

question about book anatomy

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Transient — 17 Nov 2007, 14:04

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Sounds like it! That's funny, I thought this at first, but my brain scrambled the word to "epigram" which is not the same thing, so I looked that up and was like, darn, must be something different.

Anyway - very cute epigraph in Pirate Freedom.