Sanity, Madness and the Family, by R. D. Laing & A. Esterson

a. Quotes:
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b. General Notes:
   - Preface, by Authors (pg. xvi)
     - "**We do not accept 'schizophrenia' as being a biochemical, neurophysiological, psychological fact, and we regard it as palpable error, in the present state of the evidence, to take it to be a fact. Nor do we assume its existence.** Nor do we adopt it as a hypothesis. We propose no model of it. This is the position from which we start. Our question is: are the experience and behaviour that psychiatrists take as symptoms and signs of schizophrenia more socially intelligible than has come to be supposed?" (pg. xvii)
   - Introduction (pg. xx)
     - "**Not the individual but the family is the unit of illness**" (pg. xxviii-xxix)
   - Family 1 - The Abbotts (pg. 3)
     - "Expressed more phenomenologically, she [Maya] experienced herself as a machine, rather than as a person: she lacked a sense of her motives, agency and intentions belonging together: she was very confused about her autonomous identity. She felt it necessary to move and speak with studious and scrupulous correctness. She sometimes felt that her thoughts were controlled by others, and she said that not she but her 'voices' often did her thinking." (pg. 4)

c. ***Note - this is a survey of different families, not a theoretic account/exposition of schizophrenia***

d. Further Readings:
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