## China Grove Forever! by Robert Campbell

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

CLAY, 40s, and JORDAN, 40s, are walking along the street.

CLAY

--And then she said, "Who are the Doobie Brothers?"

**JORDAN** 

Ouch!

CLAY

Right? What can you say to that? What can anyone say to that?

**JORDAN** 

What did you do?

CLAY

What could I do? I made a stupid joke, and changed the subject.

**JORDAN** 

(makes a lewd gesture)
Did you...?

CLAY

Who could think about sex after something like that? We finished dinner. I put her in a cab, and waved goodbye.

(beat; reviews the image

in his mind)

When did I become the old guy? Huh? Tell me that. Was it last week? Last year? I feel way too young to be the old guy.

**JORDAN** 

You don't look old.

CLAY

I know!

(beat)

How can you not know who The Doobie Brothers were? They were one of the great groups of the '70s.

JORDAN

Well, that was over 30 years ago.

Beat.

CLAY

Shut up. You're six weeks older than I am.