## **Abyssal 19**

Chapter 19 - Professions

After a couple of hours, Zatiel and Ezequiel returned to the Magic Tower. They both were carrying enormous bags as they entered the first floor, making them the center of attention to most of the apprentices that were there.

Although Zatiel could have brought all of this in his spatial sack, he brought out all the stuff he would sell or use in rune crafting and by carrying them in the bags, the sack could be kept hidden for the time being.

Most of the stares of the apprentices were full of envy and greed, but everybody already knows the power that this duo has, so no one dares to do anything.

Zatiel didn't even look at them as he arrived at the place where Old Hal was.

"You have returned so soon and with such a great harvest, you two differ from the rest of the apprentices," says Old Hal as he watched Zatiel come closer with those enormous bags.

Normally when most apprentices that take the missions with the level of difficulty that Zatiel and Ezequiel had, they form teams and make ample preparations focusing all of their energy in it.

"You can say so, anyway we came to deliver the mission materials and also see if you can handle some magical equipment we want to be sold," Zatiel says as he and Ezequiel leave their bags in front of Old Hal.

"I can handle the mission materials right away but are you sure that you want to sell the material directly to the tower, since the price it will give you is inferior to the one you can get by trading with other apprentices."

"Trading will be a waste of time. I'd rather get rid of them at once."

Zatiel prefers to get fewer magic crystals and save time, than to sell all the equipment one by one, after all, he could use his time in a much more productive way than trading with other apprentices.

"Ok, I will start immediately."

As old Han scans the mission materials and the equipment that was in the bags, Zatiel speaks to Ezequiel about what they are going to do next.

"Little EZ, for the time being, I will focus all of my time on rune crafting, and you should find something that attracts your attention and try to learn it. Although these professions are not very useful to us because of the abilities of our bodies, in the future, they become very important."

Professions like alchemist or crafting are usually used for Magi to overcome the shortcoming in their bodies like making potions to speed up the healing abilities of the body or armor to protect themselves.

But Neo-Demons have very strong bodies and amazing regenerating abilities, so the help they can provide is little.

But as they advance in their profession, they become more and more useful so learning it from a young age can help to build a solid foundation for the future.

Ezequiel knows that following Zatiel's advice will be helpful, so he didn't waste time and remembers the courses that are being taught in the tower, seeing if any of them attract his attention.

After going through all the options, he finally chose the one that attracts him the most.

"I would like to learn to create magical equipment."

"Oh, are you sure, I must warn you, although creating magical equipment is very useful it is also very complex, in reality, its difficulty falls second only to rune crafting."

Zatiel didn't want to discourage Ezequiel, but he also didn't want him to learn something just to abandon it because he could not advance in it. Since most of his abilities in rune crafting are thanks to the help of the chip but Ezequiel doesn't have such a tool to help him.

"I'm sure," even after hearing the difficulty, Ezequiel didn't doubt his decision and was resolute to embark on this journey.

When Zatiel saw the resolution in the boy's face, a smile showed on his and he could not help but feel pride for having someone like this to be by his side.

"You are a headstrong brat aren't you," Zatiel teases at the boy as he patted in his head.

Although Ezequiel feels a little awkward at being treated like a child, it wasn't uncomfortable.

"Although I don???t know a lot about magical crafting if you need help, just ask."

Ezequiel just nodded as both of them waited for the assessment to be over.

Old Han was very used to this job, so it didn't take long for him to finish.

"I have finished checking everything. Your merit points are already loaded to your respective tower accounts. As for the magic crystals with the reward for the mission and the sale of the magical equipment, they are 2160 magic crystals. For a sum of this size, you can either chose to take them with you or deposit them in the tower"

"How convenient, can you deposit them in an account that can be accessed both by me and Ezequiel?"

Old Han makes a weird face at the request.

After all, no matter how close the members of a team were, they will never let another person have control over their money.

It would be understandable if one member was only using the other and the other one could not resist, but this was clearly not the situation here.

"I say it again, you are really weird. But it is none of my business, consider it done." Old Han used his crystal for a moment, and both of the crystals that Zatiel and Ezequiel got from him gave a brief flash.

"You can use that crystal to monitor your account and also use it to pay for the services in the tower"

"Thanks, I want to know where in the tower I can get the instruments to craft runes and also some Rank 0 Rune Diagrams?"

Rune crafting needs tools like devices to process and mix the materials, and also rune pencils to inscribe the runes.

Although Zatiel has already written runes before, those just used his blood and didn't have a limit in the space they used, but if you want to create a rune that can be inscribed in the body of a person, you can't possibly make it 10 meters long, so the tools were necessary.

Old Han was a little surprised at the request.

Rune crafting is very difficult even if it is just the most basic rune, but he still did his job and gave the information to Zatiel.

"Before you could just have to try your luck with the other apprentices but now that you have an account with over 1500 magic crystals, you can access the storage at the third floor.

There you can exchange your crystals and merit points for what you seek, it's with the same portal that you used to arrive at the second floor. Just say to the statue that you want to go to the third floor and that's it."

"Ok, thanks for the help, see you soon" Zatiel spoke to the old man as he and Ezequiel made their way towards the portal to the upper floors.

"Little EZ, you should go to see when the courses for magical crafting that are being taken and enlist in some of them. Don't worry about the cost. After I buy the materials that I need, you can use the rest of the crystals however you like. If something happens, just contact me through the core."

"Yes master," having said that, Ezequiel goes to the place where the missions and courses were displayed.