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\outer

This command is used as a prefix to a macro definition. It tells TEX that the macro is outer (p. 'outer') and cannot be used in certain contexts. If the macro is used in a forbidden context, TEX will complain.

Example:

\outer\def\chapterhead#1{%

\eject\topglue 2in \centerline{\bf #1}\bigskip}

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\%}}}\xspace$ Using \chapterhead in a forbidden context causes an

% error message.