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\string ⟨*control sequence*⟩

This command produces the characters that form the name of ⟨*control sequence*⟩, including the escape character. The escape character is represented by the current value of \escapechar. TeX gives the characters in the list a category code of 12 (other).

You can perform the reverse operation with the \csname command (p. '\csname'), which turns a string into a control sequence.

Example:

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the control sequence {\tt \string\bigbreak}
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produces:

the control sequence \bigbreak