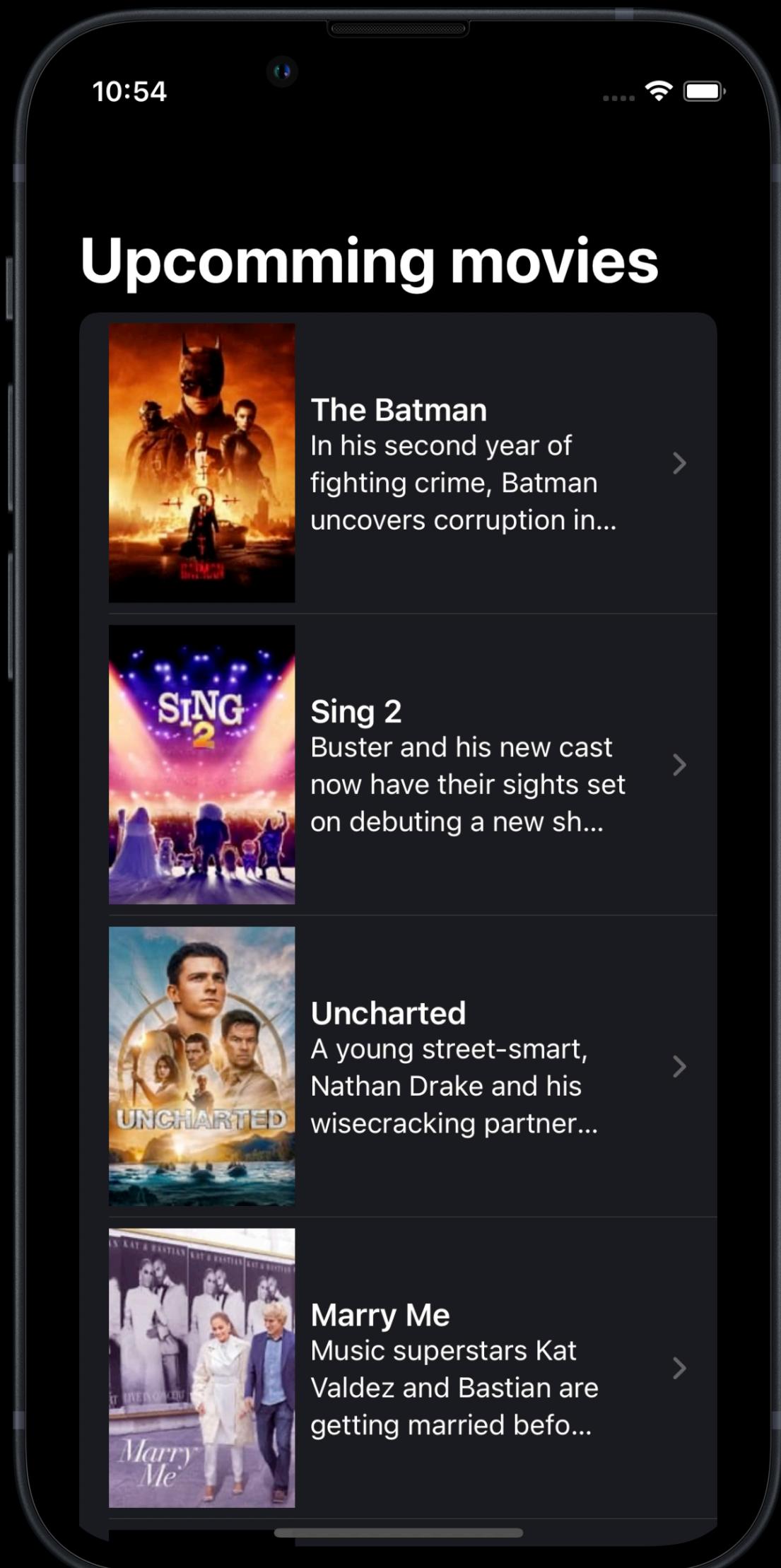
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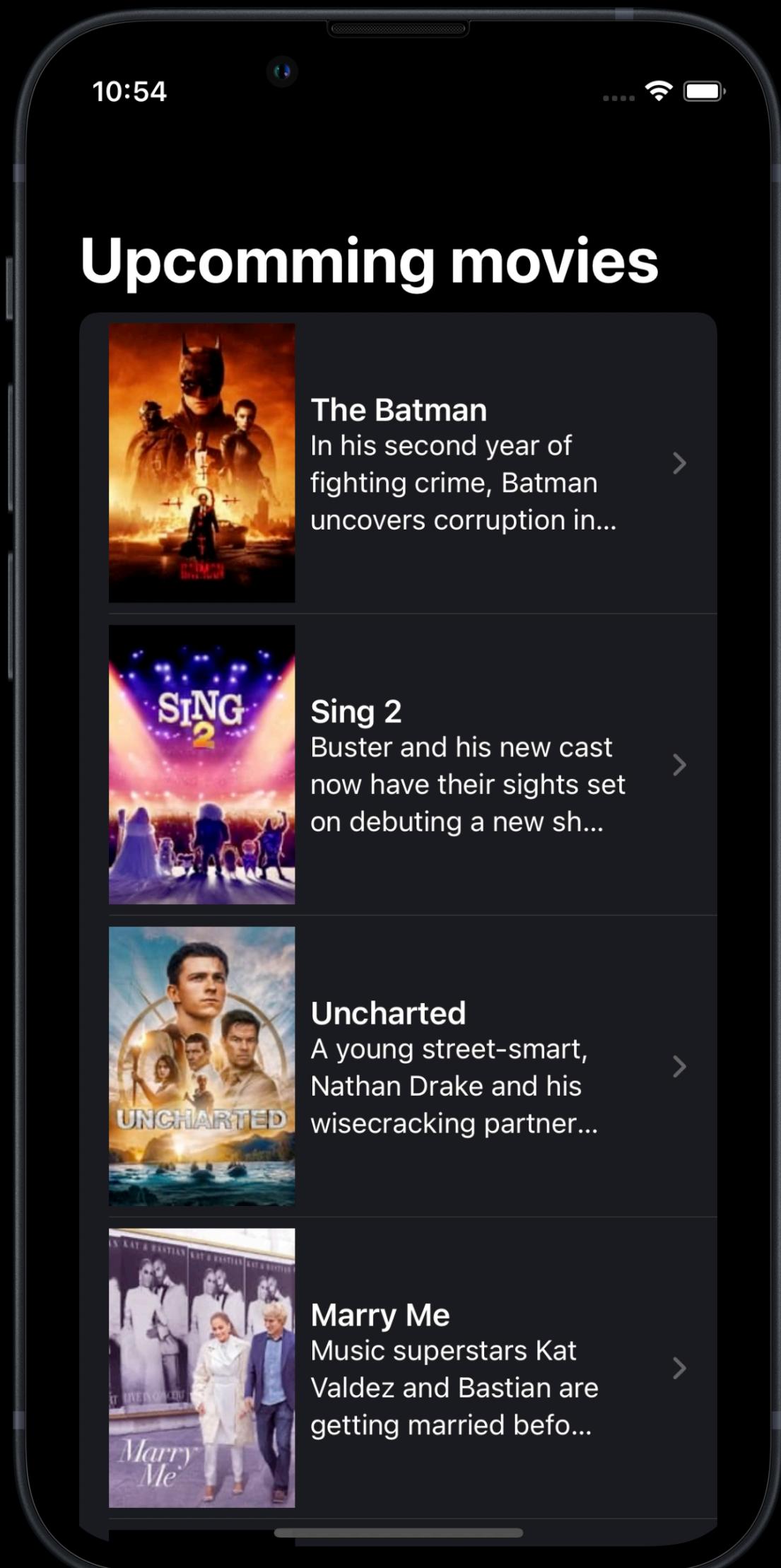
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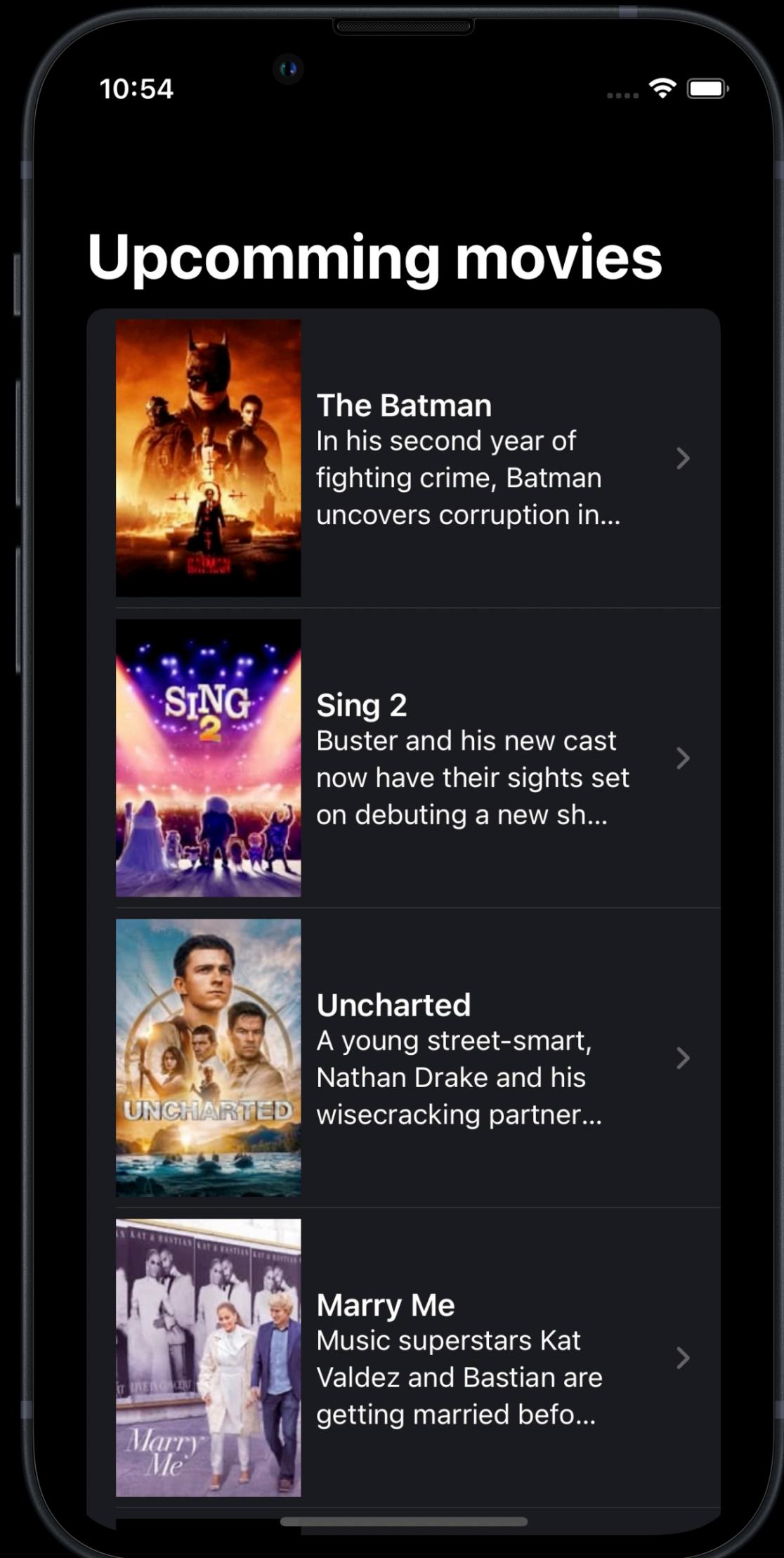
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Now both calls are happening concurrently 🔥



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# Introducing Swift Async Algorithms

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As part of Swift's move toward safe, simple, and performant asynchronous programming, we are pleased to introduce a new package of algorithms for `AsyncSequence`. It is called **Swift Async Algorithms** and it is available now on [GitHub](#).

This package has three main goals:

- First-class integration with `async/await`
- Provide a home for time-based algorithms
- Be cross-platform and open source

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## Overview

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Wait and see at WWDC? 🤨

*That's all folks!*

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# To go further on the topic



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You hate  
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