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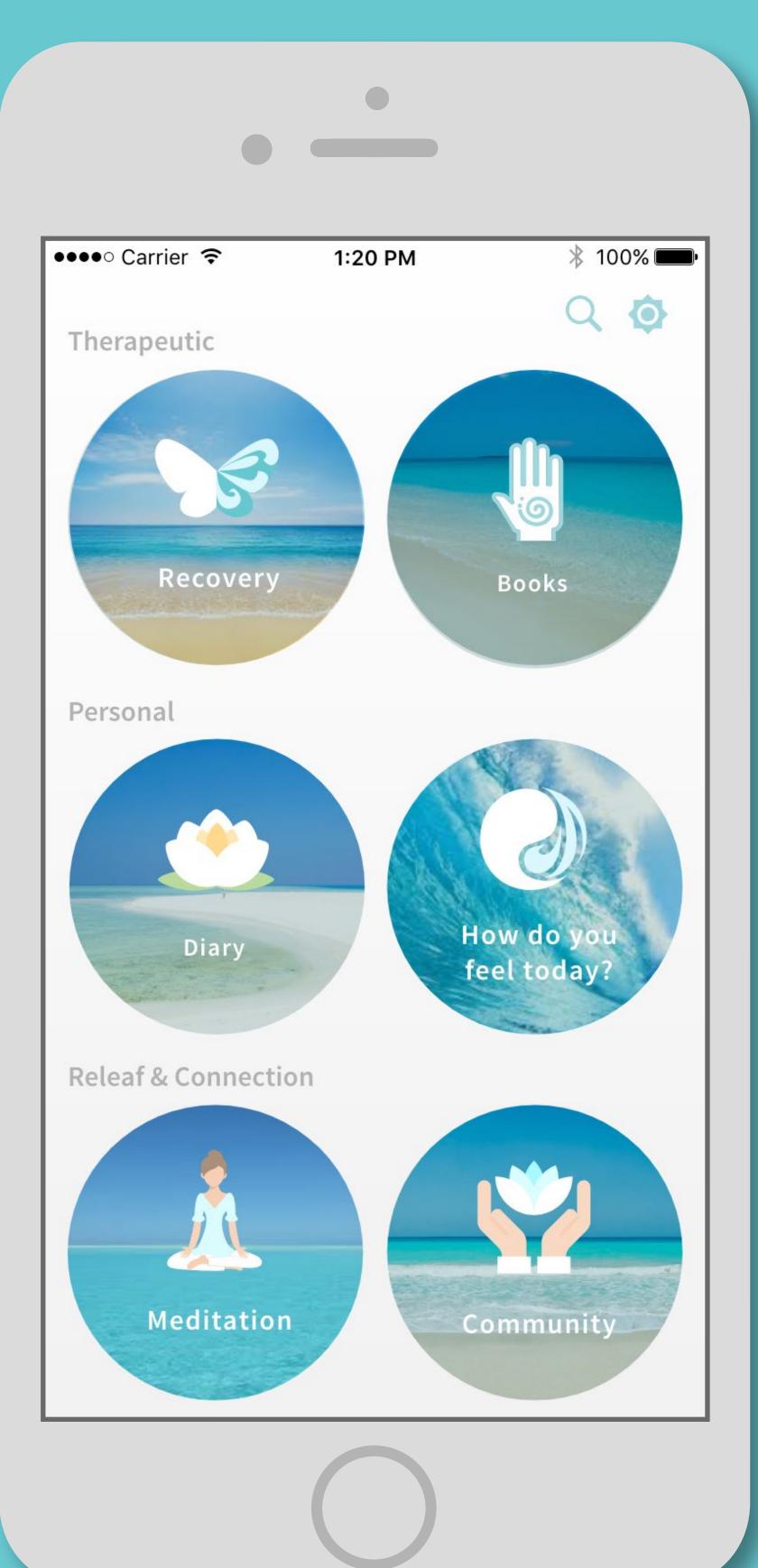
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# Recovery app for women eMotion

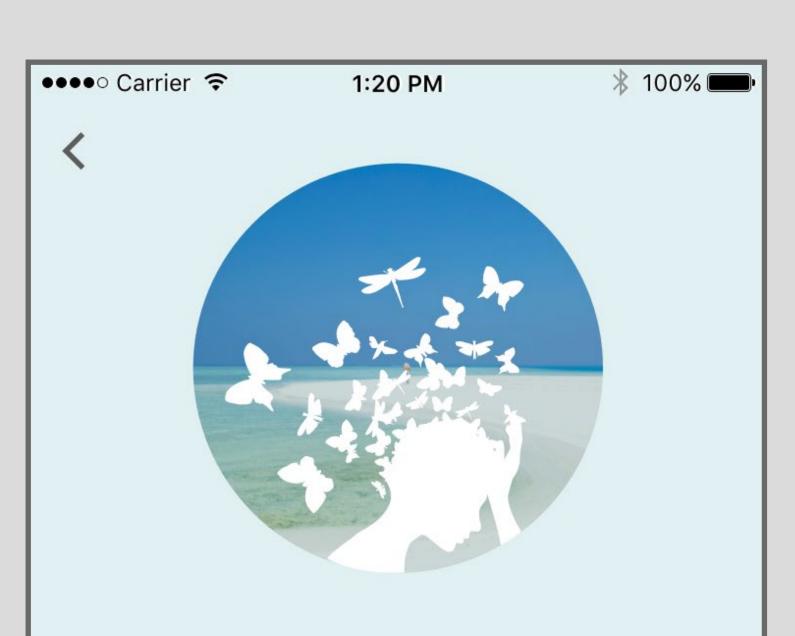
he aim of the project was to create a recovery app for women, who suffered from an emotional abuse in romantic relationships. The app should support the victims of the abuse in their recovery journey, have a step-bystep professional recovery program directed to healing from emotional abuse and an internal community forum, which would allow the victims of domestic emotional violence connect with each other.

To see how the survivors of emotional abuse and mental health experts would respond to the idea, I conducted usability testings and interviews with mental health professionals. Results showed that the eMotion app has a potential to help survivors of emotional abuse on their recovery journey. According to one of the mental health experts, eMotion creates "a good environment to believe in yourself".

I started this project by exploring the literature related to the recovery and healing programmes from emotional abuse and selfhelp methods of recovery. I studied people who will be the core users of the app to understand their needs and behavior. I used a human-centered design approach at each stage of the design process.



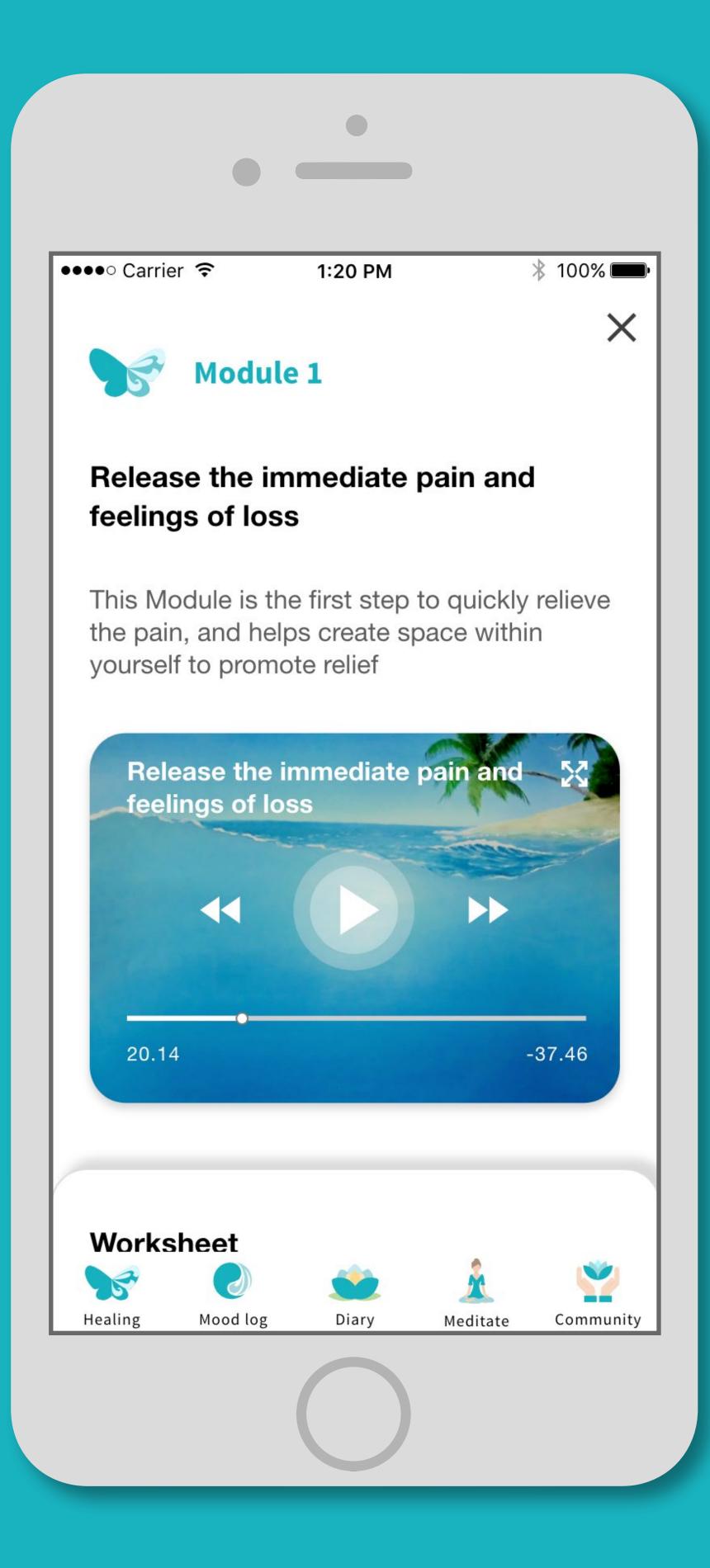
IT University Bachelor project . eMotion is a recovery app for women, who suffered from an emotional and psychological abuse (June 2018)

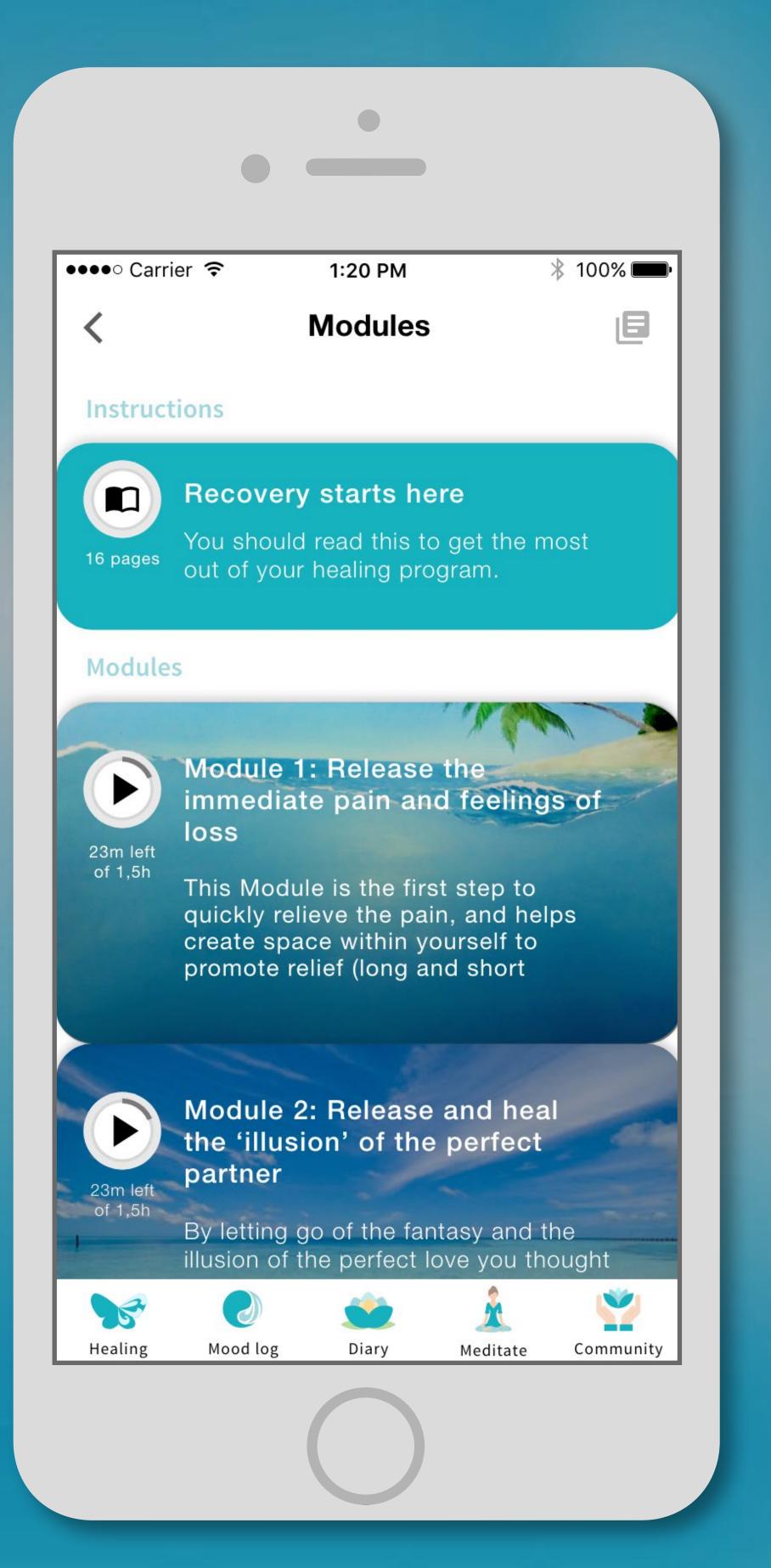


# Are you ready to recover, heal and thrive?

eMotion is a unique emotional and psychological abuse program developed by psychologists and professionals to help liberate from emotional abuse and thrive in life.

Yes, I am ready to heal!





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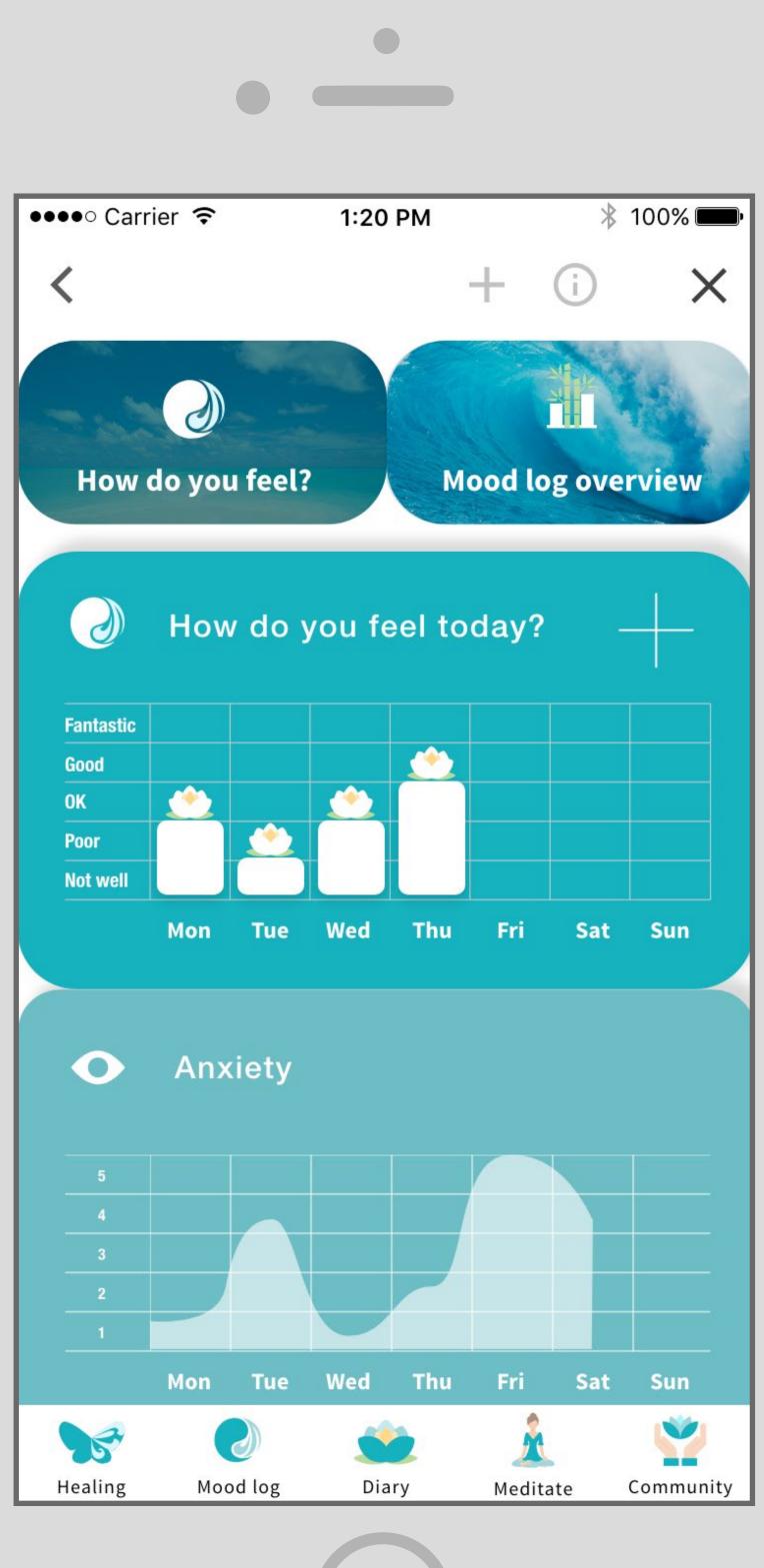
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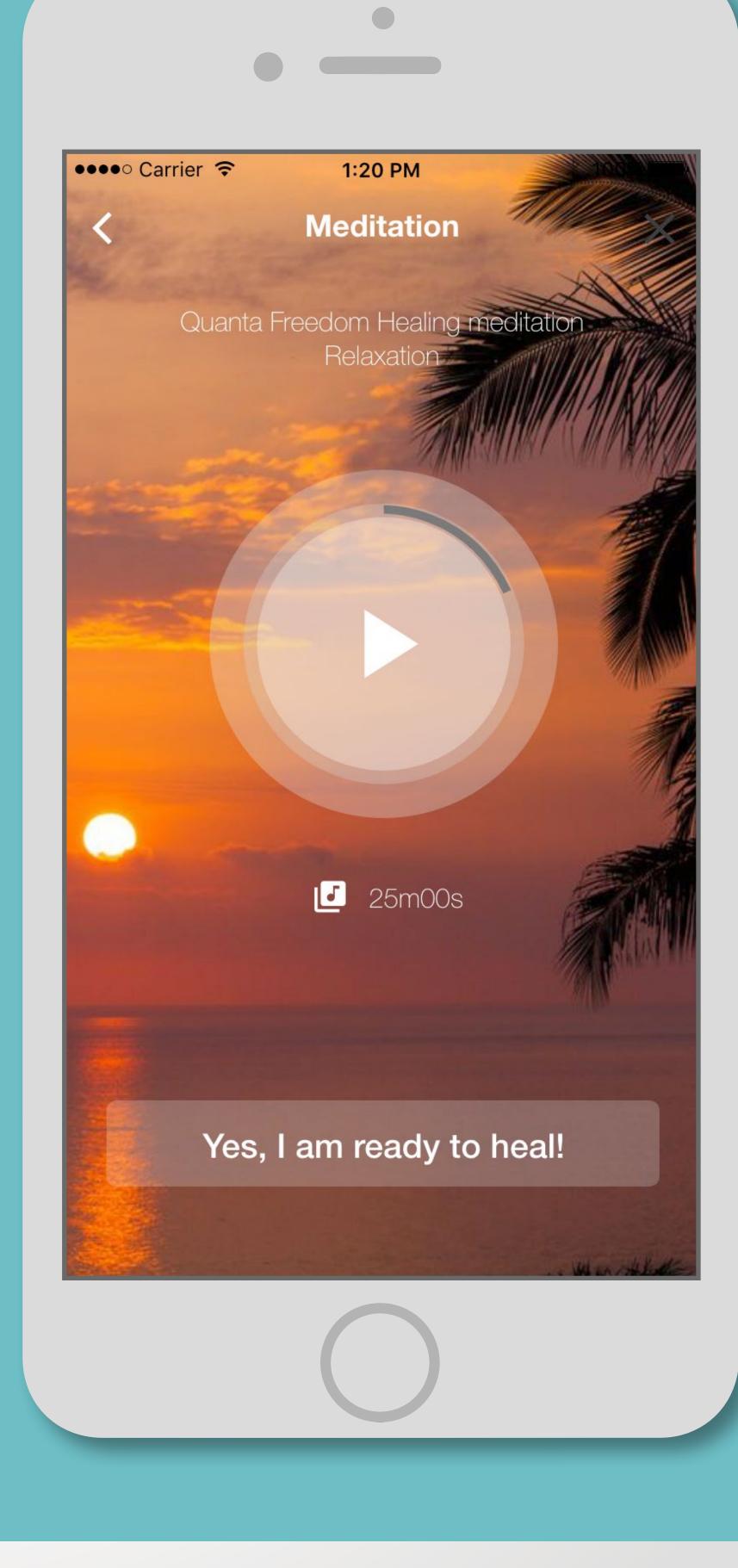
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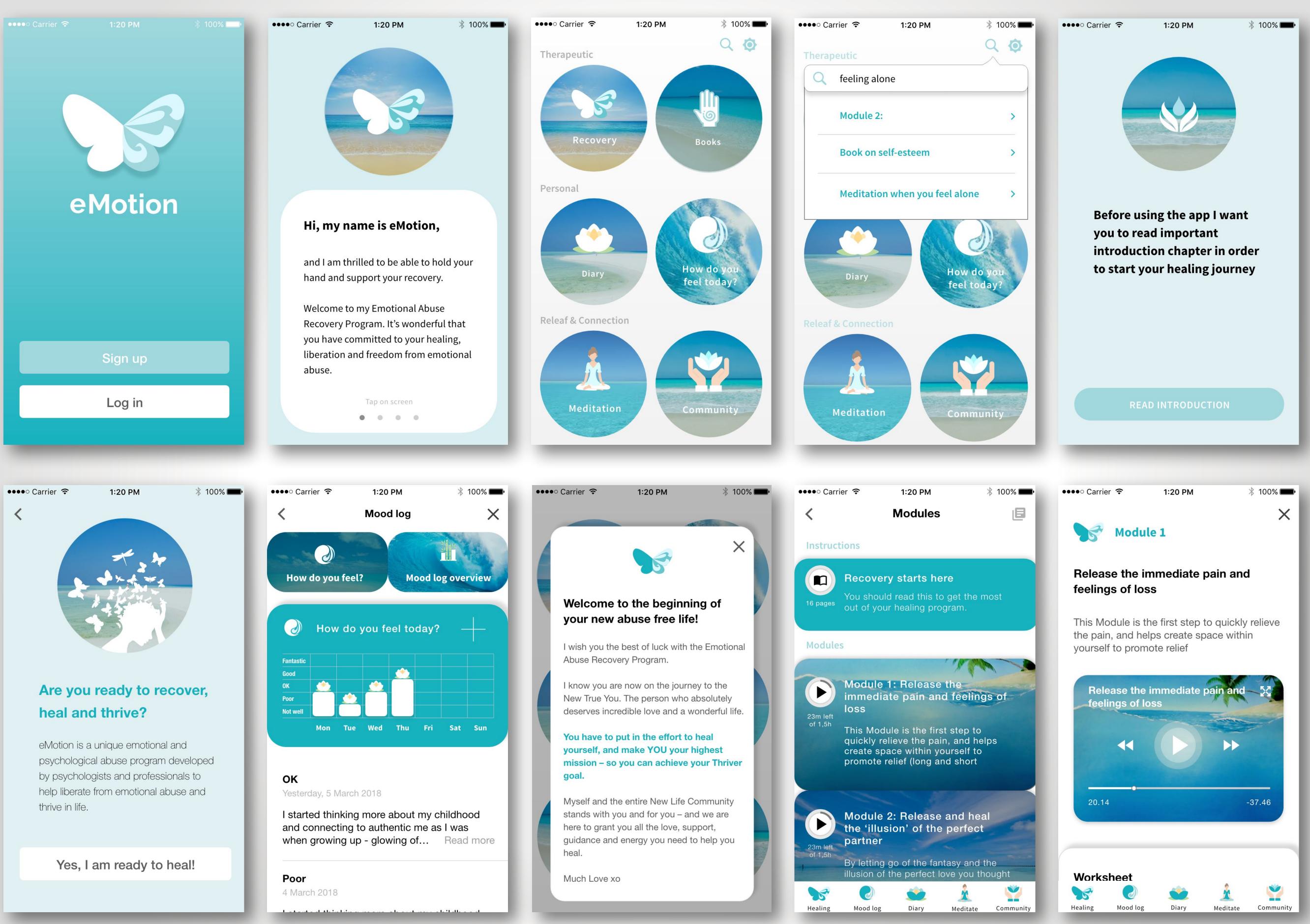
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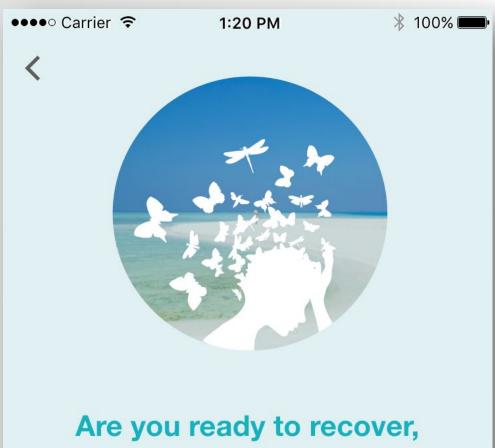
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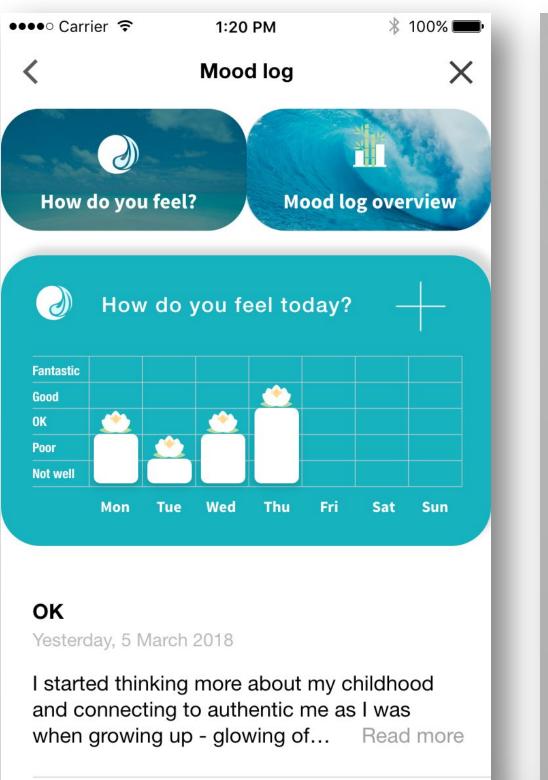


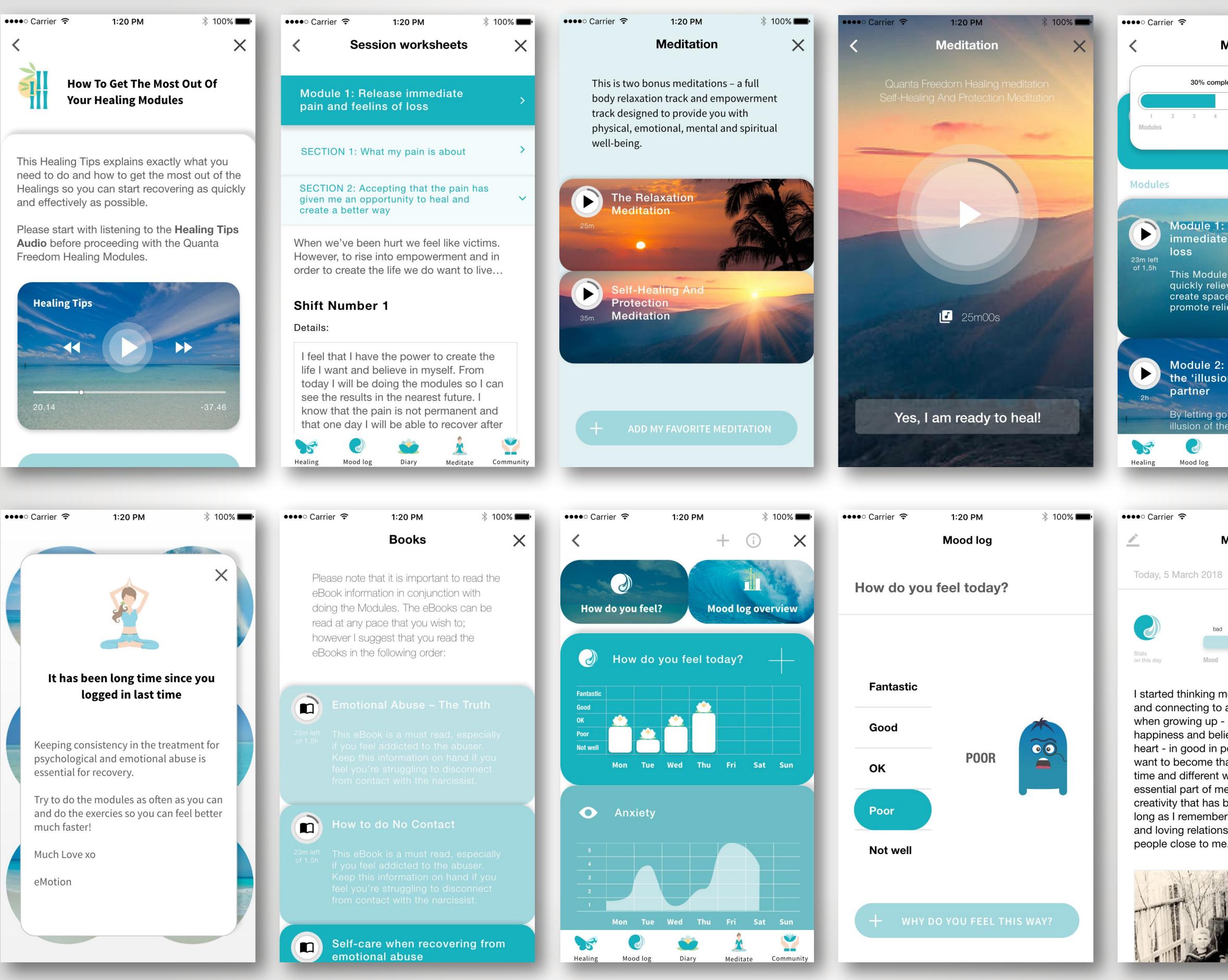












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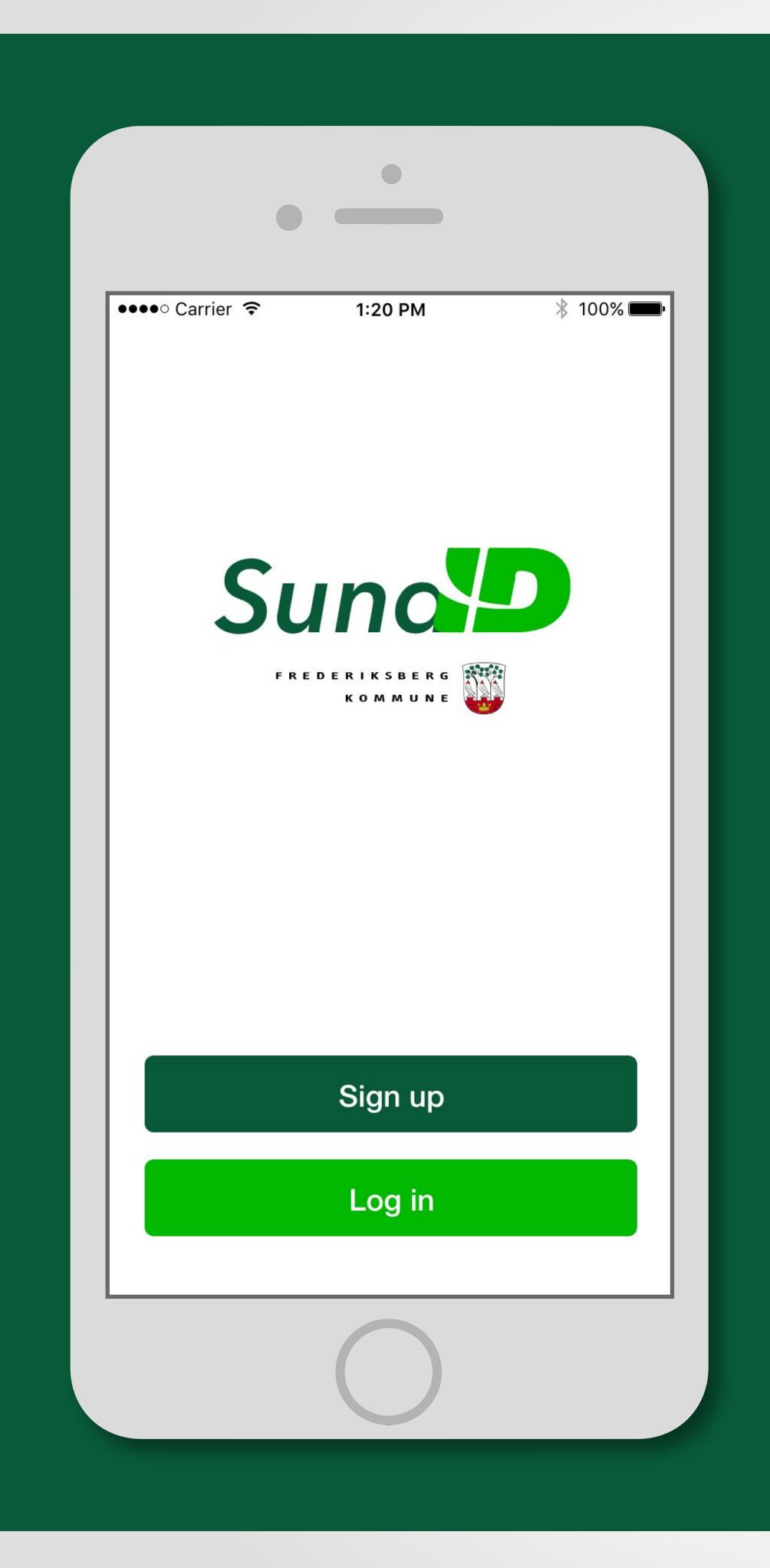
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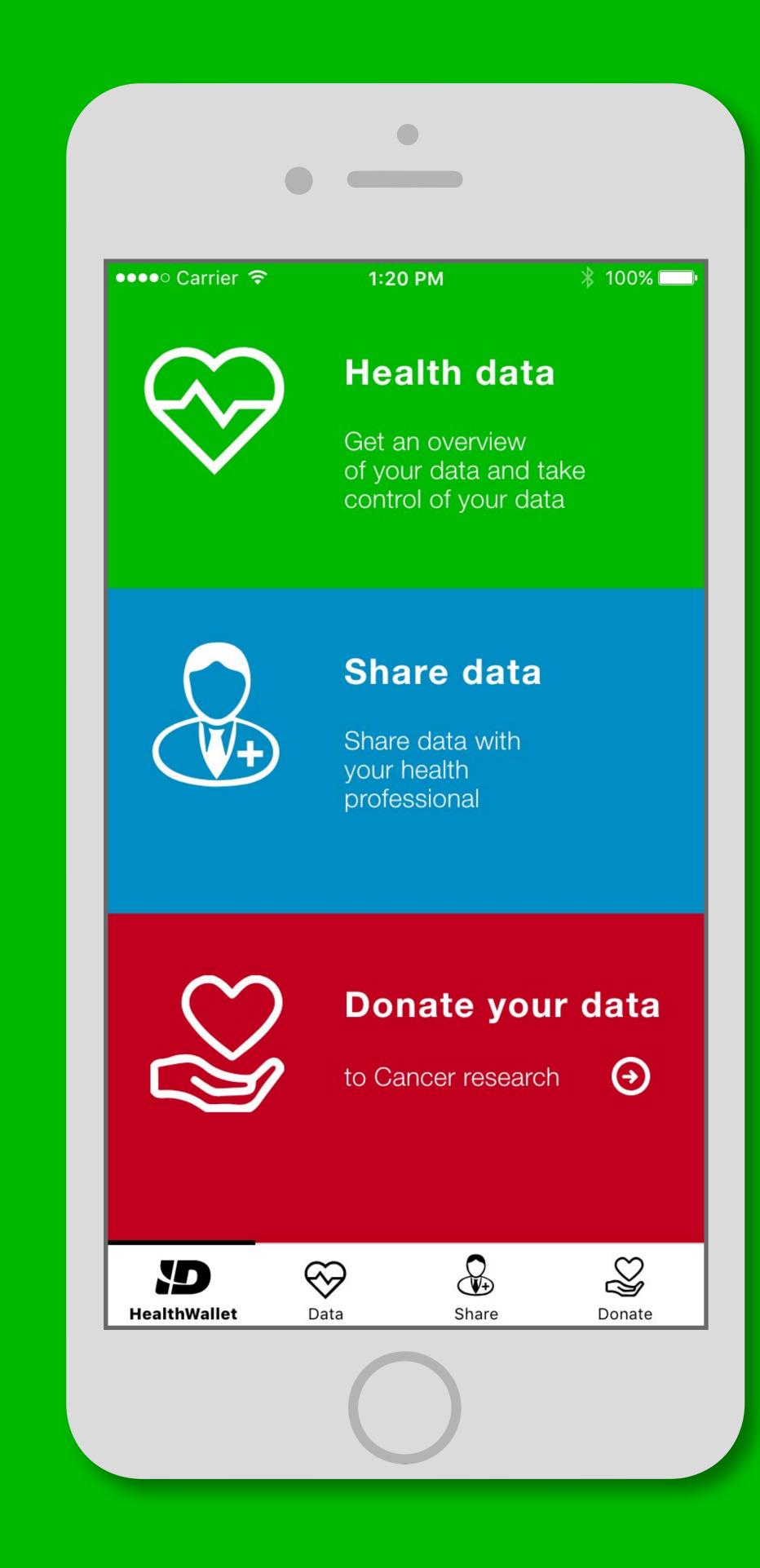
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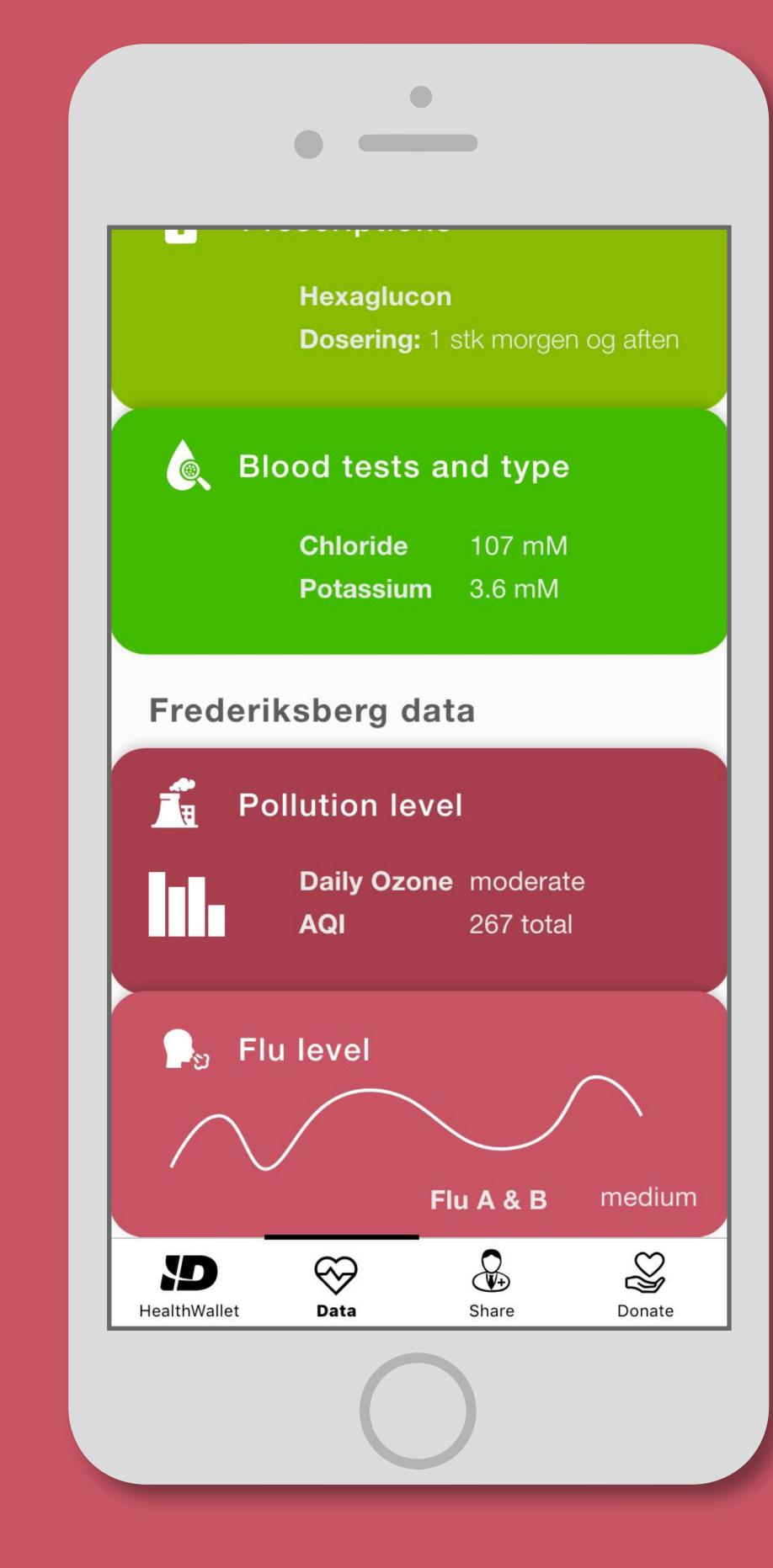
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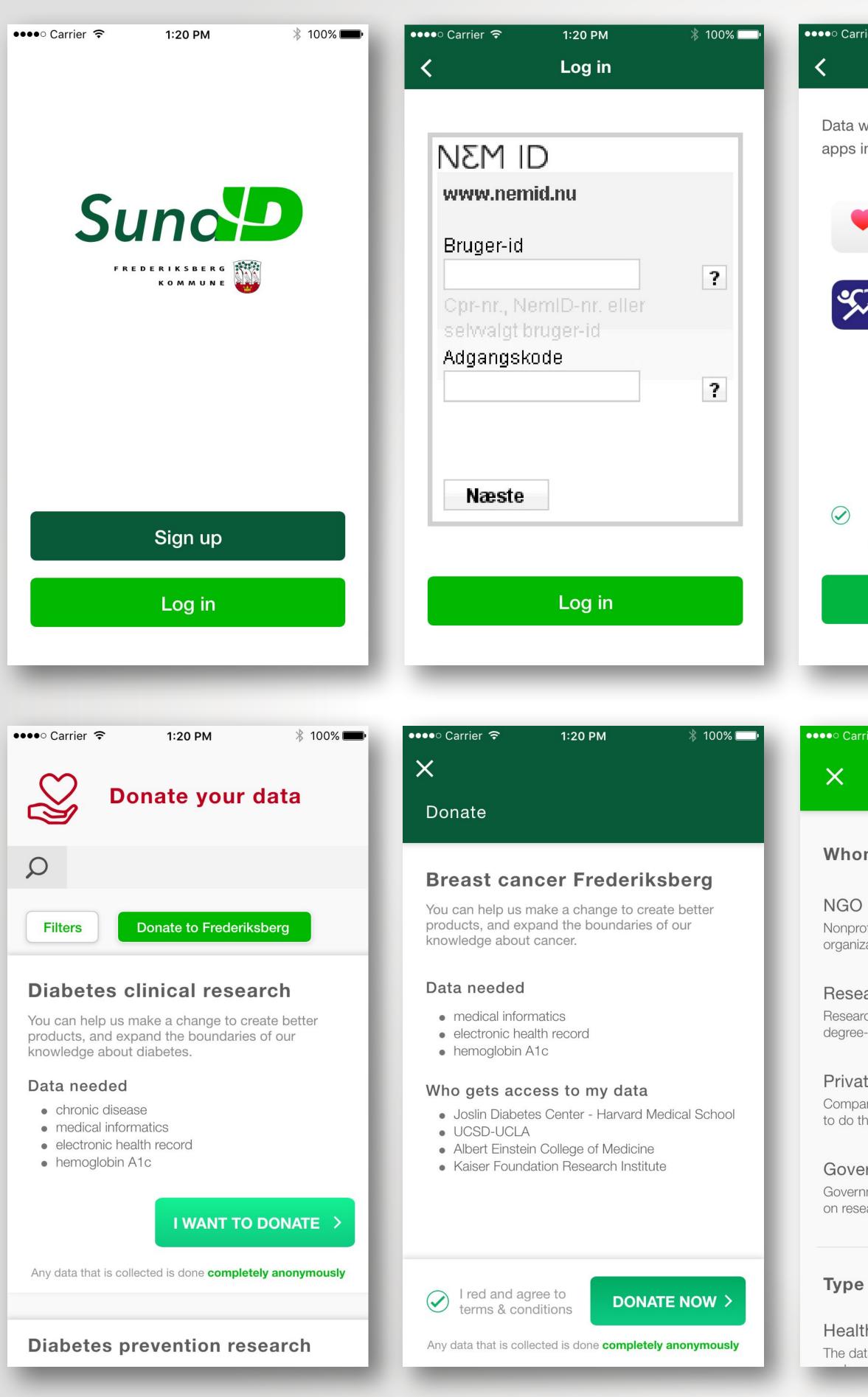


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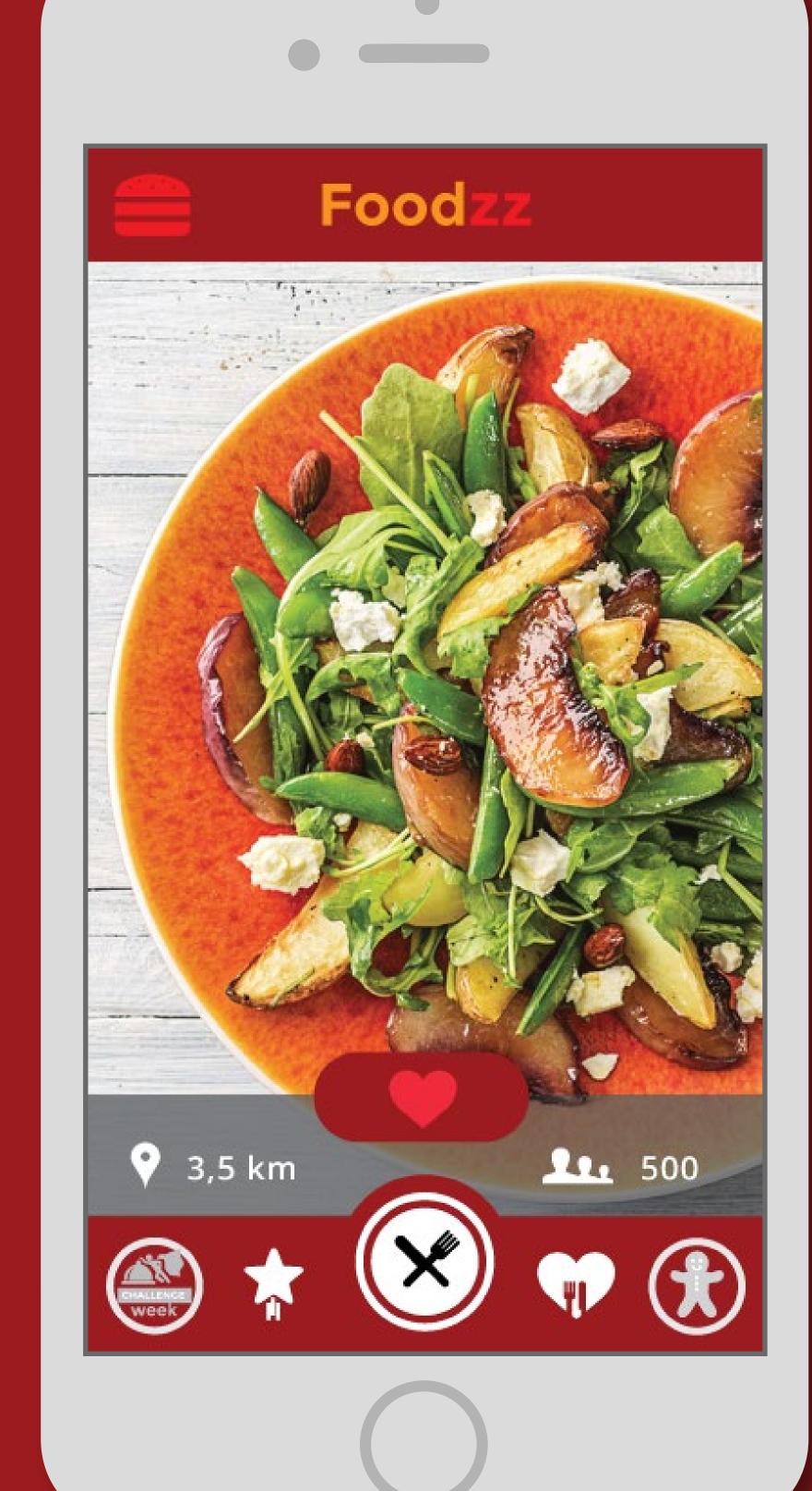
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Gamification app Foodzz

oodzz app is a gamification mobile application for the food image lovers. The app is used to stream food pictures, find new lunch places, and defeating challenges to gain as many points as possible to exchange them for real food vouchers.

For example, to collect points, you have to post aesthetically pleasing photos, otherwise likes will be scarce. In order to post nice content, you have to constantly eat out and try new places often to snap new photos. Players are encouraged to achieve goals due to feedback in the form of points and vouchers. Feedback is constant, positive, and both short and long-term.

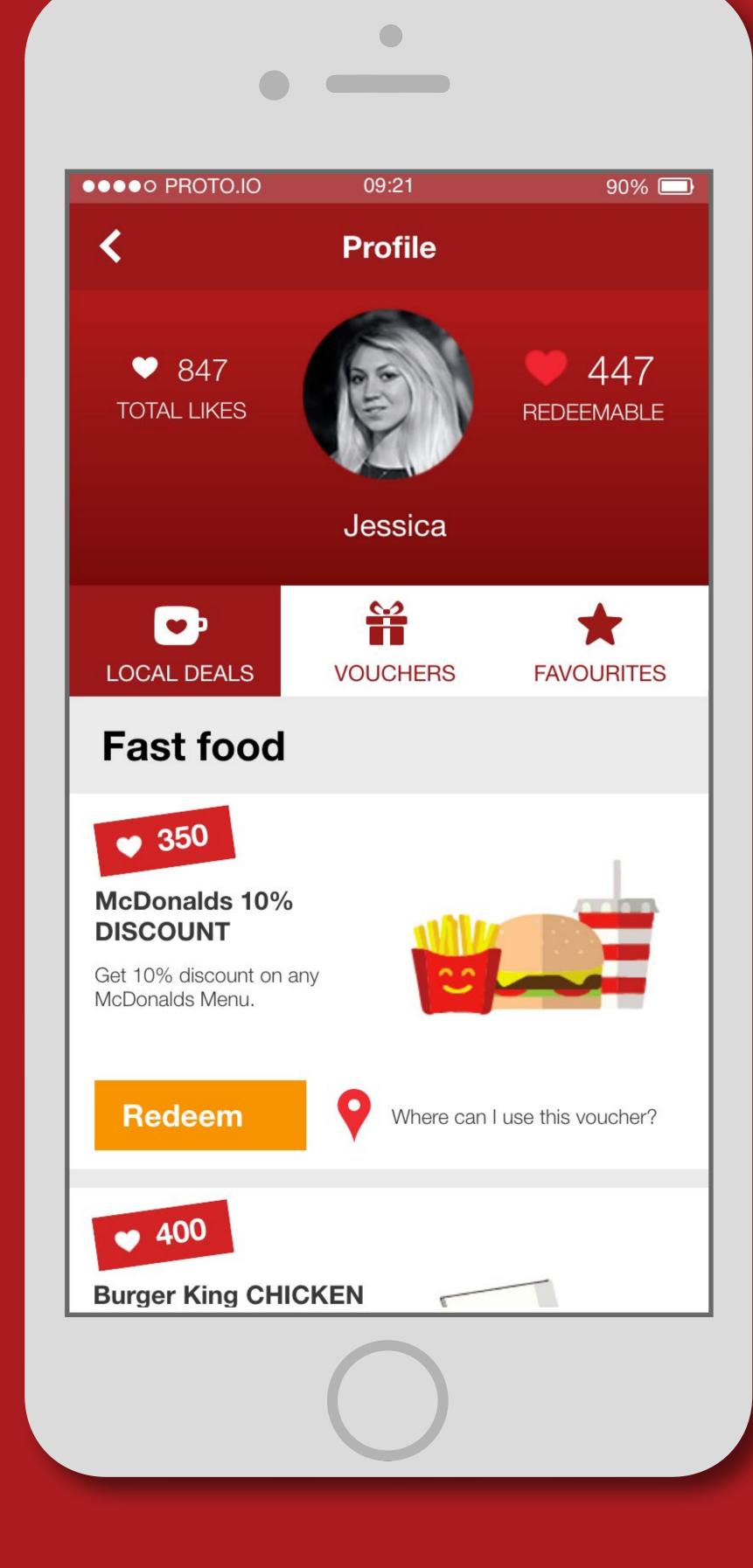
Users are able to keep record of their scores, which refers to the amount of people that have liked the photo of their food. These points are rewards, a gamification feature that helps satisfy human needs. The execution of a challenge help players feel a sense of achievement. Scores can be turned into vouchers, virtual goods that allow players to express themselves when used in participating restaurants.

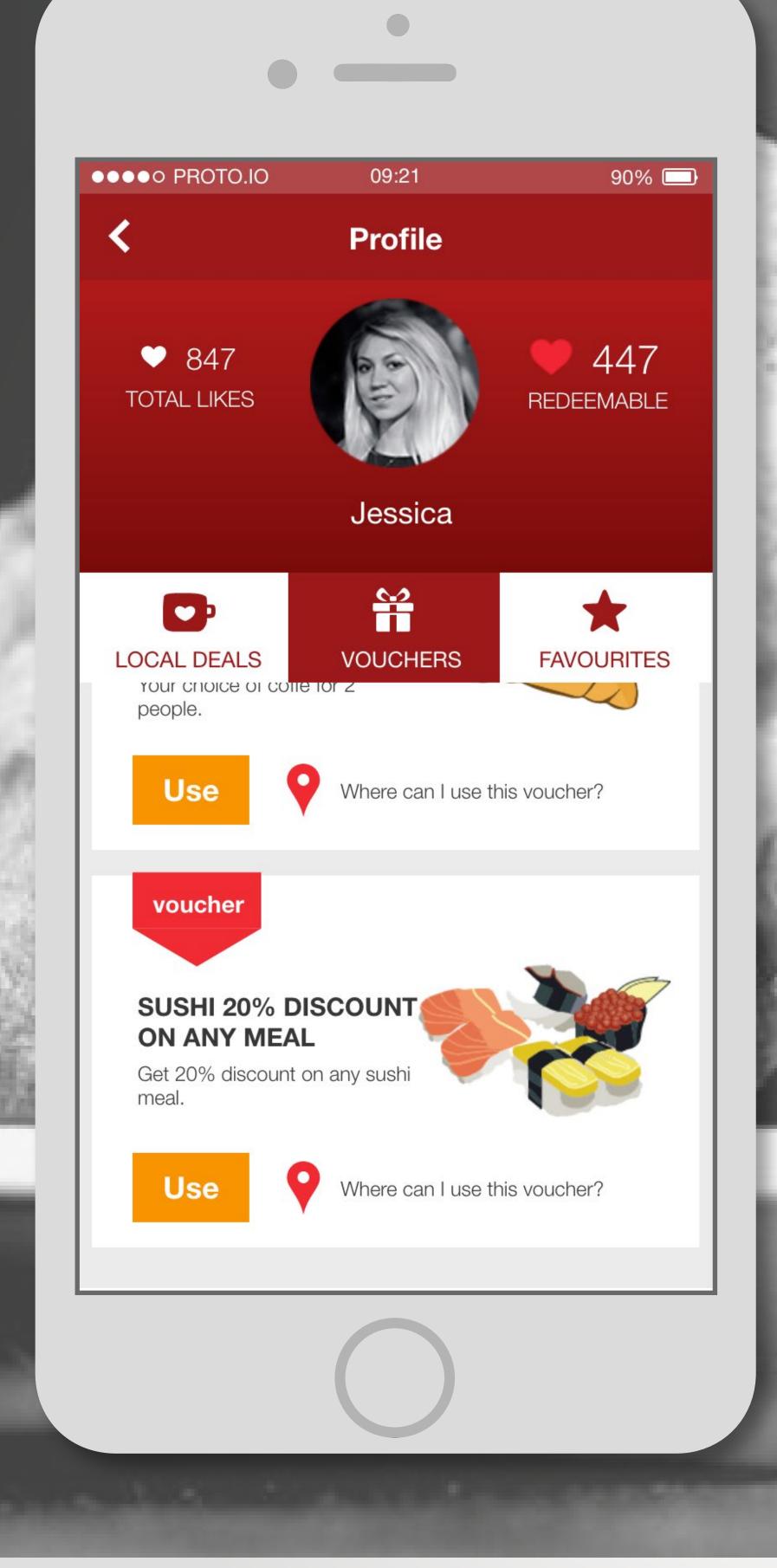


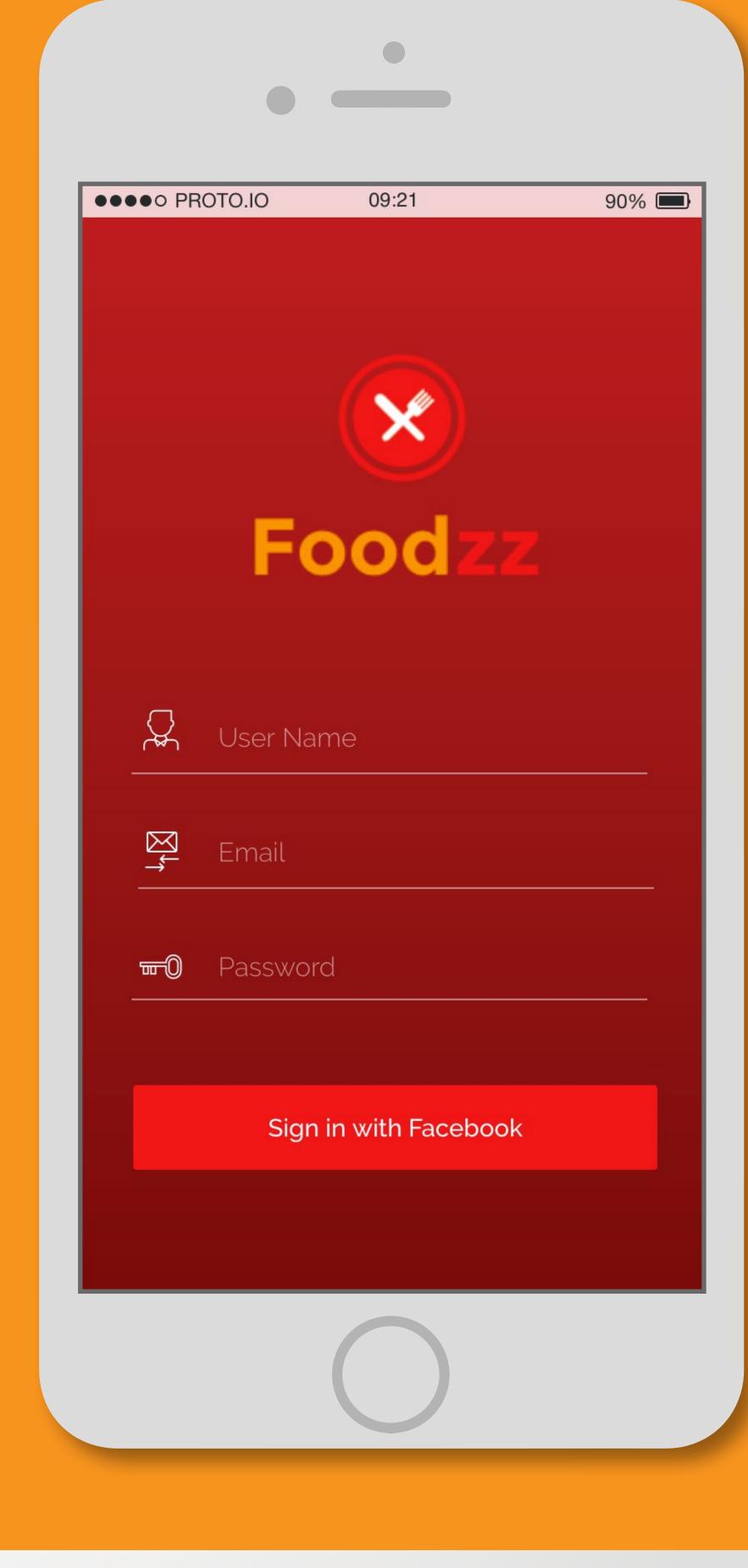
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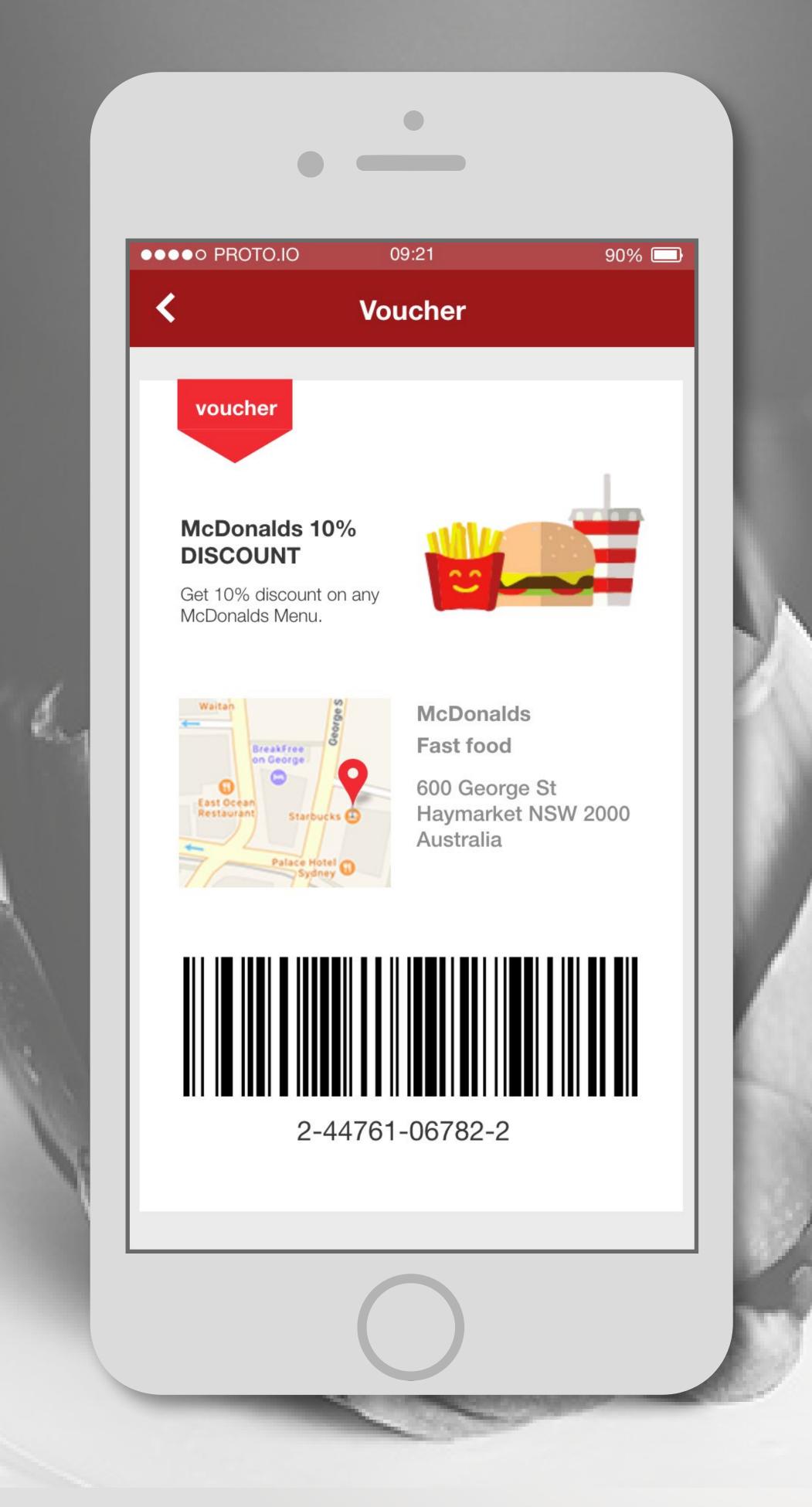


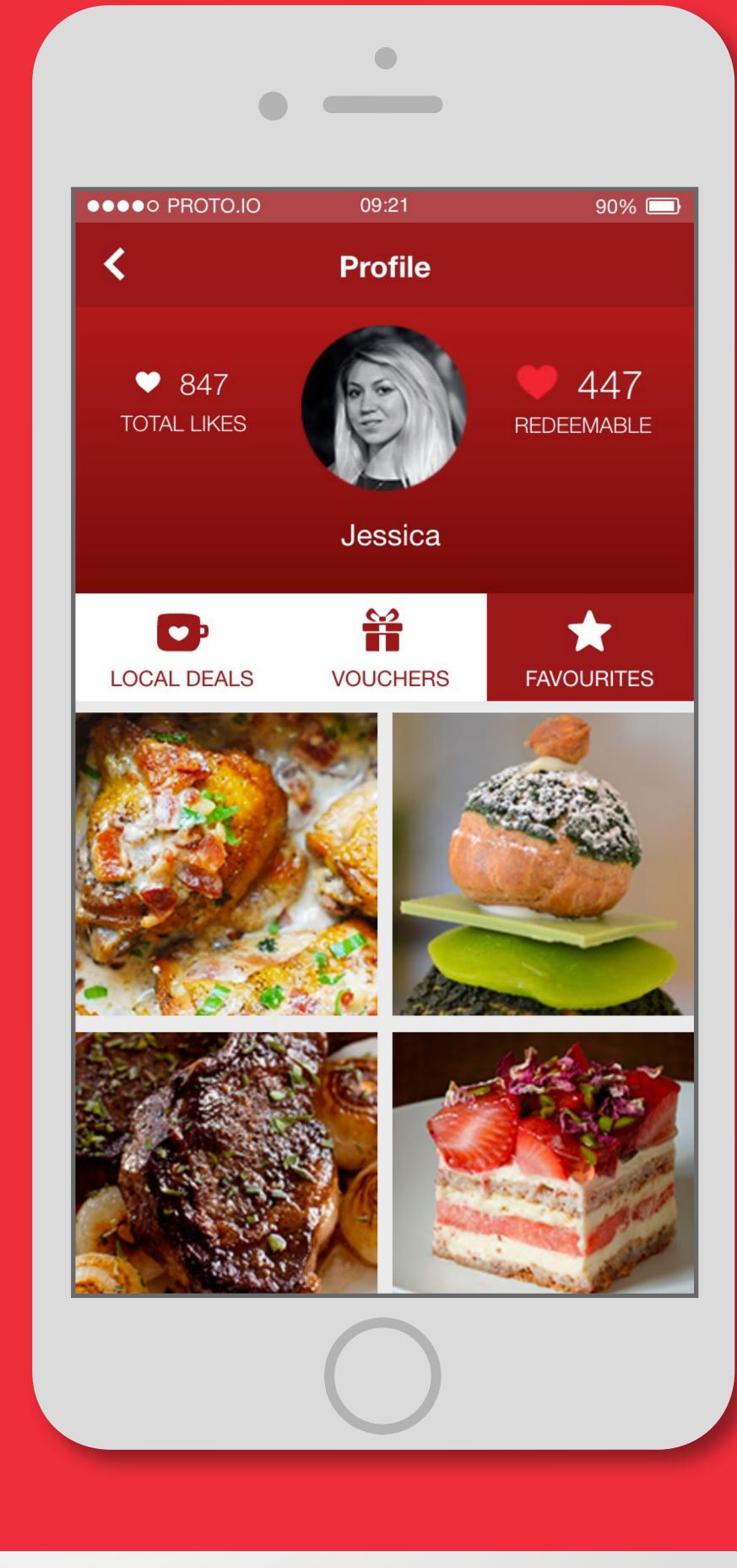


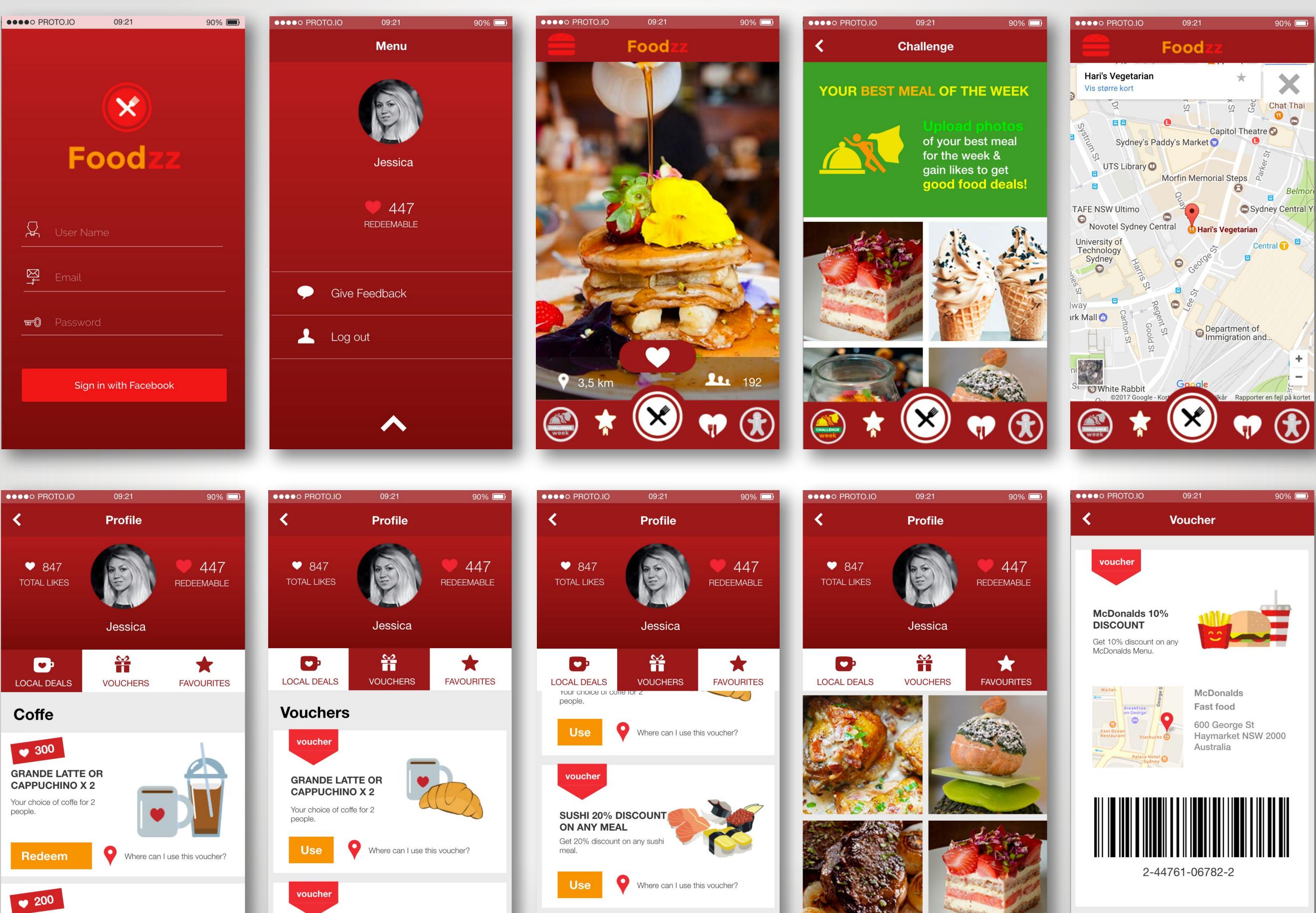


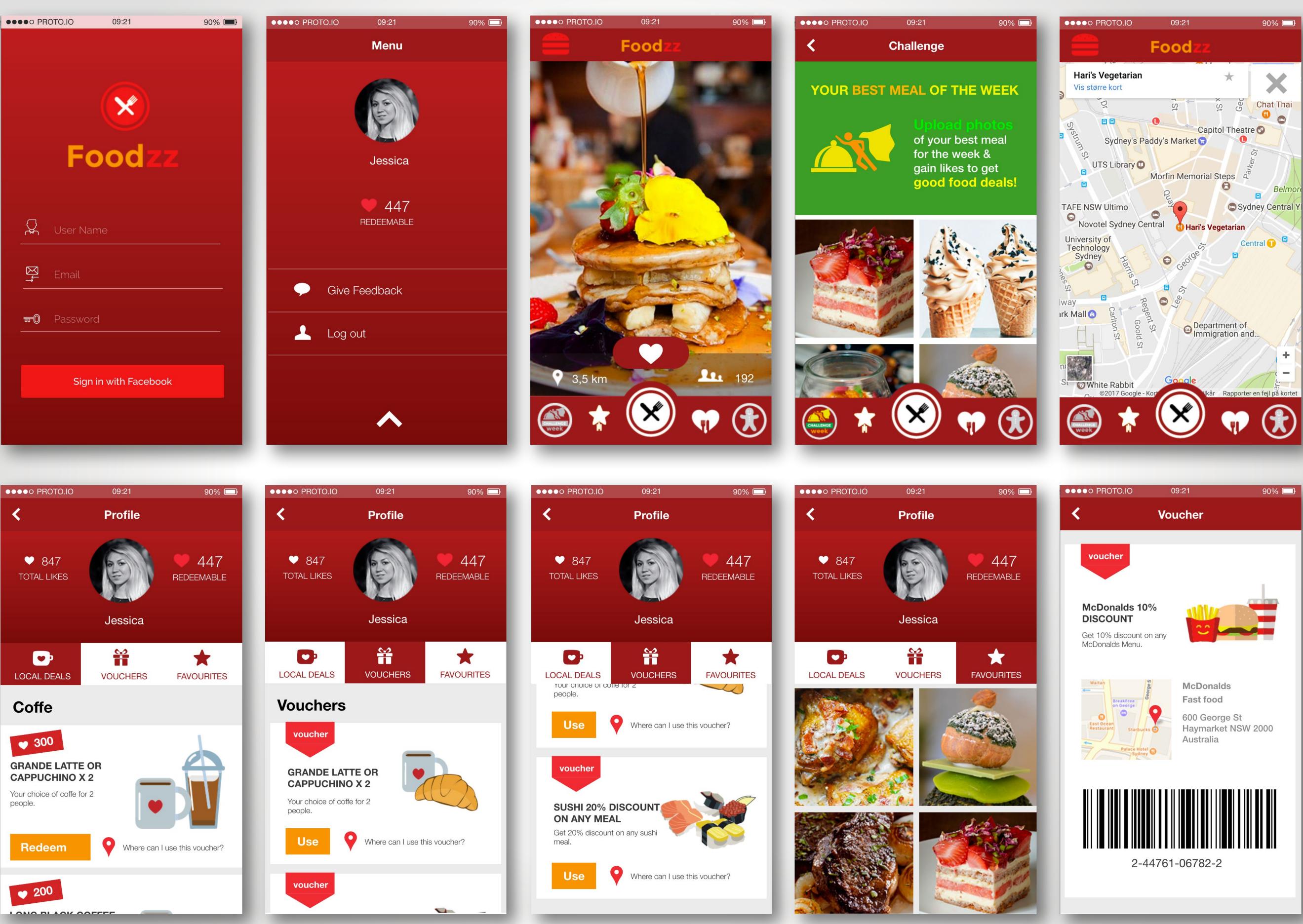










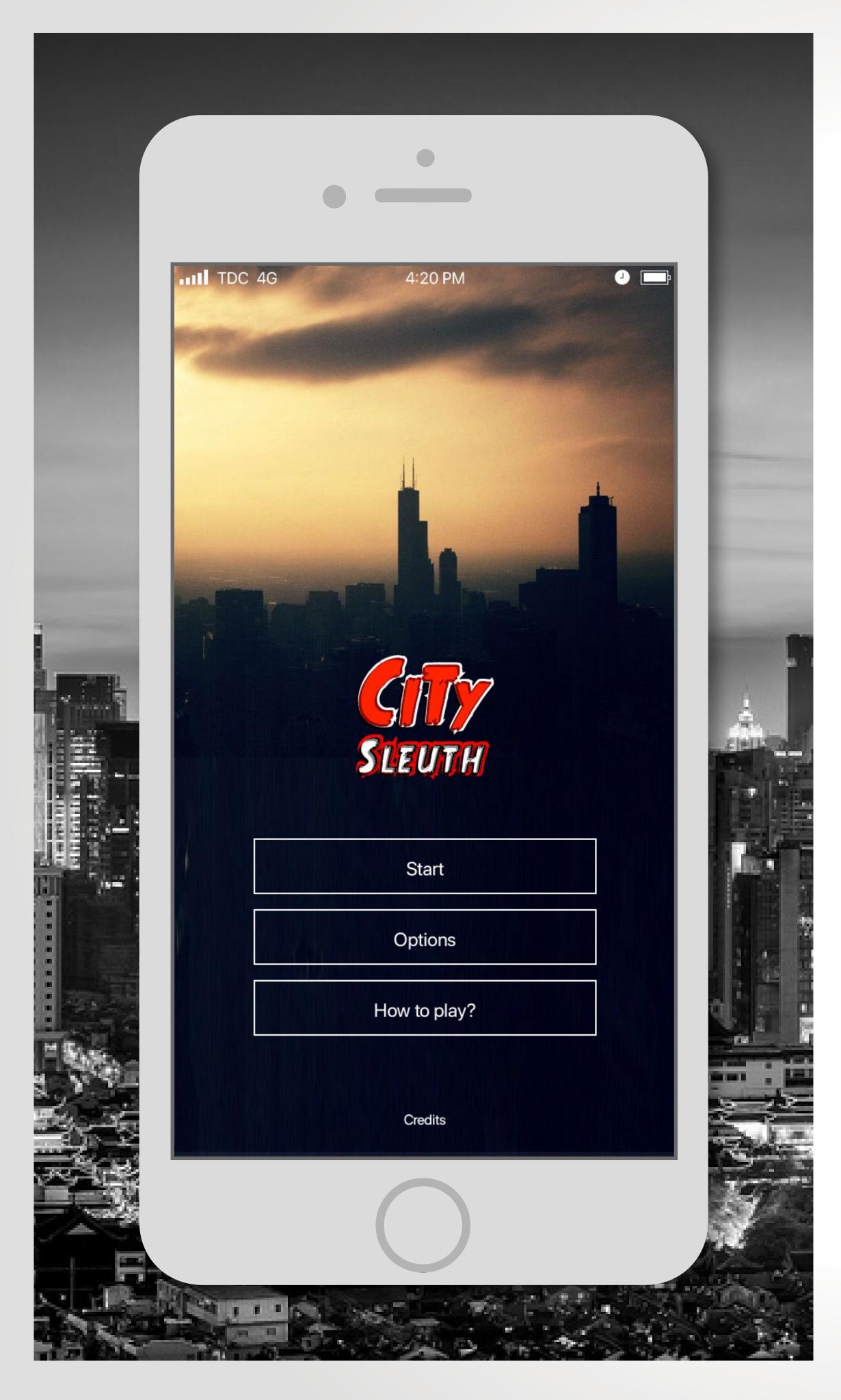


# Locative media game City Sleuth app

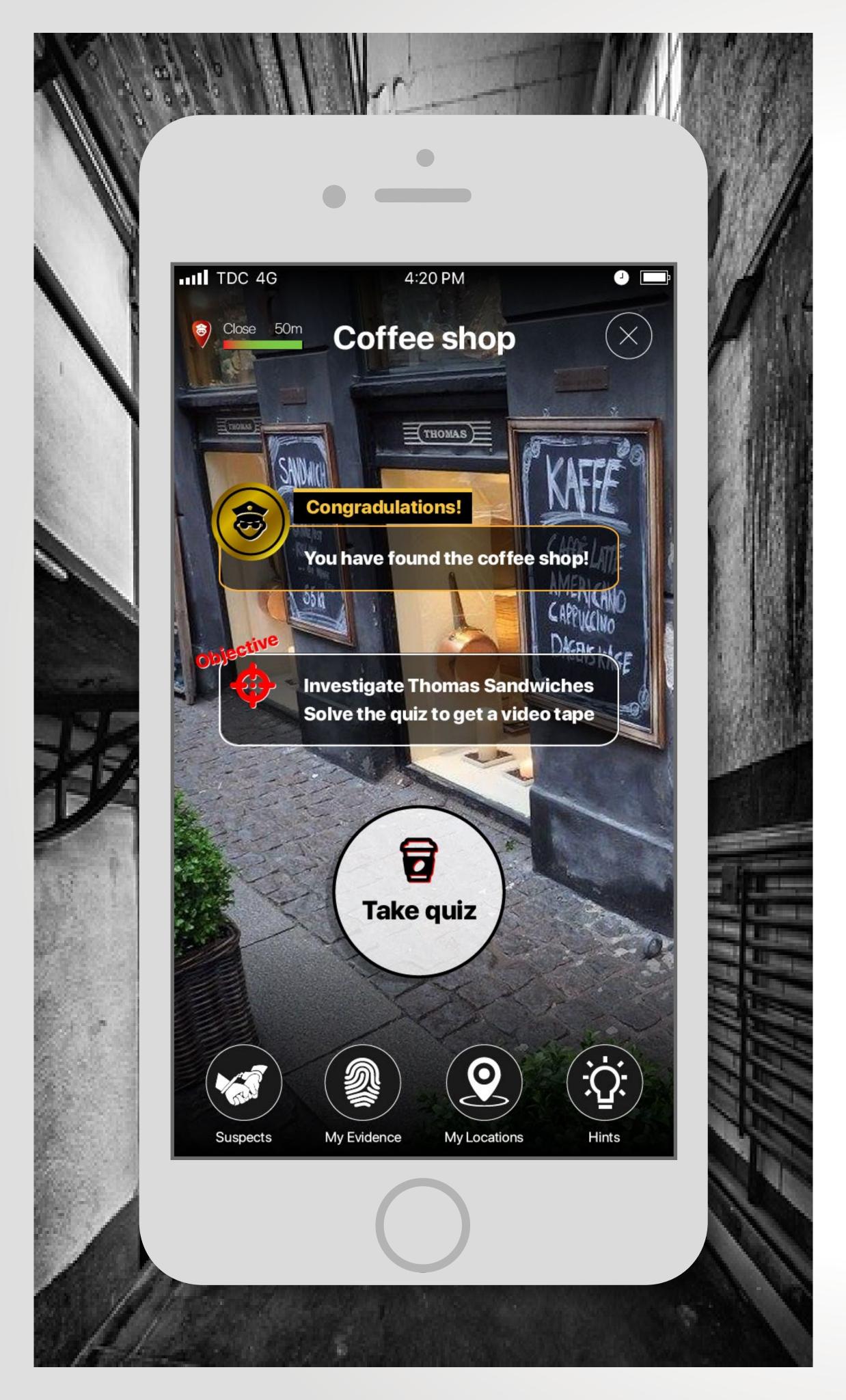
ity Sleuth is a fictional mystery game app. The user's goal is to deduce the perpetrator by piecing together evidence gathered along the way. The case begins at the courthouse in Nytorv with a description of the victim and crime scene, as well as the first suspect, the victim's boyfriend. From there, the user is guided to various real-world locations and learns of others related to the victim, such as her employer, her best friend, and her neighbor, learning of their alibis and feelings about the suspect. The user also collects evidence in the form of audio clips, images, and videos including, for our example case, an anonymous Tumblr account for which they must find the password. By making decisions along the way, the user alters the course of the game. By the end, the user is rewarded with correctly determining who the killer is, affirming the user's problem-solving skills and creating an aura of fantasy around an often-frequented location.

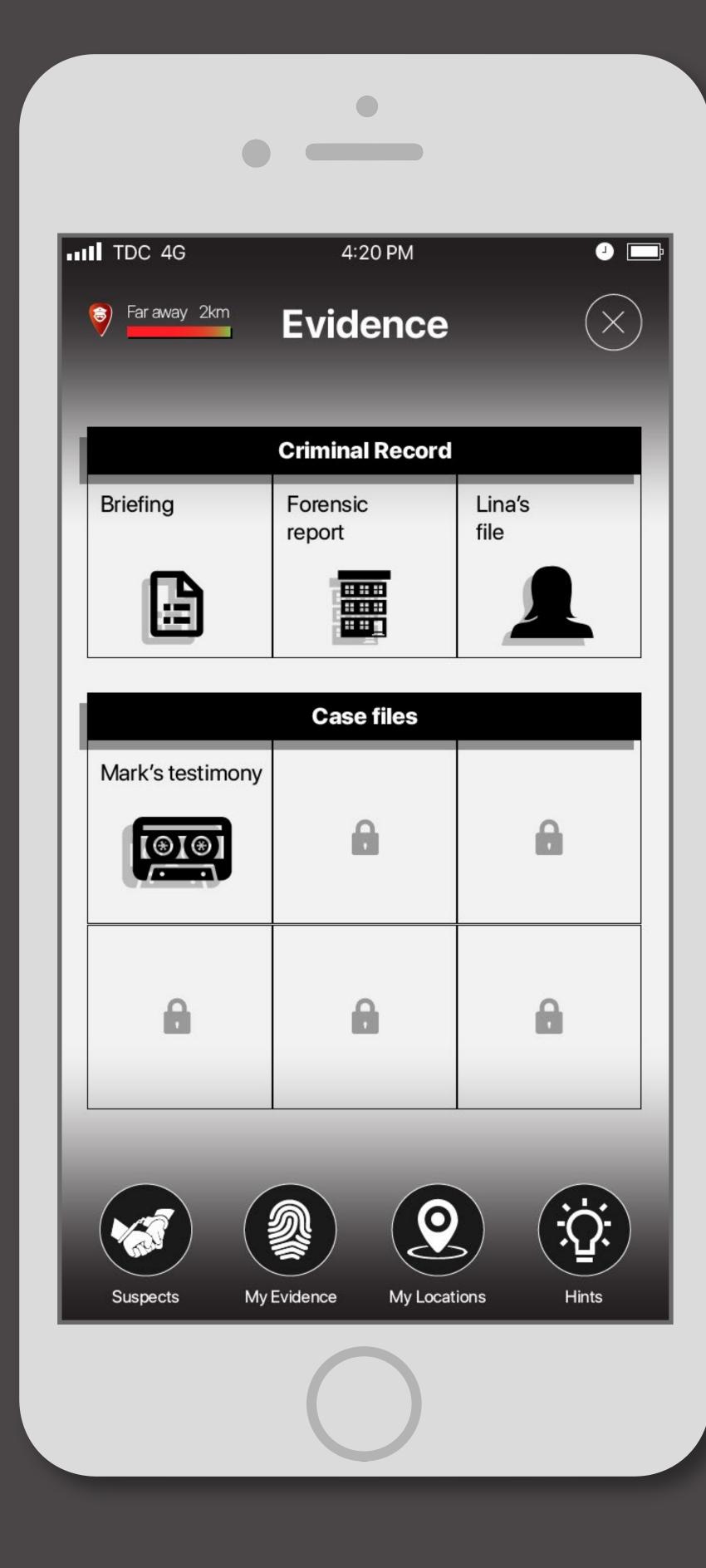


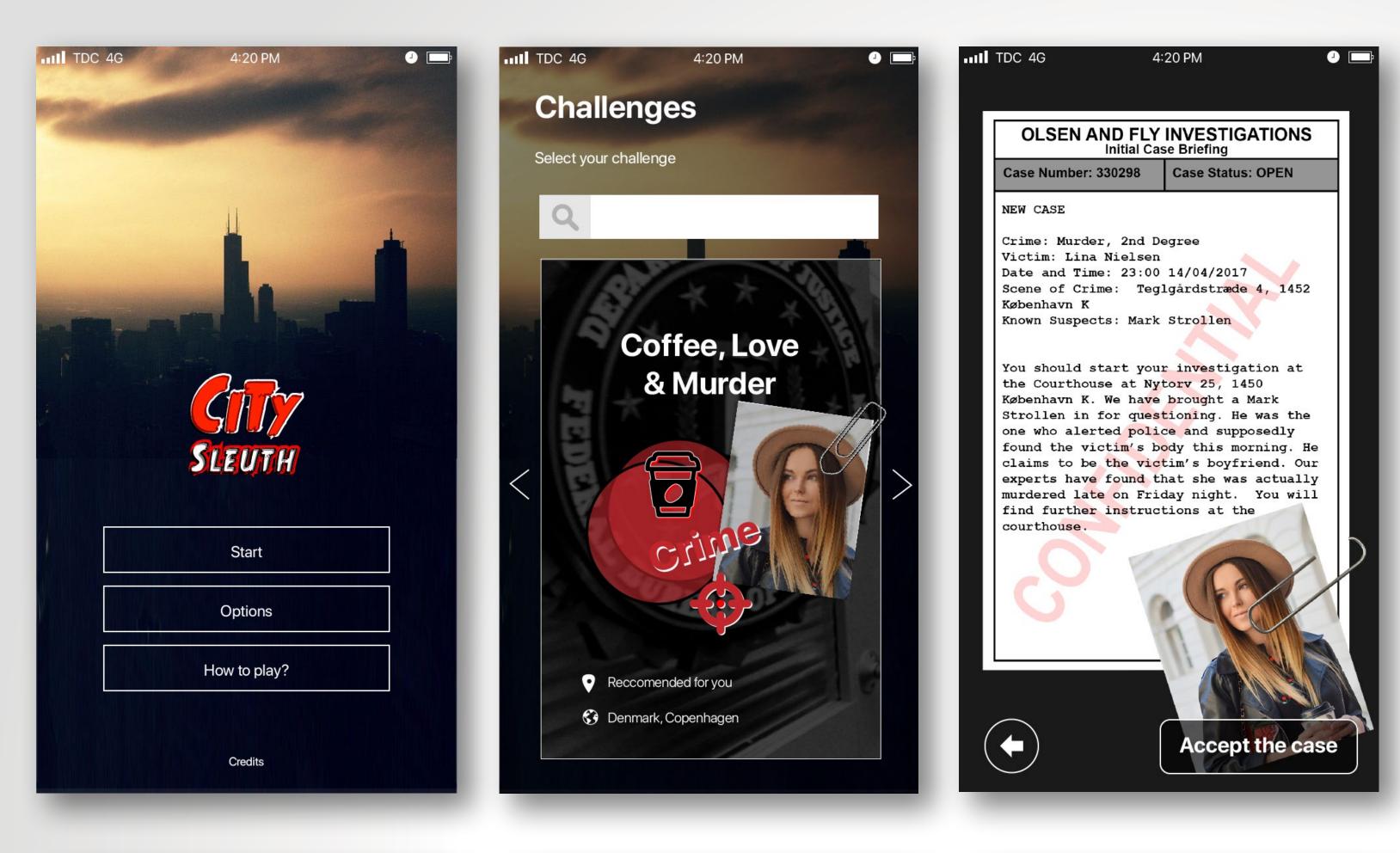
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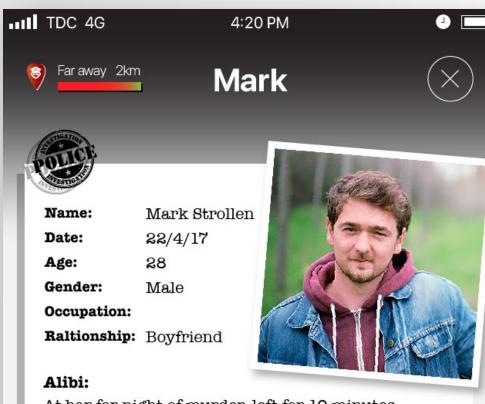












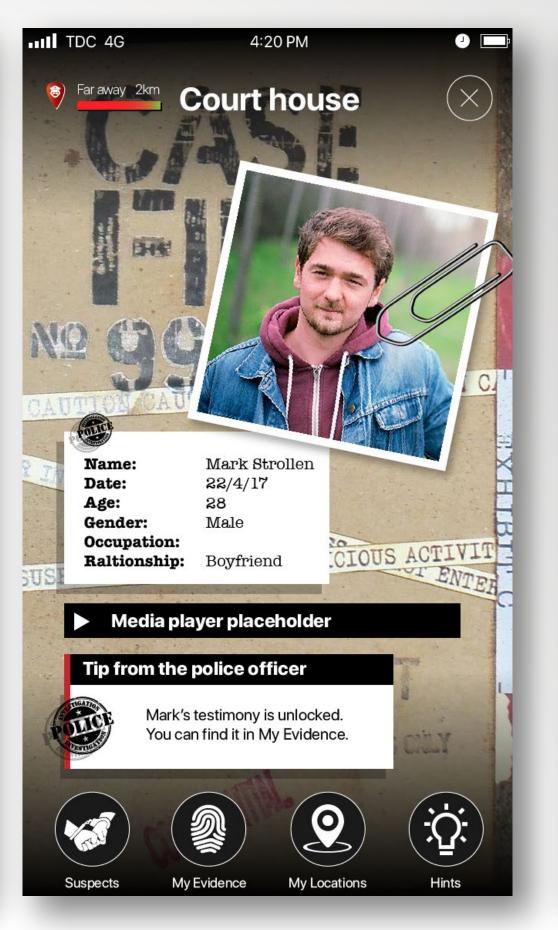
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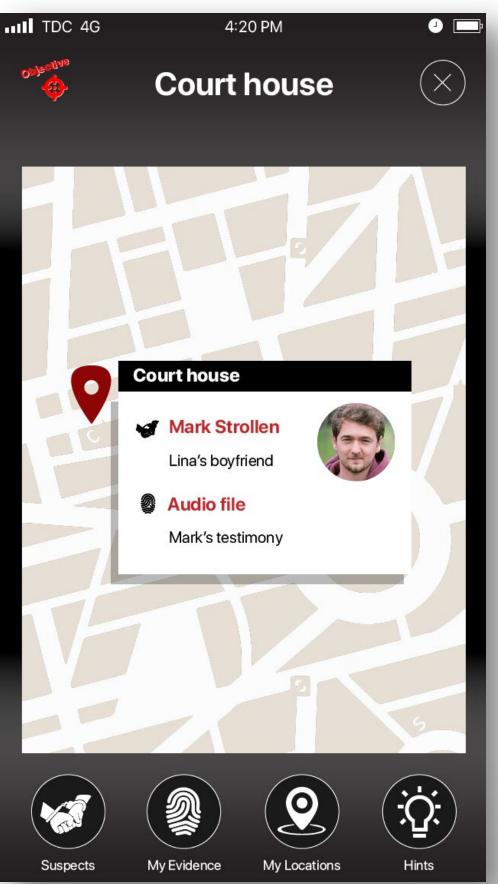
On the night in question (Friday, April 14, 2017), I was at the Bar near the apartment having some drinks. I left around 8:00 pm, and did not see the victim arrive back. I spent several hours there, but when the time came to pay my tab, I realized I did not have my wallet with me and must have left it at the apartment. I went back to get it, noticing the victim was asleep (so I presumed) and quietly retrieved it and returned to the bar. Afterwards, I had one too many drinks and was helped by a friend back to his place where I crashed on the couch. The

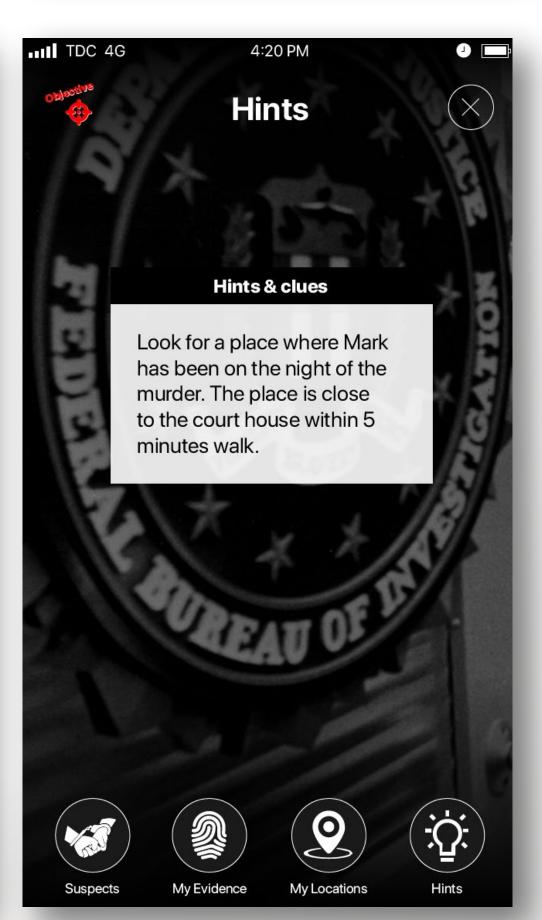


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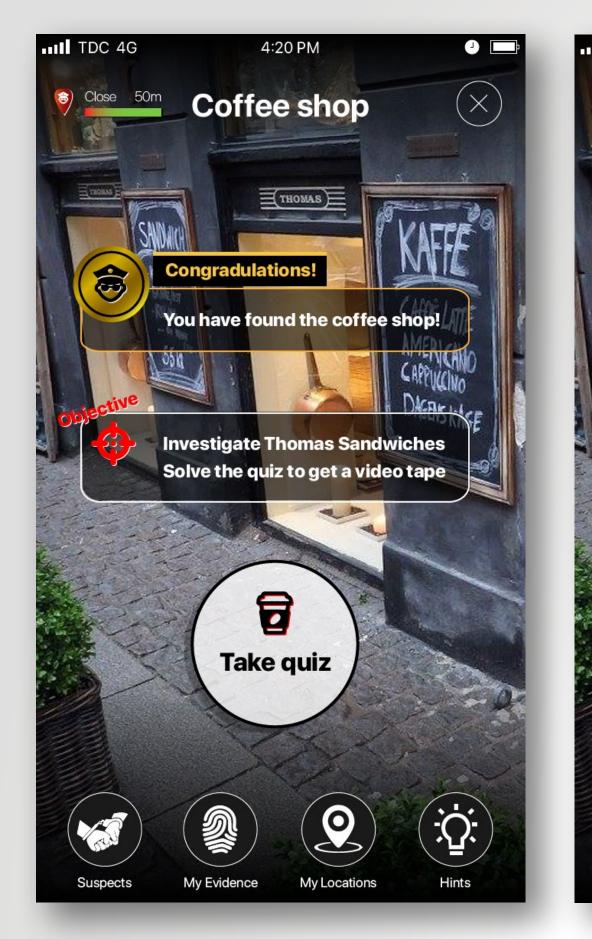


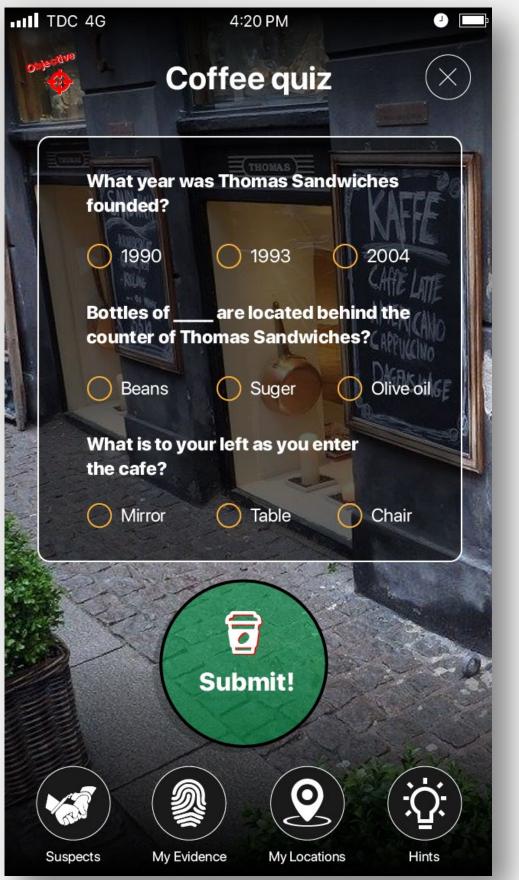








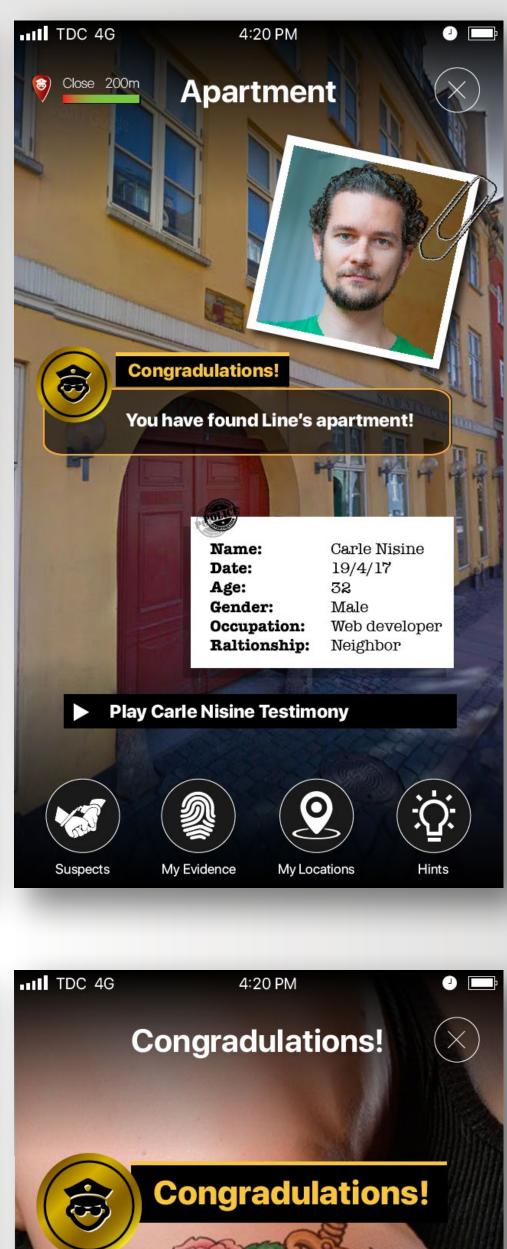




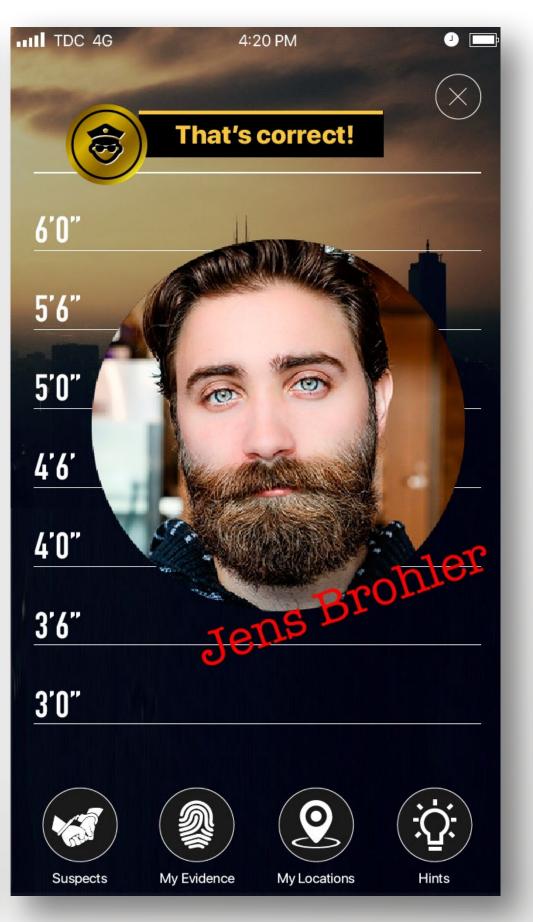














# Research Journal Design Thinking

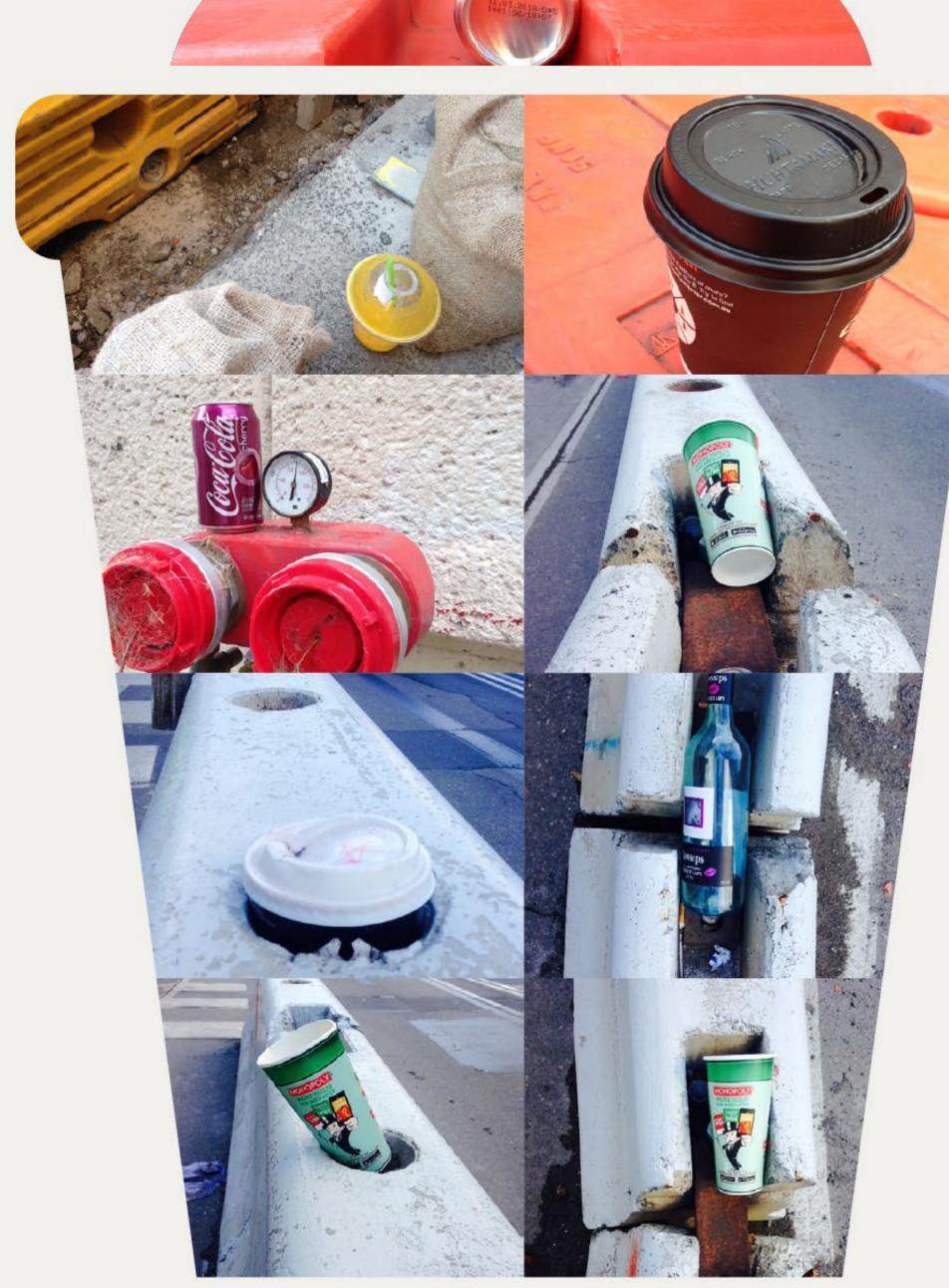
he aim of Design Thinking journal is to develop attitude, behaviour and thinking as designers. This journal is my final assignment in Design Thinking subject at University of Technology Sydney. It aims to show what the field of design looks like from the inside and to challenge preconceptions. Design Thinking developed my knowledge of design processes and design research techniques that are common to all design disciplines.

I learned a range of strategies for working in teams, defining design problems, researching design contexts, generating creative responses, evaluating proposals from different perspectives, and visualising the arguments for proposals.

This is an excerpt from Design Thinking research journal that closely documents my progress through the Design Thinking subject. The journal documents my thinking and findings through text and images, reflects on my progress and identifies important moments of development.



Design Practice



mugs on the streets of Sydney

University of Technology Sydney project in Design Thinking. Design Thinking research journal. (November 2016)



### Mugs & Bottle of Sydney



# Additional research

I started taking pictures of things that people throw out on the streets but later explored and discovered the invisible patterns that I later used for the final map.



### Ability to select



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I had to select what I want to concentrate on from the big variety of things I took pictures of.

### Brainstorming



I wrote ideas down immediately as I got them so I could always go back to them. I used a hand-sketching technique to come up with ideas to help me overcome the limited capacity of my short-term and long-term memories (Busche 2013).

### Summarize

I have set the goal to map Pyrmont through the mugs. I did the research to support my idea.





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ugs and Bottles of Sydney is a map that takes the form of a

drawing. The map is a good example of balance between real-world map, location of mugs found on the street and imagination. All of the map's areas set the scene for an alternative mapping, allowing me to experiment with the imagination, memory and exploring through photography and map creation.

Coffee mugs of Sydney map

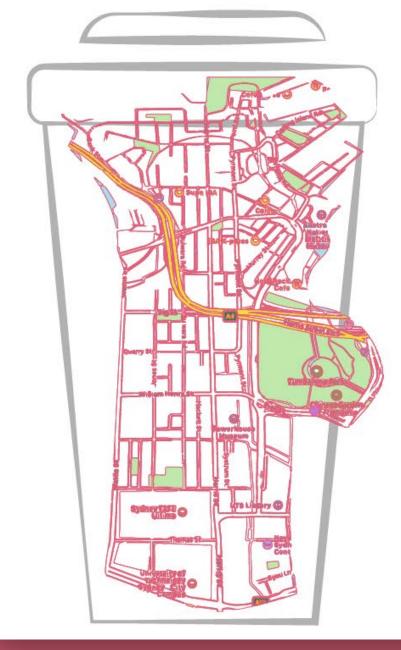




have been taking pictures of mugs in Sydney because while walking on the streets of Sydney I observed an invisible pattern that was re-

peating itself everywhere. The pattern I am referring to is placing empty mugs and bottles not in the garbage bin, but rather in places that can afford the mug to be placed there as can be seen on the figure to the right. Those places serve as affordances for the mugs and bottles.

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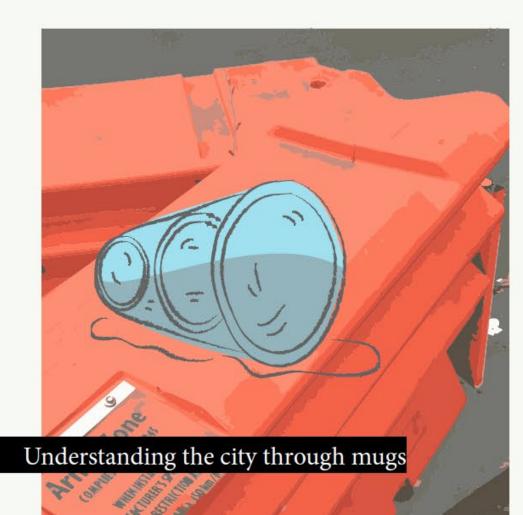


have been trying to understand

if people are too lazy or if they imitate what other people doing or maybe simply they don't question what they do, but rather place the mugs thoughtlessly because at that situation and at that moment in time there was no other options. Maybe the placement of the mugs is a result of the lack of alternative situations. As Rogers (cited in Eiffert 1999) points out that people are not aware of unconscious processes that takes place in their brain. The human brain repeats patterns, so it can automate the activity to an unconscious operational level. Therefore, I think this type of routine behaviour makes people mindless. People most probably don't think of why they place the mugs in these particular places, even though if they were aware of their actions, they might have not placed them there, yet all the mugs I found are fitting to one or another form of affordance for placing.



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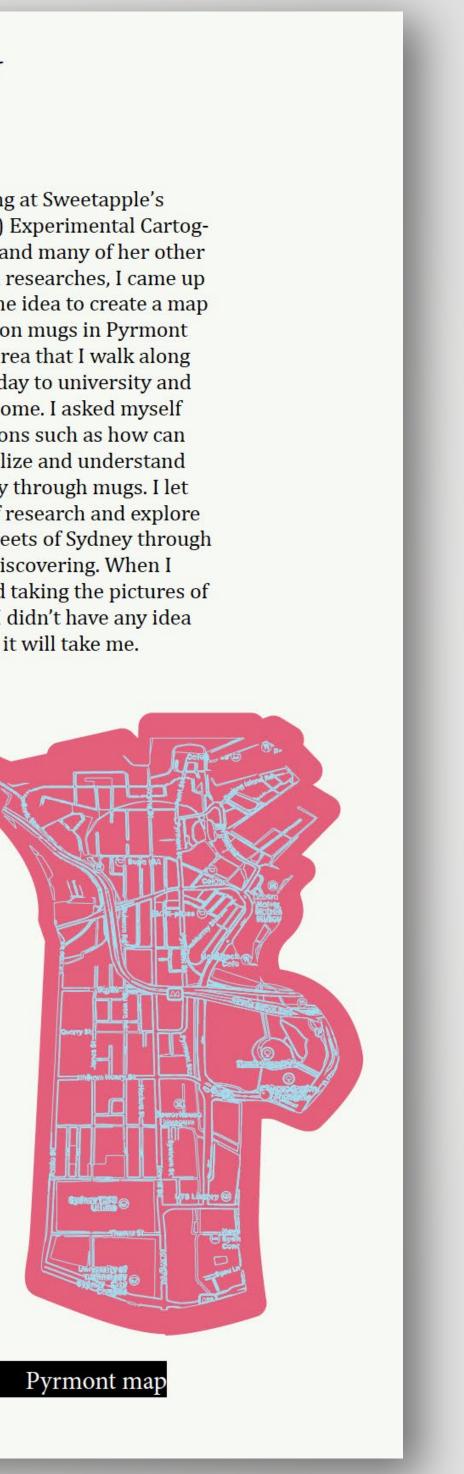
Design Practice

Looking at Sweetapple's (2010) Experimental Cartography and many of her other design researches, I came up with the idea to create a map based on mugs in Pyrmont - the area that I walk along every day to university and back home. I asked myself questions such as how can I visualize and understand the city through mugs. I let myself research and explore the streets of Sydney through mug-discovering. When I started taking the pictures of mugs I didn't have any idea where it will take me.

# Pyrmont Mugs & Coffee Мар

Only through the process of analysing the data, using various techniques of exploring such as exploring in new ways (Eiffert 1999), expanding myself (Gatsi, lecture, 2016) and becoming aware of unconscious processes and noticing things around me (Eiffert 1999), concept development, exploratory approach

and photomedia (Wei, lecture, 2016) and engaging in what I saw (Sutton, lecture, 2016), that I started getting ideas for what I can do with that data. In result I wanted to present my findings in an aesthetic way. The map should present the map of Pyrmont that render the area through mugs and bottles left on streets.







Design Practice

# // PARROT DRAWING



The colour drawing shows the scarlet-chested parrot that I came across while on my way to university on the Harris Street. I

was attracted especially to the parrots with a scarlet chest, that defines the male parrots. The male parrot has a dazzling cobalt blue face, scarlet chest and yellow underparts, surrounded by overall bright green feathers. Everyday when walking by that place with parrots I was always wondering how beautiful and incredible those birds are. One of the reasons why I think

COLOURS I am so attracted to those birds and its colours is because of my cultural background. scarlet-chested parrot

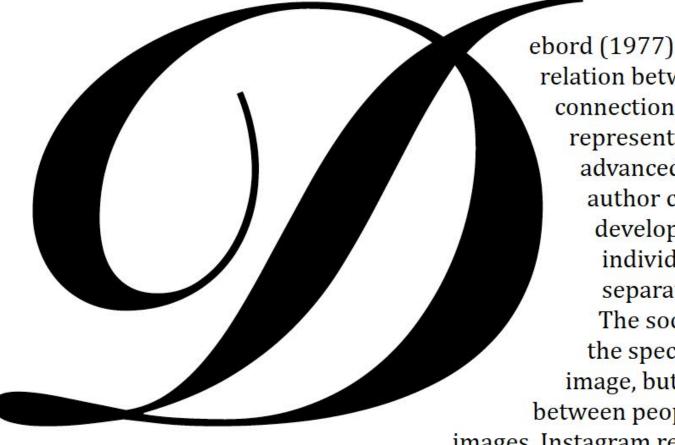
The past ten years I have been living in a cold Scandinavian country and for me seeing such colourful birds on the streets in the middle of the city is a magnificent experience. Fraser¬ and Banks (2004) suggests that after our eyes have experienced the colour it is us who determines the meaning based on our experiences, and associations. In this case my cultural experience of living in a Northern country combined with my individual interest in wild life made me curious of these colourful birds. Also Calvino (1978) points out that same story may ¬¬say different things to different people and may tell more about myself than other people (G. Catsi 2016, lecture, 29 August, Debord 1956, Eiffert 1999).

Drawing tools: pens, digital pencils, digital paint Time: 9:30am Location: Harris Street Duration: 10 minutes Purpose: the feathers of the parrot

Scarlet-chested male parrot

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ebord (1977) explores the relation between social connections and mediated representation within advanced capitalism. The author criticizes these developments that bring individualization and separation of people. In The society of spectacle, the spectacle is not just image, but a social relation between people, mediated by images. Instagram reduces the real life to a mediated representation of the real life. Users are in control of how they look, appear and what they say, because they have all the needed tools and time to present their life in the most attractive way possible. It is easy to be perfect on images, than in real life, because the technology affords users to have a false representation of their life. The false representation has a value for the modern capitalism, because it has a value in form of money and promotes the narcissistic tendencies in people. One has to look smart, successful, intelligent, in control of everything, because everyone around does. It puts a tremendous pressure on the young generation to live up to all these 'perfect' standards, which sadly enough sometimes results in young people distancing themselves and living their entire life behind the walls of social media, because if they would appear from the behind of wall, they might look completely different.

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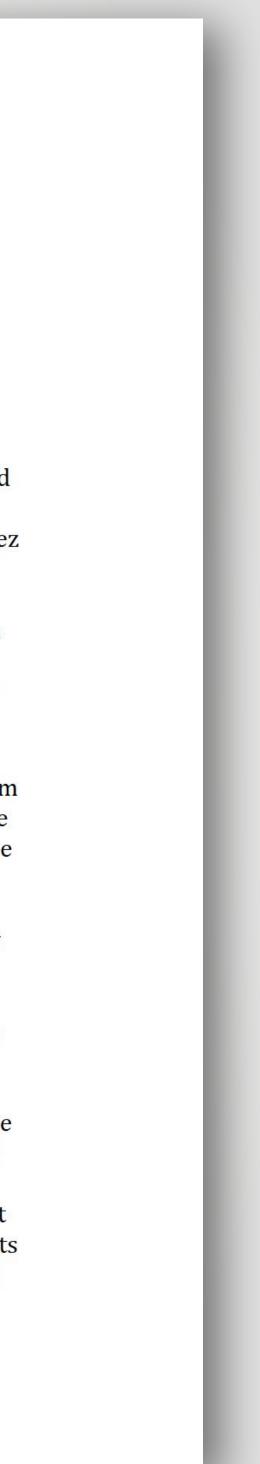
The false representation has power, because it demands compliance with an order to see things the way they represented (Debord 1977). Many youths are influenced by the mediated picture of famous teenager pop-starts such as Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez presented on Instagram in a glorious and egocentric way and gesturing power, confidence, control and perfect life. What young girls and boys don't realize is that besides the false representation of their life they also get payed for portraying on Instagram.

There is nothing real at all about these images on social media, yet for the young generation they dictate the rules of how they should live their life. The technology replaces real feelings with false walls. Indeed, Sennet (1994) talks about the fear of touching and confrontation by denying, minimizing and avoiding conflicts. Through touching we risk to feel something and our technology permits us to avoid that risk (Sennet 1994). According to Franzen it is easier to like the actual love.

technology because technology permits us to build facades. These facades in form of screens let us hide behind them because we are scared of real problems and feelings. Technology never asks for anything in return, but only gives and makes

the user happy, in contrast to real relationship. Also Holiday (2016) discusses the glorification of social media that invites outrageous self-promotion and constant ego promotion that manifests

in narcissistic generation of young people and problems of



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ebord (1977) also states that the spectacle separates and creates a "lonely crowd". In some cases, it is true, but I do not completely

agree with him. Back when he wrote the work, the author was afraid that the mediated representation might replace the authentic social life. In many cases people lost belonging to the world with the emergence of social media and its individualization development, but in other cases it has created support for people in need and might even have saved lives.



am referring to the rise of online communities described by McMillan and Chavis (1996) as groups that are based on feelings to be connected to other people. Online communities let people emotionally connect and be understood by having the sense of community. For example, in contrast to Debord's "lonely crowd", a sorrow or grief online community might provide a mutual support to a person who lost someone or feels lonely and have no one to talk to. This type of online community can connect the grieving person with others to discuss the taboo topics that might not be that easy to come across in his or her social circles. Also Baym (1998) emphasizes that communities have their norms, behaviors and joint practices that encompasses the support for each other.

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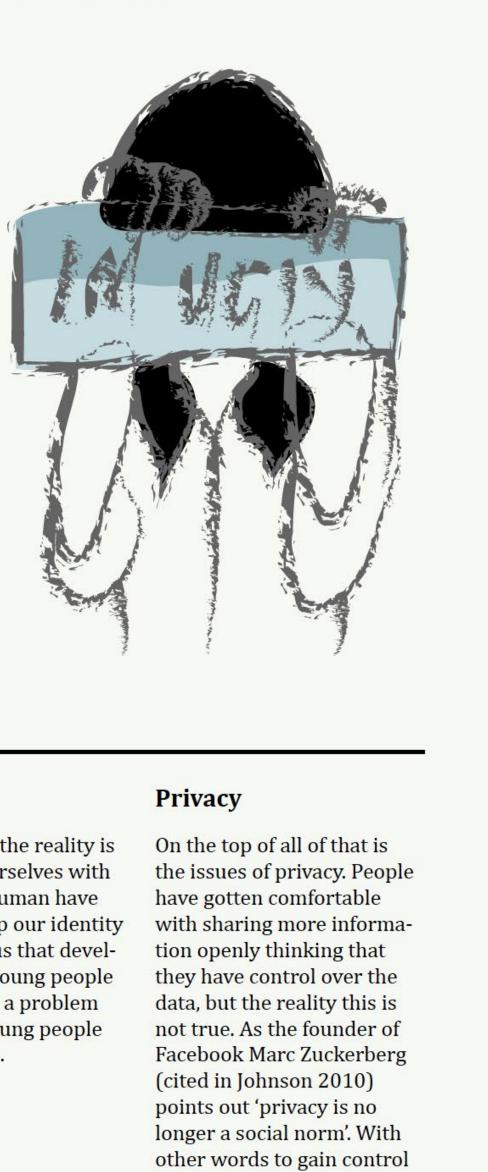
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"i look ugly" is the result of spectacle

# Identity on Social Media



### **Inner self-picture**

The problem with the mediated representation of the reality is that we are always in the process of identifying ourselves with other people. According to Jenkins (1996) we as human have an inner image of who we are, but we can't develop our identity without others, because it is how others react on us that develops us. Therefore, the false representation of the young people on social media, such as Instagram or Facebook, is a problem for the young generation because that what the young people compare themselves to and think should live up to.

of one's privacy the user has to know where to change it, but as the default feature the privacy is absent.

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### memory

# DRAWING of space from memory



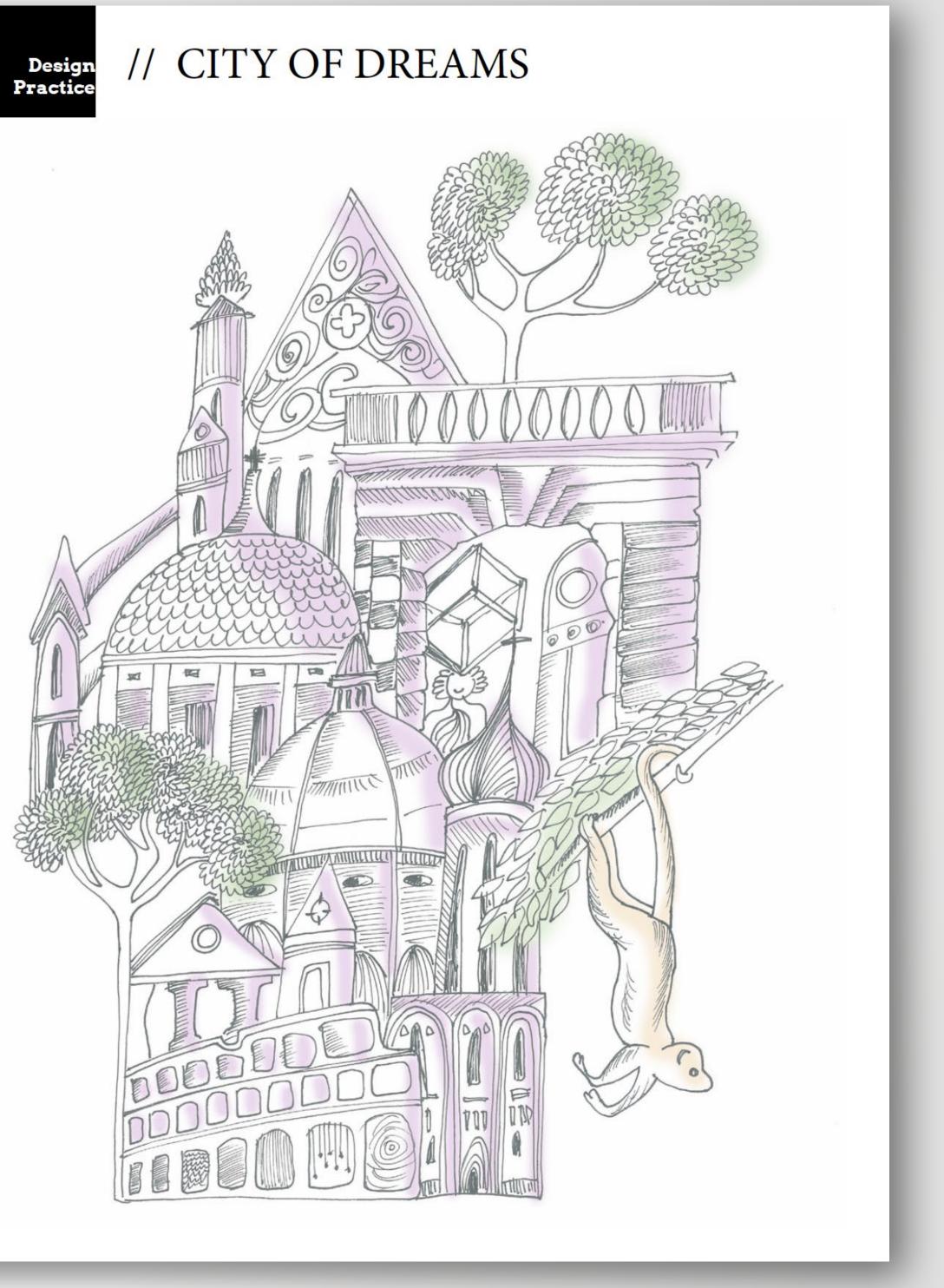
he drawing of the most beautiful and meaningful city where all my dreams come true is inspired by Calvino's (1978) 'Invisible Cities', where I use my imagination to draw a space from my memory. I started the drawing by imagining a specific place, but later my brain

started making connections between the memory and place and other places I have seen.

When doing my drawing I was exploring the potential and scope of my imagination and the relationship to memory and place. Calvino shows that cities in person's mind are distinct from their physical manifestation. Hence, in my drawing I am presenting the viewer with my personal experience and perception of the space, which tells more about myself than about the space. Indeed, as Marx (cited in Debord 1956) puts it 'Man can see nothing around them that is not their own image; everything speaks to them of themselves. Their very landscape is alive'. The viewer might see this picture in a complete different way than I see it which makes it beautiful. How did I recall



the location that I drew and what is my relationship with space, things and people? Catsi (2016, lecture, 22 August) and Eiffert (1999) all suggest to be yourself and don't be afraid to express yourself, because being different and unique is what defines one. Using this approach, I tried to free myself from any boundaries of the society and what people might think and draw the space that expresses my personal imagination and vision of the place/city.



Khuli Chana - One Source (ft KayGizm, Victoria Kimani and Sarkodie)

# SUNU GONERA on getting branded media right

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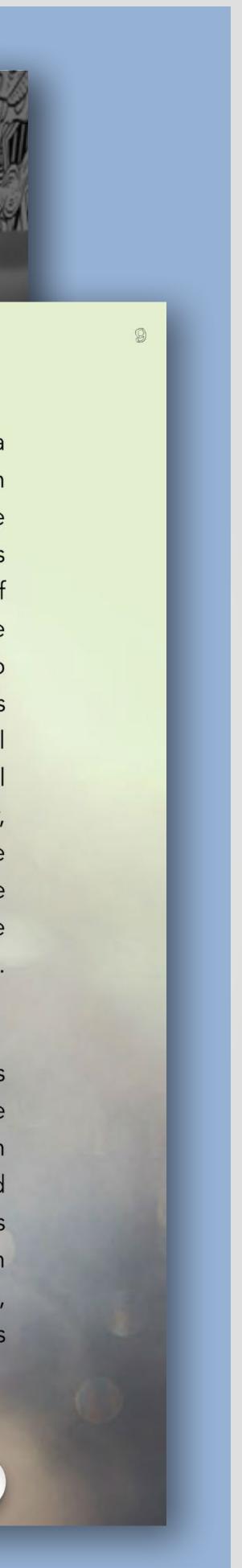
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Sunu Gonera hen was growing up in Zimbabwe, during the civil war, he used film as his escape. The Saturday screenings of **Clint Eastwood westerns and Bruce Lee** movies were his way to "disappear to somewhere else". He even remembers his first school play at his first multiracial school. "The lights are low, the hall is full, and it was a Mark Twain play, Huckleberry Finn," he says. "One character had a chain tied to his ankle and he was walking across the stage dragging this chain. He was this villain. It was so surreal for me."

Now a film director with Egg Films in South Africa, he juxtaposes the polished appeal of box-office hits with what he describes as the "realness and rawness of Africa". He channelled this passion into a music video for musician Khuli Chana sponsored by Absolut, challenging the way branded content is made in Africa.



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hey are the subject of Pol Kurucz's last photo series, "genuine eccentrics, weirdos and lunatics who in the eyes of the photographer are the new Normals".

Shooting for this last series took entirely place in the Kolor

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Studio, in the heart of Rio de Janeiro, where all the sets and accessories were built by the Kolor Art Collective. Most models, performers, and actors featured in the photos come from the city's humanist microcosm and themselves belong to redefined group of the Normals.



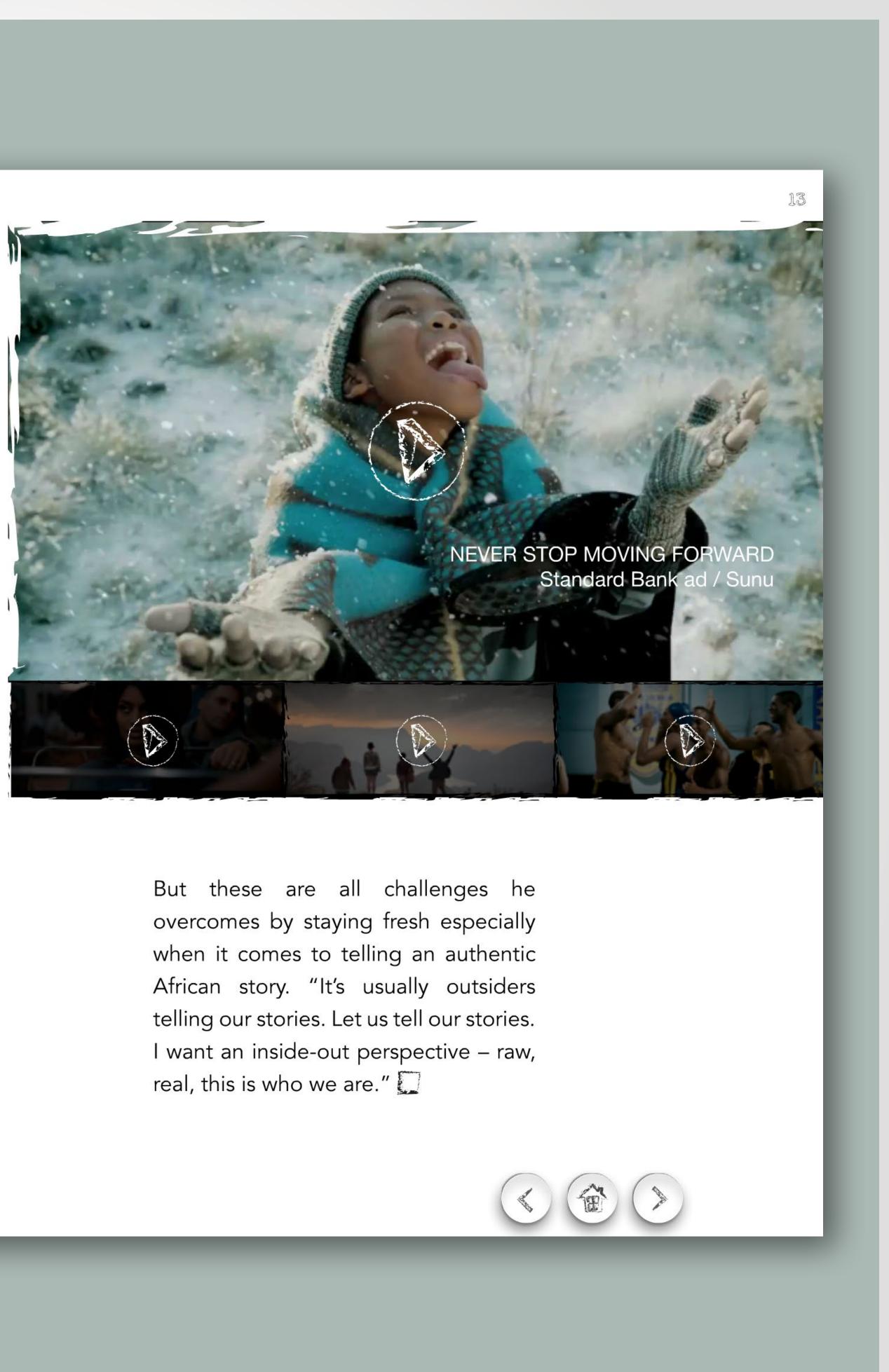


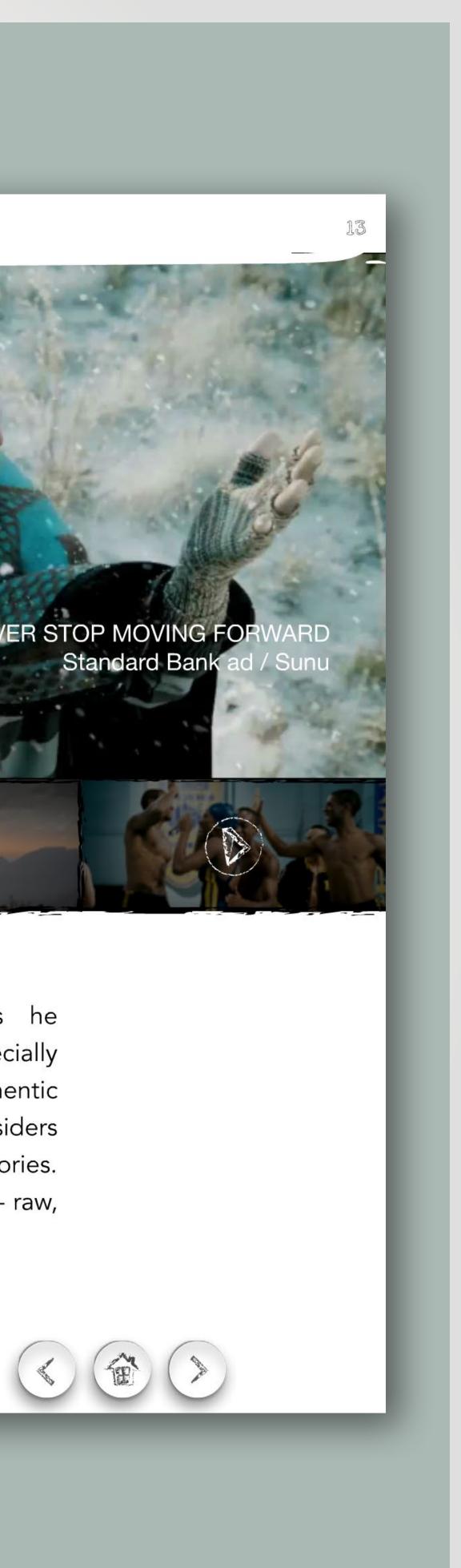


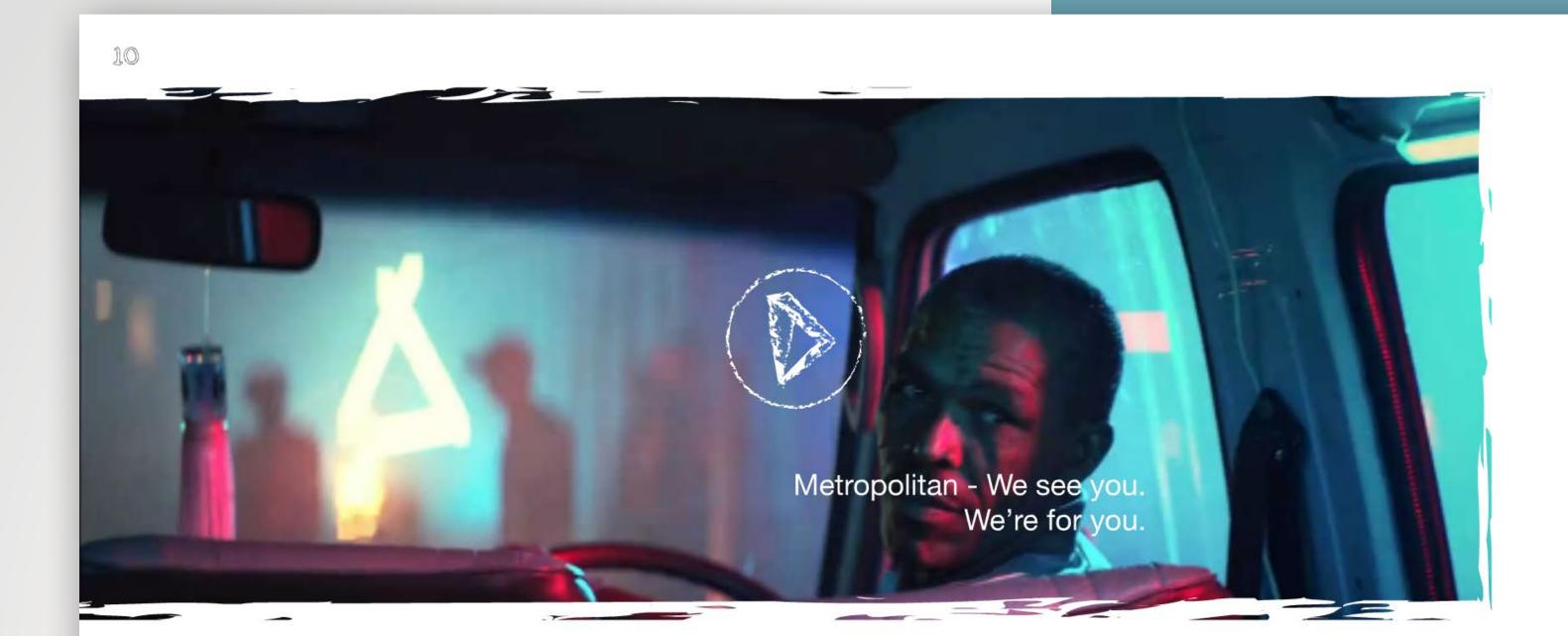
His focus is not only on the work that can be done within Africa's borders. No stranger to the Hollywood scene, Gonera's first feature film Pride starring Terrence Howard was released in 2007. And now, he'll be spending a short time in the States working on an episode for hit American political drama television series, Madam Secretary.

Back home, he says the industry is at an apex. "We're having to, as filmmakers, change and adapt the way we think, especially with technology."

Budgets are shrinking and expectations are rising. "You can't keep coming in as a big brand wanting a R10 million job and then saying here's R800 000. The other challenge is that there's a massive saturation of filmmakers so the competition for every job has never been steeper."

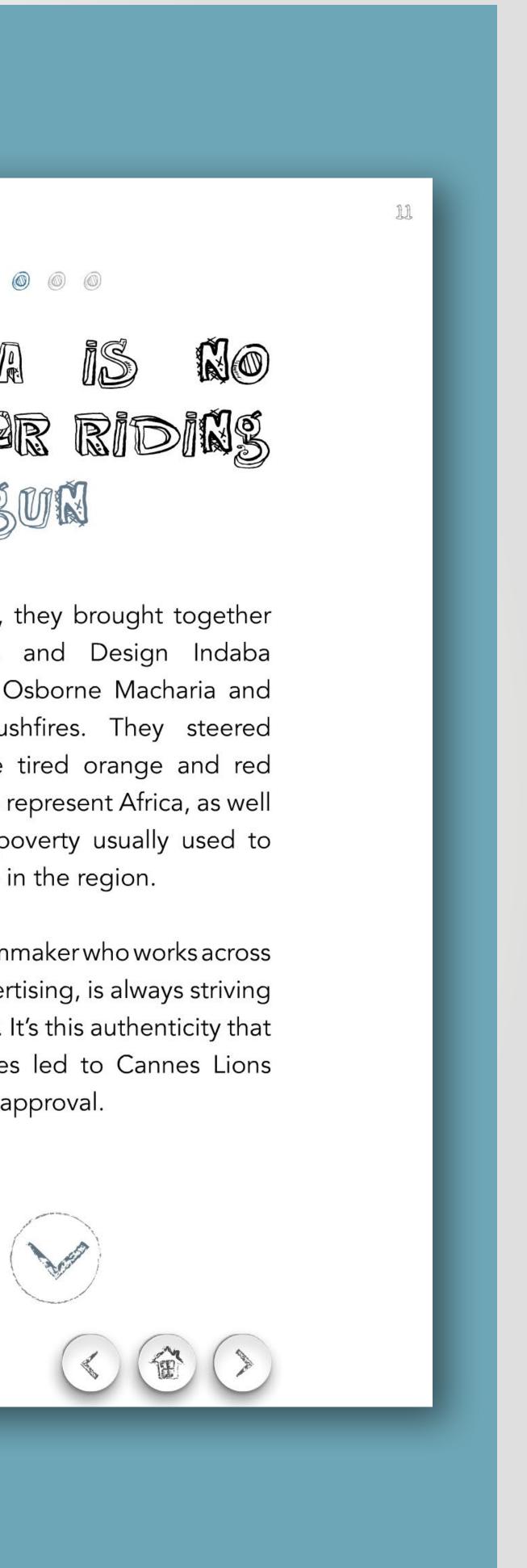






Released at the end of last year, Khuli Chana's One Source opens with the words "Africa is on fire" as blue flames blaze across a grey garbage dump before a pulsating beat and aggressive lyrics assert that "Africa is no longer riding shotgun". In partnership with Native VML and directed by Gonera, the One Source campaign, which includes a music video and a series of web-based behind the scenes films, was created to make the one source of Absolut – an aquifer in Sweden – relevant in Africa. To do it, they tapped into the idea that Africa is the source of life.







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k peopleare "normal". Some want to be different and follow the norms of a specific social or cultural tribe. They are normal too. And there are those who would laugh at such nonsensical categorisations, who don't believe in or live by conventions, who create their own reality and live it naturally.







which was a popular way to configure farmhouses in the area traditionally. Construction of the Bosjes Chapel started in 2011 and it was completed in 2016. The chapel is flanked by a restaurant named Bosjes Kombuis, also designed by Steyn Studio, and the two in combination is used as a scenic wedding venue, function hall and wine tasting location. While the Bosjes Kombuis and its dining area are clearly a homage to the shape of traditional chapels with pointed ceilings and linear wooden slats that draw the eye



upwards, the actual Bosjes Chapel seems more like something out of a science fiction setting. The distinctive roof is a pearly white concrete structure with sweeping, futuristic curves.



The architecture of the chapel is meant to become the place of haven and tranquillity as described in scripture. Inside, the designers adopted a minimal approach. Interior furniture and features of the building have slim brass and oak finishes with little adornment otherwise. It was a deliberate choice on behalf of the designers to give the space a sensible, dressed-down feel to leave the curvilinear look of

the chapel ceiling foremost in the design.

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