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## Most Beautiful Island – Review

Spanish actor Ana Asensio **multitasks** as star, writer-director and producer of this arresting feature, a gritty, **ominous** thriller that won awards on the festival and independent film circuit. Like a million other **immigrants** in New York City, Luciana (Asensio) feels she can't go back to wherever she came from (hints are dropped about a tragic accident involving a child). But she's not exactly **thriving**, working two or three **cruddy** low-wage jobs, from handing out flyers in the street while dressed as a chicken to **babysitting bratty** posh kids. Chicken-costume colleague Olga (Natasha Romanova) asks whether she could cover for her at an evening gig where all she has to do is stand around looking pretty at a party in a black dress, but it turns out there's rather more to it than that.



Asensio adroitly ratchets up the suspense over what happens next behind the locked door at the scuzzy warehouse, working with little more than her cast's and her own subtle features and a few tiny, creepy-crawly props. However, beyond the unease driving the plot, there's a real affection here for the city where it was shot and its fundamentally decent denizens, many played by obvious non-professionals, while the digital cinematography captures the sweaty textures of this world.



Asensio's film is about shattering the notions that undocumented citizens in America are **piggybacking** off the system, and in turn the taxpayers. People don't want to look at things hard enough, they want to find a scapegoat; it's easy to throw the blame onto immigrants. If Americans want to stick so hard to their 2nd Amendment to the Constitution, then they might also want to stick to the rest of their dusty old documents. Seems to me like the country's busy

worrying about those **guns**, trying to let everybody get their hands on them, while the American Dream rots in the hands of wealthy **politicians** and corporations. Meanwhile, people like Luciana are lucky to make it home from work alive.



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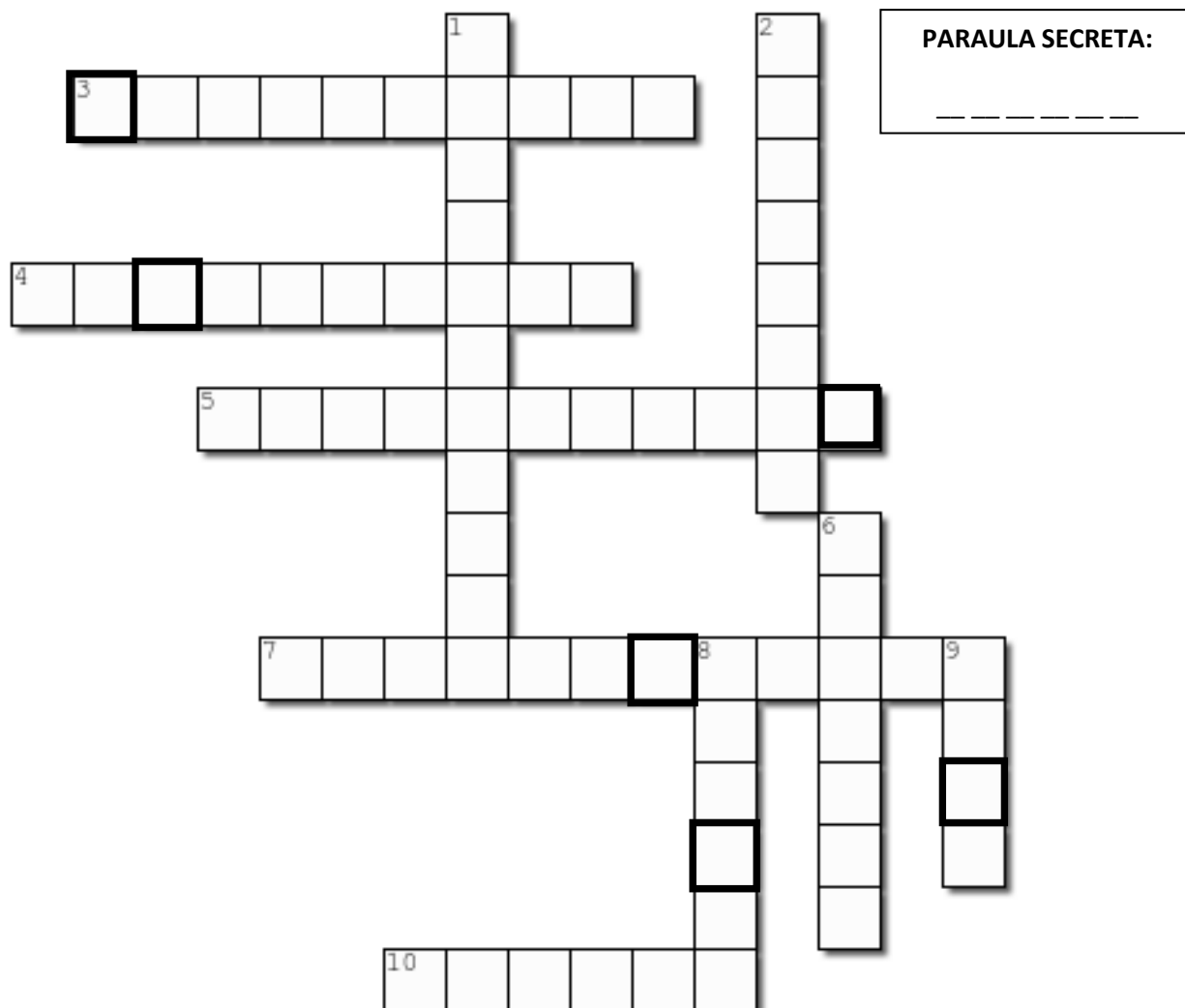
# Most Beautiful Island – Crossword

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## ACROSS

- 3. someone who comes to live in a country from another
- 4. the activity of doing more than one thing at a time
- 5. someone who works in politics
- 7. taking advantage of something. e.g the system
- 10. spoilt

## DOWN

- 1. to look after children in their home when the parents aren't home
- 2. very successful
- 6. making you think that something bad will happen
- 8. something dirty, unpleasant, or of low quality
- 9. a weapon that shoots bullets



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