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Hustle: Mexico's soap-opera sweetheart prepares for her star turn in the US.

The Young and the Restless and *Guiding Light* are kids' play next to the racy, scandal-ridden, betrayal-filled *telenovelas* coming out of Mexico. Kate del Castillo should know—she's one of her country's best-known soap stars. This year, however, Castillo is poised to burst onto the US scene thanks to a handful of art-house films, including the sex-trafficking *Trade* and the immigration tale *Misma Luna* (*Under the Same Moon*), in which she stars alongside *Ugly Betty* lead America Ferrera. "I don't care if I'm putting away my status and my 'celebrityness' in Latin America and Mexico," says the 34-year-old. "If I have to start from the beginning, that's what I have to do." What may seem like two steps backward may wind up becoming a huge leap forward. "Your stomach tells you if you have to move on for a new challenge. I have this curiosity thing, so I want to see what's out there for me."

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Kate del Castillo (moon catcher)

