

PÈRE RAPHAËL

come sight of the *Isabella* schooner, Father Pierre waved back the couples about him. "We are too mannie, ladies and gen'lemen. Back, iv you please—and even you, judge. Père Raphaël and me we are sueficient."

Père Raphaël was already moving toward Jules and the parson, and Father Pierre followed. At the vessel's side Parson Jones paused to pledge Jules a lifelong affection. Grouped with the ladies and Davezac the judge was holding himself well in hand; but when he witnessed the love and admiration his boy had won from a stranger and the remotest of aliens, his *sine quâ non* crumbled at last, and to the bounding joy of all behind him, "Father Pierre!" he warily called, "a word, a word, not more! Say to Père Raphaël he can tell my son if he *say* he goin'