

What's New in Core Spotlight

Search on macOS and iOS

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Promise drag types when indexed

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App extension fulfills the promise



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Bob the Bench

This bench waits patiently for his clients.

★★★★☆ 10234 reviews

[Pictures \(105\)](#)

Search Web

Search App Store

Search Maps

Your App
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Use well known types for your promises

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        // Request indexed data for the requested picture
        var data = Data(bytes:[84,69,88,84,32,68,65,84,65])

        if var picture = Datastore.sharedDatastore.picture(identifier:itemIdentifier) {
            if typeIdentifier.isEqual(kUTTypeUTF8PlainText as String) {
                data = (picture.asciiImage?.data(using:String.Encoding.utf8))!
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Drag and Drop

Summary

Declare drag types at indexing time

CoreSpotlight extension is critical

- It fulfills your promises

Make it fast!

iOS and macOS

Quick Look Previews

For Core Spotlight

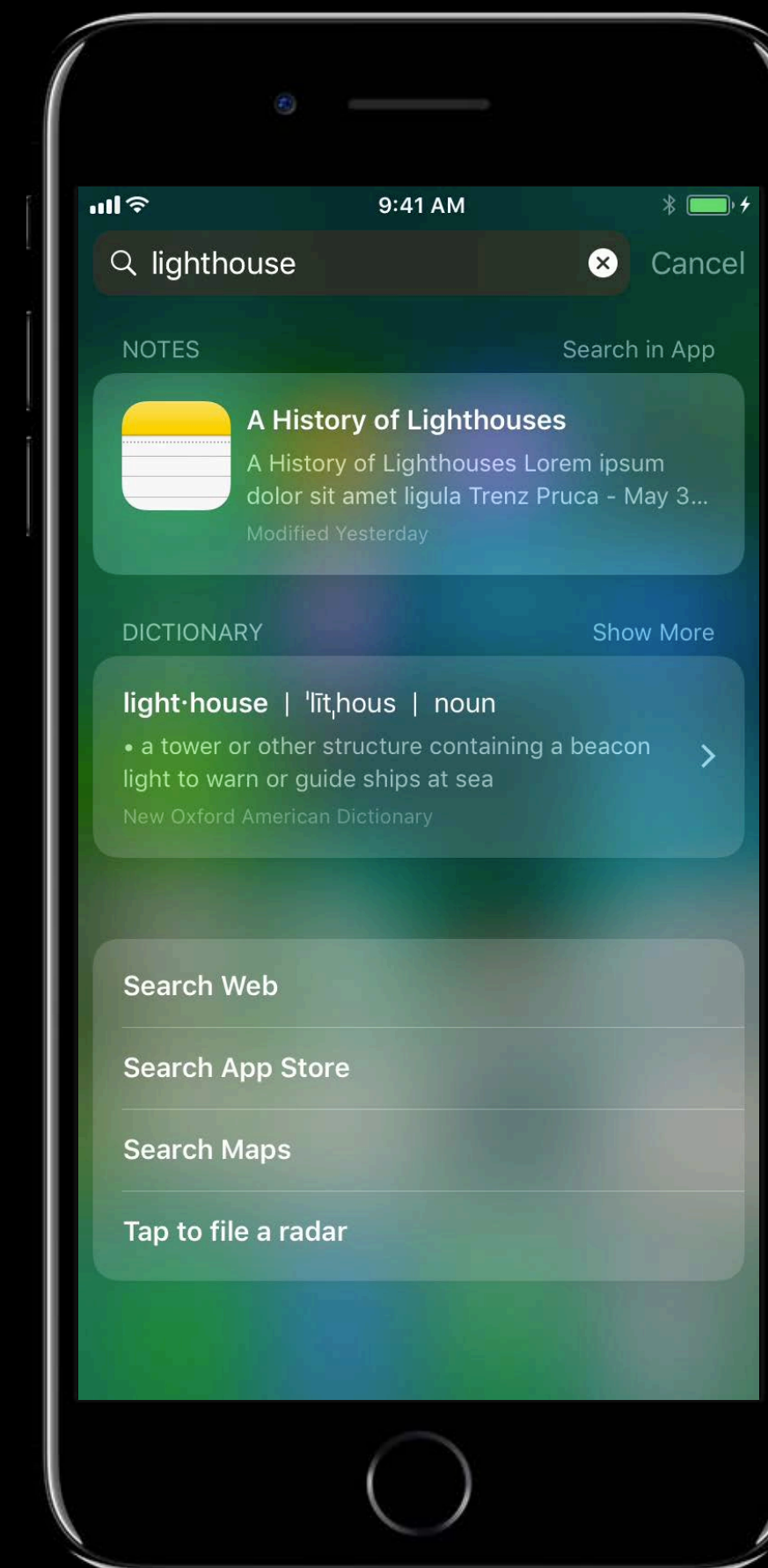
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Previewing Your Core Spotlight Items on iOS

Content is previewed when you peek and pop on Spotlight results

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Create a Quick Look Preview extension to customize your preview

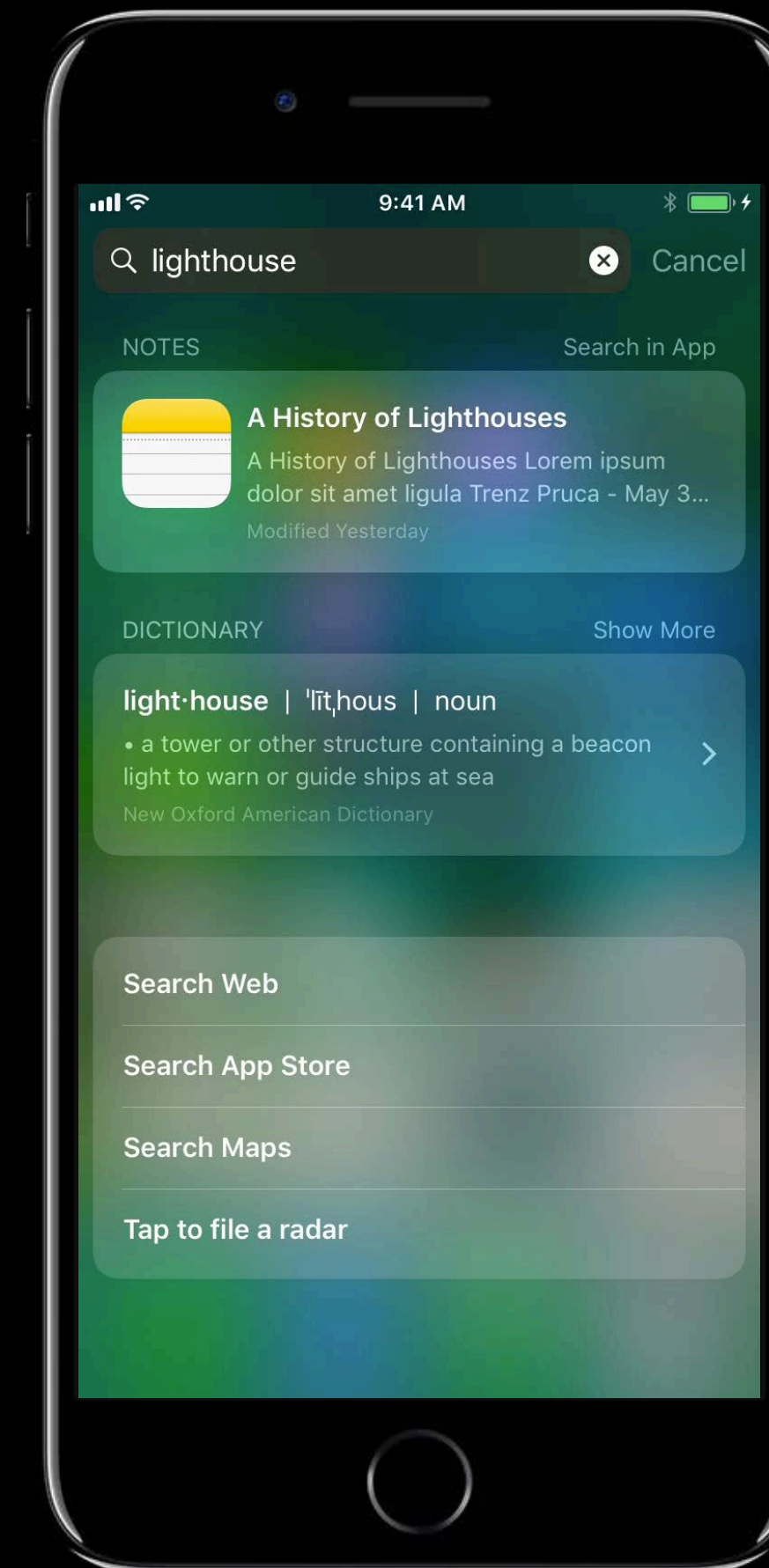


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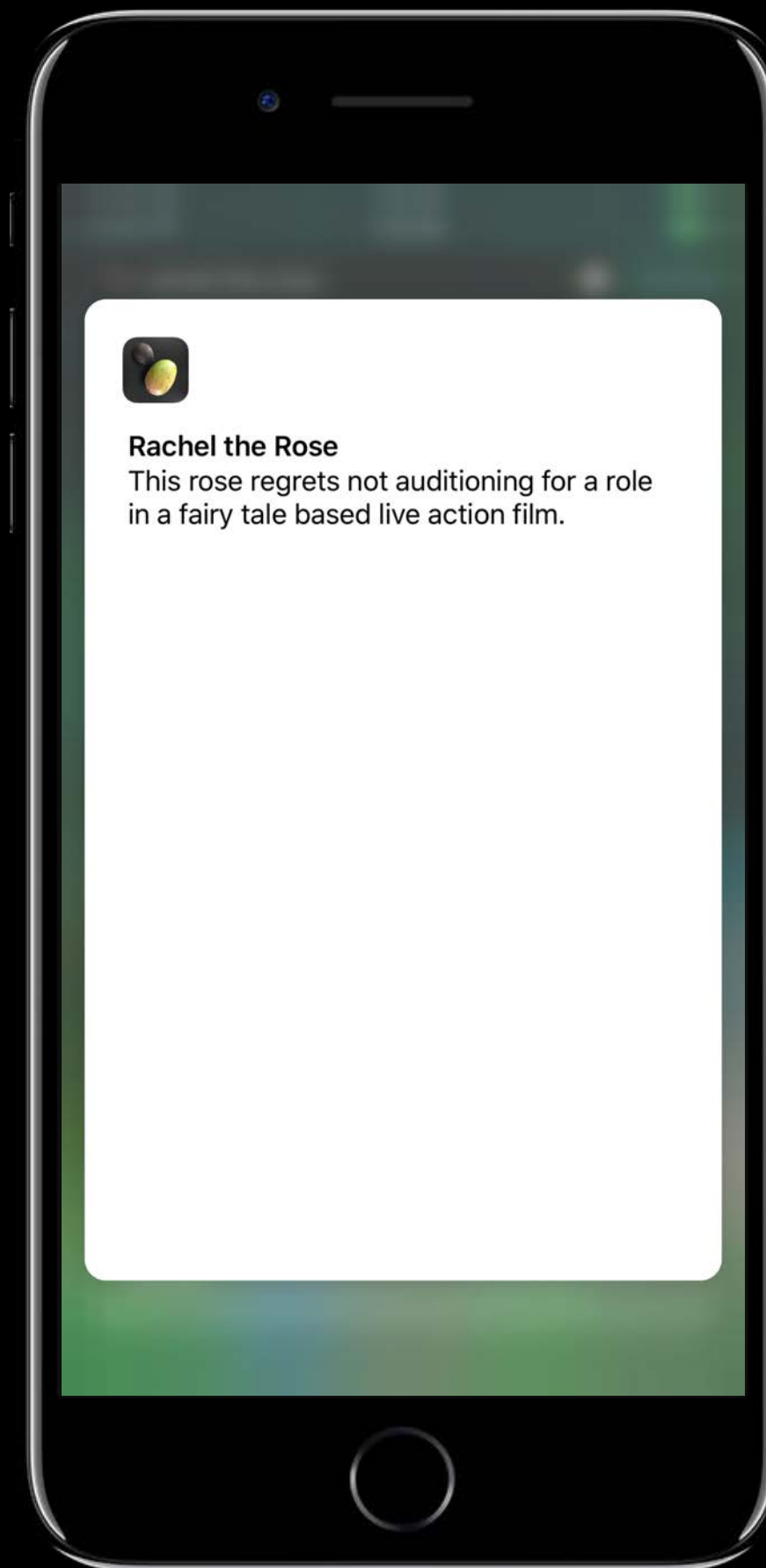
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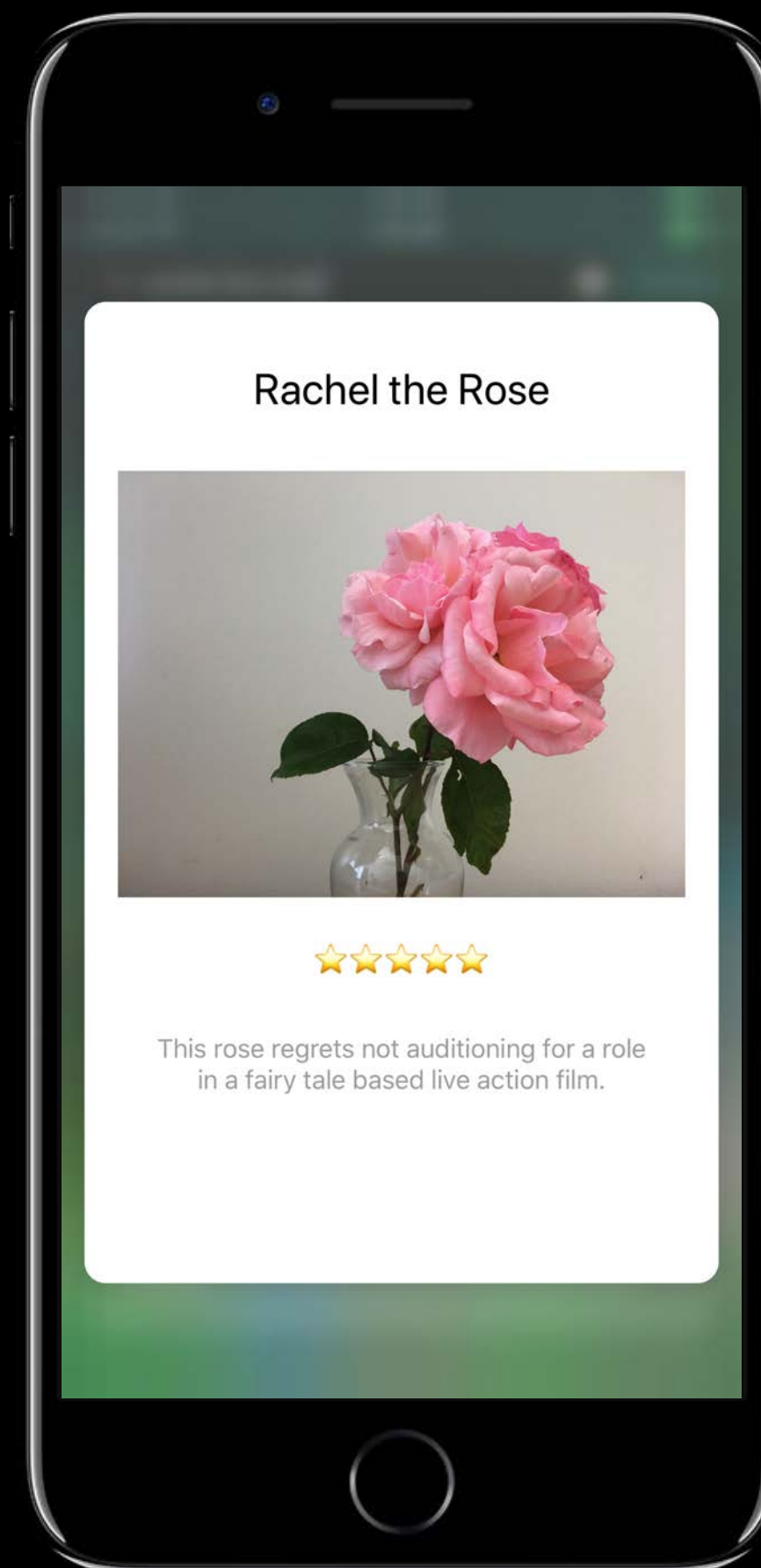
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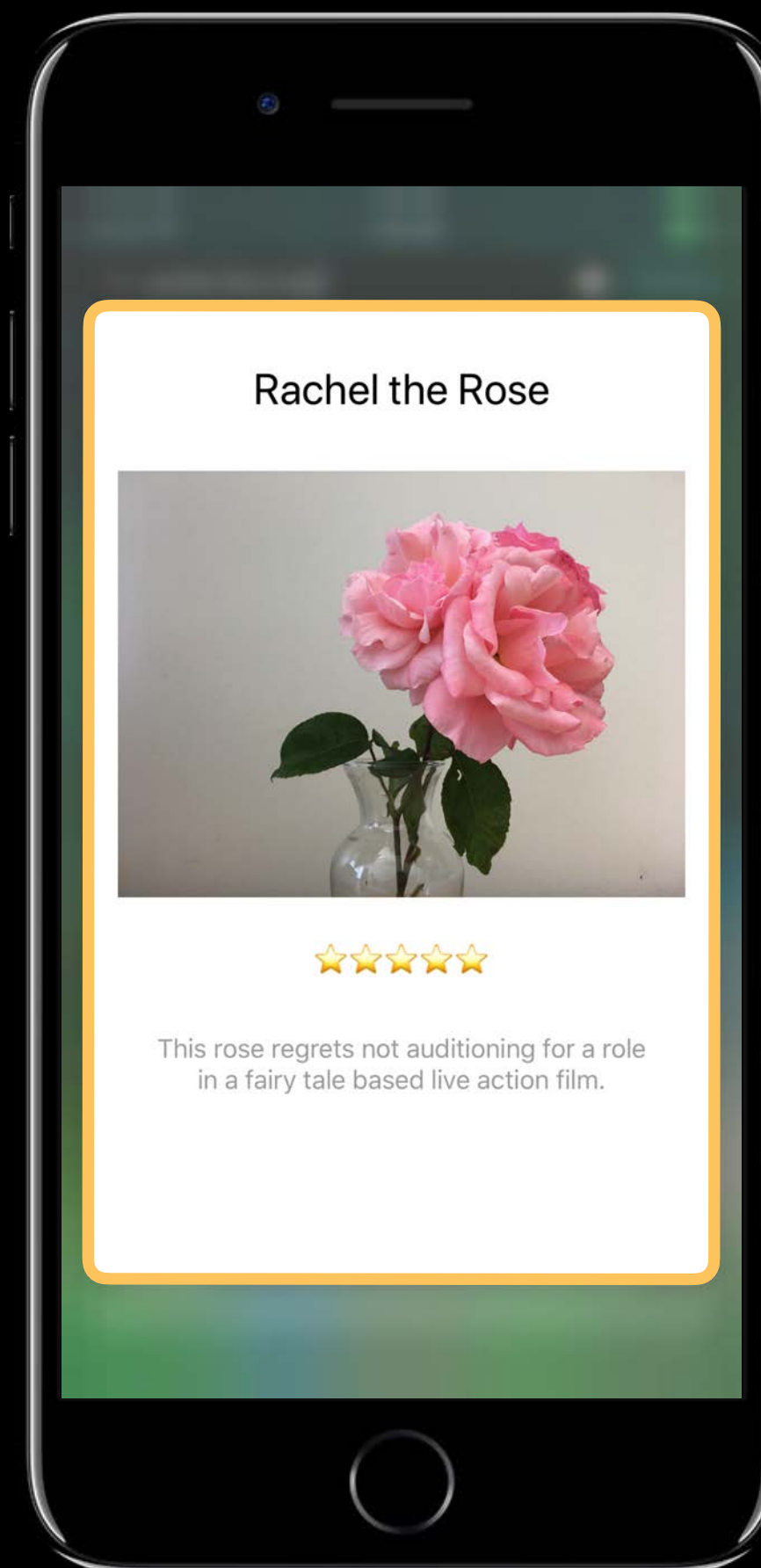
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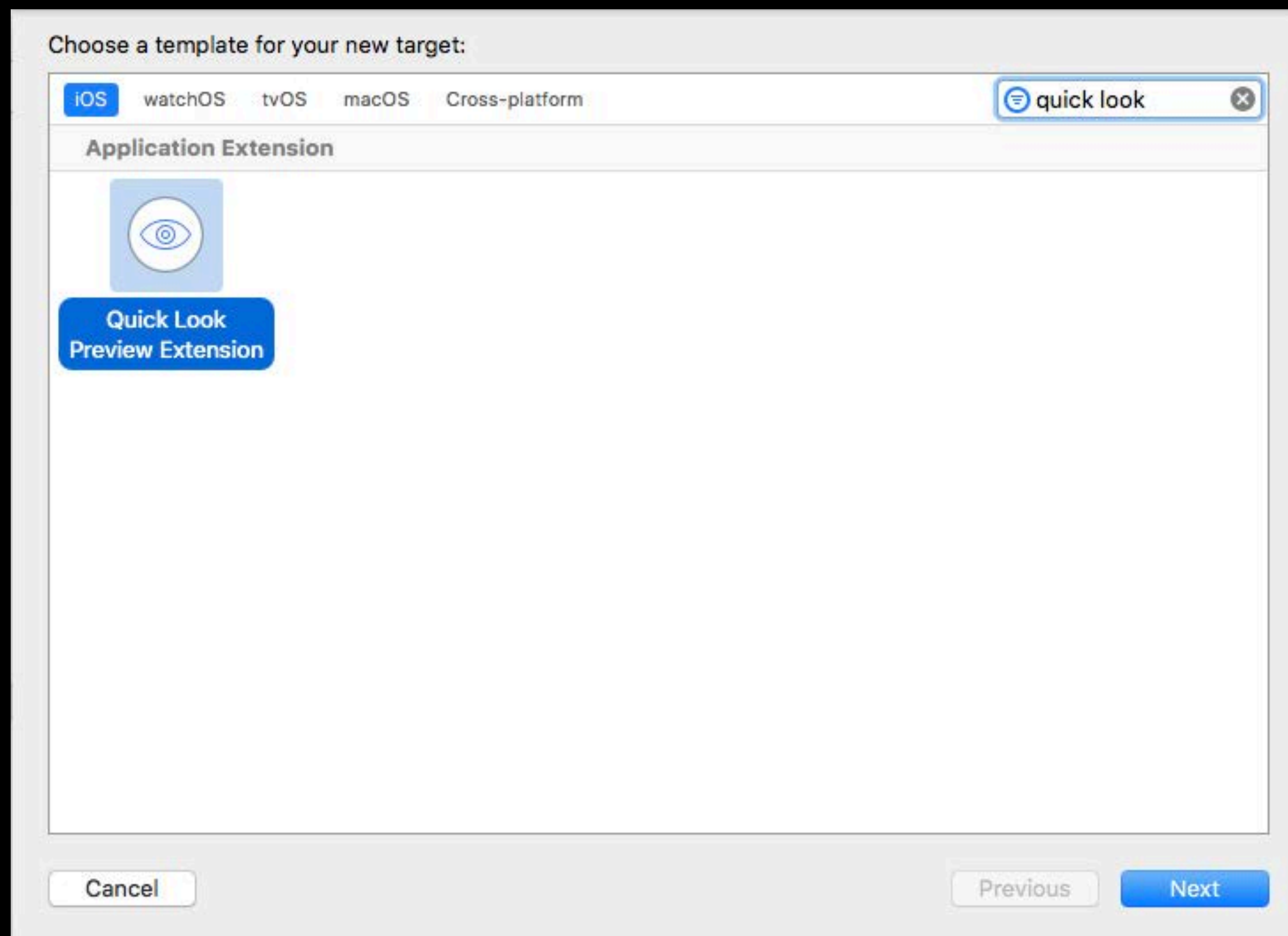


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▼ NSExtension	⌵	Dictionary	(3 items)
▼ NSExtensionAttributes		Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ QLSupportedContentTypes		Array	(0 items)
QLSupportsSearchableItems	+ -	Boolean	YES ⌵
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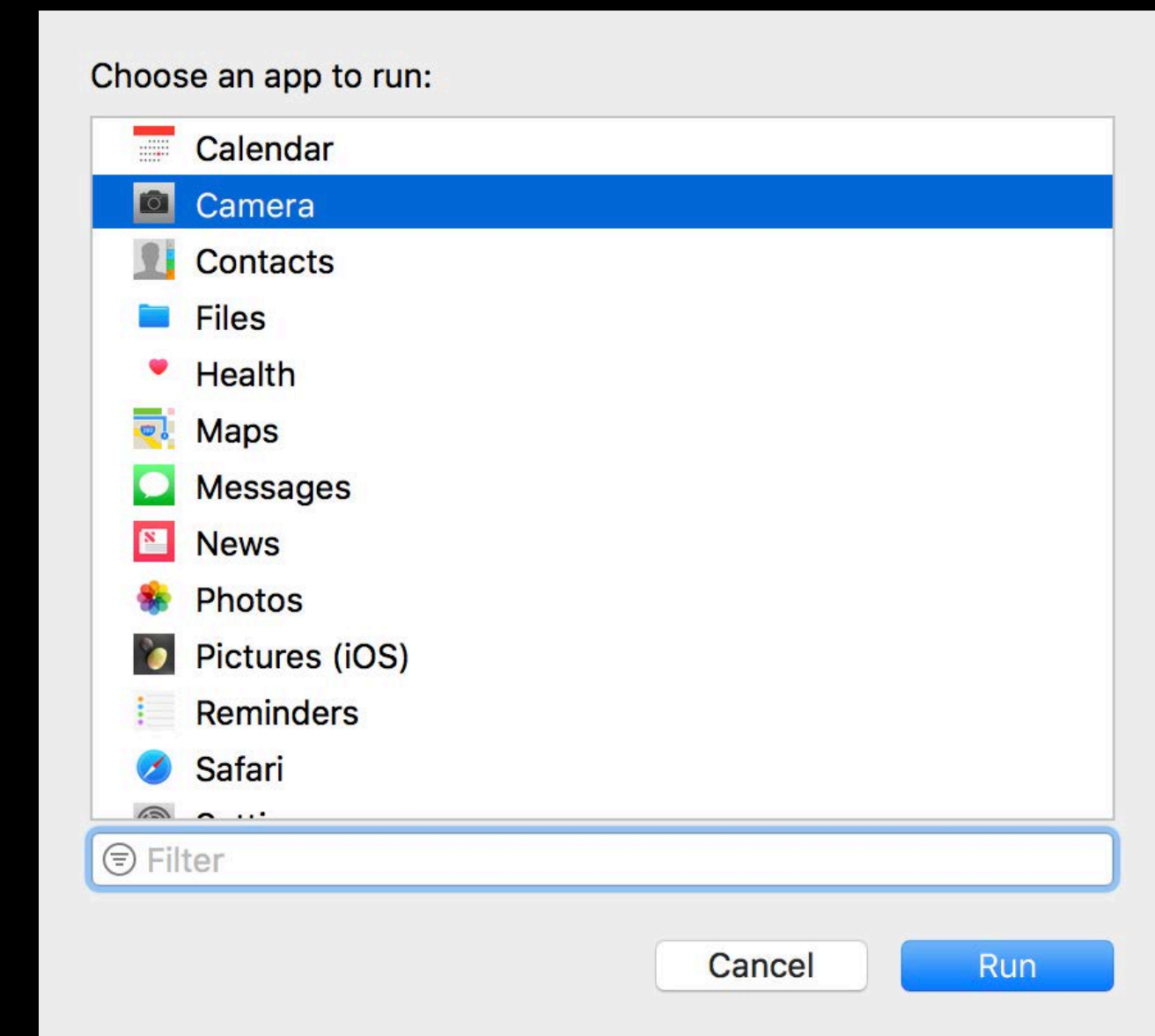
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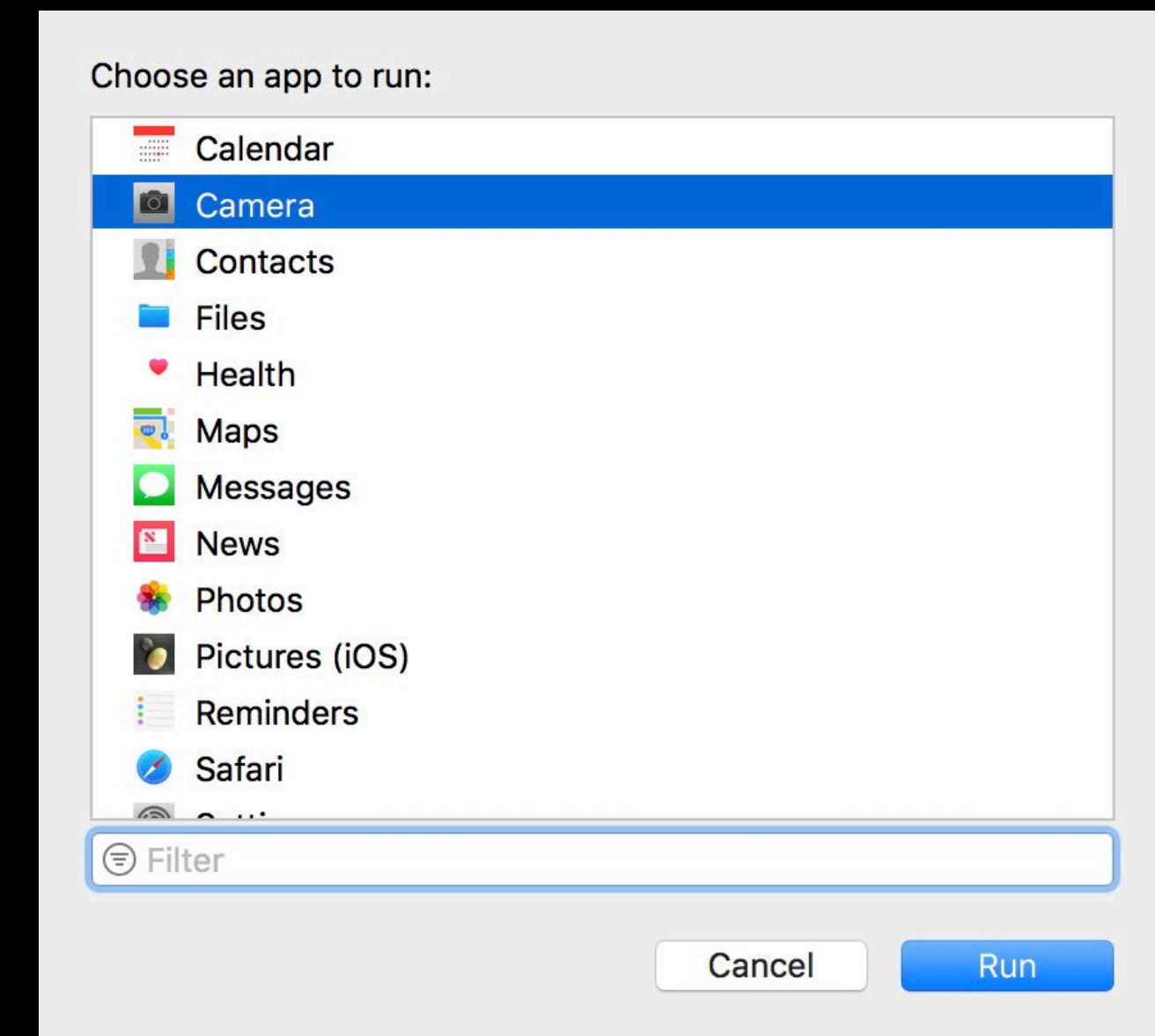
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Demo

Core Spotlight Previews on iOS

Previewing Your Core Spotlight Items on iOS

Final tips

Be fast!

Call the completion handler as soon as possible to avoid 

Be memory efficient in an extension

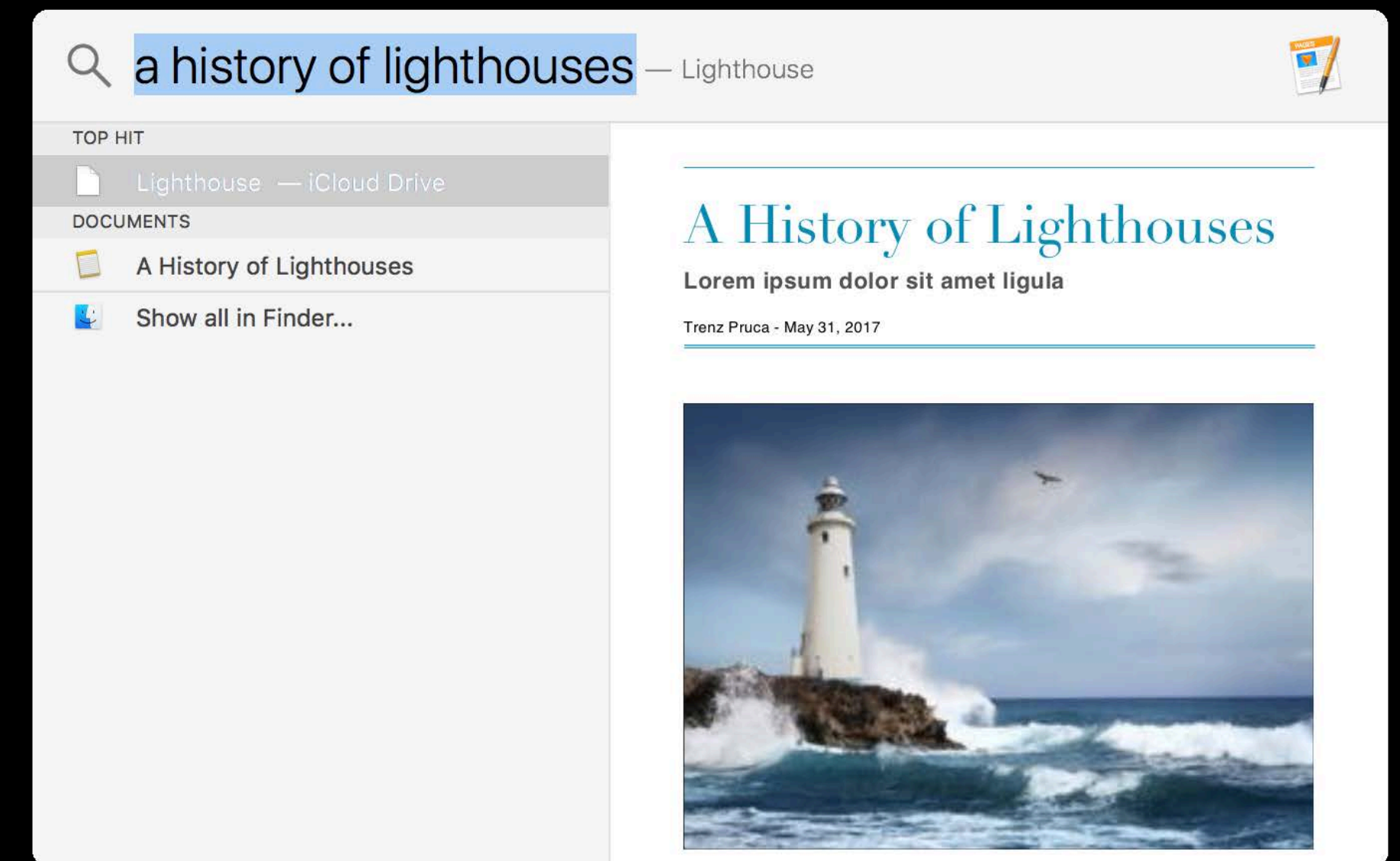
No background work after calling the completion handler

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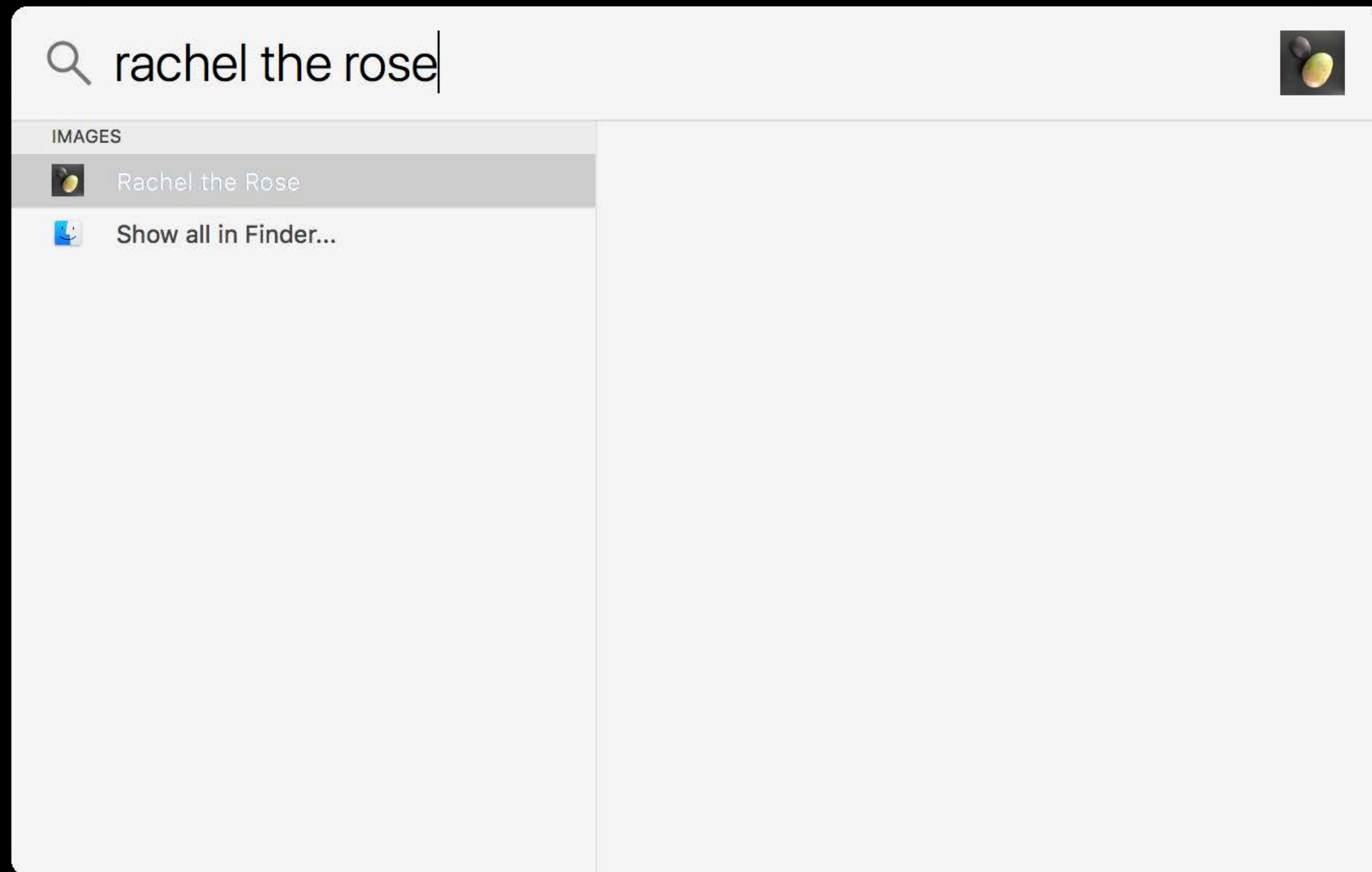
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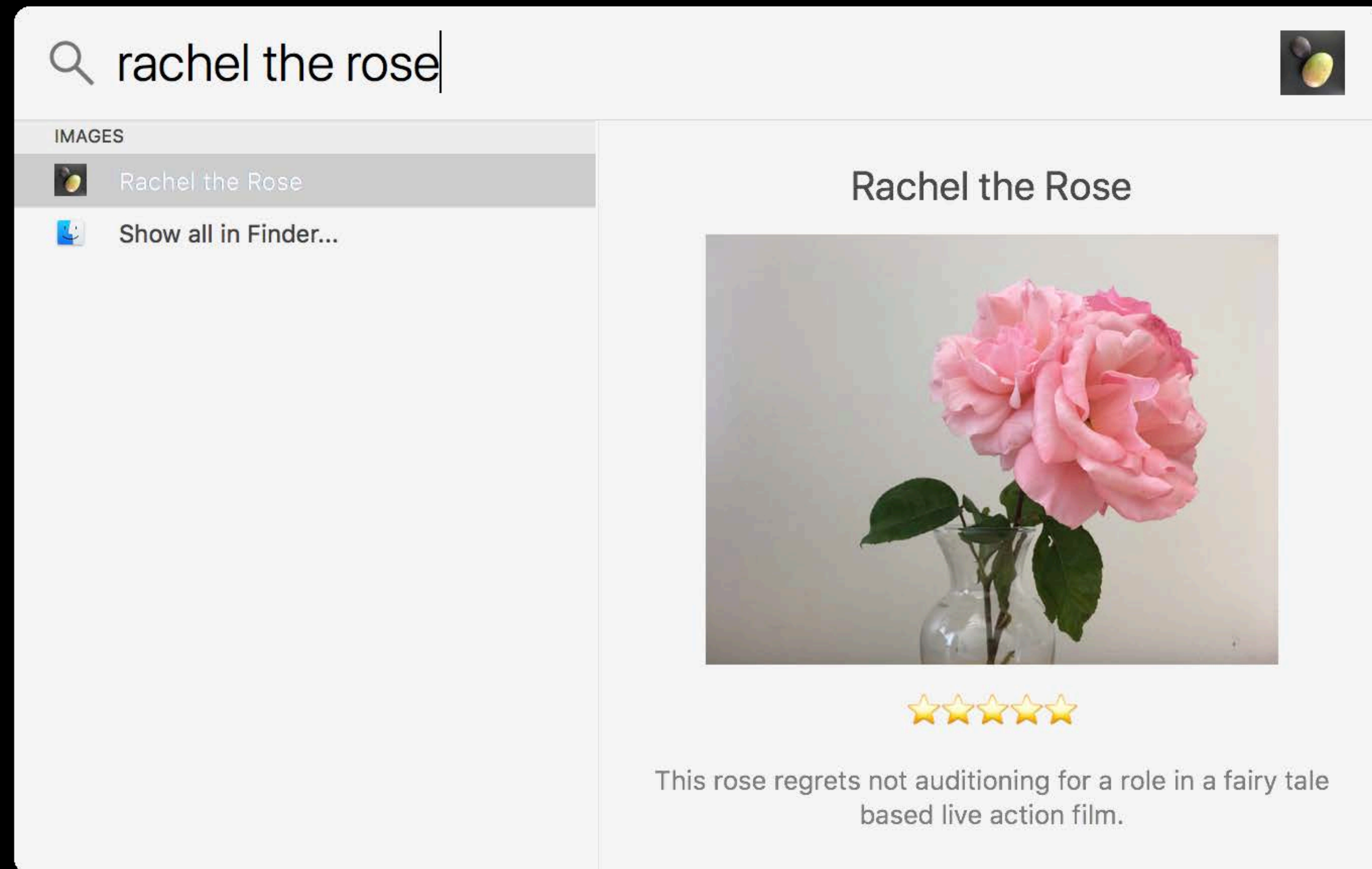
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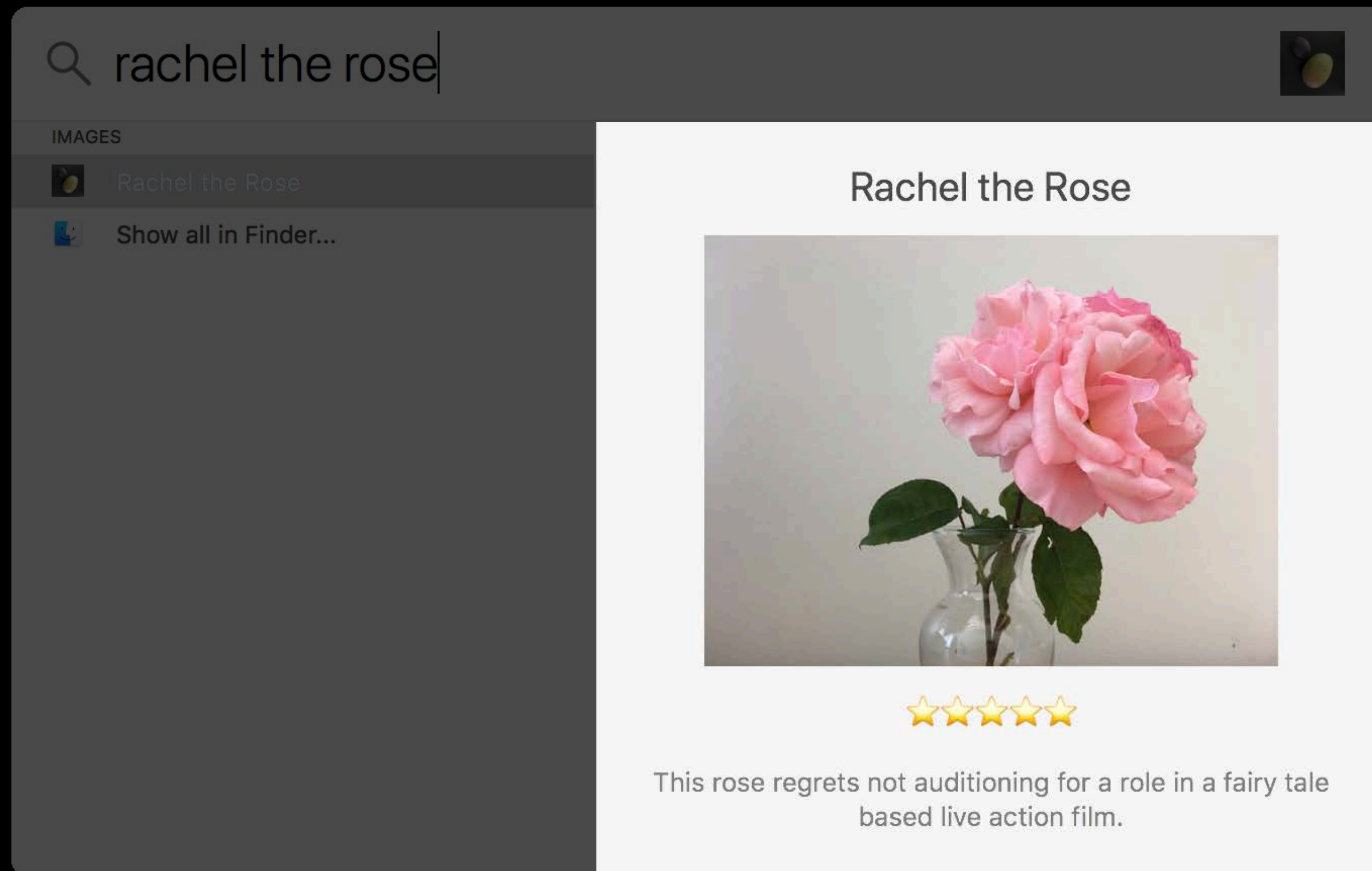
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Spotlight vanishes if Xcode has focus

Use the Quick Look Simulator instead

Demo

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More information and tips

Be fast and memory efficient!

No first responder in the extension

Preview is not meant to be interactive

Supports only Core Spotlight items

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open var userCurated: NSNumber?
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- Description
- Dates
- Keywords

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Void) {
    let group = DispatchGroup()
    //get all items, index asynchronously
    //...
    //call the acknowledgement handle when indexing has completed
    group.notify(queue:dataStore.queue) {
        acknowledgementHandler()
    }
}
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func searchableIndex(_: CSSearchableIndex, reindexSearchableItemsWithIdentifiers
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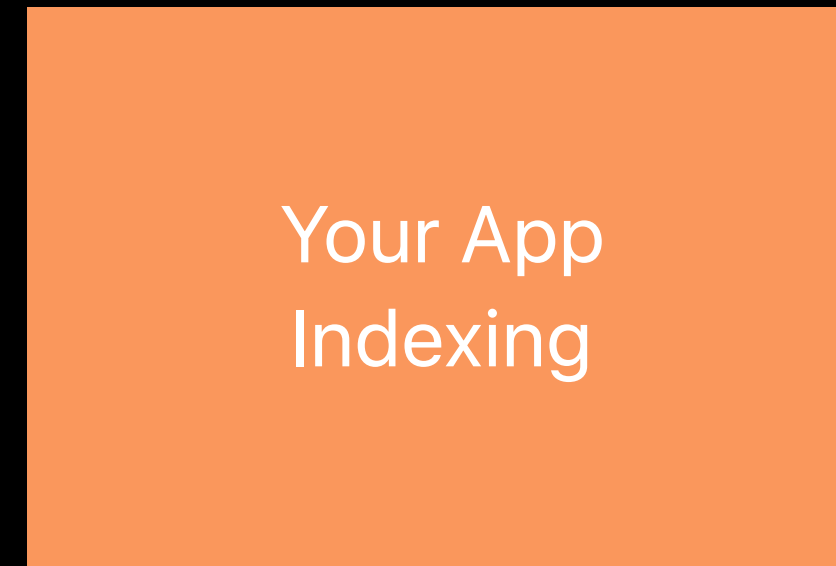
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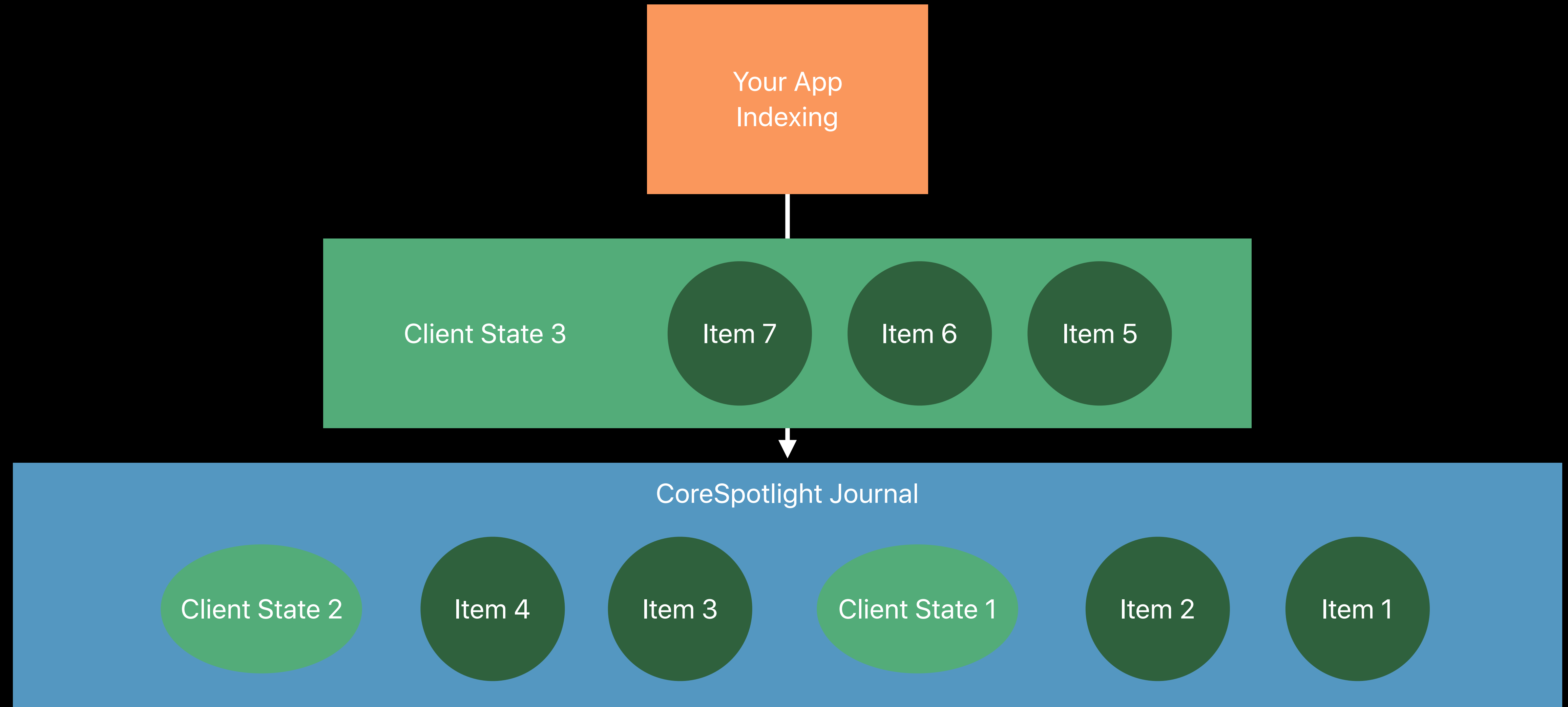
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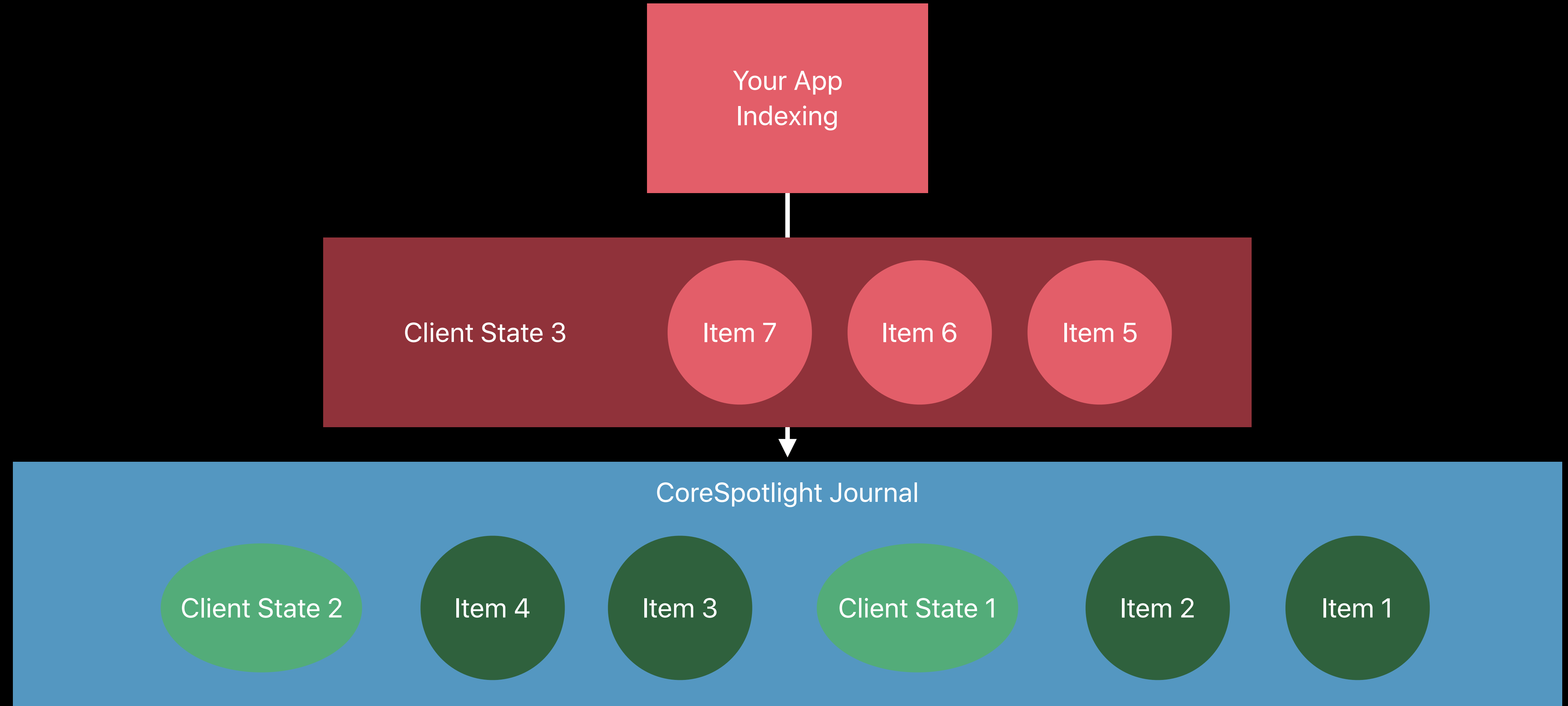
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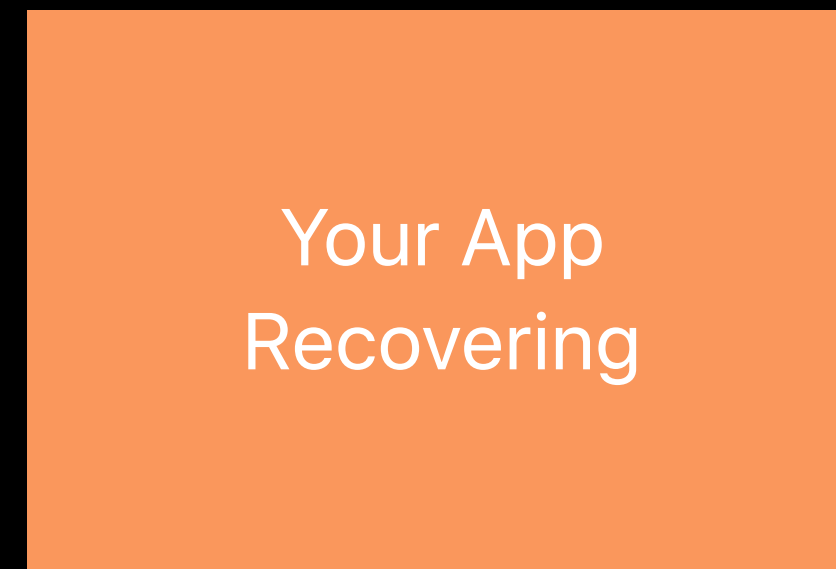
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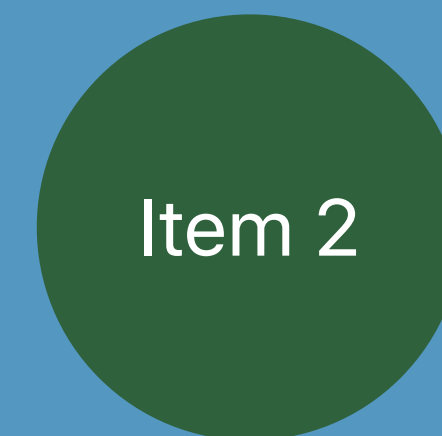
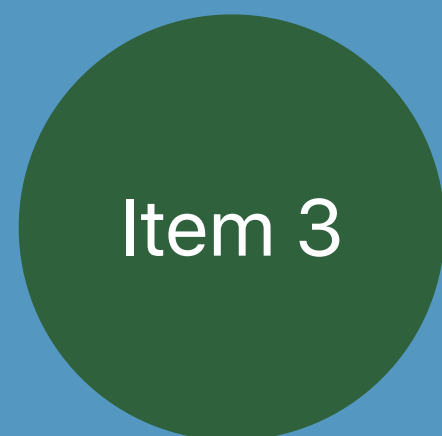
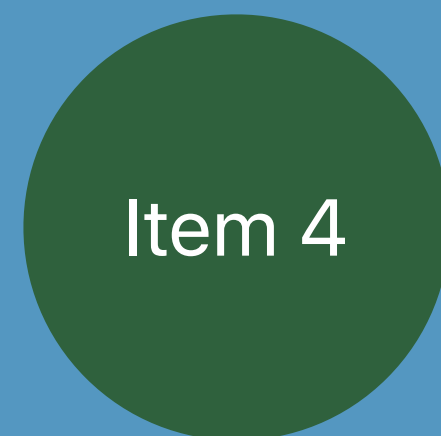
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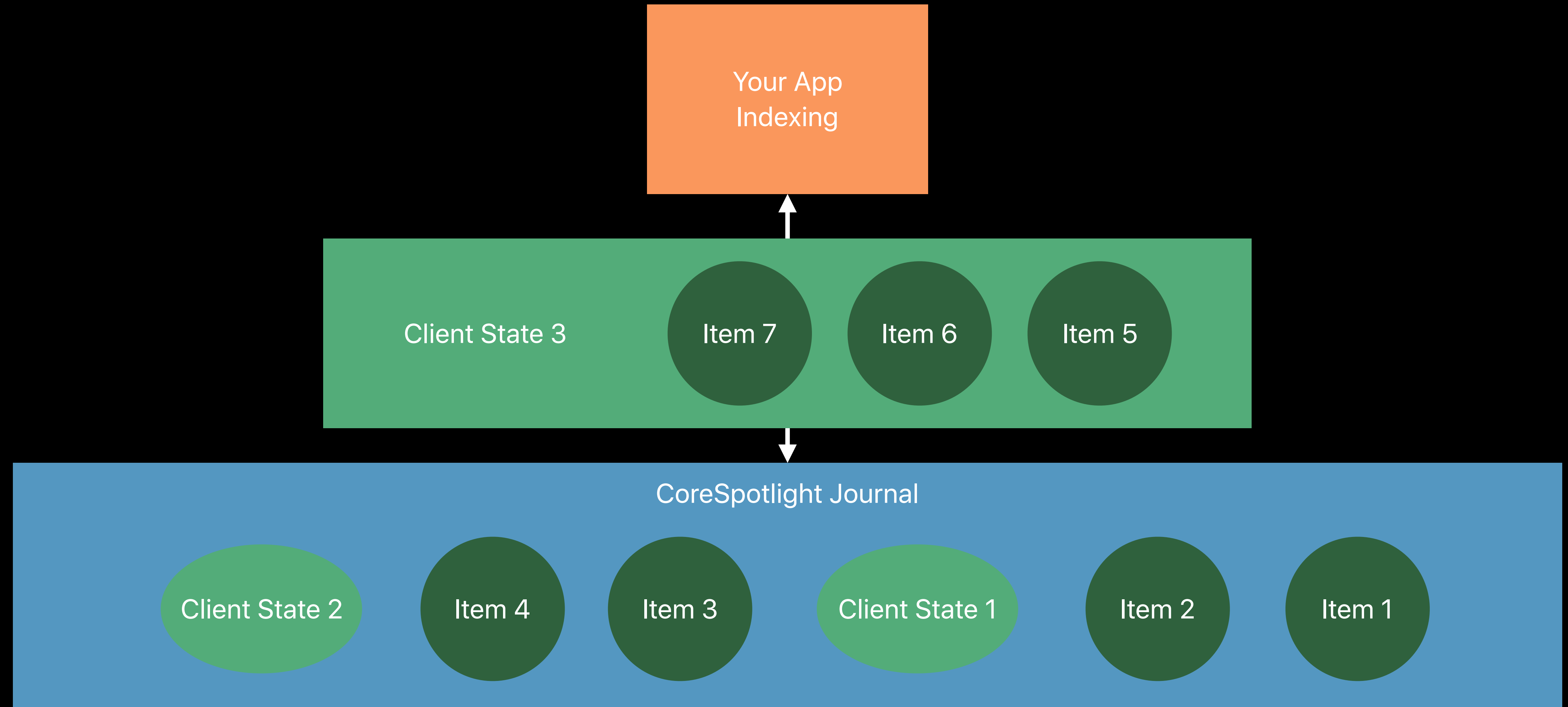


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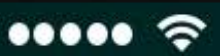
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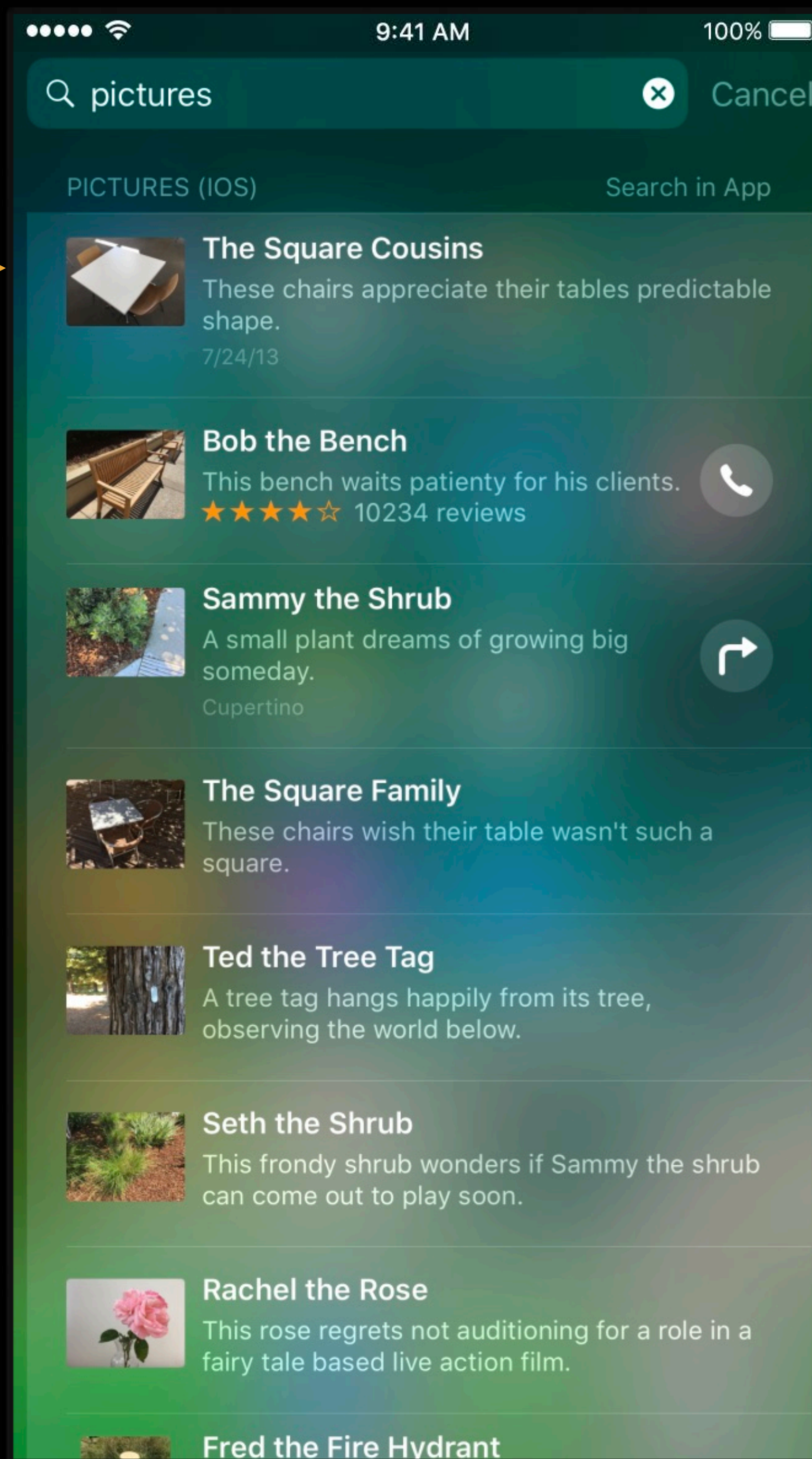
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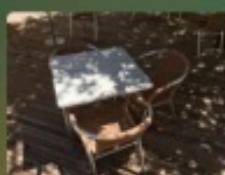
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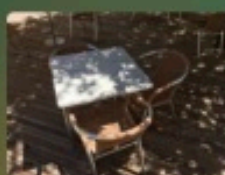



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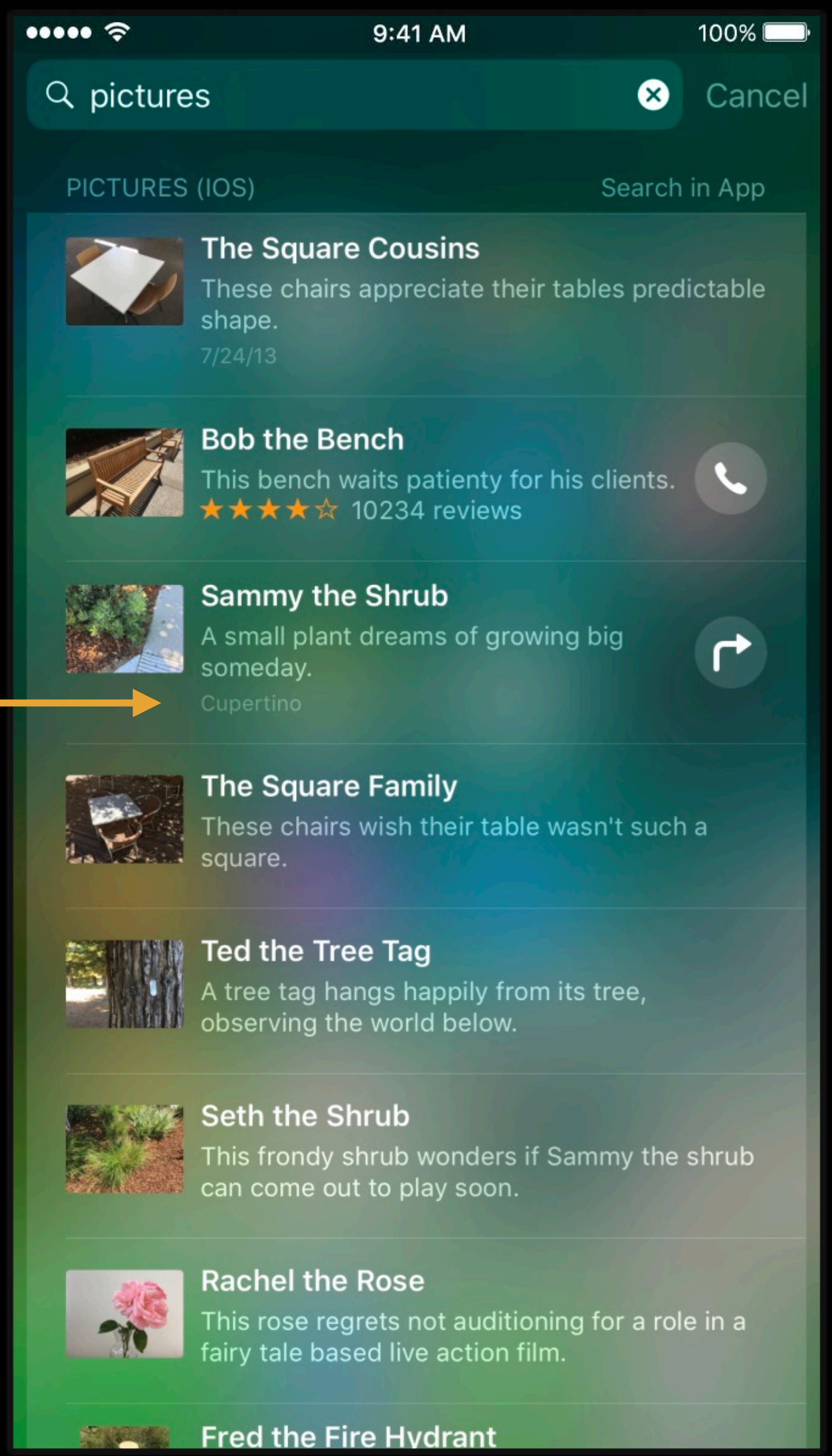
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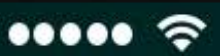
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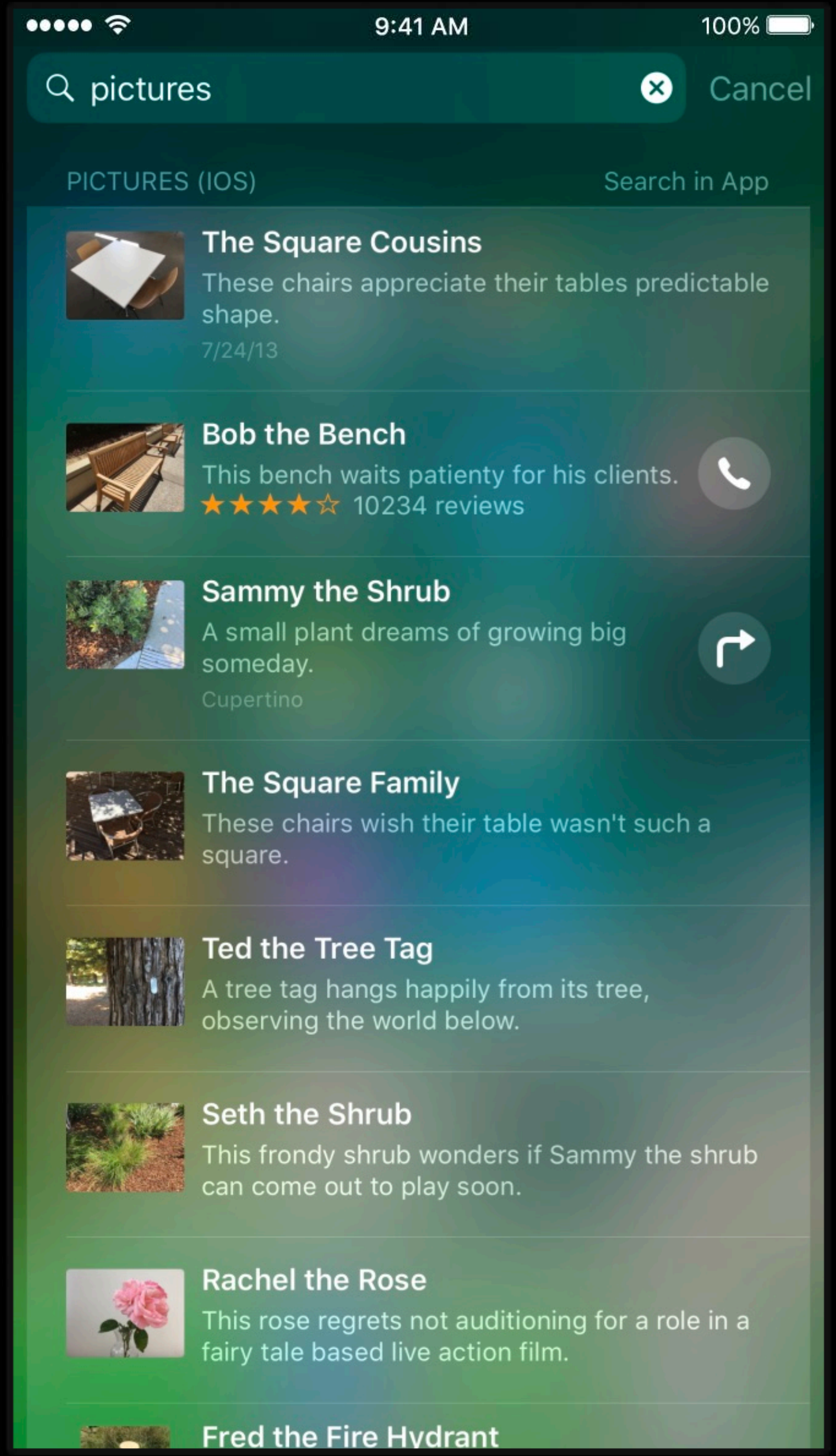


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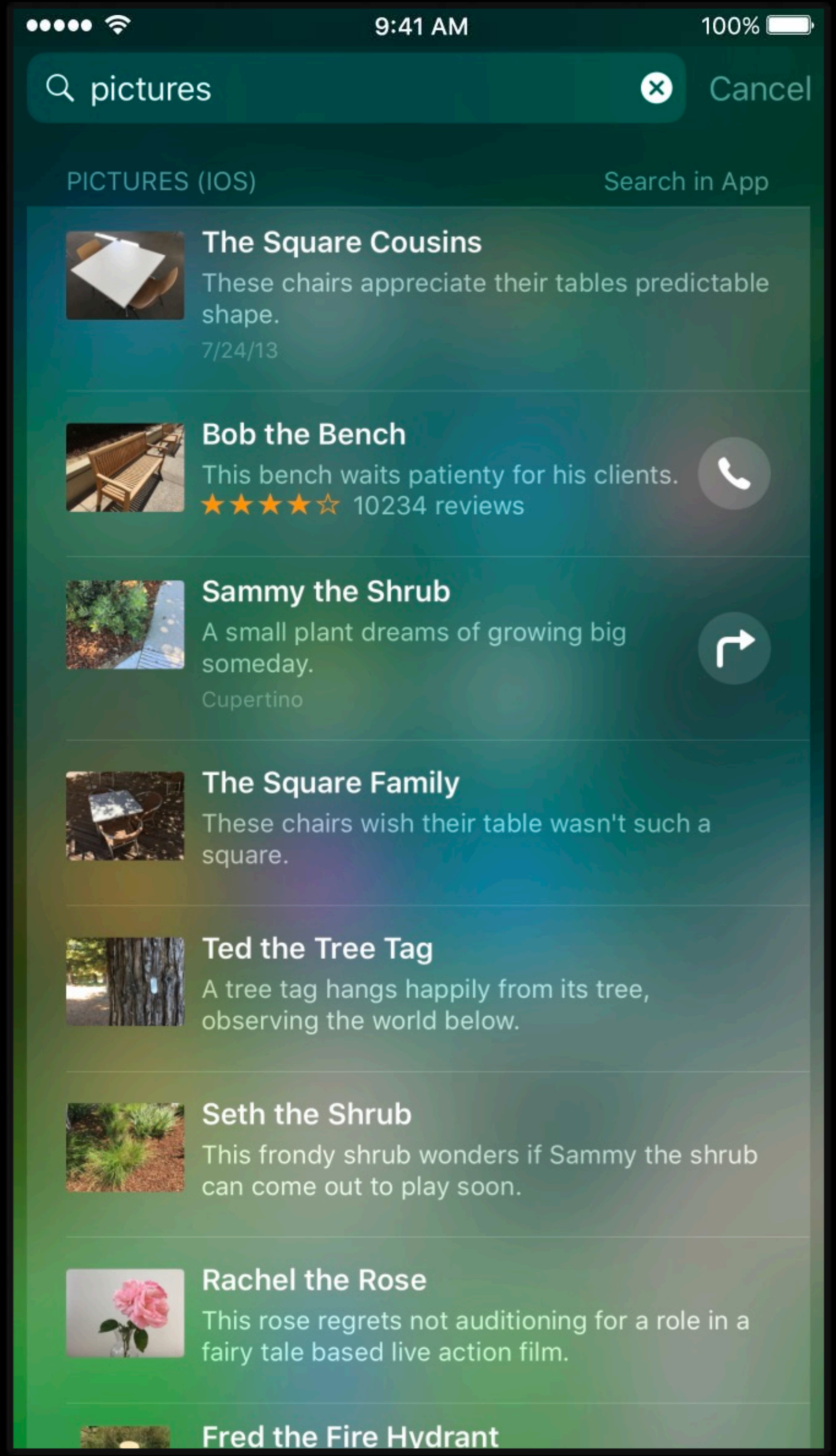
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Query Syntax

Feature	Token	Example
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Not Equal	!=	keywords!="search"
Greater than	>, >=	pageCount > 10
Less than	<, <=	pageCount < 10
Range search	InRange	InRange(pageCount, 5, 10)
AND	&&	fileSize > 100 && pageCount > 10
OR		fileSize > 100 pageCount > 10
NOT	!	!(fileSize > 100 pageCount > 10)
Field wildcard	*	* = "search"
Field or content wildcard	**	** = "search"

String Matching

Feature	Syntax	Performance
Exact match	"search"	Fastest
Partial	"sear*h"	Fast
Prefix match	"search*"	Fast
Phrase	"johnny appleseed"	Slower
Suffix	"*rch"	Slow
Infix	"*arc*"	Slow
Infix phrase	"*johnny* *appleseed*"	Slowest

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Case insensitive	'c'
Diacritics insensitive (ö = o, å = a, ...)	'd'
Word matching (Inc = "Apple Inc", String = NSString)	'w'
Tokenized (Apple Inc = Inc, ... Apple)	't'

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