The Secret Of Chicago

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This is a legend of Chicago.
Chicago is a city of age...
...and a city of joy.
A city of magic and high hopes.
We live on the water, in the shadow of the high buildings.
We live under the beautiful sky.
Every year, when true winter comes, we curl up inside, looking for shelter.
No one in Chicago will tell you this. It's a secret, what I'm going to tell you.
Sometimes, in the winter, the piper comes out to play in Chicago.
When the night falls, he walks through the city, and something happens.
All the frozen statues wake up...
...and they go walking through the city.
So when winter comes, you should remember...
Wherever you go, if you happen to see a statue that you don't remember being there before...
Maybe the piper led it there.

(Now it's your secret too.)
All of the photographs in this book were taken by Sam Starbuck, an artist and writer living in Chicago.

Many of these statues, including The Piper, may be found in Graceland Cemetery.