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Bracco's new wrinkle on the skin game



Lorraine and Salvatore

"Sopranos" co-star **Lorraine Bracco** (Dr. Melfi) tells *The Hampton Sheet's* **Joan Jedell** that stripping down to her birthday suit in Broadway's "The Graduate" was easier than she expected.

"We did it gradually, and the nudity is just very much a part of who the character is and how she gets things," Bracco tells Jedell in the magazine's new issue. "Not being comfortable in your skin because you're worried about other people judging you — I never gave a s**t."

Bracco also says her parents, **Salvatore** and **Sheila**, came to see the show — with some surprising reactions to seeing her as the seductive Mrs. Robinson.

"My father was funny: 'I think you should be a little more angry in that scene' . . . But he never said anything about my being nude," she says. "He was proud of me. What else do you need in life?"

And to charges that she's a "difficult" actress: "I think that's a crock of s**t. I've never been difficult and whoever said it should come up and tell you or me or anybody else."

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