How does the game work?

1 Player reviews **DESCRIPTIONS** of various characters
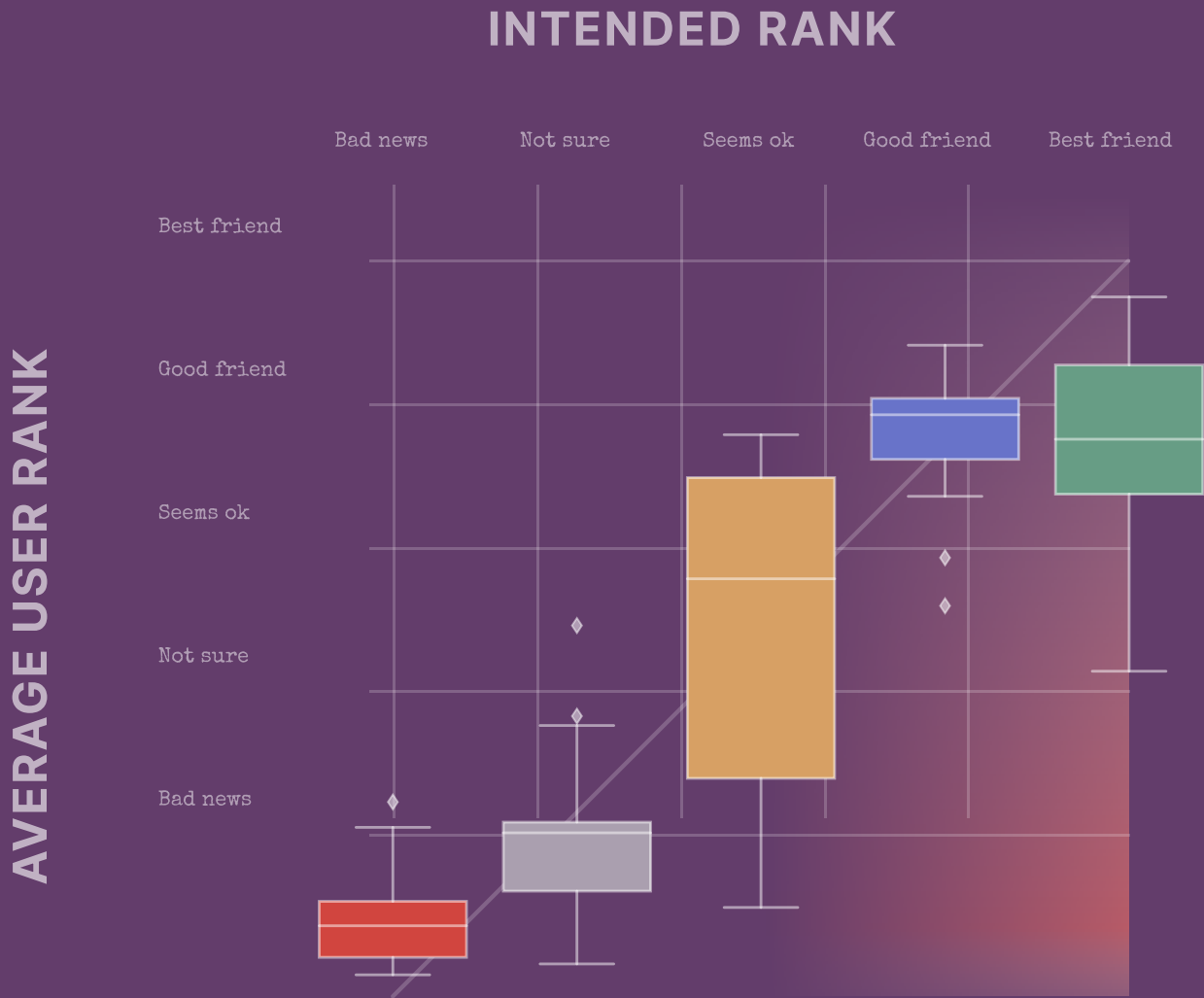

2 Player **RANKS** each character

"Bad news"   "Not sure"

"Seems ok"   "Good friend"

"Best friend"

How do players rank – and misrank – characters?

Significance: **how do kids make the right - and wrong - friends?**

INTENDED RANK

AVERAGE USER RANK

Bad news   Not sure   Seems ok   Good friend   Best friend

Best friend
Good friend
Seems ok
Not sure
Bad news

1 Players tend to underrate intended best friends...

...and the IQR for best friend ratings is much larger indicating uncertainty

MOST MISRANKED CHARACTERS

IDEAL **4**   AVERAGE **1.76**

"Wears dark clothing"
"Lyrics that reference drugs and alcohol"
"My older brother got into drugs. I can't stand that stuff."

IDEAL **4**   AVERAGE **2.33**

"Family is well off"
"Go get that new game that just came out"
You have a lot of shared photos together

IDEAL **1**   AVERAGE **2**

Hangs out under the bleachers
"School is a waste of time, man"
Lot of pictures with his family

WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH MISRANKING

More occurences in overranked characters

Fewer occurences in overranked characters

game
team
school
great
basketball
im
time
next
helps
going
check
like
play
practice
player
photos

friends
hang
party
drunk
l8r
u
pretty
cheerleading
npc
references to other characters

More occurences underranked characters

game
I'm / I am
sometimes
even
beer
popular
you / u
test
video
much
online
can't / cannot
coming
fun
home
smokes
play
kids

smoking
lot
friends
get
guy
week
every
new
seems
wears
picture
always
come
everyone
hanging
mostly
meet
jokes
wan
thing
status
dance
wanna
likes

Fewer occurences in underranked characters