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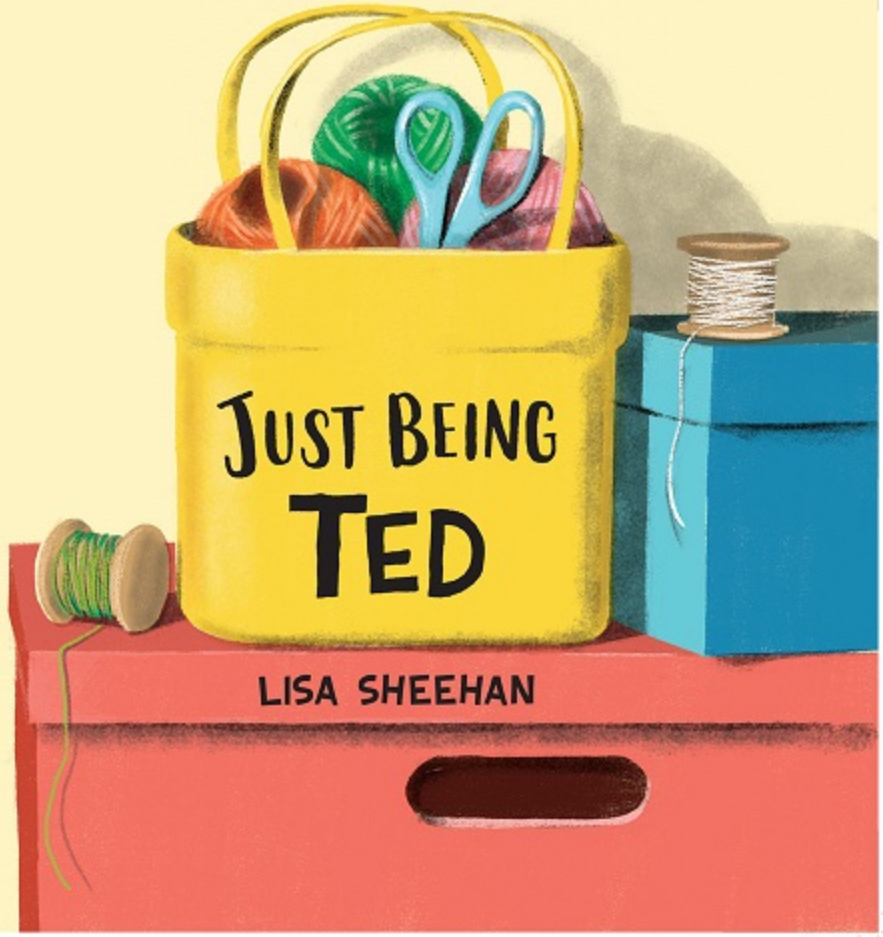

TED THE DRAGON lived alone in a big house deep in the woods.
He spent his days making all sorts of wonderful creations,
from delicious cakes and colourful costumes
to beautiful drawings and paintings.

Ted loved where he lived,
but there was just one problem ...

He didn't like being alone.
"If only I had some friends to share my creations with," Ted sighed.

Every time he tried to play,
the other animals ran away.

His thoughtful gifts and friendly smile,
weren't enough to make them stay.

When Ted flew up to greet the birds, whirling through the sky,
they flapped their wings and sped away, chirruping in fright.

And even when he baked a cake for the rabbits who lived next door,
they took one look at his smoky breath and screamed,

"Everyone is afraid of me," Ted would say.
"Whatever I do, I'll **NEVER** make friends."

One day, Ted went to town to buy some new paints, cake decorations and materials from his favourite shop. He wore his best disguise so that no one would be scared when they saw a dragon walking down the street.

In the shop window, he saw a poster that read:

ANNUAL
BEARS' Picnic Party
The last Saturday of summer
HONEY·CAKES·BALLOONS
FUN & GAMES

BALLOONS
CAKE MIX
POM POMS

"A party!" Ted cried. "I wonder if the bears will let me come?"

"I doubt it," said the shopkeeper. "Picnic parties are for **BEARS ONLY!**"

"Hmm," Ted said, "there has to be a way."