

2 brides lift veils and—oops!

NEW DELHI (AP)—Two Hindu brides, their vision obstructed by long veils, married the wrong men—giving new meaning to the expression “Love is blind.”

The Times of India said Wednesday that two marriage parties arrived at the same time Tuesday in Patan village in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh.

The ceremonies were rushed and the long veils obscured the brides' vision, preventing them from picking out their fiances, the re-

port said.

Following Hindu tradition, one bride circled a fire with a bridegroom seven times, sealing the marriage. The other bride did likewise.

When they lifted their veils, the brides discovered they had married the wrong men.

Village elders said that “the seven (perambulations) around the sacred fire” are final and there could be no exchange of spouses, the paper said.

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