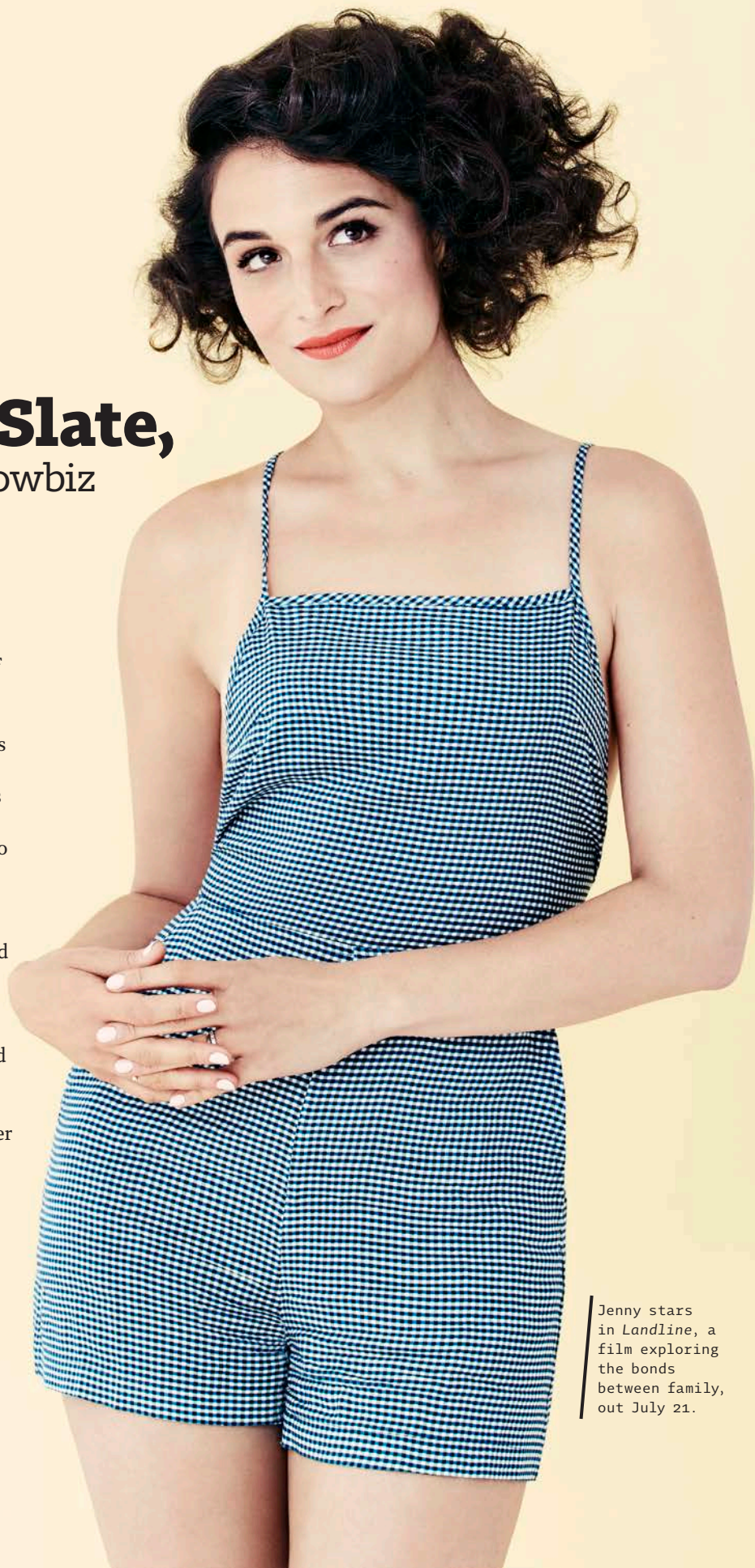


Jenny Slate, what has showbiz taught you?

One of the first big jobs I had was with *Saturday Night Live* and I got fired. It was embarrassing and sad, but it was also one of the best things that ever happened to me. If you fail publicly and label it as a failure, you set yourself up for humiliation. That's fine if you feel the heat for a moment and use it to lift yourself up again, but you also have to realize that those labels are useless, and it's a very unkind thing to do to yourself. Acceptance is absolutely wonderful, but rejection allows you to reorient and make sure your sense of self comes from within, rather than from whatever community you feel accepted or rejected by.



Jenny stars in *Landline*, a film exploring the bonds between family, out July 21.