Wedding traditions, superstitions, and folklore: an honors creative project (HONRS 499)

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Weddings like anything else in our lives are filled with tradition and superstition. Each culture has its own personal set of them. Interestingly enough, many seem to cross over to other cultures. Superstition has it that if there is a full moon 1 - 2 days before the wedding, then your married life will be filled with luck and good fortune. Throwing rice at the new couple was to feed the evil spirits and distract them: thus keeping the marriage safe. When the bride-to-be opens her gifts at her bridal shower a count of every ribbon broken must be kept.

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