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Who says Black men can't stand the cold? This spring the Brooklyn-bred cutie of *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* fame and Showtime's *Weeds* takes to the ice—in tights no less!—as a figure-skating choreographer in *Blades of Glory*, which stars Will Ferrell.

ESSENCE: Do fans assume you have something in common with your ever-enterprising character, Conrad?

R.M.: You know people ask, "Do you have some weed?" or "Do you want some weed?" or "Y'all be smoking on the set for real?"

ESSENCE: Your character in *Blades* is gay. How did you prepare?

R.M.: Every single time somebody plays the gay guy, it's always over-the-top. But I had the outfits, the brown contacts in.... Girl, I didn't have to do nothing but give them a look. It's some real funny s---.

ESSENCE: In real life, what kind of women do you like?

R.M.: I like brown skin, always have. But if the woman doesn't love her mama and daddy, I'm not trying to mess with her. —R.R.R.