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Salli Richardson: Tom and Will Are Just Regular Guys

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I Am Legend star **Salli Richardson** (below, right) can hold her own with her leading men. She has been linked to **Matthew McConaughey** and the late **Tupac Shakur**, and she is currently married to actor **Dondre Whitfield**. Now she can add **Will Smith** to her list after playing his spouse in their blockbuster new flick.



Salli's role as the A-lister's wife extended to playing the on-screen mother of his real-life daughter, **Willow Smith**, whose mom is [Jada Pinkett-Smith](#). After spending so much time on the set with Will and wife Jada, Salli observed their close friendship with [Tom Cruise](#) and told PageSix.com that she thought, "If Will is hanging with Tom, Tom has to be a regular guy."

She found out that her theory was dead-on when she attended the *Legend* premiere in New York on December 10. Her introduction to Tom was not at all glamorous: He accidentally stepped on her dress, then apologized. Salli told PageSix.com that Tom is

“the complete opposite of what you would think” and, after meeting him, she thought, “OK, this is why you are where you are. He and Will are just really normal.”



But sometimes, Will is more than "normal" — he proves why he's a superstar. Salli revealed to PageSix.com that shooting the film in freezing New York City temperatures was challenging, but Will made life easier for everyone by hanging out with the cast and crew instead of holing up in his trailer. Once, while on break, Will stood outside with the bone-chilled extras and crew and “got up on the mike and rapped ‘Summertime,’” which she said “lifted everybody’s spirits.”

Watch for Salli in the upcoming film *Black Dynamite* and the TV series *Eureka*.